New students to pay more

Board approves fee, tuition increases

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Daily Egyptian

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The SIUC student trustee Christine Guerra and Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville student trustee Jose Phelps opposed the other seven SIUC fees.

Guerra said she weighed the opinion of the Undergraduate Student Government and students she has spoken with in her decision.

“I decided to vote down all the fees not because we don’t want the services, but really to send a message about the rising cost of education, that it’s simply not affordable,” she said.

The only other board member to oppose any of the fees was Samuel Goldman, a Carbondale resident. He spoke against the $54 increase in the intercollegiate athletic fee, most of which will go toward the new football stadium and renovations to the SIU Arena in the Saluki Way plan.

Goldman opposed the fee last time it was presented to the board, and said his stance has not changed.

“It is a fee that the university wants to collect for purposes of establishing a football stadium and renovating the arena, and while I think those are very, very worthy activities, I really don’t think students should pay for them,” he said.

Guerra said the fact that Goldman voted against the fee is a step in the right direction for the board taking the students’ opinions into account, but also said she understood the reason most of the board members supported all of the fee increases.

“I think the board does consider — they consider, put that in caps — the views of the students. However, at the end of the day, it’s their responsibility to make sure the university runs, and so they kind of take the step back approach,” she said.

Board Chairman Roger Tedrick said he supported the fees because they are essential to make the university function properly.

“We as a board don’t like fees,” Tedrick said. “We’d like to say tuition is free, no fees,” he said. “I wish we could do that, but it’s the only source of income we’ve got, and we feel like we have to move ahead with that.”

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Lowery contract approved

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Daily Egyptian

EDWARDSVILLE — The man who lifted the spirits of Saluki nation this March is officially getting a raise of his own.

The SIU Board of Trustees unanimously chose to pass new basketball Coach Chris Lowery’s new seven-year, $5.25 million contract Thursday.

Lowery and Athletic Director Marco Moccia agreed to terms on the $750,000 a year deal March 31, when both were in Atlanta for the Final Four.

Moccia has said $300,000 of Lowery’s salary for next year will be covered by the athletic department budget and the remaining $450,000 will come from private donations.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said at the board meeting it is not unusual for a salary to come from money the university does not have.

“We’re building a whole budget on anticipated funds right now,” he said.

Rich Parson, a clerk at Southern Hills family housing, said she fears that amount of donations will never come, and the university will be forced to get the salary money through budget cuts.

“I am of a generation where you don’t spend money you don’t have,” she said. “I do begrudge anyone a raise, as long as it isn’t at the expense of another department or an individual, or, above all, that it doesn’t impact the students.”

Several professors relayed similar concerns, but said they were unwilling to be identified in fear the comments could have ramifications against them or their departments.

Poshard said his goal is to give modest value salary to all of the quality university employees, regardless of title or department.

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SIUC launches new Web site

Sarah Lohman
Daily Egyptian

SIUC’s new Web site is receiving more attention than it can handle, one marketing official said Thursday.

The updated www.siuc.edu — intended to make one of the university’s largest marketing tools more simple, concise and user-friendly — received more than 50,000 hits in its first 14 hours, said Terry Clark, chairman of the marketing department.

Clark said the site’s temporary server overloaded early Thursday and workers had to get more space and bandwidth to keep it running.

“I don’t think we were ready for that volume,” he said.

Janet Douglas, Web services lead-

er of university communications, said the launch went well, and the only problems that occurred were with the database and not the site itself.

The Web site’s main page has several new and revamped features — including a new design, slideshow and video of the university’s new commercial.

The page is completely revamped, as are sub pages directly linked from the main page. Douglas said it is up to individual departments to redesign their own pages.

Clark said the site is a living thing, and will change over time.

“You’ve got to keep it fresh,” he said. “People are craving variety, they’ve got to have a reason to come back, and that’s one of our tasks — to give them a reason to come back.”

Clark said feedback is ongoing and they will make tweaks if needed to suit the needs of those who come to what he called SIUC’s “front door.”

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USG, trustee winners prepare for office

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Rather than relief, Megan Pulliam said she felt the weight of responsibility when election results were announced early Thursday.

“I was like, ‘Wow, there’s a lot of work ahead of me now,’” she said. When the results of the student elections were released shortly after midnight, Pulliam emerged as the new student representative for the SIU Board of Trustees. Demotrious White, who represented the Students United Party, was announced as the new president of Undergraduate Student Government.

For USG president, 1,200 students voted. In the student trustee race, 1,218 cast votes.

Pulliam defeated Black Affairs Council Coordinator Kevin Winstead and incumbent student trustee Christine Guerra with 470 votes. Winstead and Guerra received 401 and 347 votes, respectively. Pulliam said she was surprised by the election results.

“I honestly thought Kevin was going to win,” she said. “I had kind of prepared myself for losing so that if I did lose it would be much easier.”

Pulliam attributed much of her success to extensive campaigning. She said she went door-to-door speaking with students at Brush Towers, Thompson Point and Lewis-Ruetter, that’s really the last thing I’d worry about, somebody smoking a cigarette near me, I’ve been watching my own cigarette cravings by being able to go to work no one will be smoking inside.

Karayiannis said most of his employees smoke and he has never received a complaint from someone about smoke in the bar. He said the people that apply at Pinch know what they are getting into and have to make a decision based on financial issues and the constraints and the conditions they will be working in.

“The 420 ban does cause fewer patrons to go out to establishments in Carbondale, he said the health department might be eclipsed by the financial loss of employees. He said most students work in the bar and restaurant industry because it can be lucrative, but fewer tips would mean more money all around.

Karayiannis said he doesn’t expect to lose too much business, but the unknown is always scary for business owners.

“I hate that we have to find out the hard way,” he said.
WIRE REPORTS

Los Angeles

Wildfire erups in Los Angeles hills

WASHINGTON — The FBI has sharpened concerns over China’s melamine, a chemical used in plastics, by claiming e-mails sent on a Republican party account might have been lost or corrupted.

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Baghdad — A suicide bomber slipped through the tightest security net in Baghdad and blew himself up in the midst of lawmakers having breakfast in a parliament dining hall Thursday. U.S. officials said eight people, including parliament members, were killed in the deadliest-ever attack in the American-occupied Zone.

The stunning breach of security, on the same day that a massive bomb exploded near one of Baghdad’s main bridges, laid a cloud of heavy doubt about progress in the U.S.-led battle to clamp off violence in the capital. The drive has put thousands of troops on the streets in a massive operation to round up militants and their weapons.

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Duke DA apologizes to accused players

DURHAM, N.C. — The local prosecutor who charged three Duke lacrosse players with raping a stripper apologized to the athletes Thursday and said the North Carolina attorney general’s decision to drop the case was right.

"To the extent that this made judgments that ultimately proved to be incorrect, I apologize to the three students that were wrongly accused," Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong said.

On Wednesday, Attorney General Roy Cooper not only dropped all remaining charges against the players Reade Seligmann, Collin Finnerty and David Evans, but pronounced them innocent and said they were the victims of Nifong’s "tragic rush to accuses." Cooper branded Nifong a "rogue" prosecutor who was guilty of "wreaking havoc.

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As teenagers make friends on Web sites such as MySpace, they are putting themselves at risk of being found by an Internet predator, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan said Thursday.

Madigan, the first woman attorney general in state history, said sexual predators used to wait in parks and offer candy to children before they attacked.

“These days those creepy guys — while they’re probably still at the park — a lot of them are gathering information on computers,” she said during a lecture at the Lesar Law Building. “A lot of them are doing it from home.”

To help the problem, the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force was put in place. Madigan said the program helps track down predators, find missing children and inform parents on how to protect their children.

“We have been involved in hundreds of investigations, and we’ve arrested hundreds of people,” she said.

Thomas Britton, associate director of graduate legal studies, said sex offenders is one of the most difficult problems to solve.

“The typical sex offender doesn’t just do it one time — they offend repeatedly,” he said. “That represents a difficult problem for our society, the fact that sex offenders aren’t a badge that says, ‘you can’t trust me.’”

Britton said this topic affects him personally because most offenders commit crimes against people under the age of 18. He has a 17-year-old daughter.

“I’m concerned that my daughter keeps herself in safe places and safe positions and doesn’t put herself in jeopardy because there are people out there who will take advantage of a teenager,” he said. “I think about those issues quite a bit.”

Kyler Shaver, a sophomore from Peoria studying administration of justice, said the issue relates to many people.

“That’s pretty much everyone’s issue,” he said. “Nobody wants to see anybody victimized that type of way.”

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OUR WORD

New Web site needs to shape up

The university's Web site has improved 100 percent. Unfortunately, 100 times zero is still zero.

The strongest part of the Web site — the student-produced video — is buried at the bottom of the page next to a floating medallion, a tacky scrolling news feed and a picture of a dog.

There is no direct link to SalukiNet.

We have to dig around to check our grades, but we can easily access a detailed description of a dog breed.

Maybe the Web hits were pushed up so high today because people couldn't find anything useful on the site.

For instance, when a user clicks on the "Give Now" button, they are taken to a fundraiser site adorned with a photo of Chancellor Walter Wendler.

Too bad Wendler hasn't been in office since his very public ousting in November.

The weather link leads to a unique page with a banner from weather.com, which is ridiculous.

And the privacy policy at the bottom of the admissions page still hasn't been updated since 1969.

How could SIUC miss the mark so badly?

There is still a lot of work to do on the Web site.

We recommend starting over and taking a look at a great Web site from a university that has so many applicants it has to turn students away — SIU-Edwardsville.

We encourage SIUC's designers to get a copy of SIUE's Web site template and change the colors. Or, they could copy the template from the new siu.edu, which is fantastic.

SIUE's Web site is modern and hip. SIUC's looks like it needs a new hip.

There are thousands of students at this university who would love to give the redesign a redesign.

Students have already proven themselves as a strong addition to the new University Communications.

Perhaps they should be given a fair shot at the Web.

After all, students know what they are looking for in a school.

And they've probably looked at other college Web sites.

This Web site is certainly different, but it is not much improved.

There doesn't need to be a committee for this.

There doesn't need to be a task force.

There needs to be action.

We sincerely hope this is a work in progress.

If this is the best this university can do, then it might as well close its doors and write itself off as a loss.

STUDENT COLUMN

Congratulations to the winners

Akeem Mustapha

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Election Commissioner, Dustin Davis for being a marvelous coordinator of a free and fair election.

I'm sure all the candidates would agree that the election was run justly without any discrepancies.

I would also like to thank the candidates for campaigning to the best of their ability while they reached out to their supporters.

I respect each and everyone of them for their elbows and I wish them the very best next school year.

I also applauded Megan Palliani's victory.

Mustapha is a senior studying biological science.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Love everyone, even in disagreement

Dear Editor:

I'd like to comment on the events reported in the DAILY EGYPTIAN story from April 11 under the headline “Those people are unnamed.” As a campus minister and a follower of Christ, I find myself in a difficult situation when these types of events happen on campus. I experienced similar discomfort when that infamous group from Westboro, Kan., came to our community in the fall of 2005. What I do to make up our department's correspondence is a way that contradicts the teachings found in the Bible. Protests that attempt to single out specific behaviors or lifestyles for their immorality tend to obscure the essence of the Christian faith. These protests send a message that says, “We’re right and you’re all wrong.” However, the Bible sends a message that says, “We’re all wrong and God is right.” This inability to live perfectly extends to all areas of our lives, not just our sexuality and views on unborn children. It is God’s grace that forgives those who seek reconciliation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. What is more, he is patient towards those who believe as we struggle to understand and follow these teachings.

The timing of this protest is likewise unfortunate. Just last week, I was a part of a small campus-wide effort to loosely share the Christian faith with others as we approached the Easter holiday. We sought to show others the infinities of truth to be found in Jesus Christ and following his teachings. We had many peaceful conversations with students and staff. Even though we encountered many who disagreed with our faith, we had no short matches or counter protests. I hope the events don’t overshadow that.

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As demonstrated the other day, “pro-life” missionaries rely on Biblical scripture to condemn abortion, without thought to women’s or children’s rights and welfare. When asked, “Where’s your wife?” one missionary replied, “She’s home doing her chores.” So for opponents, this debate is not really about abortion procedures or demedicalized misinformation, or B) you’re stupid and actually reading the DE are stupid, easily manipulated, and pro-choice. Further, Bole Cole’s job is mayor of Carbondale, which pays $8,000 a year. To think she must live off of that and allow him to sustain himself on this modest amount.

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If I were looking for more money I would first mention a complete fallacy. You attempt to connect fiscal officer. First copy is free; all other copies are 50 cents. Mail subscriptions available.

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following his teachings. We had many peaceful conversations with students and staff. Even though we encountered many who disagreed with our faith, we had no short matches or counter protests. I hope the events don’t overshadow that.

Yes, God has pronounced some views and behaviors as immoral, but my intent as a Christian is not simply to impose these restrictions on others. My hope is that others will see that believing God and obeying his commands will bring us unexpected joy. That is the heart of Christian love. We must embrace the uncom
Addition will help facility treat young substance abusers

Alicia Wade
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A local substance abuse facility for youth cut a light purple ribbon Thursday morning in the entrance to its $3 million addition.

Carbondale’s Gateway Foundation, which treats 13- to 17-year-olds for substance abuse, opened a new self-funded gymnasium, administration offices and intake office. The facility will convert its old administrative offices into 10 beds for clients.

The expansion will allow the foundation to serve an additional 72 youths each year. Currently, it treats about 300 clients per year.

The project was funded in part by Hill House, which donated $3 million. Hill House owns and operated Carbondale’s Gateway Foundation.

The Gateway Foundation was founded in 1968 in Chicago. It is based in Illinois, but also has facilities in Delaware, Texas and Missouri.

The Carbondale site has the highest level of positive outcomes, Gateway President Michael Darcy said.

According to a statement, the facility turns away about half of all youth who are referred. About 70 percent of all people who enter the program complete it, and 70 percent of those people complete the terms of their probation.

Starting at a podium in the new red and white gymnasium big enough to house six basketball hoops, Darcy said he was impressed by the new technology that builders used.

“We’ve been in a gym that doesn’t rob,” he said to a crowd of about 70 people, including Gateway representatives from Springfield and Chicago.

Darcy also said he hoped the new building would help those in the program stay off drugs and that the facility continue its high positive results.

“It’s a win-win, win-win all the way around for everybody, including the kids,” he said.

The treatment at the facility includes individual and group counseling, psychiatric and psychological counseling, family therapy and education plans through the Carbondale school district.

Mayor Brad Cole spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony and said the facility was a good part of the community.

“Their programs benefit the community and unfortunately, people don’t know about it,” he said. “It’s kind of a hidden gem in the community.”

He said educating young people will help the foundation. Cole said he would like youth to return the investment back to the community.

“They get real results and we’re real proud of them,” Cole said.

candidates field tough questions from middle-schoolers

Gifted class hosts last debate before general election

Andrea Zimmermann
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Brad Cole may have some new competition.

Cole complemented seventh-grader Ben Chaney on his professionalism as moderator of the mayoral debate Thursday at Carbondale Middle School.

“You’re kind of intimidating, you know?” said Cole to Chametzky, whose serious demeanor never once broke during the joke. “I just want you to know.”

Cole and Councilwoman Sheila Simon met one more time before the debate to advise the candidates about racism.

“I just want you to know these questions,” she said. “I wish that more grownups were asking these questions,” she said.

The debate left sixth-grader Naomi Tollert asking the candidates about racism and the District 95 schools during a debate in March, but she said their responses were unsatisfying.

Cole said the problem isn’t as racist as it is a misconception about the school system.

Simon said the racism is still prevalent, but not overt as it was in the past. She said she believed the proposal to build a community swimming pool will help bridge some of the gaps.

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The panelists also asked the candidates how they would like to see the city invest in solar panels and Cole said he wanted to address the issue with the legislators.

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A night with a rock star

Everclear frontman to speak at Shryock

Ben Erwin
Daily Egyptian

Terms such as Renaissance man get thrown around rather liberally whenever one divides time between myriad pursuits, but Everclear frontman and proverbial jack-of-all-trades Alexakis may be one of the most fitting definitions of the term.

Of his numerous personal pursuits, however, it is the role of lecturer that brings Alexakis to Shryock Auditorium tonight. For “Stories From an American Life: An Evening With Art Alexakis,” the titular public speaker combines personal anecdotes concerning his life, his relationships and politics with a bit of solo acoustic performance.

While Alexakis is largely known as the songwriter behind Everclear albums such as the platinum selling “Speadle and Fade,” “So Much for the Afterglow” and “Songs From an American Marriage,” Vol. 1 and 2,” the Portland, Ore., native often splits time between recording music, acting, writing and fatherhood. Alexakis has also spent periods of his life studying journalism and film, and has directed numerous music videos.

In recent years, however, Alexakis’ resume has grown to include stints as a delegate for the 2004 Democratic Convention, a voting-rights advocate, an autobiographer and a lecturer.

According to Student Programming Council Lectures Director Alexis Allen, Alexakis’ mix of humor, performance and political anecdotes were ideal for a college setting.

“We always try to bring in a wide range of lectures so that we can appeal to different groups of students on campus,” Allen said. “The lecturer felt like his lecture would have the obvious ‘rock star’ appeal, but also have some real substance.”

Though Alexakis said he is not a traditional lecturer he has lectured sporadically for a number of years and has never focused more acutely on public speaking.

People always want to hear about my past and my former addiction and all of these stories I’ve collected throughout my life,” Alexakis said.

“Most of my speaking outages is telling stories of how I’ve become who I’ve become and getting people involved… it’s a very intimate setting and I’ve never walked away from a show without seeing it as a success.”

Alexakis acknowledged the obvious differences between playing outages with Everclear and speaking to crowds at universities throughout the country, but said the goals of both performances are universally the same: Connecting with an audience and entertaining. Like his numerous musical endeavors, public speaking has allowed Alexakis to learn new things about himself and his interpersonal relationships.

“It’s completely different not to be able to hide behind loud music and to be able to engage and interact with an audience directly, but lecturing has allowed me to learn things about myself that I didn’t really know were true until I said them,” he said.

Given his personal history, platinum recording success, world travels and eclectic life experience, his lecture for “American Life” is sure to be anything but dull.

“I think it will make for a very interesting and entertaining night… definitely different from the stereotypical lecture,” Allen said.

Lecturing may be current, at the forefront, but Alexakis said he is contemplating a follow up to Everclear’s latest, “Welcome to the Drama Club,” and has not ruled out the possibility of campaigning on behalf of front-running democratic candidates Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama. He said he is also contributing to the writing of a screenplay and is seeking further work in movies in addition to his familial duties.

With all of these divergent careers, the monkey of Renaissance man may be a bit of hyperbole at present, but it’s also not too far off either.
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To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - No need to tell everybody what you’re thinking, unless they ask. Showing your intentions through your actions is a lot more impressive.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Use what you learned recently to advance your own agenda. You have a plan for success, or you should by now. Don’t have a plan yet? Haven’t learned anything recently? Get on it!

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Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - You’re good at making the most of whatever you have. This is a game you can win and you’re especially good at it now. Build financial security for yourself and your family.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Continue to discuss objectives but don’t get too airy-fairy. Figure out how much this will cost, and where you’ll get the money.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Important people are impressed with the quality you’re achieving. Besides technical perfection, you have a dramatic flair. You’re provoking conversation.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Somewhere, if not by magic, the time has slumped on by. You’re up against a dead-line again. Better get back to work, now.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Your expenses could be higher than your earnings if you’re not careful. Even if you are careful, the money’s tight. Watch out.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - What you’re doing won’t bring in a super lot of money but it could save you a bundle. Make what you need from what you have.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - There’s not much time for goofing off, but that should not be a problem. You really love your work now, and just about everyone doing it with you. Enjoy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - Avoid shopping altogether, and live on reserves you’ve saved up. Haven’t saved up provisions? Hmmm. Bummer.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You’re getting impatient, and with good reason. This could lead to conflicts and arguments. Make sure you have the necessary facts and-or receipts.

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Sudoku

Sudoku

by Michael Mepham

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Tedrick said it is particularly essential for the students to pay for the athletic facilities because the increased revenue would encourage private donations, which are slated to fund half of the first phase of Saluki Way.

“We have to step up as a university before we can go to donors, and I feel very confident once this process starts that we’ll be successful in that endeavor,” he said. “When they see progress, people want to be a part of it.”

There was a discrepancy whether the $270 tuition increase was passed because Tedrick did not read it aloud while announcing all the items in an omnibus motion.

Tedrick said after the meeting was adjourned he did not realize he failed to announce it as part of the motion. Since the item was not singled out for a separate vote as other matters that did not have unanimous approval were, it is assumed the motion would have passed, he said.

SIU General Counsel Jerry Blakemore said he is looking into the matter to see if the item had to be formally announced to be a part of the motion. He said if it was not technically passed, the board would either ratify it in its June meeting or call a special meeting to formally pass the increase.

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Several SIUC students said they liked the new features of the page.

Ashley Swinford, a senior from St. Joseph studying psychology, said she thought the slideshow accurately portrayed life at SIUC, but the new design made it difficult to find what she needed.

“How do I get to SalukiNet?” Swinford asked as she clicked through the pages.

Despite a few confusions, she said the redesign would attract more students than the previous site.

Bryan Haupt, a senior from Lockport studying advertising, said he thought the old Web site was bland, but easier to navigate than the new one. He also had trouble finding SalukiNet, as well as the library site and WebCT.

Haupt said he only uses the site two or three times a week, but thought he would get used to the new format.

“The Web site is much better than it used to be,” he said. “There’s a lot more stuff you can click on.”

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He said the fact that the board also unanimously approved a new deal with the faculty union Thursday shows his equal commitment to academics.

“Coach Lowery is drawing what the market is willing to pay for his services, and we think we did the right thing by that,” he said. “We’ve had two good contracts here negotiated now, and we’d done as well as we could by our academics, and we think that’s consistent.”

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**SOFTBALL**

The Bears boast one of the MVC’s best pitchers in junior Melissa Porche. Porche is third in the MVC with 170 strikeouts and ranks third in the nation with a .978 fielding percentage despite the four errors during the last game.

Freshman second baseman Alicia Garza is on a 14-game hitting streak and was the hero in Tuesday’s 3-2 victory with the walk-off home run. Garza leads SIU with 45 hits including 11 doubles and 20 RBIs.

Garza said she tries to do everything she can to help the team win. “I just try to hit the ball and put it in play and make the defense work,” Garza said. “I just want to do my part for the team and help the team come out strong this next game.”

The Salukis (30-8, 11-2) come in with some of the best pitching and defense in the country. SIU ranks third in the nation with a .978 fielding percentage despite the four errors during the last game.

Senior pitcher Cassidy Soggs leads a pitching staff ranked 21st in the nation with a 1.66 ERA. Soggs is 16-5 this season with a 1.66 ERA and 151 strikeouts this season.

The series will start with a doubleheader at 12 p.m. Saturday at Charlotte West Stadium.

**TENNIS**

We’re looking forward to this weekend and I think it will be good for the team to actually go out and compete together.

“We don’t have any conference win Wednesday and have won seven of their last nine, but the two losses came against conference opponents last weekend.”

Northern Iowa (13-4, 2-1) lost to No. 27 Wichita State 7-0 in the Panthers’ last match April 6. Northern Iowa senior Meredith Ezech is 12-4 in singles competition and has won her last four. Ezech and sophomore Taynara Moraes are 4-0 in doubles this season.

Drake women’s team is 1-2 in conference matches over the weekend. The Bulldogs lost their last contest to Wichita State 7-0.

Mother Nature will decide if the Salukis men’s tennis team can play outdoors where they feel the most comfortable.

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The SIU baseball team may have a couple equalizers in its weekend set against Wichita State.

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But SIU is 4-3 against the Shockers since the start of the 2007. Including a near three-year last season, when the Salukis took the first two games of the three-game series at Wichita State.

Now the Shockers travel to Abe Martin Field, where SIU is 6-2 this season.

"We just want to give a good group of guys that knows that, who cares? It's just another team," Saluki sophomore catcher Mark Kelly said. "We got home field advantage; it won't make a difference. I think they should be worrying about us."

In addition to home field advantage, SIU (23-3, 4-2) will send sophomore Cody Adams to the mound. Adams struck out 10 batters in a complete game shutout against Valparaiso April 8, finishing the job with 97 pitches, including a new grip on his slider.

"It was a new slider," junior pitcher Tim Dixon said. "I just rotated my fingers a little bit in the all-finger. It's a fastball but then right at the finish line is a big change and feel for the seams a little bit. That way I get a better bite on it." Adams said. "The new one, I just rotated my fingers a little bit and got more of the seams on it so that way I get a better bite on it and feel for the seams a little bit. And it helped a lot because the spin's tighter, you know; they think it's a fastball but the truth is, at the last second it breaks." Kelly was behind the plate for Adams' shutout of Valparaiso and said Adams didn't tell him about the new grip, but he noticed the improved slider in warm-ups.

"The way he threw it Sunday was the best I've ever seen him throw," Kelly said. "His slider has a great depth and I know we didn't even use the splitter because he didn't have to."

Senior pitcher Jordan Powell looks to get the start for SIU today, squaring off against the Shockers' Travis Biartnet.

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Powell is 5-4 on the season after picking up losses in his past two outings. The Salukis scored 7 against Valparaiso and gave up seven hits and five runs, but only one run was earned.

"I was rocking through my balance point, the ball was just up. I mean, that's the only excuse I have," Powell said. "That's the only thing that was wrong, was the ball was up and they hit it. The wind was blowing out, it was not a good day to leave the ball up."

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