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New apartment complex to open fall 2008

Clubhouse will include exercise facility, game room, mailboxes, tanning beds, volleyball court



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By Jessica Moore
Rocket Contributor

Another new apartment complex is scheduled to be open and ready for tenants to move in by Fall 2008, threatening to take away from on-campus housing and other off-campus apartment complexes.

The Heights, a new apartment complex that's being built across from the Giant Eagle plaza on Grove City Road, has already begun leasing apartments for Fall 2008.

"There are only nine leases remaining," said Kara D'Antonio, the Heights property manager. "I've been giving approximately four tours a day."

The Heights will consist of 100 apartment

units, each with four bedrooms.

D'Antonio said the apartments will cost \$1,700 per month, or \$425 per person per month, which includes Internet access, cable with HBO, trash removal, parking and clubhouse use.

D'Antonio said the clubhouse will include an exercise facility, game room, mailboxes, tanning beds, and sand volleyball court.

All of the apartments will be fully furnished and will include a dishwasher and washer and dryer units, she said.

D'Antonio said that each of the four bedrooms will include its own bathroom and that each unit will also include a half bathroom.

"Each apartment contains 1,800 square feet of functional, livable space," D'Antonio

said. "Even the washer and dryer are tucked away so they don't take up any space. No one spends time in the laundry room."

She said that each apartment is to include an outdoor patio where grilling will be allowed.

"The patios on the back of each of the apartments face each other, forming a giant courtyard," D'Antonio said. "It almost invites the residents to come out and meet their neighbors."

There will be four parking spaces in front of each apartment for each of the four occupants, plus an additional parking space for guests, meaning a total

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Students upset about canceled class trips

By Amie Rodriguez
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Slippery Rock University students are expressing frustration after a university quota denied them the opportunity to visit Russia over the 2008 spring break.

The quota system in place requires that any university-sponsored trip include a minimum number of students. This means that at least 12 to 15 students need to sign up for a trip for it to receive funding from the university, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Bill Williams said.

Lauren Wilhelm, a political science major and one of the students who had planned on going to Russia, is upset about such a quota system being in place.

"Nine students are being penalized by the university because of a 15-person quota that dictates that it's not worth subsidizing the trip and that it's just too much work to rewrite the budget and make the necessary changes," Wilhelm said.

This semester there are approximately 200 students going on university-sponsored trips during spring break, said Pam Frigot, director of international services.

Junior political science major Ryan McGregor said that going to Russia in the spring meant a lot to his future goals and ambitions.

"At first I felt we could work through the problem," he said, "but the communication with people of authority were met with little promise."

Originally there were 13 trips planned but only 10 these trips are still scheduled, Frigot said. The three trips cancelled were going to Russia; Prague, Czech Republic; and London.

The cancellation in each instance was due to insufficient enrollment, she said.

The total cost per student for 2008

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The other Windy City



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A tree fell at 3:15 a.m. on Wednesday morning on South Main Street, damaging two electric poles and causing a power outage from Kiester Road to South Main Street.

Slippery Rock Police Capt. Terry Brown said that no damage was done to any houses, but because of the active wires, barricades were set up to redirect traffic. The Allegheny Power Company worked until 4 p.m. on Wednesday cleaning up and restoring the power to the surrounding areas.

Vice president elected during SGA meeting

Senators approve creation of two new executive board positions

By April Aven
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The Student Government Association voted Thursday in favor of changing the bylaws of the organization's constitution and also chose a new vice president of advancement.

Tyson Johnston, a sophomore geography and environmental studies major, is now a part of the executive board for this semester.

According to President Larry Brink, the position requires the senate member to maintain the SGA Web site and handle public relations duties.

The position has been vacant since the start of the semester after Justin Lubecki stepped down at the end of the fall semester.

Johnston, the former Harner Hall senator, said he thought he was the most qualified candidate to fill the vacancy because he currently maintains two Web sites and has already helped plan events for SGA this school year.

"I helped with an event at the Ski Lodge, which was successful," Johnston said. "The event gave the students a good way to have some place to go and speak to senators."

Johnston said he felt he represented the university well both on and off the SRU campus. "As a camp representative for the Boy Scouts, not only do I run that Web site, I work with the teenagers who are interested in outdoor recreation," he said.

Johnston said that he felt he would fit in with the current executive board since he already works with the members.

"I believe things can only get better," Johnston said.

Johnston ran against Nathan Jones, a communication major, and Ryan McGregor, a political science major.

The SGA also approved the provisions in the new bylaws that define the executive board's new positions and active duties.

In addition to redefining the duties of the executive board members, the new bylaws, which were passed by a 28-1 margin, also provide for the creation of two new executive board positions.

The first is the position of vice president of administrative affairs, who will be responsible for maintaining proper paperwork and facilitating administrative duties. The second is the position of vice

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WEATHER

Forecast from National Weather Service

Friday Saturday Sunday



High: 37; Low: 24 High: 40; Low: 22 High: 44; Low: 25

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