

## UI proposes 8% tuition hike

Semester tuition for in-state undergraduates would pass \$3,000 next fall

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The University will announce a proposal today to increase next year's tuition by 8 percent at all three campuses.

If the proposed tuition increase is approved, current undergraduate students would pay an extra \$223 each semester beginning next fall, raising the tuition for students who are Illinois residents to \$3,007. The 8 percent increase is slightly higher than last year's 5 percent increase.

Provost Richard Herman said the proposed increase would help make up for a lack of state funding in past years.

"The tuition increases have not made up for the decline in state funding over the past 25 years," Herman said. "We need alternative funding sources, so we've asked the students to help."

He said state funding has decreased from about 40 percent to about 21 percent over the past 25 years.

Herman said the University looked at its needs and its cuts over the past two years, such as cuts in salary increases, funding, courses offered, discussion sections and faculty.

University President James Stukel said, in a University press release, that the added tuition revenue would help restore 480

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courses as well as some 120 faculty and instructor positions and 160 teaching assistants. The estimates include all three campuses.

"I think it's probably a good thing," said Kim Edgerton, a junior in business. "It sucks for us, but it's actually pretty reasonable compared to other schools."

Herman said tuition has increased at an overall constant rate since 1990. If calculated in

constant dollars, he said the increases average \$300 per year, \$150 per semester, \$10 per week, or "roughly four cups of coffee per week."

"The cost of higher education has increased faster than the Consumer Price Index," Herman said. "So, we've actually done a very good job of controlling costs at this University."

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### BIGGER THAN HIS BODY



KATE DOUGHERTY *The Daily Illini*

John Mayer performs during his Friday night concert at Assembly Hall. "It's a very successful show, you could say that," said Gary O'Brien, assistant director of Assembly Hall.



CHRISTINE LITAS *The Daily Illini*

(From left) Junior in business Ozzy Perez, freshman in LASTroy Pryor and junior in business Alejandro Mendoza practice their sport scene dance Oct. 22 in the Union for the upcoming Latino Fashion Show.

## Senate bill promotes options for student aid

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A new higher education proposal in the U.S. Senate seeks to improve student aid options, keep tuition increases low, improve accountability and provide greater incentives for states to continue investing in higher education.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), would increase the maximum Pell Grant by \$500 to \$4,500 and would increase the maximum Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) by \$250 to \$1,050.

It also includes a provision requiring states to maintain 90 percent of their higher education funding from the previous fiscal year in order to receive new federal funds.

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JIM MANLEY  
spokesman for Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.)

Kenedy's proposal is the second of two outlining ways to update the Higher Education Act by 2005. Another proposal was submitted by Rep. Buck McKeon (R-Calif.) last month.

Jim Manley, spokesman for Kennedy, said the proposal attempts to remedy a trend of states cutting back on higher education funding.

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This year, there was a 2.9 percent decrease in general funds for higher education in Illinois from fiscal year 2003, according to the 2004 budget report. That led to a 7.7 percent decrease in funding for public universities.

Rick Schoell, executive director of governmental relations, said while state support has been decreased, federal support has been

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## Fire and ice heat up Latino fashion show

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On Saturday, the blue-lighted Illini Union rooms A, B and C swelled with people eager to witness the culmination of more than a month's hard work at the 7th annual Latino fashion show.

The Illini room lobby was separated into male and female dressing areas, which the models

emerged from for each scene. Blue and yellow curtains hung with blue icicle lights around the entrance.

Co-chairwoman Rachel "Raço" Roman said the theme of the show, "Entre el fuego y el hielo" (Between fire and ice), implies the opposition felt through the men and women dancing together.

The first scene was the formal scene, where eight men and women ventured onstage — the

men in suits and the women decked out in prom dresses.

In each scene, men and women engaged in banter, posing, hugging and farcical arguments. Six men performed an interactive skit for their part of the show in the urban scene, while six women graced the stage with airbrushed t-shirts and baseball hats.

The casual scene was split into the four seasons, in which the

models wore clothes that were designed to be worn on campus.

In the sportswear scene, soccer, baseball, wrestling and football jerseys ruled for men and women alike.

Several models from Latino fraternities and sororities performed short dances wearing their house colors.

"It was a lot of hard work, but we formed a clique," said Chris

Garcia, senior in ACES, who was in the Greek scene for Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity.

Preparation for the show required attention to even the smallest details, such as how to walk down the runway.

On the first day of practice, instructors told models to make their walks "not too small or they won't get anywhere, but not too

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## Sadness in season as light dims

BY KATIE HEINZ  
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Adjusting to the recent time change and decreased daylight has not been easy for everyone — just ask those suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder.

Dr. Norman Rosenthal, a psychiatrist and former researcher at the National Institute of Mental Health, was the first person to describe Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) as a syndrome characterized by depression that occurs between the months of September and April each year.

Although exact statistics are



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People suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder are affected most between the months of September and April when daylight levels are lowest. Symptoms can range from mild depression to illness and loss of motivation.

not available on the prevalence of SAD in the United States, an estimated 4 percent to 5 percent of the nation's population is affected by SAD every year. Rosenthal said an additional 10 percent

suffers from a milder form of the disorder, subsyndromal SAD.

But Dr. Joshua Rosenthal, his son, says that an even larger percentage of the population suffers from SAD.

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## Blast kills 17 in Saudi Arabia

Saudis say al-Qaida trying to use attacks to unseat royal family

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudis blamed al-Qaida militants Sunday for the suicide car bombing of a Riyadh housing complex that killed 17 people, declaring it proof of the terror network's willingness to shed Muslim blood in its zeal to bring down the U.S.-linked Saudi monarchy.

The Saturday night attack at an upscale compound for foreign workers also wounded 122 people. The blast, not far from diplomatic quarters and the king's main palace, left piles of rubble, hunks of twisted metal, broken glass and a large crater.

"It's no longer an issue of terrorism," said a Saudi official.

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The Associated Press

Destroyed vehicles and other debris litter the devastated Riyadh housing complex Sunday at the site of Saturday night's attack in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Officials say al-Qaida terrorists were behind the attack.