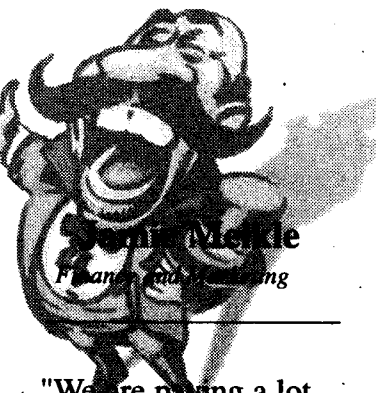
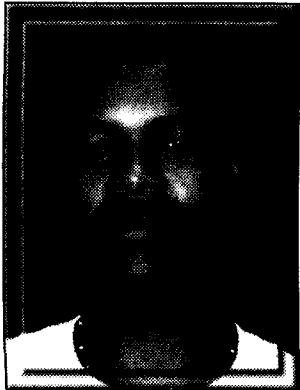


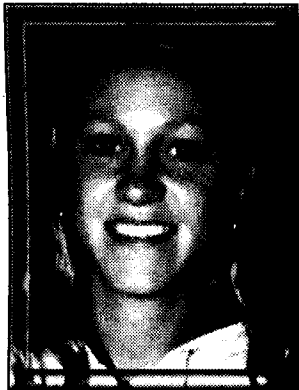
STUDENT SPEAK OUT
BY AMY SHUR

What are the pros/cons of the new housing?



"We are paying a lot more for the dorms and we have no where close to the building to put our trash."

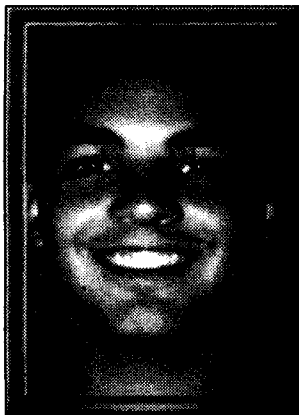
Justin Mast
Management



"The great things about the new housing are the phone lines, the computer connections, and the free extended cable. However, the couches are hard, the kitchen drawers are too small, and we can't put anything on the wall."

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Management

"...friendly neighbors that party at exactly 3:30 a.m. every morning"

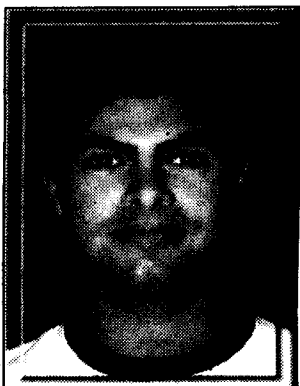


Shante Miller
Communication



"One pro of new student housing is location, they are very close to classes. One con is spiders, all my kitchen electrical sockets are upside down."

Mark Rivas
Information Systems Technology



"Con-Some appliances like the central AC are difficult to control. Pro-very close to all my classes."

TUITION RISES AS DOES STUDENT FINANCIAL CONCERNS

By Rachel Shepherd
Features Editor

Students attending this campus and any other Penn State campus opened their pocketbooks a little wider this year as tuition increased by 13.5 percent.

Upper-division students, the thrust of students at the Capital Campus, witnessed an increase of \$502 per semester and graduate students will pay an additional \$534 per semester. Lower-division students have an increase of \$477 per semester.

Penn State President Graham Spanier said the raise in tuition is a result of a combination of reasons, including a cut in state appropriations, increased cost of health insurance for employees, increased insurance costs due to the terrorist attacks, salary increases, and other inflationary increases.

"Most students understand the need to raise tuition and support our principle that quality should never be eroded," says Spanier. "Yet some students are unhappy and frustrated because the state, by forcing such high tuition increases, is shifting more of the burden of public higher education to the students and their families."

Spanier says there has

been no effect on enrollment since the increase. However, students react to the increase with mixed emotions. "My Dad helps me pay tuition," said Jason Hildreth, junior, secondary ed. "[My parents] have a

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trust fund set up for me so I am not really worried."

Amy Brown, junior, public policy, said, "I think that the increase was probably necessary. In today's society nothing is free and costs keep increasing. On the other hand," she said, "instead of increasing tuition, I wonder if the thought of cutting the budget was considered?"

Kimberly Morda, a sociology major and sophomore at Harrisburg Area Community College said she is searching for schools to continue her bachelor's degree. She claims Penn State is no longer an option. "I am a cheap-skate," she said. "Four-

thousand dollars is too much money for a semester."

Although some students believe the increase wiped them out, one student says she is satisfied with the quality of education for the price. "You get what you pay for," said Nicholette Boyer, junior, disciplinary humanities. "I get the best education for the money I pay."

One anonymous student believes there have been many opportunities for cuts in the budget. She said that when arriving for classes, she noticed many tables with free food such as cheese, nachos, and ice cream. She said she was aware that SGA paid for those things but she suggested that a decrease in SGA's budget would help tuition stay at a steady rate. "I know SGA gives money to clubs and does necessary things for the campus, but in the same respect I feel that by cutting out the unnecessary things it might make a difference when the question is brought up about increasing tuition again." But what is done is done, she said. "In two simple words I can sum it all up...it sucks."

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If we wish to champion the people, we must aid them without fail, regardless of whether we benefit or not.

One reason much of the world hates Americans is because of the hypocrisy we uphold. We hide behind false convictions and values in order to achieve a desired agenda. We forgo our ideals to better ourselves.

The phrase, "let's call a spade a spade," seems to fit. If we want Saddam out because we don't want to bargain with him when he gets a nuclear arsenal, then let that be known. If the war is to secure cheaper oil prices to help our economy, which also serves to help other national economies, then let that be known. But let us not hide behind moral arguments because war, no matter what, can never be a moral endeavor.

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