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Wall and Grand rent may increase
Board of Trustees to make decision in March

Sarah Lohman

Wall and Grand residents may soon have to give up a little bit more to continue living in their long-away apartments.

University Housing has recommended a rent increase for Wall and Grand Apartments, the new university-owned apartment complex.

If approved, the increase would take effect for the fall 2007 to spring 2008 contracts, Director of Housing Julie Payne Kirchmeier said. She said a recommendation to increase rent has been sent to the Board of Trustees and would be voted on at its March meeting.

Factors for the increase include rising electricity and utility costs and the scheduled increase of minimum wage by $1 in July, Kirchmeier said.

“More than a penny to pay all of the bills,” Kirchmeier said.

If passed, the recommendation will increase rent of two-bedroom apartments from $510 to $536 and rent of four-bedroom apartment from $651 to $681, according to the SIUC University Housing Web site.

The Web site also states that rent prices are all-inclusive and that no hidden costs or surprise bills will be issued due to fluctuating energy costs or extra use of a utility during the term of a contract.

Kyle Hognosy, a junior from Arlington Heights studying photography, said he thought that living in a brand-new apartment was worth the price, but wasn’t sure it would be the same a year later.

“I think if prices stay high for a while it will turn students away,” Hognosy said.

“This new price will also apply to Buildings II and III, which are scheduled to open August 2007,” Kirchmeier said. 343 applications have been received for the 256 spaces available in Buildings II and III.

She said the buildings should be finished earlier, but time will be taken for the contractors to “work out any bugs.”

Hognosy said he was confident that delays were not going to be an issue affecting the openings of Buildings II and III. Kirchmeier said major construction

Best of both worlds
Chicago Underground set to re-open as Glassy Junction, adding Indian cuisine to menu

Brandon Augsburg

Kristen Bosco, a graduate student in philosophy, mops the floor of the former Chicago Underground before it re-opens with new owners as Glassy Junction. The restaurant will include Indian cuisine along with the Chicago-style menu choices.

Chicago Underground has been a favorite of Carbondale residents for years. It was recently purchased by a new owner, who plans to open the restaurant Tuesday, but had to wait for the Carbondale Liquor Control Commission to approve the transfer of the liquor license.

Rupinder Dhillon, one of the new owners, said the restaurant would be a fusion of traditional Indian cuisine with the classic Chicago Underground tastes. He said he planned on opening The Chicago Underground Tuesday, but had to wait for the Carbondale Liquor Control Commission to approve the transfer of the liquor license. The commission approved the transfer of the license at its Tuesday meeting. The commission also approved the transfer of the liquor license to the new owners.

The restaurant, which is located at 717 S. University Ave., will open Tuesday at 11 a.m. The restaurant will serve a variety of Indian dishes, including curries, naan breads and traditional Indian desserts. The restaurant will also offer a selection of Neapolitan-style pizzas.

For a closer look at the new restaurant, visit www.glassyjunction.us.

See RESTAURANT, Page 8
Women's basketball vs. Drake
- 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the SIU Arena.
- Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for faculty, staff, seniors, and children.
- Students admission free with a valid student ID.
- Tickets are available for purchase at SIU Ticket Utecht in Long Hall from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and at the SIU Arena ticket booth one hour before tip-off.
- Contact Julie Beck at (618) 453-5153 for information on group discounts.

Student Alumni Council meeting
- 6 p.m. Monday at the Student Center, Kaukauna room.
- Update on upcoming events.

National Association of Black Journalists
- Friday, Jan. 19 at the Connie Cornelations Building, Room 1244.
- First general meeting of the year.
- Contact Gina Festel at 773-795-8976 for more information.

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Brainwaves in action

Joe Crawford

NASA-developed brainwave technology is set to read minds at SIUC next week.

Disability Support Services will hold presentations featuring brainwave equipment and other new technology used to assist disabled students, said Jerimiah Womick, a graduate assistant in the department.

Womick said the equipment measures a user’s brainwaves and makes the signal readable for a computer.

The goal is to allow people who can’t physically operate a computer to control one with their thoughts, he said.

“But that’s pretty far off. There’s a lot of work to be done,” Womick said.

The presentations, which will focus on technology that assists students with disabilities, are scheduled for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the Student Health Center Auditorium.

Womick said it is important for the faculty to be familiar with services available to disabled students.

“We’ve had problems in the past where the line of communication has been cut because they didn’t know; they were ignorant of our processes,” Womick said.

He said students enrolled in DSS often need extra time taking tests or need extra copies of information passed out in class.

Dr. Zwedinger, a junior from Palatine studying political science, is one such student.

Zwedinger has cerebral palsy, which impairs his vision and limits the use of his arms and legs. He said he uses the screen-reading program ReadPlease to complete his schoolwork.

DSS helps students attain a digital copy of a textbook from a publisher or scan individual pages into ReadPlease. The program then reads the text aloud.

Zwedinger said he was drawn to SIUC because of the university’s reputation for accommodating disabled students.

“There is a DSS on every university campus, but some don’t have the technology, the resources,” he said.

Courtney Stocking, a graduate student from Arlington Heights studying educational psychology, said she transferred from Illinois State University because it did not accommodate disabled students.

“I started off at ISU and it wasn’t accessible, so I came here knowing that they had great services, and now I’m still here,” Stocking said.

She attributed much of her success at SIUC to the help she received at DSS.

“They’ve pretty much gotten me through my five years here,” Stocking said.

Interim Chancellor John Dunn said SIUC has long been ahead of its institutions in the United States, your university, to say that a student with a disability — someone who’s blind or has some kind of ability impairment — they too could be successful in a university setting,” Dunn said.

Womick said employers often underestimate the knowledge they can gain from people with disabilities.

“I think that they are narrow-minded about students that have disabilities and they don’t look to that direction immediately,” Womick said.

“Employers are still trying to open people’s minds about this stuff and let them know that there’s a lot of cutting edge out there that can make things just as easy for everyone,” Womick said.

More information

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Man pleads not guilty to kidnapping charges as parents suspect abuse

Cheryl Wittnauer

UNION, Mo. — The parents of a Missouri teen told Oryeh Winstead Monday they are not happy he hasn’t told them directly but they believe he was sexually abused during the four years he was missing.

“OK, I’m going to go there and ask you, what do you think happened? Do you think he was sexually abused?” Winstead asked Craig and Pam Ackerman, parents of 15-year-old Shawn Ackerman.

Both doubted and said, “Yes.”

The comments were broadcast on the day police officer Michael Devlin pled not guilty to charges of kidnapping another boy, Ben Owsley, 13, who was found last week in DeVlin’s apartment with Shawn, who was on the show Thursday with his parents.

Devlin admitted Michael Kady, declined to respond to the claim of sexual abuse when living with Devlin. Winstead asked Craig and Pam Ackerman after their son Shawn’s disappearance, and Winstead was heard.

“I don’t know. I have no idea when that the file is going to get past the attorney,” said Craig. “There’s no way in the world that I’d do that. I don’t have to do that.”

The bench is on fire. But Winstead reiterated that the teen was found.

Devlin also is under investigation in the 1991 disappearance of another Missouri boy who has not been found. The Associated Press has learned. Devlin is in the “most visible lead” in the case of Charles Arlen Henderson, who was 15 at the time of his disappearance in 1991 and has never been found. Lincoln County Sheriff’s Depuy.

Investigators began re-examining the 1991 case after Devlin’s arrest. Detective Chris Bartlett said a witness saw a man jump in the snow. Owsley’s brother had seen Devlin.

Lincoln County deputies have sent their leads to the Franklin County task force that spearheaded the hunt for Ben.

Joshua Ritterbusch, president of the Energy Information Administration, said the price for a barrel of light, sweet crude for February delivery fell as low as $47.90 on the New York Mercantile Exchange but went only a month below the $50 threshold. It settled at $50.48, down $1.76 from Wednesday’s settlement price.

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The energy bill capped a two- week drumbeat of votes on legisla- tion that, while popular with votes last fall, awaits a sketchy fate in the Senate.

The House bill, approved 264- 123, sets aside conservation on fees for oil and gas from the Gulf of Mexico, attempts to recoup royalties lost because of a government error in drilling leases in the late 1990s, and rolls back several oil industry tax breaks.

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Seven vie for three City Council seats

Lance D. Jack, 36
Occupation: Entrepreneur

City issues

Overall, I think it’s making Carbondale a more livable city,” Jack said. He said improving bus routes, bike routes and trails and recreation on a whole would help accomplish this goal.

University-city relationship

“The city could do a lot more to incorporate students into city government,” Moore said. He said the city offering internships to SIU students would be one way to help students have a vested interest in the community and help the city save money.

Skills and talents

Moore said his four-year experience in state government as well as working in policy research would be helpful in the position. He also stressed the importance of being well informed on the issues. “You need to be proactive and research things,” Moore said. “I know some members of [the city council] vote after hearing the synopsis 2 minutes before.”

Mary Pohlmann, 62
Occupation: Retired physician

City issues

“First of all, I believe the government needs to be responsive,” Pohlmann said. She said her work with Smoke Free Carbondale showed people wanted such an initiative passed, but the council was non-responsive. She also said the city needed to protect residential housing and safety and establish a community development plan.

University-city relationship

Pohlmann suggested there should be a team of students from the university working with the city council. “There has to be a face to face interface between the city and the student,” Pohlmann said. “But we need to not let the university overwhelm the city.”

Skills and talents

If you’re ever going to look where you’re going, you’ve got to look back at where you’ve been,” Pohlmann said. “Examine our history with Carbondale as a place where she was born, grew up and attended school as a main asset. Her work as an educator and minister also helped broaden her perspective, she said.

Steve Haynes, 42
Occupation: Retail store management

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“Carbondale needs to work on long-term planning, especially in terms of the city budget, as well as making the city more pedestrian and recycling-friendly,” Haynes said. “We can do better.”

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Let’s get the facts straight — Part 2

The Daily Egyptian has received yet another response from previous USG senator, Prescott Paulin. On Dec. 21, 2006, Paulin sent a campus-wide e-mail with incorrect statements that need to be addressed.

The issue stems from a USG meeting held Dec. 6, 2006. Paulin led the meeting with a resolution requesting a half page of space in the DE. With no hesitation, USG President Akeem Mustapha exercised his first veto of the school year.

Paulin did own up to his inaccuracies about the DE, including incorrect statements such as how the student newspaper is solely supported by student fees. But he made another incorrect statement in his email by saying, “The DE is directly supported by advertising revenue that nears $1 million; but I argue that these are, in essence, indirect student fees.”

Paulin continued that because of this, students have given the paper full exclusivity on campus and allowed the reporters, photographers, designers and ad representatives to obtain college credit. This is incorrect. The student workers at the DE receive no college credit for their work.

Paulin also said, “Ad revenue simply becomes more valuable when you have exclusive access to 20,000 students.” This newspaper is not exclusive to this campus. Our job is to report the campus and city news to the student body.

Unfortunately, Paulin will not be able to read this hard copy of the DE today because he has left SIUC and is attending Babson College in Boston, N.Y.

Over the winter break, Paulin sent his e-mail and ran off to Boston with no interest in our response. We are not responding for his sake, however. We are responding to get the facts straight.

Mustapha said he and the senators of USG are not related to the e-mail sent by a former USG senator, but in the email, Paulin attached all USG senators’ names as if they agreed with those statements. Mustapha said USG members were not informed of Paulin’s actions, and that Paulin acted alone.

In mid-November 2006, Mustapha discussed with our editor about applying to be a columnist as a representative for USG. The purpose of his column was solely to inform and report to the student body of any important USG issues. Mustapha followed the DE’s request by applying for a columnist position.

With open arms, we accept Mustapha as a USG columnist for this newspaper with his purpose. Mustapha will make a great asset for the newspaper. This new column will inform the student body about important USG issues that they need to know. We look forward to the USG communications featured in Mustapha’s column.

Mission Statement

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

Words Overheard

“The old adage, ‘Look both ways before you cross the street’ — that’s something that’s very real.”

Matt Vanover
spokesman for IDOT
SIUC’s marketing strategy a snooze

I f SIUC’s goal is to appear as a mind-numbing, third-rate university, the school’s marketing machine hit a home run Thursday.

Front and center on the home page of the university Web site was a true eye-catching photo. In it, a student yawns as associate mathematics professor MingQing Xiao lectures to a class about borrowing money.

Elsewhere, a student seems more focused on her nails and another appears to be sleeping.

Out of 11 visible students, only one looks like she gives half a hoot.

The newsroom never had a bigger laugh.

This image, taken by Media and Communication Resources, paints a disturbing picture of what goes on within the walls of the campus’ lecture halls.

Is this what SIUC is about? Are the classes so boring and devoid of enthralling material that students drift into a coma-like state?

Those who are enrolled here can form their own opinions on the quality of the curriculum. Those who aren’t can only get an idea of what the campus has to offer by looking at what is presented to them. In this case, the university offered potential students the perfect reason to spend their tuition dollars elsewhere.

Our prediction? Enrollment takes another blow.

Media and Communication Resources — the department charged with making this university look good — underwent a change late last semester that saw its longtime leader Sue Davis transferred from the high-paying director position.

Now, the spokesman for SIU President Glenn Poshard is temporarily in charge while the department figures out what its focus is. It’s yet to be seen if the change in leadership has revamped efficiency at Media and Communication Resources. With student numbers down nearly two percent in the fall semester — and officials giving down forecasts for spring semester figures — time is of the essence for those whose job it is to make sure classrooms stay full.

We applaud the university’s efforts to pay attention to enrollment. After all, former Chancellor Walter Wender was demoted in part because of low student numbers and the university’s already struggling coffers aren’t benefiting from a deteriorating population.

Enrollment is an inevitable uphill battle, we understand that. But endeavors such as this ugly photo aren’t likely to help get students here.

Walk a mile in a Carbondale police officer’s shoes

DEAR EDITOR:

Imagine heading into work each day knowing that it may be your last day to live. Imagine getting kicked, punched and shot at every day you go to work. Now picture that when you go home your job is over. The criminals that you deal with everyday are all around you.

In my opinion, the public and city officials of Carbondale need to change their perception of Carbondale police officers. In particular, I have found that the actions and statements of Jeff Doherty are a snark in the face of the officers who protect his safety.

He did not allow retired Carbondale police officers to have a city identification card so they could carry a weapon as allowed by the US government. Apparently securing the safety of retired police officers and the citizens of Carbondale was not in the best interest of the city.

Also, during the arbitration for the Carbondale Police residency restrictions, a statement was made during a break in regards to an officer who had been serving in the military. The officer had just left the room and Mr. Doherty asked in a condescending manner, “Are we still paying him?”

Yes, Mr. Doherty, I would hate for the city to give one red cent to an officer that protected Carbondale and the nation’s security. I would personally like to ask you Mr. Doherty: have you ever taken the opportunity to do a ride along with any of those officers and see the conditions in which they work? Have you ever lived in the neighborhoods or even just spent time in the areas of this city where there are more criminals than law-abiding citizens? If you are as devoted to this city as you think you are, I suggest you give up your preconceived notions of this city’s police officers and give them the respect they deserve.

And to the public I charge you with the responsibility to not give in to any notion of this city’s police officers and give them the respect they deserve.

KATIE ITAL
Murphysboro resident

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR
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The name Glassy Junction derived from his desire to create a warm and friendly atmosphere, Dhillon said. Glassy comes from a Punjabi word for a small beverage glass and a junction is a meeting place. Dhillon said he hopes customers will come to know his new restaurant as a place to meet friends for a relaxing meal and drink.

Dhillon, along with his father and brother, purchased the restaurant and building in December from Chicago Underground owners Susan and John Karayanis, who ran the business for eight years. Dhillon said the Karayanis’ have been vital in helping get the restaurant up and running.

“Susan and John have both been very kind in basically helping us get off our feet, because our success is their success,” he said.

Though Susan Karayanis retains no stake in the restaurant she co-owned, she remains close to the business as a consultant for Dhillon, who has no restaurant experience.

Karayanis said she would show Dhillon how to run a restaurant and help prevent some of the early mistakes she made. After the restaurant opens, she said she would help plan the menus and compose the wine list, including a sweet, white Indian wine that accompanies spicy food.

She said the mix of traditional Indian food and American food in the underground part of the restaurant should appeal to many tastes.

“The idea being that if somebody really wants Indian food, but the person they’re with can’t stand Indian food, then they can still have the best of both worlds down here,” Susan Karayanis said.

Dhillon plans to serve strictly Indian cuisine on the second floor of the restaurant, which he said should open in four to six weeks.

A second kitchen is under construction on the second level, and the dining area will be decorated in traditional Indian style.

He also said he hopes to open a third floor study lounge eventually, but no time has been set for that area to open.

“(The contractor’s) early projections indicated completion on schedule,” Weber said. “However, due to events beyond their control, project schedules were adjusted.”
Caravan wanders with no home

Band's future remains uncertain

Veronica Hilbring

One of Carbondale's only jazz acts is moving with no place to go. A situation arising for a band named Caravan.

Caravan, which formed in Carbondale, is a band that fuses jazz and funk together. They held their last performance in November and are working with Tres Hombres in an attempt to bring jazz back to Carbondale.

Tres Hombres was the location for Caravan's music each Monday. With their combination of classic jazz and funk, Caravan's drummer, Wayne Goodwin said that Caravan's most successful period was when they were heard on the Weather Channel.

The sound relates most to John Coltrane than Kenny G, he said.

Nick Kuypers, bassist for Caravan, said Monday is considered a "dead night" for seeing live shows and while other jazz ensemble acts performed irregularly, jazz fans could see Caravan perform controls, a mobile phone and an Internet communications device.

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Apple introduces long-awaited iPhone

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Sudoku By Michael Mepham
Solution to Friday's puzzle
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.
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“We're going to forget about it and leave everything here in Evansville and get ready to go play Creighton,” Tatum said. After losing a game that SIU let slip out of its reach, Tatum said the best thing to do is to move on and focus forward. “But it’s harder to stay conditioned to every day in somebody else’s gym,” he said. “We enjoy doing this,” Siemons said. “Right now my goal is use this to help me do well at the conference meet.”

Norris, a sprinter, earned a personal best time of 7.61 seconds and second place in the 60-meter dash at the Fast Start Invitational. She sprinted to a time of 25.03 in the 200-meter.

Price-Smith’s distance runners are led by Saluki cross-country standout Mohamed Mohamed, a sophomore from Carol Stream, Ill., Kyle Monroe, a senior from Springfield, Ill., and Jeff Schanner, a freshman from Troy, Ill. Kyle Monroe leads a pack of solid distance runners, said Price-Smith. She expects a strong showing from each.

For the first time this calendar year, Saluki runners, jumpers and throwers will be competing for SIU.

The SIU Student Recreation Center is host to the annual Saluki Booster indoor track and field meet Friday and Saturday University of Arizona-Little Rock, Arkansas State University, Murray State University, Southeast Missouri State University and Tennessee State University will have squads competing with SIU.

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Among the teams in attendance, Price-Smith figures Murray State will be competitive season for SIU.

They participated in the Fast Start Invitational on Dec. 8, in Carbondale, the Salukis hosted 28 three-point attempts, hitting eight of them — four by Tatum. The Purple Aces also shot 59.4 percent from the field and 63.6 percent for their threes.

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Erika Smith’s double double key to victory

Matt Hartwig

Junior guard Erin Pauk came off the bench Thursday night and defied a three-pointer to give SIU a critical lead going into halftime, paring the way for a 63-43 win over Creighton University.

After visiting Creighton shot a modest 36 percent in the first half, the Salukis held the Blue Jays to 24 percent in the second.

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Positive Energy

BECAUSE of its national prominence and five straight NCAA tournament teams, most people think of the men’s team when talking about Saluki basketball.

Well, there is another team on campus that might rub off on you too.

Three years ago, not many people would have believed that Saluki women’s basketball would be where it is today.

The last time the Salukis women had a winning record was during the 1995-1996 season, which they finished with a record of 18-10. Since then, SIU averaged only 7.6 wins per season before Head Coach Dana Eikenberg’s arrival.

While being guarded by Drake University Jan. 4. They have already tied last years season’s win total of 10.

"This Saluki team, which last night beat Creighton 63-43, moved to 10-8 overall and 6-1 in MVC play. They are on a four game conference-winning streak. Their only conference loss is to first-place Illinois State.

Eikenberg’s positive energy is rubbing off on her team. This is something special and the more people to witness it, the better.

The students at SIU get free admission to all home games. There is a game tomorrow at 2 p.m. vs. Drake. The afternoon time is great for families. It is the last home game until Feb. 9 for the Saluki women. The students are back on campus. Go out to the game.

You never know, that positive energy might rub off on you too.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Salukis look to knock Bluejays from perch

SIU has won last six vs. Creighton

Scott Miezala

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SIU guard Wesley Clemmons takes a shot while being guarded by Drake Bulldog’s guard Josh Young during Monday night’s basketball game.

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Smith said the team tried to set a tone within the first four minutes of the second half. "Our focus from the get-go was defensive pressure," Smith said. "My focus is just getting to the board and giving us second chances."

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SIU women can check out their game against Evansville in the third place game of the Missouri Valley Conference, coming off a painful loss in which it closed the score to 64-63 with 1 minute, 20 seconds to go in the game. The Salukis had their opportunities to cut the University of Evansville’s late lead but instead lost, 75-68.

Although Creighton (11-6, 5-2) sits in a tie atop the MVC, and the Blue Jays own a 41-33 all-time series advantage against SIU, the Salukis have a chance to regain the conference lead against a longtime foe.

This season, Creighton has two scorers in the top 10 in the MVC — seniors Nate Funk, with 16.4 points per game, and Anthony Tolliver, at 14.3 ppg.

Creighton lost Monday against Wichita State University, 62-59. Funk, a guard, scored 16 points on 6-of-16 shooting and the center Tolliver scored nine points. The loss dropped the Bluejays’ road record to 1-3 in MVC play.

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