

Student Center Advisory Board Report

- AIDS Awareness was a huge success, documented on both TV as well as in the Southern. Free HIV testing quadrupled at the Student Center over previous years.
- Work on the new air conditioning for the ballrooms is nearing completion.
- Lighting project has been completed with new ceiling lighting installed in the ballrooms as well as new light boards.
- Both Easter Buffet and Mother's Day Buffet are coming soon.
- Bridal Extravaganza celebrated its 17<sup>th</sup> year coordinated by the Student Center with Continuing Education.
- The third annual Valentine's Mystery Dinner was a sellout with many happy guests.
- International Festival celebrated 31 years of International Students on the SIUC campus. Unfortunately the ice storm canceled some events, but the Food Fair rescheduled for Thursday was the largest ever with a 64% increase in ticket sales.
- Student Center Board voted and approved the new FY-09 budget with a fee increase of \$4.00 effective Fall Semester 2008, for a proposed rate of \$119.00 per semester.
- The Associate Director, Ken Jaros, will be retiring effective May 1.
- Global Gallery display cases have been installed in the East International Lounge and features art by SIUC international students as well as the current winners of the Study Abroad photo contest. The cases were partially funded by Dr. Dietz through the Innovation Awards.
- A new Assistant Director, Tena Bennett, has been hired for Operation and Maintenance. Tena will temporarily assume many of the duties of Ken's position following his retirement.