Evergreen Terrace raises rates

Tenants given little notice about change

Lindsey Smith  
Daily Egyptian

Evergreen Terrace residents might have a little more room in their wallets than they would like next semester.

Rates at Evergreen Terrace, a family-oriented University Housing residence, have jumped from $493 to $533 for the 2008-09 year, said Julie Payne, Kirchmeier, director of University Housing. Last semester, rates increased from $454 to $493.

Jake Einhorn, a sophomore from Newton studying theater, said the most frustrating part of the rent increase was the lack of communication between the residents and University Housing.

Einhorn has lived at Evergreen Terrace for two semesters and said he was not previously informed that last semester’s increase would take place. Kirchmeier said residents should have received a letter telling them about the $39 increase. “They just sent me a bill,” Einhorn said. “They didn’t send an e-mail, they didn’t post anything on my door. They didn’t let me know in any way that they were thinking about raising the rent.”

Kirchmeier said rates increased by 10 percent a few years ago, 8.5 percent last year and 7.5 percent this year, bringing the rent cost for a two-bedroom apartment to $533.

The rise in rates was comparable to other housing facilities and used to cover the cost of living increases such as utilities and insurance, Kirchmeier said.

Roberto Franca, a 52-year-old from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, said University Housing contacted him about the rent increases through the mail. “They sent out a complicated paper explaining all the expenses, about how they have to take care of the maintenance and more, all sorts of situations they explore to raise the rent,” Franca said.

The upcoming round of increases is as abrupt as the last, Einhorn said. “I talked to a student worker and I asked her how much it’s going to be for summer rent. She said, ‘Hold on a second; I think it’s this much, but we’re trying to raise the rent.’” Einhorn said.

‘It’s just hair,’ Carbondale Community High School science teacher Carrie Mueller said minutes before her head was shaved by senior Krysta Dunkel. “I’m choosing to lose my hair; other people don’t get a choice!” In an effort to raise money for this weekend’s Relay for Life, Mueller told students in the high school’s Key Club that if they raised more than $1,000, she would shave her head. $1,032 dollars later, Dunkel, the club’s president, shaved her head in front of roughly 50 students and faculty members.

Mueller was also motivated by recent cancer deaths in her life. One of her close friends was diagnosed with cancer the same day her grandmother died of cancer, she said in addition to the students’ money, the group raised $2,500.

For more on the group’s efforts and Mueller’s head shaving, see siuDE.com.

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Convicted Illinois rapist back behind bars
CHICAGO (AP) — The Supreme Court parishioners have ordered a
Champaign man convicted of rape back into custody just a day after he was
freed on parole.

Vincent Lipscomb was released Wednesday after a Champaign County judge
disclosed a petition to declare him a sexually violent person and keep him
behind bars. Justices on Thursday said the 38-year-old will remain in custody while
the state appeals that decision. Lipscomb was convicted in 1990 of raping a University of Illinois student
and sentenced to 24 years in prison.

He was due to be paroled in 2004, but Attorney General Lisa Madigan moved to
have him declared sexually violent. That would mean the state declared sexually violent.

That helps is especially important for a place like Iraq, he said.

Chicago police: five victims ‘definitely targeted’
CHICAGO (AP) — Police said Thursday they think more than one person
carried out the slayings of five people found dead Wednesday afternoon inside
a ramshackled house on Chicago’s South Side.

Authorities have not identified any suspects or determined a motive, but police
are confident the killings were not a random act, said Chicago Police Commander Eddie Welch.

“They were definitely targeted,” he said at a news conference Thursday after-
noon at police headquarters.

Further, he said it was obvious that whoever carried out the crime spent a
lot of time in the house.

“There was a lot of damage to this residence, at all levels of this residence,” Welch
said.

CORRECTIONS

In the Thursday edition of the Daily Egyptian, the story “Student suicide for online post” should have stated Alex
Welch was a senior from Champaign.

EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

In the Thursday edition of the Daily Egyptian, the graphic “Proponents rate SUIC” should have indicated SUIC as
the second-tier university in most of the five areas, not Illinois State.

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POLICE REPORTS

There are no suspects for charges of criminal
damage to a vehicle parked in Lot 23
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Jocquell Redway Marks, a 19-year-old SUIC student from Carbondale, was issued
a notice to appear for battery charges against a woman at 4:50 p.m. Wednesday.

The victim did not require medical attention.

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Sawyer gets along with older kids. He is
considered a dangerous, infection-positive
risk. A call to 911 Kids at 9:51 p.m. on
Saturday. 둔. No one else was in the house.

The acting has been altered.

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Races make Campus Lake weekend hot spot

Cardboard Boat Regatta is this Saturday

Lindsey Smith

Campus Lake will soon resemble a scene from Disney's movie "Smart Little." Academic departments are set to compete Saturday in two Carbondale traditions: the 25th annual Doc Spackman Memorial Triathlon and the 35th annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta.

The regatta has received airtime on national television, said Larry Busch, one of the event's organizers.

"We've had MTV show up and they said they loved the event so much they wanted to come back at some point. One year, Good Morning America broadcast live from Campus Lake," Busch said.

David Goldman, a sophomore from Lincolnwood studying industrial design, said he planned to compete in his first boat regatta Saturday. He said he was surprised at how big the event was.

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First time regatta racer Kristen Allen, a junior from Effingham studying communication design, said she's competing in the event to fulfill a requirement for her graphic design class.

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Both Allen and Goldman are skeptical of their boats' floatation abilities.

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Customers Sam Liew, center, and his mother Chan Phan look at Thai jasmine rice and decide not to buy it because of the high price at Gold Star Supermarket in Sacramento, Calif., April 15. The retail price for a 50-pound sack of Thai jasmine rice has risen from roughly $20 to $40, straining budgets for families and restaurants.

**Jim Downing**

**CALIFORNIA TRIBUNE**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** — The global rice panic has come to Sacramento.

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Though the high rice prices are a boon. Even though the short- and medium-grain varieties grown in the state are sold into different markets than Thai jasmine rice, which has seen the steepest increases, spot-market prices for bulk California rice are up 50 percent since February, to about $200 to $300 per 100 pounds.

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President Bush’s failure to keep Congress informed has created friction that may imperil congressional support for Bush’s policies toward North Korea and Syria, he said.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the revelations make it clear that any deal to eliminate North Korean nuclear programs must also stop proliferation activities and include vigorous verification. But he said the information in the briefings was not a cause to end the talks.

MCCALLISTER: Chair, today, we focused on nuclear materials. Secretary of State Rice assured us that the United States is not pursuing nuclear weapons. How do you respond to the chair’s statement that recent evidence presented to the United States by Russian, Chinese and South Korean officials indicates that the North Koreans might be pursuing a nuclear weapons program in violation of their international obligations? RICE: First of all, I want to be clear about what the United States does not believe has happened. We believe that North Korea has not been pursuing a nuclear weapons program in violation of its international obligations. We believe that North Korea has not been pursuing a nuclear weapons program in violation of its international obligations.

Reagan administration officials say the North Koreans threatened to destroy a nuclear reactor in response to the United States' opposition to the North Korean nuclear program.

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The spike in the cost of Thai jasmine rice has jolted a number of rice-growing countries and also has boosted the price of rice. However, economists agree the increases largely have been driven by demand from booming Asian economies combined with poor harvests, though, the high rice prices are a boon. Even though the short- and medium-grain varieties grown in the state are sold into different markets than Thai jasmine rice, which has seen the steepest increases, spot-market prices for bulk California rice are up 50 percent since February, to about $200 to $300 per 100 pounds.

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Still, Van said, some of his customers have began to try other varieties. One morning last week, she pointed to a single bag of California medium-grain rice — typically used for sushi — lying on a display shelf. It was all that was left of a one-ton shipment that arrived two days earlier.

Rice panic in Sacramento has hit long-grain variety, too.

Hess officials are not interested in the Chinese aid, but they said they will continue to look for other ways to help the farmers.

As word of food riots and rampant inflation have spread to more Asian countries, rice prices world-wide have risen.
Friends and colleagues gathered Thursday morning to plant a tree in memory of an SIUC student who was found dead in a campus creek earlier this month.

Huaijun Meng, a doctoral student studying electrical and computer engineering, was an international student from China who came to SIUC in fall 2007. He was found near the south pedestrian bridge that crosses U.S. Highway 51 near Wright Hall April 2.

Roughly 25 people attended the memorial service organized by the department of electric and computer engineering. The service was held at 9 a.m. outside the Engineering Building.

Ning Weng, an assistant professor in electrical and computer engineering, said he was Meng’s professor and academic adviser. Weng said Meng was very nice and had a gentle heart; he was a very gentle man, quiet and shy. “He was a young, talented person,” Weng said. “His passing is a huge loss to us and his family.”

Weng also read a letter from Meng’s family at the service thanking the department for the thoughtfulness and generosity throughout the past month.

Weng, said Meng’s death came as a shock to the small Chinese community of Carbondale, even affecting those who did not know him.

Ada Chen, an assistant professor in electrical and computer engineering, said she was close to Meng but knew him as an outstanding student. “All students come from all kinds of countries and this is a big loss for all of us,” Chen said. Chen and Weng performed the ceremonial planting of the tree at the end of the service. Having a beautiful tree growing in southern Illinois in his honor would have made him happy, Weng said. Gladious Galanos, chairman of the department of electrical and computer engineering, said a plaque would be placed with the tree as well, but because the inscription is in both English and Chinese, it had to be sent out of Carbondale for engraving.

Galanos said the plaque should be placed beside the tree in about two to three weeks. Early autopsy results reported Meng’s death appeared to be caused by drowning, but the results of a toxicology report will finalize the cause of death. According to the Jackson County coroner’s office, the final reports will be available next week.

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Underage marriage unacceptable

Dear Editor:

I think most of us can agree with Ms. Lindsey that the way the state of Texas has handled the Eldorado Compound has been less than perfect. I think the children, especially those still being breastfed, should be allowed to see their mothers. I feel the mothers and the children are the victims here in this case.

What I don’t agree with is her attitude towards the marriage of children. Yes, when her great-grandparents were 13 they may have been able to get married, but laws have changed. When my great-grandparents were 13, nannies were legal, were used widely for recreational purposes and to care for common ailments.

Does that mean we should all be allowed to go use the nannies of our choice? Currently in the state of Texas where this religious sect chooses to live, you must be 16 years old to be legally married, but you must have parental consent. Most of the ‘marriages’ that have occurred are just ‘spiritual marriages,’ meaning they’re not legal.

You say, “Oh, but Texas practices common law.” If the person is under the age of 18 in the great state of Texas, they are unable to enter into a common law marriage even if they have parental consent.

Parental consent is what is happening when these men “marry” these young girls in statutory rape; plan and simple.

I personally have no problems with consenting adults of legal age being a polygamous lifestyle if that is what they choose to do. My great-great-grandmother was the fourth of 9 wives of her husband. After he passed away our government enacted laws that made polygamous marriages illegal. Several of my ancestors have practiced polygamy just as several have practiced monogamy, all of them were consenting adults by the laws of their time.

Amy Welling

graduate student studying exercise physiology

Supreme Court murky on executions and cruelty

The federal government and 36 states insist on maintaining the regrettable practice of capital punishment. The uncertainty over this issue resulted in an effective nationwide moratorium that lasted for months. Now, some states can be resumed executions. The court’s mixed ruling, however, guarantees more lawsuits and more appeals.

The court splintered on whether and why this particular method of lethal injection complies with the Constitution’s ban on “cruel and unusual punishment.” The mere fact that justices agreed authorities may not use a procedure that carries a genuine risk of needless suffering. But they couldn’t reach a consensus on what is required to meet that standard.

Justices Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia denounced the entire effort. In their view, anything is permissible except methods that are actually meant to inflict torture as well as death — never mind if they inflict torture through indifference or carelessness. But Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for a three-justice plurality, reached the sensible conclusion that the Constitution forbids any method posing “a substantial risk of serious harm” in the form of pointless suffering.

The plurality agreed, but found the first two killers challenged Kentucky’s use of a three-drug protocol: the first to induce a coma-like state, the second to cause paralysis and shut off breathing, and the third to stop the heart. If the first drug is administered incorrectly, they pointed out, the other drugs could produce suffocation and agony. The plurality agreed, but found that the state has adequate safeguards to ensure that doesn’t happen.

Robert and Co. also concluded that the alternative method the inmates offered is untried and might be even worse. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and David Souter, in dissent, noted that other states have adopted precautions to make sure the first drug has taken effect before the others are injected.

Among them: speaking the inmate’s name, touching eyelashes and using smelling salts to confirm unconsciousness. Maybe those steps aren’t so foolproof that they should be required by the court. But it’s hard to see why any state should mind incorporating them.

One sure thing is that this ruling will generate more lawsuits and a blizzard of briefs to sort out its full implications. Instead of using money to prevent crime and provide secure prisons, a lot of states will get to waste it defending their brand of capital punishment.

They could do themselves a favor by just giving it up.

This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune Wednesday.

Loved and abandoned, Pennsylvania grieves

Guest Column

Karen Heller

McClatchy Tribune

We’re sad. Not bitter — sad. Bereft, even. Hillary’s left. Barack’s departed. They’ve moved on.

We haven’t.

The phone slumbers. The mail slot is liber- ated from the clout of political mailers. Our Outlook inbox is cleared of hourly missives. The governor and mayor called nightly, never at 3 a.m., but nightly.

“Bet it’s Ed again,” we declared before lifting the receiver. Sure enough, it was.

In the final days, the surrogates receded. Barack, Hillary and the Big Dog phoned directly, as well they should. We mattered, big time.

Now, where, oh where, is the love?

Oh, right, decamped to Indiana and North Carolina.

Politicians are cruel and cutting like that. Court ten and leave ten.

Do they write? Do they call? No, they do not.

For six weeks, the klieg lights shone on Pennsylvania. It was like being Lindsey Lohan or something. Now, we’ve been dumped, experiencing withdrawal as the recovering celebratess of primary politics.

We hoped the candidates would do for Pennsylvania what scores of politicians have done for New Hampshire and Iowa, deliver- ing pothole-free highways and juicy govern- ment pork, much the way that West Virginia did. Instead of using money to pre- vent crime and provide secure prisons, a lot of states will get to waste it defending their brand of capital punishment.

Pennsylvania was drenched in salty ste- reotypes, as if the place was straight out of “The Deer Hunter,” generalizations that weren’t even true in 1969. Honest, we’re hip to this 21st-century stuff. Philadelphians even rebranded their homeless shelters as “overnight cabinets,” sort of like BYOBs without the B’s.

Week six! We thought it would spoil us forever. Who knew that six weeks of atten- tion would reduce a state of 12.4 million to the cliché of bitte, bowling, gun-toting, church-climbing, beer-chugging, cheesesteak-scarfing “Rocky” farm?

Waxing nostalgic, Hillary spoke of her summers in Scranton playing pinocchio because, apparently, YAML was too hip. Barack went to find big money in San Francisco and described folks here as bitter. Let this be clear. We can do better.

But when Pennsylvanians get angry and frustrated about the state of things, they don’t cling to guns or religion. They cling to their utter disgust with the Bush administra- tion.

Which would fit Obama’s description of our “antipathy to people who aren’t like them.”

Who’s going to fly now? The polls and the press, off to Indiana and North Carolina, both hosting primaries May 6. Expect the usual: Hoosier, basketball and barbecue to be uttered ad nauseam.

Meanwhile, we’ve been left in the rust.
Southern Illinois ... naturally

Garden of the Gods and Cache River State Natural Area

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Editor’s Note: This is the final story in a four-part series exploring recreational parks and preserves in the southern Illinois region.

Walking down the trail at Garden of the Gods is like taking a trip back through time — 320 million years, to be exact.

Sandstone formations dominate the horizon, some of the bluffs reaching 100 feet in height. Much of the rock displays oddly shaped swirls and bands of darker stone, creating designs and sculptures in the rock face: a natural outdoor art gallery.

From the observation deck, the view allows visitors to see for miles, overlooking the lush, rolling hills of the Wildcat Mountains. From the observation deck, it’s something you wouldn’t expect it in Illinois,” Ensign said.

Some of the rock formations seen from the observation trail feature iron deposits that create unique swirls, bands and pools in the sandstone.

The other major trail is the River-to-River Trail, an easy, enjoyable hike.

“Heron Pond is kind of a natural area, comprised of bluffs, wetland areas and new and it’s really cool,” Ensign said. “The sun rises over the Buttonland Swamp in the Cache River State Natural Area Sunday. This globally recognized site, located just south of Vienna, allows a glimpse into a natural area comprised of bluffs, bottomland swamps and sloughs.

“Gloria Bode says check out what the Pulse team says in chatter online!”

“Tis something completely different and raw and it’s really cool … you get to climb on rocks and look out over giant hills and trees,” Ensign said.

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I'm looking at moving because I don't like the idea that my rent can just go up whenever. At the beginning of the semester, it's not a problem because financial aid helps cover it. — Jake Einhorn, sophomore studying theater

GPSC elects new officers

Three students are preparing to take on new leadership roles within the university's graduate student government. Graduate and Professional Student Council elected new officers at its final meeting of the semester Tuesday night. Kyle Stevens, a second year law student from Tunnel Hill, defeated current president Steven Middleton by one vote. Stevens said his main goal was to improve the organization's prominence on campus. "I think one of the things about GPSC is, how many people really know about it?" Stevens said. "It's such an under the radar thing almost and I'd just like to make it more visible."

Stevens said he planned to improve the organization's Web site by making it more user-friendly. He said he also wanted to bridge the gap between law students and other graduate and professional students. Stevens emphasized his plan to have an open door policy and said students could come into his office, meet up with him in Starbucks or even contact him through Facebook. Middleton, a graduate student from Iowa studying psychology, was voted to fill the position of vice president of Administrative Affairs. Claudia Torres-Ambriz, a graduate student from California studying sculpture, was voted vice president of Graduate School Affairs.

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Northern Iowa holds a one-game first place lead over Wichita State in the MVC standings and features a high-octane offense led by junior infielder Brandon Douglas.

Douglas, who is hitting .392, is third in the MVC in batting average and also has a team-high 41 RBIs. Northern Iowa’s everyday lineup carries five batters with a .324 average.

Its pitching staff is equally impressive.

Only junior pitcher Nick Kirk (4-4, 3.74 ERA) has an ERA under 4.00 but the other two members of the pitching staff have impressive stats in their own right.

Senior pitcher Guido Fonseca carries a 4.03 ERA with a team-high seven wins and 65 strikeouts. Fellow senior Taylor Sinclair has a 5-1 record and a 4.06 ERA.

SIU is led by junior catcher Mark Kelly and senior starting pitcher Shawn Joy.

Kelly drove in the game-winning run against Missouri Wednesday. He is batting .324, second best on the team, with a team-high 33 RBIs. He said the 2-1 win against Missouri was critical.

“We had a meeting about it being a 16-game season the rest of the way and now we know we can hang with just about anyone in the country,” Kelly said.
Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered?
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Bianca Stuart

SIU junior jumper Bianca Stuart was named the Missouri Valley Conference Women’s Field Athlete of the Week. Her 20-foot-8-inch jump met regional qualifications for the NCAA Outdoor Championships. Stuart joins Warmelink, Brandon Deloney, and Andrea Nos as Athlete of the Week winners.

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Former Saluki quarterback Nick Hill looks for an open receiver during the Aug. 31, 2006, game against Lock Haven.

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Salukis hit the road to finish season

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Blaylock said she isn’t worried about spending the last weeks of the regular season on the road and hopes the time at home has refreshed the team.

“For the most part, I don’t think our team will have any real momentum going into the series against Missouri State,” Blaylock said.

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“I honestly, it makes me feel pretty good because you’re hopefully a little more refreshed and you haven’t been spending so much time on the road,” Blaylock said.

But with another series at Bradley next weekend, Blaylock said she isn’t getting worried about the Salukis’ position in the conference tournament.

“I think every series is important and I’d hate to look at the next-to-last conference series and feel like it’s the one,” Blaylock said. “It’s really not and you’re just trying to take care of busi- ness all along the way.”

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Katie Schmidt
Daily Egyptian

Pitcher during the April 19 doubleheader against Creighton. The Salukis will go on the road to play Missouri State in a doubleheader Saturday and a single game Sunday.

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Matt Hartwig
Daily Egyptian

After going 2-2 against a pair of the nations top 10 teams this week, things aren’t getting any easier for the SIU baseball team.

The Salukis return to Missouri Valley Conference play this weekend against Northern Iowa after dealing No. 10 Missouri a 2-1 loss in O’Fallon, Mo., Wednesday.

“Hopefully this does a lot for our confidence,” SIU coach Dan Callahan said. “We’ve been playing, a lot of the top teams in the country and we hope this carries over to this weekend.”

The Salukis (21-17, 4-8 MVC) will have their hands full with the Panthers (24-12, 10-2) when the series begins at 6:30 p.m. today at Waterloo Riverfront Stadium.

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