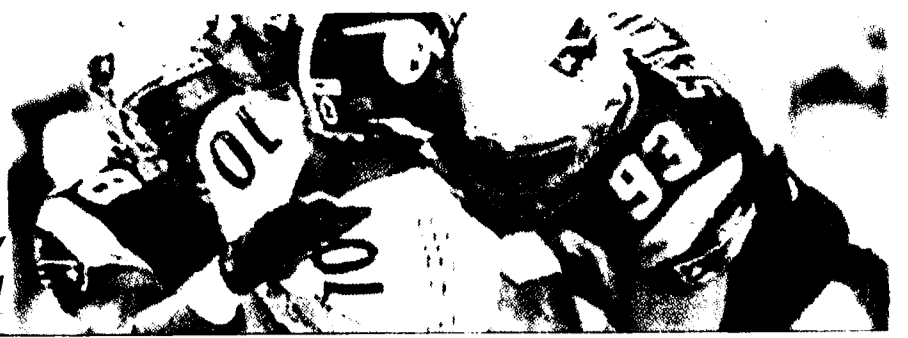


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Residence hall prices rise Essential living expenses for students

By Emily Hannah
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Across the Penn State University campuses, all campuses that are run by Housing and/or Food Services will experience an increase in the cost of living in the residence halls, apartments and suites on campus.

The increase in the price for living on campus at Behrend and all other campuses will be in effect the academic year of 2005 to 2006.

This year the price of living in the residence halls, Perry, Lawrence and Niagara, was \$1,625 a year per person. Next year the price will increase to \$1,715.

The price of living in the standard suites, Porcupine, Tigress and Tiffany, for this academic year of 2004 to 2005 was \$1,195. The increase will change this price to \$2,020 per person per year.

"It is necessary to increase the costs..."

For the Suites, Almy, Ohio and Senat, the price this year was \$1,915 per person. This upcoming academic year it will be at the price of \$2,185 for a double and for a single it will be \$2,070.

While all those prices have increased, the apartments will as well for the academic year of 2005 to 2006. They are currently \$1,960. However next year they will be at the price of \$2,070.

According to Randall Geering, director of Housing and Food Services, "A reason for the increases would be inflation, the cost of crude oil, produce and dairy prices have increased dramatically and health care costs for the employees."

Over the past ten years the university has committed \$50 million to add all residence hall areas with sprinkler protection in the case of a fire. As of now, all of the halls here at Behrend have been completed.

Still there are more renovations to

be made to Lawrence and Niagara Halls. There will be a second renovation to be completed. It includes the upgrade of the main lobbies, which will include new windows, window treatments and new building signs. All stairwells will receive new flooring and the stairwells in Lawrence will be completely rebuilt.

Geering said that there is a five-year plan which targets areas that need to be upgraded. Geering also said that each year, carpet in ten apartments are replaced. This year they completed their last ten apartments.

In the apartment complex, all the roofs have been replaced as well. Two to three roofs have been replaced each summer for the past four years, making the job complete. Each apartment bedroom has also received brand new curtains.

"It is necessary to increase the costs so we can provide the service and facilities that students come to Behrend to expect," Geering said.

In the past four years Housing and Food Services has invested over \$20 million in previous renovations and the construction of Senat Hall, housing 150 more students.

There is a plan to invest a \$5 million renovation to Dobbins which will commence sometime during the oncoming year.

The Board of Trustees for Penn State sets the room and board rates every year in November.

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The new lion statue, a senior gift from the class of 2003-2004, keeps watch outside the Junker Center.

New lion statue prowls Junker

By Jenna O'Block
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Two weeks ago, Penn State Behrend received its very own lion statue. It was placed by the Junker Center on Nov. 19. Behrend was one of the last Penn State campuses to receive a lion statue. The statue came from the sole manufacturer in Pennsylvania who has the only mold of this size lion.

"Ten years ago statues were offered to all the Penn State campuses but Behrend did not get one," said Brian Streeter, athletic director.

For now, the statue is located right outside of the Junker Center on the left side by the entrance but that is not its permanent place. In the spring it is going to be moved to the opposite side of where it is now in the grass by the pine trees.

"Instead of leaving it in storage all winter, we wanted to put it out before Thanksgiving break so students could see it," said Streeter. When the statue is moved it is going to be placed in a shrine that costs between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The Behrend Lion statue itself cost \$5,000.

The statue is around 7.5 feet long and about 44 inches tall. Behrend's Lion is three-quarters the size of the Nittany Lion statue at University Park.

"I think it is good that Behrend finally got a statue because it is something that all the campuses have and it ties them all together," said Amy Drauch, DUS 01.

Originally, Behrend teams, prior to becoming an NCAA Division III school,

used to be called the Behrend Cubs. In 1984 Penn State Behrend became a NCAA institution and took the opportunity to change its mascot from a cub to a Behrend Lion.

"The statue can be a marking point for campus," said Streeter. "It will be used for graduation and wedding pictures as well."

"I think it was a nice improvement to our campus; now if they can only get the grass to grow," said Morgan Hanson, CEMBD 05.

Along with the shrine and the statue, Behrend also got paw signs that are hanging on the poles on the way to the Junker Center.

"The idea is for the paws to be leading you to the Behrend Lion," said Streeter.

The lion statue is a gift to Behrend from the classes 2003 and 2004. They

raised the money by asking for donations from those graduating to participate in a class gift.

"Money pledged by graduates is used to purchase a class gift," said Streeter. "In this case is the new lion statue for this campus."

However, donations are still being taken all the way up to December. The last class gift was from the classes 2001 and 2002, who donated the flag pole located by Eric Hall.

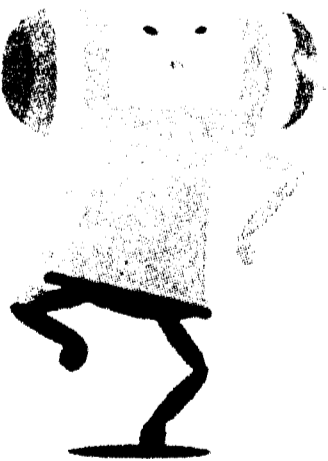
Lion Facts

Cost: \$5000
7.5 feet long
44 inches tall
3/4 size of UP lion
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Housing, id+ offices make move Consolidation in Senat Hall improves office effectiveness

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The Housing and Food Services office and id+ office have moved from their campus locations to the newly built Senat Hall as of November.

The Housing and Food Services office, which had been previously housed in Dobbins Hall, and id+ office, which had been located in the Reed Union Building, serve many functions. Primarily it is where all of the administrative functions that run the Housing and Food Service operations take place. Also, it is where students, faculty and staff can get their id+ cards.

The office complex in Senat Hall contains offices for the director, the assistant director and the housing manager, as well as four staff assistants. The office contains three managerial offices, two storage rooms, a general office area, a conference room and a restroom. The old Housing office had one-and-a-half managerial offices, one storage room, and one general office area.

Randall Geering, director of Housing and Food Services said, "The Housing and Food Service offices have moved to Senat Hall from Dobbins Hall because the Dobbins office was inaccessible to anyone with a disability."

The office in Dobbins has been there since the original construction of the building in 1972 and was very old. Senat Hall seemed to be the best choice due to



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Randall Geering, director of housing and food services, talks with Diana Wolfgong, staff assistant, in the new office located in Senat Hall. Housing and id+ combined offices in Nov.

its newly renovated building which opened in the fall of this semester.

"In the move we also moved the id+ office from the Reed building into Senat. We combined the offices to use our labor more efficiently," said Geering. "And the other reason is that the Housing and

Food Services office is now closer to the hub of the activity on campus."

The new office is located in Senat Hall catty corner from the south entrance to Reed Union building. There are temporary signs in that area to direct students and faculty members to the new

office. The old office area will be renovated to possibly become a conference room and Special Event Dining Room when Dobbins gets renovated next year.

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