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## Freddie's Food Pantry

Let's talk about it... Food insecurities. Whether or not you think they are a problem in college, you should know that they are. SIC has found the perfect way to combat hunger on campus; a food pantry for students. Freddie's Food Pantry has been up and running since October and has already made a significant impact on student's lives.

In an effort to raise money for Freddie's Food Pantry, Student Government sponsored a Pie in the Face contest. Students were challenged to put money in the participant's jars. The top three with the most money were to receive a pie in the face. President Rice, Dean Flannery, Dr. Tyler Billman, Paul Cummins, Allan Kimball, Jeremy Irlbeck, and Dominique Taylor were all willing participants; however, it all came down to Paul Cummins, Dr. Tyler Billman, and Dean Flannery. Students then had the chance to bid on who threw the pie at their face. All in all, Student Government raised \$300 for Freddie's Food Pantry, a fantastic donation for a fantastic cause.

Donations of nonperishable food items are also welcome and can be dropped off at the registration desk on the first floor of E Building, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., the George T. Dennis Visual & Performing Arts Center during special events, or at the ticket desk during Falcon basketball games.

Article by: Callie Smith



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## Forensic Falcons

In October, the SIC Forensic Falcons traveled to East Peoria to compete in the ICC Fright Fest Tournament. Many colleges were in attendance such as Parkland College, Moraine Valley and College of DuPage, which is the largest community college in the state. But despite all the large schools there, SIC was able to pull out on top and win the tournament by a sizable margin. We may be small but that doesn't stop this speech team from dominating. We are a diverse group, all of us hailing from different parts within the heartland but brought together by a will to win. Our speech family consists of fourteen students; the sophomores, Gabriel Motsinger, Cassidy Maynard, Haley Rushing, Zebadiah Sander-son, Allison Haley, Carrice McDaniel, Rachael Hooven and Shay Woods. Then the freshman, Harley Cofield, Chansé Tullis, Kaydee Dycus, Noah Taylor, Joli Murphy and Shannon Welker. But I can't leave out the three people that make us the winning team we are and that is our coaches, Paul Cummins, Tyler Billman and Jenny Billman. We are a close nit bunch and we love representing Southeaster Illinois College. At the end of the year when we travel to Washington DC for Nationals, I know that we will make our school proud. Because we are Falcons, and that's just what we do.

Article by: Gabe Motsinger





## Art

### *Barb Allen: Stories on Canvas*

Barb Allen: Stories on Canvas reception was held on August 28th, 2016 at the Art Gallery in the George T. Dennis Visual & Performing Arts Center. Allen drew her inspiration from life stories. "We are made up of stories. Our lives are stories. And whether they are told sitting around the kitchen table or told as a secret to a good friend, stories shape us and make us. My goal with every painting is to reveal an unspoken story," said Allen. During the reception there were many people who came to admire her work, some of which was on sale during the exhibit. Allen worked at Harrisburg High School for 34 years and received Illinois Teacher of the Year in 1996. She currently lives in Carterville, Illinois. Her work can be found on [www.barballenportraits.com](http://www.barballenportraits.com) or on Facebook under "Bard Allen Portraits"

### *Our Shawnee: Trigg Photography*

The Shawnee National Forest we know today is in large part due to the efforts of the Illinois Ozarks Re-forestation Unit in 1931. Most of the promotional work was performed by newspaper publisher L.O. Trigg from Eldorado. Trigg took it upon himself to get southern Illinois' need for a forest noticed by the National Forest Commission. Our Shawnee: Trigg Photography Exhibit showcased annual excursions into the scenic areas of southern Illinois by the Ozark Tours of 1931 to 1949. This was made possible by photographer Charles Hammond of Eldorado. Hammond archives and curates the collection of photos and memorabilia of Trigg and his Ozark Tours. Hammond provided the photos for the exhibit including promotional items encased in a shadow box including some of Trigg's personal journals, advertisements, and tickets for tours. Local historian, Todd Carr, of Elizabethtown spoke about Trigg's personal life and his tours while discussing the pictures displayed in the gallery. Out of the many in attendance, Colonel Trigg's granddaughter, Janet Davis, attended the exhibit. Our Shawnee: Trigg Photography Exhibit reception was held Oct 9th, 2016 in the George T. Dennis Visual



## Leap Day Tornado Memorial

On February 29th of 2012, Harrisburg experienced something we could never forget. Our town was hit by a EF4 tornado. It swept through our town destroying homes, businesses, and families. Many were injured and few were killed by the force. But because of this vast devastation, we were very blessed to see our community extremely impacted by the amount of people who donated their time, money and equipment to help. As a symbol of respect for our community and the toll it took by this event, Southeastern Illinois College Student Government has sold bricks as a fundraiser to build a memorial to be built on our campus. This memorial will be a reminder of not only what happened February 29th, 2012 but a reminder of how our community has come together since then.

Article by: Kaylynn Owens





## Math and Science Club Going Green

The Southeastern Illinois College Math and Science Club has made great efforts to increase the amount of recycling done by students and faculty by using recycling bin stations around campus. The focus of this is to decrease the amount of non-biodegradable items going to landfills. This also promises students to think before they throw items away as well as establish a more “green” and environmentally friendly campus. Currently 175 pounds of plastic and 55 pounds of aluminum have been collected. This all came from the seven different recycling stations which equal twelve bins in all. The recycling crews responsible for emptying out the bins are the members of the Math and Science Club. September 16, 2016 was the first collection date and it has gone on every Friday since. SIC Math and Science Club hopes to keep this positive act going for many years to come and plans to keep expanding.

Article by: Aimee Robards and Brooklyn Beckham



## School Budget

The budget crisis in Illinois is ever growing, and the one thing politicians feel that could be cut is higher education. There is a possibility that in the next 2 years there will still be no budget, and what would that mean to high education? Today, the state is already looking at losing two schools; one up in Chicago, which only have 65 freshman, and the next school is near St. Louis. These are big city schools that get more funding than our rural area school here. For us, Dr. Rice stated at one of the board meetings that we are already more of a private school because we depend so much on student’s for the colleges income. In two years, Dr. Rice does expect by then we will be running on borrowed funds. In fifty years, Illinois has cut their investment in education in half, Dr. Rice quoted Randy Dunn’s speech, “Dr. Dunn was spot on when he said that Illinois has moved away from viewing higher education as a public good and more of an economic investment for the state.” You can find this article on [thesouthern.com/news/lcoal/siu](http://thesouthern.com/news/lcoal/siu)

Article by: Bridget Fitzpatrick



### Men’s Basketball 2017 Schedule

1/4/2017 at 12:00 am	Three Rivers	Three Rivers
1/7/2017 at 3:00 pm	Rend Lake	Home
1/11/2017 at 7:00 pm	Kaskaskia	Home
1/14/2017 at 3:00 pm	John A. Logan	John A. Logan
1/18/2017 at 7:00 pm	Vincennes	Home
1/21/2017 at 7:00 pm	Olney Central	Olney Central
1/25/2017 at 7:00 pm	Lewis & Clark	Home
1/28/2017 at 3:00 pm	SWIC	Home
2/1/2017 at 7:00 pm	Wabash Valley	Wabash Valley
2/4/2017 at 3:00 pm	Shawnee	Home
2/8/2017 at 7:00 pm	Lakeland	Home
2/11/2017 at 3:00 pm	Lincoln Trail	Home
2/15/2017 at 7:00 pm	Rend Lake	Rend Lake
2/18/2017 at 3:00 pm	Kaskaskia	Kaskaskia
2/22/2017 at 7:00 pm	John A. Logan	Home
2/25/2017 at 3:00 pm	Vincennes	Vincennes
2/28/2017 at 7:00 pm	Olney Central	Home
3/3/2017 at 7:00 pm	Lewis & Clark	Lewis & Clark

### Women’s Basketball 2017 Schedule

1/28/2017 at 1:00 pm	SWIC	SIC
2/1/2017 at 5:30 pm	Wabash Valley	Mt. Carmel
2/4/2017 at 1:00 pm	Shawnee	SIC
2/8/2017 at 5:30 pm	Lake Land	SIC
2/11/2017 at 1:00 pm	Lincoln Trail	SIC
2/15/2017 at 5:30 pm	Rend Lake	Ina
2/18/2017 at 1:00 pm	Kaskaskia	Centralia
2/22/2017 at 5:30 pm	John A Logan	SIC
2/25/2017 at 5:00 pm	Vincennes	Vincennes
2/28/2017 at 5:30 pm	Olney Central	SIC

