Dreaming of dance

Southern Illinois Dance Company president Whitney Siemsglus, a senior from Belleville studying human nutrition and dietetics, leads current and hopeful SIDC members in a dance number Tuesday at Furr Auditorium. Ten dancers participated in the audition process. Vice president Emilio Velez, a junior from Oak Park studying radio-television, said the turnout for the spring auditions was higher than he anticipated.

Council members discuss departure

TARA KULASH
Daily Egyptian

Twelve candidates look to fill three open City Council seats in April’s election. The council is composed of six members and the mayor. Terms are staggered, so three members are up for re-election every four years. There is no maximum number of terms allowed for a council member.

With Chels Wissmann and Corene McDaniel not seeking re-election this year, Lee Fronabarger is the sole council member trying to retain his seat in the race. Wissmann, who has been a council member since 2003, said he believes his time is up.

“After a certain amount of time serving in public office, you reach a point where it’s not working anymore,” he said.

His favorite part of being a council member, he said, was having a vote and city influence.

“Being able to help make those decisions and seeing the impact of those decisions is just the best thing,” he said.

Wissmann said he’s excited to see how well some of the candidates fare in the election, especially because some of them are brand new to the race. “Maybe someone will really surprise and delight me, and I hope they do,” he said.

McDaniel, who has served on the council for 12 years, said she decided not to run again because she doesn’t agree with the direction the group is headed. She said she has enjoyed her time as a member but is beginning to believe some council decisions have not been in Carbondale’s best interest.

“Maybe it’s time for a change, and I thought that it would be better for me to go out on a high and feel good about it,” McDaniel said. “I think it’s just time for me to move on and do some other things.”

She said one of her favorite memories was when she spearheaded the expansion of the council from five members to seven. McDaniel said a majority of quorum was only two members when there were five, so two members could not get together to discuss issues. With seven council members, a majority of quorum is three.

“That was a turning point, and I just appreciate that the other council members felt the same way,” she said.

McDaniel said she hopes the new council members research items they vote on and listen to Carbondale citizens’ needs. Instead of being voted into the council like most members, Fronabarger was appointed by his members to fill Mayor Joel Fetter’s previous seat in May 2011. He will seek re-election this year.

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University Hall to house upperclassmen

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Daily Egyptian

To accommodate student requests and suggestions, University Hall will be reserved strictly for students who meet age and upperclassmen criteria starting this fall. Juniors, seniors, graduate students or any student 21-years-old or older will be eligible to contract for a room in the residence hall, said Crystal Boush, assistant director of marketing for University Housing.

Residents will receive a double room at a single room rate as well as an optional Grinell, Lentz and Tru blood meal plan, she said.

Boush said the decision to create an upperclassmen residence hall came from junior and senior requests for single rooms, optional dining plans and privacy requests.

For the past few years, two Nedly Hall floors have been offered exclusively to upperclassmen, she said.

“University Hall was a natural fit due to its size, as well as the location, which is separate from our other halls,” Boush said.

This semester, a Brush Towers or University Hall double room costs $5,074 per year, and a single room costs $8,022, according to the University Housing website. A west campus double or triple room costs $5,368 per year, and a single room costs $8,486.

University Housing administration believes graduate students will find the housing option interesting since Southern Hills, the 60-year-old apartment complex, will be unavailable next year. Lisa Marks, associate director of University Housing, said in an October Daily Egyptian article maintenance costs have become too expensive to continue Southern Hills operations.

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Greeks top GPA average

MATT DARAY
Daily Egyptian

University fraternities and sororities received higher fall semester grade averages than non-Greek students, according to a report released Jan. 16.

The report, which was released by the Greek Council, indicates the combined Greek GPA average was 2.87 last semester, an increase from 2.73 in fall 2011 and 2.80 in fall 2010. Jesse Clev, Inter-Greek Council president and senior from Peotiel studying economics, said fraternities and sororities generally post higher GPAs than other campus members, but they performed exceptionally well in the fall semester.

“In order to be in a fraternity or sorority on campus, it requires at least 2.5 grade point averages,” he said. “So we hold ourselves at a high standard for academics because that’s the number one reason we’re here at school.”

All Greek life members are required to attend academic presenter presentations and are offered academic opportunities, such as study groups, by Inter-Greek Council academics sub-chairs, he said.

“We did even better than we have in the past, so we’re very proud of that and we really worked hard on grades, meeting a lot of different standards and requirements to get those grades,” Clev said.

Andy Morgan, fraternity and sorority life coordinator, said Greek pledges need a 2.5 GPA to join a fraternity or sorority, and members must uphold similar or improved results each semester. Fraternities and sororities provide structured academic programs, so studies are a weekly focus, he said.

“I think that’s a testament that our fraternities and sororities are recruiting better students, and they’re doing a better job educating their new members on academics,” he said.

Morgan said the groups’ average GPAs were the highest he has seen in the last three years. Pledges showed higher fall semester GPAs than most of last semester’s initiated members.

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GPA Averages for SIUC Greeks

Combined Greek average = 2.87
University average = 2.80
Sorority average = 2.87
All women at SIUC = 2.80
Fraternity average = 2.80
All men at SIUC = 2.73
Combined Greek initiated members average = 2.86
Combined Greek average for new members = 2.89

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SOURCE: SIU Fraternity and Sorority Life Website
AT&T to buy Alltel

DALLAS — AT&T Inc. said Tuesday that it has reached a deal to buy remnants of the Alltel wireless network for about $780 million to boost its spectrum holdings in rural areas.

The Dallas-based phone company is buying the licenses, retail stores and network assets, along with about 85,000 subscribers, from Atlantic Tele-Network Inc. The news sent the Beverly, Mass.-based company’s shares up $4.73, or 12 percent, to $44.10 in late afternoon trading. AT&T shares added 30 cents to $53.74.

The network, operated under the Alltel brand, covers about 4.6 million people in mainly rural areas across six states — Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, North Carolina, Ohio and South Carolina. It generated revenue of about $350 million for the first nine months of 2012. Alltel was a wireless network that operated in 34 states until it was bought by Verizon Wireless in 2009. Federal regulators made Verizon sell off parts of the network to AT&T and ATN.

Analyst Christopher King at Stifel Nicolaus observed that ATN bought its six-state holdings for $225 million in 2010, meaning it more than tripled its money in three years.

AT&T said it expects that as it upgrades the network in the acquired areas, mobile Internet service will improve for both Alltel and AT&T customers. However, it will need to convert the cell towers from the “CDMA” technology Alltel uses to the “GSM” technology AT&T’s network uses. That means Alltel subscribers will need new phones.

The deal remains subject to approval by the Federal Communications Commission and Department of Justice. The companies said they expect the deal to close in the second half of the year.

AT&T said it doesn’t expect the cost of buying and integrating Alltel to significantly affect its earnings or cash flow.

Correction

In Tuesday’s edition of the Daily Egyptian, the article “SIU sweeps second place in Champagne” should have said senior thrower Kim Forney and sophomore Bradley Sauer led the track’s field portion through the weekend with individual first-place finishes. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.
do people drop.

In order to file a petition to run for council, Baity said candidates must have a number of signatures equal to 1 percent of the total votes cast at the prior mayoral election. The new members will take office at the first council meeting in May, Baity said. The annual city budget will have been completed shortly before, so council members won’t have to deal with budget issues for another eight months after, he said.

Jeremy Strabala, a two-year resident assistant senior from Streator studying architectural studies, said University Hall dining will close after the spring semester. Despite this, Strabala said University Hall’s conversion is a good idea.

“I know several upperclassmen who have complained about having to share a dorm with freshmen who aren’t mature or committed to school, so giving upperclassmen their own space is very necessary,” Strabala said.

The single-room rate will help him financially as well, he said.

“I love having a single room and being able to have my privacy, so knowing I’ll be able to pay less for it in the fall will be great,” Strabala said.

New members will have to attend a one-day training conference by the Illinois Municipal League, Baity said, which will teach them basic conduct guidelines for elected officials such as what can be discussed in a closed meeting.

One thing candidates need to know, he said, is that it takes four fifths of the seven members to get agenda items approved, so they will need to convince others to vote their way.

“A lot of times I encourage them: Don’t try to come in and change things, don’t try to come in and change the world,” Baity said. “More times than not, they might create some division among themselves and the ones who have been there.”

He said new council members should try to work well with the rest of the group and gain a consensus on as many items as possible so their term can run smoothly.


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Conference at a glance

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Creighton (17-2, 6-1): Junior forward and preseason All-American Doug McDermott is among the nation’s leading scorers with 457 total points this season. He is the leading scorer in the conference with 23.1 points per game, and is tied for first place in total rebounds (183). McDermott is also the second-leading rebounder on the team with 10.4 rebounds per game. The team has won six of its last seven games, including a 73-63 win over Wichita State on January 18. The team’s lone loss in conference play came against Illinois State on January 9.

Wichita State (17-2, 6-1): The Shockers have outplayed their preseason expectations and look to make a run for an NCAA tournament berth. WSU has yet to lose a game (11-0) at Charles Koch Arena or on neutral courts (2-0). Junior forward Cleanthony Early has been a solid offensive force all season, as he averages 15 points per game and shoots just under 44 percent from the field. Early is the team’s leading scorer and rebounder with 12.3 points and 8.5 rebounds per game, respectively. The Shockers have won five of their last six games, including a 73-63 win over Creighton on February 6.

Bradley (12-7, 4-3): The Braves have compiled a 9-2 home conference record behind the back-court Walt Lemon Jr. and Dyricus Simms-Edwards combo. The defense-minded duo leads the team with 62 steals on the season and is the second-highest scoring player with 11.8 points per contest. Lemon Jr. leads the team in scoring (13.8 points) and assists (72). The team has won four of its last five games, including a 73-63 win over Illinois State on January 19.

Evansville (11-8, 4-3): The Purple Aces are the conference’s busiest team so far. Senior forward Colt Ryan has been exploding offensively with an average of 17 points per contest and leads the offense. The Aces’ guard Ned Cox has been on a 3-point shooting tear lately and shoots 43 percent from deep.

Indiana State (12-6, 5-2): The Sycamores haven’t rebounded extremely well yet, but they’ve shot 44 percent from the field and 70 percent from the free throw line as a team. Junior guard Jake Odum leads the team in scoring (14.2 per game), assists (81), and steals (27). The team has won four of its last five games, including a 73-63 win over Illinois State on January 19.

Missouri State (10-9, 3-4): The Panthers have an undefeated record at home during non-conference play because of their balance on offense. UNI has five players averaging more than 9.5 points per game this season. Guard Marc Sonnen has been excellent from behind the arc, as he’s connected on 46 3-pointers for the year. The Panthers big man Jake Koch is the team’s leading rebounder (6.4) and adds more than 10 points per game for the Northern Iowa post attack.

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Drake (8-10, 2-5): The Bulldogs have struggled in away games this season. Despite the team’s well-balanced offensive attack, there is only one player who averages double-digit points. The team’s most productive player, senior forward Ben Simons, shoots 85 percent from the free-throw line and averages 14 points.

Illinois State (10-9, 1-6): The Redbirds were slated as the conference’s No. 2 team coming into the season. ISU performed well earlier this season and accomplished a 9-3 non-conference record. Senior forward Jackie Carmichael has been one of the most dominant post players this season. Carmichael pulls 9.2 rebounds and 18 points per game. Redbirds senior guard Tyler Brown has shot well from the field (45 percent) and the free throw line (80 percent), but he shoots less than 34 percent from 3-point range. Illinois State won its first conference game of the season against the Salukis Sunday in Carbondale.
OPINION

Imagining immigration reform

"If Republicans do not do better in the Hispanic community, in a few short years, Republicans will no longer be the majority party in our state," Mr. Cruz told Ryan Lizza of The New Yorker magazine.

As Mr. Cruz noted, the implications of that shift would reach far beyond Texas. "In not too many years, Texas could switch from being all Republican to all Democrat. If that happens, no Republican will ever again win the White House," he said.

The data support that contention. With New York (which has 29 Electoral College votes) and California (with 55 votes) solidly in the Democratic column for the future, the GOP absolutely must have Texas’ 38 electoral votes to reach the 270 necessary to elect a president.

Along with Mr. Cruz, Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., is looking for a way to bring sense to immigration reform. Mr. Rubio came out with a reform plan of his own Tuesday. Acknowledging that the "immigration issue is a gateway issue for Hispanics," Mr. Rubio said his proposal is a "comprehensive package of bills" to address the problems.

His plan, which looks like an awful lot like the president's, includes more access to legal status for highly skilled workers and a guest worker program for low-skilled workers. Mr. Rubio is also on the record in support of workplace enforcement and stronger border security.

Mr. Rubio said his plan does not include "blanket amnesty or a special pathway to citizenship" for undocumented immigrants. He said they would have to apply for legal status and meet the requirements necessary, but they would not have to return to their home countries to start the process.

The activity surrounding immigration also involves a bipartisan group of senators, including Dick Durbin, D-Ill. and Republican Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, who are writing a bill they hope to introduce in March.

When Mr. Obama signed the pro-family, pro-jobs executive order in June that incorporated parts of Mr. Durbin’s DREAM Act (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), some of the president’s critics claimed it was a politically motivated move. If so, it worked.

Now that some Republican politicians have seen the reality of what their opposition meant for their political futures, they are no longer moaning about the president’s action.

Closer to home, Illinois legislators passed a bill last week to grant temporary driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants. It suggests that common sense immigration policies are on the rise.

The combination of political practicality, moral responsibility and reality in the shape of 11 million people, has given momentum to the nation’s immigration laws. But they’re getting closer.

The sticking point is the thorny problem of what to do about the 11 million or more undocumented immigrants estimated to be living in the United States.

There are also concerns about the nation’s borders and how to secure them.

Before the November election, the subject was off the table. Republican opposition to reform was just too strong. But that has changed since Latino voters sent a huge message to the Republicans that they were tired of the party’s anti-immigration stance and then proceeded to give President Barack Obama 71 percent of their vote.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1. High .... baby's kitchen seat
2. Native of Aberdeen
10. ... boded: ft
14. Row of whistles
16. Skat
17. Actor Jeremy
19. Voice amplifier
20. Certain
22. Black eye
24. Small flaps
25. Wobbles
26. Valuable holdings
29. Surround and assail
30. Scornity letter
31. Spin-off
33. Good buys
35. Ending musical passage
39. Korea, neighbor of China
41. Paused problem
44. Each .... one another
46. Actress Lupino
47. Sudden burst of light
49. Home for
51. Opposite of fleshless
54. Alpha's follower
55. Quarrels
56. Giving aims
58. Weathercock
61. Creative notion
63. Part of the lag
64. Gleveland home
65. Scorch
66. Kick out
67. Take a nap
68. Bits with Hamilton's face
69. Office furniture

DOWN
1. to contribute
2. Main character in a story
3. Hubbubs
4. Set on fire
5. Say again
6. Pokies and Czecks
7. Avos
8. Sept.'s follower
9. Threw
10. Passed up
11. Seawater
12. Los Angeles
13. Water jugs
14. Playwright
15. Horse
16. Pay attention to
17. Hour
18. Rainbows
19. Injection
20. Fountain order
21. Give ... have a baby
22. Solved
23. Patched
24. teammates
25. Beach access
26. Peach across
28. Wealthy
30. of Troy
31. Run away
32. Turned
33. Lead a hand
34. Original
35. Pack rat
36. Exchange
37. Actress
38. Moonhead
39. Prison gaz
40. Cee's follower

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Tuesday’s Puzzle Solved

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FRAWH
TUMOH
GLEPED
NOYRED

Answer:

FRAWH
TUMOH
GLEPED
NOYRED

Pick up the Daily Egyptian each day to test your crossword skills

Aries — Today is a 7 — Communication is key; luckily it comes easily right now. Don’t sell yourself short, as there’s far more to you than you give yourself credit for. Travel virtually.

Taurus — Today is a 6 — You’re especially creative with your money-making capabilities. Others are impressed. Find a way to increase your savings. Pinch yourself to see if you’re dreaming.

Gemini — Today is a 9 — Go for what you want, making certain that’s really where you want to be. A temporary rush of optimism brings out your creativity. Outwit the competition.

Cancer — Today is a 5 — There’s no need to fight, as you both see the path to follow. You’re learning quickly. A traveler from distant lands inspires. Continue to invest in family.

Leo — Today is a 9 — Your optimism is attractive; keep it up. Embrace the contributions that your friends are to you and your quality of life. Get more by giving. There’s good news from far away.

Virgo — Today is a 6 — Consult an expert, then trust your intuition to solve the puzzle. Say more about what you need, and what you need to hear. Support your team.

Libra — Today is an 8 — Start by realizing how much you have to learn. You can maximize your career, and your welfare. Keep most of what you know secret, for now.

Scorpio — Today is a 6 — Stick to your good judgement. Let people know what you expect, emotionally or financially. It’s a good time to ask for money. Send out bills.

Sagittarius — Today is an 8 — When in doubt, count your blessings, again. Don’t be afraid to ask for what you want, and find support around you, near and far. Express your love in words and pictures.

Capricorn — Today is an 8 — Quick thinking wins, but you’re going to need the stamina of a heartyly of rest and eat healthy. Exercise also helps get your ideas flowing. Help build their dreams.

Aquarius — Today is an 8 — Your creative juices are flowing. There may be a tendency to want to stop the flood. Let yourself run with the ideas instead. Make a long-distance call for additional benefits.

Pisces — Today is a 9 — Talk about dreams for the future and then get into action. Spreading the word helps find supporters. Keep an important appointment. Love finds a way.
Bouncing back from injury

Senior diver Anna Beeck practices on a trampoline Tuesday in the Dr. Edward J. Shea Natatorium. The swim team is preparing for Saturday's meet at Washington University in St. Louis. Beeck will compete in her first meet after a two-month absence because of a broken hand. “I’m scared, but excited,” she said.

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Doubles pair nationally recognized

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Senior Anastacia Simons and Melanie Delsart have known each other for four years. They lived in the same residence hall since they were freshmen and now share an apartment together.

They also share the achievement of being the second doubles pair in Saluki history to earn a national rank from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

According to the ITA, the duo is ranked No. 5 in the central region and No. 36 nationally.

The two have chemistry off the tennis court, and they use that chemistry to trump the competition on the court. Delsart and Simons have won 11 of their first 12 season matches.

“IT usually takes doubles teams at least a whole fall semester to get that chemistry that they had,” she said.

Nothwehr said it took the duo a couple of matches, and she knew they would excel after they started to play better competition.

“After the first couple of matches I was like, ‘Wow! This is really going to work,’ ” she said.

Simons credits their four-year SIU experience as a reason they have played so well this year.

“As you play matches, you learn more of what you are doing wrong and what you are doing right,” she said. “Then you can apply that to your practice and hopefully learn from that as you go forth.”

Simons said the two complement each other well on the court. She said one player thrives in a quality the other might lack, which makes them a very dangerous combination.

“I know Melanie is very aggressive from the back and she likes to hit power shots from the back,” she said. “I like being up at the net and trying to finish off the point, so we kind of set each other up.”

Delsart also earned a singles ITA regional ranking for the second consecutive year. Delsart, the 19th ranked tennis player in the ITA central region, said the two are close and their friendship corresponds with how well they play on the court.

“We’re like sisters,” she said. “We fight, we argue, but then the next day we just laugh about it.”

Senior Jennifer Dien has played with Simons and Delsart for four years and is also roommates with the two.

Dien said the duo’s success has set the tone for the rest of the team to play better.

She said the pair has given the rest of the team a good image to imitate, making the team hungry to share the same success as Simons and Delsart.

“They both are very hard workers and they both are determined and committed to what they want to do and how they want to make themselves better and the team better,” Dien said.

This is Simons and Delsart’s last season at SIU and their goal is to finish their career with a conference championship.

The two will continue their quest for a conference championship Friday at Lindsey Wilson College in Louisville, Ky.