Board of Trustees raises tuition, fees
Renovations also approved for Pulliam Hall

TARA KULASH
Daily Egyptian

SIU Board of Trustees members voted to raise tuition and fees and renovate Pulliam Hall at Thursday’s meeting in Edwardsville.

Trustee Roger Herrin said he, trustee Don Lowery and student trustee Jesse Cler all voted against the tuition and fee raise, but they were outvoted.

The raise will be at about 4.8 percent.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said he thinks the raise was necessary.

“We have declining state revenues, we’ve got to manage an operations budget and pay our people,” he said. “We’re the lowest (tuition) already, so we’re still going to be the lowest after this is over.”

The board members also passed the vote to renovate Pulliam Hall. The renovation means both swimming pools in the building will be removed, despite many community members’ requests to keep the pools in place.

Poshard said the renovation will provide more office space for the architecture and art and design programs. The move is necessary because both programs are nationally recognized and they don’t have enough room to expand, he said.

“They have a growing student population, and their laboratories are already over there in the building,” he said.

The new chancellor for SIU Edwardsville was also ratified to begin her position July 1. Herrin said he thought the appointment went against the board’s bylaws because the position’s contract was signed April 25, but the finance committee and executive committee didn’t approve it until April 26.

“The bylaws said you don’t make an announcement of these people until they’re properly approved by the whole board,” he said.

Herrin said he voted in favor of the chancellor’s appointment but told the board he would not vote again in the future if the same mistake was made. He said the board did the same thing with SIUC’s new basketball coach. Herrin said the coach’s contract was effective April 1, but the meeting for the coach’s approval of appointment wasn’t until April 9.

“All I’m asking for is to play by the rules, and they don’t really seem to want to do that,” he said.

Poshard said the appointment was completed effectively.

“We always say when we make a public announcement, ‘pending board approval,’” he said. “The chancellor – no one – is hired until the board approves.”

He said if it had been put on the finance agenda, it would have prematurely announced the position, which would take away from the announcement at the university level. He said the board goes to the general counsel for legal advice and was given permission to follow through with the appointment.

Jeffrey McLellan, general counsel for SIU and the Board of Trustees, said everything was done in proper order, following the bylaws. He said Herrin must have been confused.

Other items approved on the agenda included a contract to replace the roof on Lawson Hall and the purchase of natural gas supply and delivery to campus.

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Gay marriage adds complexity in swing states

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Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — President Barack Obama’s support for gay marriage adds a new layer of complexity for voters — especially independents — in battleground states that will decide the race for the White House.

While the economy is certain to dominate the campaign over the next six months, gay marriage could have an impact at the margins in key states from Colorado to Ohio to Virginia by influencing voter turnout among important constituencies, among them minorities, young voters and evangelicals.

“It may cost you as many votes as it wins you,” said Colorado Republican Greg Brophy, a state senator.

Advocates on both sides of the emotional issue agree Obama’s pronouncement will stoke enthusiasm among core Democrats and Republicans, likely boosting turnout in the November election and fundraising ahead of it. The big unknown is where independent voters — and specifically those Obama struggles to win over, such as middle-class whites — land in the fewer than a dozen states expected to make a difference in the quest for the White House.

“Any little thing one could be the issue that turns Nevada one way or the other,” said James Smack, a Republican National Committee member. He also could have been talking about the other states that are expected to be too close to call until the end, among them: Ohio, Florida, Virginia, Colorado, Iowa and New Hampshire.

National surveys show a majority of Americans support legalizing gay marriage.

But most blacks — a core part of Obama’s base — do not. And Obama needs them to turn out in huge numbers as they did four years ago in places like Cleveland, Richmond, Va., and Charlotte, N.C., in order to win in such battleground states. The same goes for Democratic-leaning Hispanic voters. Most of them oppose gay marriage, and their backing will be critical to Obama in cities such as Miami, Las Vegas and Denver.

At the same time, most evangelicals and other conservatives who make up the base of the GOP are strongly opposed to gay marriage. And Obama’s position could end up uniting conservatives behind presumptive GOP nominee Mitt Romney, who has struggled to win them on his own. The former Massachusetts governor opposes gay marriage, but has spoken in favor of gay rights in the past.

“It’s an issue that motivates the GOP’s conservative base to come out and vote, and that could have an impact in traditionally Republican states like Virginia and elsewhere,” he said.

North Carolina voters, for example, overwhelmingly passed a referendum Tuesday that strengthened the state’s gay-marriage ban. It appears to have driven GOP turnout to record levels. Sixty-one percent of voters approved the measure in a traditionally Republican state Obama won four years ago.

A 2004 referendum to ban gay marriage in Ohio was credited with increasing turnout in the state’s GOP-heavy south and west, helping George W. Bush win the pivotal state, though there’s now debate over whether there actually was much of an impact.

That said, large majorities of Americans under 30 support gay unions, and Obama’s move may fire them up enough to counteract any potential fallout by minorities and enthusiasm by conservatives.

Still, Democratic-leaning states like Michigan could become more attractive to Republican Mitt Romney and his running mate Paul Ryan. Republican-leaning states like North Carolina could become more perilous for the Democratic president, if the outcome on the right is great and the backlash among minorities materializes.

Some doubt it will, saying that black and Hispanic voters will overlook their differences with Obama on gay marriage.

“When blacks go to the polls, they vote their economic interest,” said Kerry Haynie, a professor of racial studies at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

That may be the same for Hispanics, who will be pivotal to winning in the Southwest and in Florida.

“Social issues have never ever been an issue that they bring with them to the voting booth,” said Maria Cardona, a Democratic strategist, who says Hispanics view the issue as one of civil rights. “Will there be one or two religious conservative Latinos who fall off? Of course, but they weren’t going to support Obama anyway.”

Now widespread in presidential battlegrounds, the economy is certainly voters’ top issue. A recent Gallup poll on the most important problems facing the nation showed gay rights cited by 1 percent or less, while 72 percent noted the economy.

With the economy vastly eclipsing other issues, even leaders in the fight against gay marriage see only minor impact in key states from Obama’s pronouncement.

“Those who care about the issue, it perks up their ears up,” said Iowa Republican Chuck Laudner, who fought efforts to legalize gay marriage in Iowa. “It’s not a game changer. It’s never going to generate the price of gas.”

Still, Obama’s announcement only turned up the heat on an issue that long had been percolating in key states targeted by both the president and Romney.

None of the states expected to be hard-fought through Nov. 6 have a gay marriage referendum on the November ballot, but nearly all have wrestled with the issue since the last presidential election.

This week, the issue is at center stage in Colorado, where the Democratic governor called the Legislature back into session this week to address a proposal to allow gay marriage benefits to same-sex couples. That state banned gay marriage in 2006. In Iowa, opponents of gay marriage, who rallied in 2010 to oust three state Supreme Court judges over a gay marriage challenge, are focused on another judge facing retention and a state senator who has blocked a constitutional amendment.

Earlier this year, New Hampshire’s Republican-controlled legislature failed to repeal the state law allowing gay marriage.

Florida voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage in 2008.

Voters in Minnesota — considered a Democratic-leaning state where many expect Obama will win — will weigh in November a referendum to bolster the state’s statutory ban on gay marriage with a constitutional amendment. It could become a more competitive state if gay-rights opponents use Obama’s position to rally conservatives. The same could happen in Democratic-leaning Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania if the issue gains steam.

Norma Love in New Hampshire, Bob Lewis in Virginia, Gary Robertson in North Carolina, Julie Carr Seyth and Dan Sewell in Ohio, Sandra Cherev in Nevada and Ivan Moreno in Colorado contributed to this report.
Our Word

April 27 error resulted from misinformation
Witnesses' accounts, time restraints led to imbalance in Gowan, Pyle article

It was a few hours after deadline on April 26 when the Daily Egyptian first heard there was an accident at the intersection of Illinois Route 13 and Giant City Road involving Corey Gowan, a John A. Logan student, and Stephen Pyle, a chaplain for Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

When news breaks, we at the Daily Egyptian act on any other news source would. We chase the story. A reporter and two photographers were sent to the scene.

Attempting to paint an accurate picture, the reporter discussed the accident with the two witnesses who were available at the time. Both witnesses said they were traveling west on Rte. 13 when the stoplight turned red and all cars stopped but the one that hit and killed Gowan.

The reporter at the scene tried to verify information with one of the police officers, but he said that because she was from “just the Daily Egyptian,” it wasn’t important that she get information.

Reporters sometimes rely on witnesses when officials are unwilling or unavailable to speak with us. This doesn’t happen too often — and when it does, it’s because we’ve exhausted all other options.

That night, police authorities would not release any information on the case.

The day after the Daily Egyptian’s story ran, authorities said they believed the light was green during the accident and that other witnesses saw that the light was green, too. On the same day, Carbondale police also said no charges had been filed against the driver.

The Daily Egyptian strives to correct errors once we have been made aware of them.

This editorial serves as an apology to Pyle as well as his family and church community for initially reporting that he ran through a red light, as reported by witnesses available at the time.

The reporter relied on those who were willing to speak with her. Upon returning to the newsroom, the reporter placed multiple follow-up phone calls to verify the information she received.

As on any deadline story, the editor-in-chief had to make a judgment call about which information to include in the page one story. Both she and the reporter waited until 11 p.m. for officials to return phone calls before sending the story to press.

The online version of the story was fixed the next day. Despite the error being corrected, we realize many remain upset.

Being student reporters does not justify or excuse the error we may have made. The Daily Egyptian is like any other news source in that we will continue to hold ourselves to the highest standards and hope our readers can depend on us as a reliable news source.

Roughly half of the 20,000 papers we print each day are distributed off campus. We serve the surrounding communities, not just the university.

We also hope this error does not overshadow the overwhelming support Pyle and Gowan have received from the community. Gowan was not an SIUC student, yet the Sataski family, those from the John A. Logan community and many others came together for a fundraiser for his funeral and a candlelight memorial.

We at the Daily Egyptian hope something can be done to prevent tragedies such as this from happening in the future. For the sake of safety, perhaps the Route 13 intersection could become more crosswalk- and wheelchair-friendly.

This has been difficult for everyone involved. It has also been a lesson for all of us, but it’s unfortunate that such a tragedy had to happen for the lesson to be learned.
Sony reports record annual loss, natural disasters partly to blame

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Associated Press

TOKYO — Sony Corp. racked up a record annual loss of 457 billion yen ($5.7 billion) in its fourth straight year of red ink as the once-glorious maker of the Walkman and PlayStation struggles toward a turnaround under a new president.

The electronics and entertainment company, which also makes “Spider-Man” movies, reported Thursday a loss of 255 billion yen ($3.2 billion) for the January-March period — its fifth straight quarterly net loss to round out a fiscal year that was the worst in its 66-year corporate history.

The latest red ink was worse than 1995, which followed Sony’s ambitious but disastrous purchase of Hollywood studio Columbia Pictures. Sony’s recent troubles were worsened by factory and supplier damage in northeastern Japan, ravaged by the earthquake and tsunami last year. Sony also suffered production disruptions from the flooding in Thailand.

Quarterly sales tumbled 1.2 percent on-year to 1.6 trillion yen ($20 billion). Annual sales plunged nearly 10 percent to 6.5 trillion yen ($81 billion), as unit sales slumped in flat-panel TVs, video and digital cameras, game machines and personal computers.

Sony has bled money for eight straight years in its core TV business, buffeted by competition from Samsung Electronics Co. of South Korea and other Asian rivals.

And consumers are flocking to products from Apple Inc. like the iPhone and iPad instead of Sony gadgets.

A soaring yen that erodes the overseas earnings of Japanese exporters like Sony has also added to the damage.

Sony is aiming for a comeback under Kazuo Hirai, appointed president last month, who has headed the gaming division and built his career in the U.S.

Sony forecast a return to profit for the fiscal year through March 2013 at 30 billion yen ($3.75 million), banking on the growing smartphone and tablet business, as well as a recovery from last year’s disasters.

Last month, Hirai said the company will cut 10,000 jobs, or about 6 percent of its global work force, and turn a profit in TVs in the next two years.

The job cuts come on top of a couple of rounds under Hirai’s predecessor, Welsh-born Howard Stringer, who remains chairman and was the first foreigner to head Sony.

Yasuhiro Tateshii, author of “Farewell Our Sony,” believes the long-sought boon Sony executives promised from exploiting its electronics and entertainment operations has been illusive.

He said Sony was in a bind because, even when its electronics segment fared well, its results would be pulled down by entertainment problems — or the other way around.

“Synergy is something that might happen, but it’s not something a company should go after,” he said. “It instead turns into an obstacle.”

Sony had recorded a 260 billion yen loss the previous fiscal year.

The latest results were better than the 520 billion yen ($65.5 billion) annual loss the Tokyo-based company had projected. Analysts surveyed by FactSet had estimated a more optimistic 430 billion yen ($53 billion) loss.
ABC tries social network experiment with 'Revenge'

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — ABC and Yahoo will experiment on the season's last two episodes of "Revenge" with a smartphone and tablet application designed to encourage more people to watch television live.

There's an enticement, too. People who download and click onto the "Into Now" application during the Wednesday and May 23 showings of "Revenge" become eligible for a free summer trip to New York's Hamptons beach area, where the drama's story is based.

The companies are trying to take advantage of the growing trend of multiscreen use, or people who spend time on their phones or iPads while the TV is on. Yahoo's "Into Now" app tries to make all of that easier.

"The world changed dramatically with all the smartphones and tablets," said Adam Cahan, vice president of "Into Now." "People are multitasking while they are watching TV. We came up with a way of connecting that community."

When used, the app can identify what show a viewer is watching and immediately spot Facebook friends who are doing the same thing, Cahan said. It taps into Twitter feeds about the show, including those from actors and producers. Trivia and other details about the show are also readily available, he said.

"We know the finale is going to be big," said Victoria Chew, vice president of strategic marketing partnerships at ABC. "We know the story lines are going to be things that the fans are going to buzz about and talk about when it's over. We wanted to encourage fans to watch it live."

While most television is still viewed live, the rapid growth of digital video recorders usage and video on demand means many more fans are watching programs later than when they are aired on TV, and networks have a harder time measuring this viewership. It is considered a factor in a major ratings slump at the networks this spring.

The Nielsen company estimated that 44 percent of all U.S. homes with TVs had DVRs in April, up from 19 percent in September 2007. Nielsen said 8 percent of all TV viewing is now material recorded on DVRs.

So, if ABC other networks, anything that might encourage live viewing is considered worth a try. ABC is examining partnerships with companies that have technology similar to "Into Now," but it has no other agreements set, Chew said.

"We're really interested in learning more about the second screen-experience," she said.

For "Into Now," the ABC deal also provides an important marketing boost as it tries to establish itself in a growing marketplace.
Softball takes game one of MVC Championship

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Daily Egyptian

Saluki fans at Charleston West Stadium cheered with excitement Thursday after junior outfielder Michelle Bradley’s home run in the bottom of the sixth inning gave SIU a 3-2 win in game one of the Missouri Valley Conference Championships against Creighton University.

Despite nerves at the game’s start, Bradley said it was good the Salukis settled down and won the game against the team that eliminated them in last year’s MVC Championships.

“My first at bat, I was not on-time, and I hit the pitcher in the top of the third,” she said, which was a home run.

Bradley, who is from Land O’ Lakes, Fla., said knowing her family and friends were present — especially her dad, who said she doesn’t get to see them very often — was the key to having a good performance all around.

“I was able to play in front of my dad, and I can’t even talk about him without getting emotional because I never see him really,” Bradley said with a couple tears rolling down her cheek.

“We’ll be back at it next year,” she said. “Our seniors are going to miss that extra year. We hope to build off of this year and make some pretty much that we’re going to at least see the ball! Being the ball deep was my goal, and my second at-bat was much better.”

After Bradley’s home run, freshman pitcher Katie Bettelheim’s close-out performance in the top of the ninth helped solidify the Salukis’ win.

Bettelheim said she knew a hit was coming, and it didn’t hit her team down.

“I just wanted to finish it off,” Bettelheim said. “I didn’t want it to end for our seniors, and I just want to keep going for them. I just want to finish strong.”

Bettelheim said Bettelheim set the tone for the team. She said despite the team’s struggles offensively, defense both on the mound and in the field kept the Salukis alive in the tournament.

Bettelheim said Creighton has somewhat bolstered the team’s confidence and calmed its nerves. She said the team will go into tomorrow’s game against Northern Iowa with a lot more momentum.

The Salukis continue action today at noon against No. 1 Northern Iowa University at Charleston West Stadium.

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Senior infielder Alicia Junker swings at a pitch Thursday at Charleston West Stadium. This is the fourth year in the school’s history that SIU has been chosen to host the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, which concludes on Saturday. The Salukis beat Creighton 3-2.

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Classifieds
Baseball takes on Indiana State in final conference series of season

JOE RAGUSA
Daily Egyptian

Saluki baseball enters its final conference series of the season on a down note after the team was swept last weekend.

“It was just a bad weekend for us. We probably played our worst baseball of the year,” said junior first baseman Chris Serritella. “It was definitely an unfortunate time to do it.”

SIU (25-23, 9-9 Missouri Valley Conference) will take on second-place Indiana State (36-12, 10-5 MVC) in a three-game series starting at 3 p.m. today at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis have lost five of their last seven games, as well as one of their starting pitchers, senior righthander Cameron Maldonado.

Maldonado (6-1, 5.71 ERA) left in the fifth inning of Saturday’s 5-3 loss to Illinois State with pain in his arm, but coach Ken Henderson said the injury is just a muscle strain and Maldonado’s status will be day-to-day.

Henderson said, junior left-hander Nathan Dorris (6-3, 4.77 ERA) will replace Maldonado on Saturday unless something miraculous happens between now and then. Junior left-hander Cody Forysthe (3-3, 3.12 ERA) will pitch Friday and freshman righthander Sam Coonrod (2-4, 5.31 ERA) will take the mound Sunday.

Indiana State is 11-3 in its last 14 games, which senior outfielder Jordan Sivertsen said isn’t much of a surprise. He said he thought the team would have been picked higher than fourth in the preseason MVC poll.

“They have a lot of guys back, and they’re pretty good,” Sivertsen said. “They can hit real well, and they have good pitchers.”

The Sycamores return all nine starters from last year’s team, which lost two of three games to the Salukis last season. Junior catcher Jeremy Lucas leads the team in all triple crown categories with a .353 batting average, nine home runs and 49 RBIs. His 65 hits this season are second in the Valley only to Serritella, who has 74.

Indiana State also features two pitchers with sub — 3.00 ERA’s with junior right-handers Dakota Bacos (5-3, 1.98 ERA) and Ryan Torgerson (7-2, 2.92 ERA), who will pitch today and Sunday respectively. Saturday’s starter will be sophomore left-hander Sean Manaea (4-1, 3.07 ERA).

This series will be the last conference series before the MVC tournament, which starts May 22.

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Ashleigh Rushing, a sophomore golfer from Marion studying elementary education

I’m going to have a qualifying event in California for the Olympic games at the end of May. Then I’m going back home, so my summer depends on whether or not I make the trials. If I don’t make it, I’m going to keep training, but I probably won’t be as focused as I would be training for the Olympics.

— Juan Arbelaez, a sophomore swimmer from Colombia studying Management

In a few days, I go home for about a month so I’ll be working out with my dad, who’s a personal trainer. I’m definitely going to try and hang with a few friends, and I have a sister that’s getting ready to head off to college, so I don’t know how often I’ll be able to see her when the year starts. She’s going to U of I next year for track.

— Diamond Taylor, sophomore basketball guard from Chicago studying sociology

Hopefully I’ll get drafted after this year, and if that happens, I guess I’ll be playing ball for whatever team picks me up. (I’m) relying on one thing right now, so hopefully it works out.

— Chris Serritella, redshirt junior first baseman from Glenview studying sports administration