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Dorm fees to be raised next year

Fees go up while service goes down, claim students living on campus

by Tricia Goldberg

Amid numerous complaints about phone service and other problems in the dormitories, it appears that there will be an increase in dorm fees for next year.

Dorm residents are predictably upset about the increase.

"For what you're getting, it's not worth it," said Brian Singleton, a dorm resident. "We'll be paying more for nothing." He said he doesn't know what he can do except consider moving off-campus, and he considers the fee raise the "last straw" among the problems of living in the dorms.

"It's horrible living here. The toilets overflow, the phone is messed up, and now they want more money from us," said one female dorm resident who would not identify herself.

"It sucks," said Kevin Caspers, a dorm resident. Although his parents pay his dorm fees and the increase doesn't directly affect him, he said he feels the increase is unwarranted.

Dorm residents questioned stressed the problems in the dorms as well as the fee increase—namely, the phone problems. Joe Santon said his phone will not ring. He said the only way he knows somebody is trying to call him is because his message machine turns on.

Dr. Robert Ackerman, Vice President of Student Services, said that the dorms are "self-supporting." That means the dorms don't get any money from the university or the state.

"Our costs have gone up. There is fuel, utilities, staffing. Twenty-five percent of the fees go

to pay for construction debt. Food prices have increased also," Ackerman said.

"We understand," Ackerman said when questioned about the phone problems. "The phone system, however, is 20 plus years old."

He said the entire phone system would be replaced over the summer, "at a cost of approximately \$750,000." He said this was an "expensive project and will be an inconvenience to the campus."

"This summer, for you and I (people on campus) to have a conversation, it will have to be in person....but after this summer, the problem will be solved," Ackerman said.

In response to a student's letter in *The Yellin' Rebel* stating that there were no problems when Centel was involved, Ackerman

stated, "Centel can't run the system. It would be too expensive for the students. Every time a student changed rooms, he would have to pay a fee for disconnecting and reconnecting the line."

Dr. Terry Piper, Director of Residential Life, said, "We have only proposed a rate increase." "It is not yet final. It will be submitted to President Maxson, who decides if he agrees with it. He then proposes it to the Board of Regents, who approve (or reject) it."

"The range of increase is from \$213 to \$246 per semester. We try to project our costs and maintain a

\$0 budget," Piper said. That means that after all costs are paid, there will be as little money as possible left.

Piper mentioned that a letter printed in the newspaper last week suggested that there was a surplus in the dorm budget. He stressed that this was not true and that the goal was a \$0 budget for the dorms.

Despite Piper's statement that the dorm fee increase was not yet final, Ackerman provided *The Yellin' Rebel* with fees to be charged for fall and spring next year. These figures are per semester.

Room	Board 12 meals per week	Board 15 meals per week	Board 19 meals per week
\$1,575	\$750	\$815	\$890
Totals:	\$2,325	\$2,390	\$2,465



Tark and the Rebel players after Saturday's loss.

photo by Richard Munson

Student Government president says 'sue me.'

by Tricia Goldberg

The annual Springfest between Student Body President Joe Bunin and Vice President of Student Services Robert Ackerman due to a lack of grounds clean up on the part of Student Government after the event.

Bunin announced at the last senate meeting (in a 20-minute explanation complete with role playing of all parties involved) that he had received a memo from Eric Walters, assistant director of Moyer Student Union (MSU) that said Student Government would be charged \$50 for the cleaning up of the grounds after the SpringFest. Bunin said he initialed the memorandum and put the words "Forget It" on it and also wrote "Void" across it before sending it back.

Walters responded with a call to Bunin telling him that he had spoken with Ackerman who told him Bunin would pay the \$50.

Bunin said he told Walters, "You're gonna have to sue me."

According to Bunin, who asked for moral support seven times during the meeting, "Whatever was supposed to happen to our cleanup crew, it must have failed because apparently the janitor and people from MSU picked it up. I didn't authorize them to do it. If anybody did, it shouldn't have been done. I signed paperwork and paid money for people to do cleanup. We screwed up. We should take the approach that I should make the approval."

According to Walters, the SpringFest event was over at 1:30 p.m.

"Student Government signed a routine agreement that stated (they) would clean up during and after this Student Government-sponsored event," he said. "We went out there and saw that at 2:30 p.m., it hadn't been cleaned. We cleaned it up."

When asked why he did not inform Bunin of his intent to

clean the courtyard before he actually did it, Walters said, "We could have asked, but policy states that we can do it (clean up after an event). We're not out to get Student Government."

"Student groups must be accountable. Some other campus groups cannot even use the building because of past problems," he added. "We have never asked for a damage deposit from Student Government. We might ask for a damage deposit in the future."

Bunin said he had a "fun" conversation with Ackerman about the mix-up. He said that Ackerman told him it was a breach of contract (for them not to have cleaned up.) Bunin told Ackerman he still wouldn't pay the money.

According to Bunin, Ackerman said that even though it wasn't right, (Ackerman) would pay the \$50 and "let you win this one."

Bunin said the matter had not been resolved. "They are out of their ever-lovin' minds," he said. "The conversation didn't end very well. We ended with my saying, 'You just don't give a sh*t.'"

Ackerman said, "Student groups typically pay \$75 for cleaning up after an event. Student Government is getting a good deal. I'm not sure why Joe is making such a big deal out of this. There were a lot of people there, and there was a lot of litter on the ground. It had been sitting there one hour already, and we don't need the wind carrying the garbage all over campus for the operations and maintenance people to have to take care of."

In spite of the differences between university officials, students enjoyed the music and free food SpringFest provided in the MSU courtyard. The activities on the following day (Friday) had no apparent problems. At exactly 1:30 p.m., Student Government members were seen busily picking up trash.

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Defense keys Duke victory

All they could do was watch

A fan's perspective of the Rebels' loss to Duke

by Richard Munson

All may have been quiet in Mudville when the great Casey struck out, but in Indianapolis, there was an earth-rattling roar from the crowd when the team considered fourth-best in history was defeated. The cheers would have sent the town of Mudville shaking for fear of an earthquake.

The impossible, improbable, unbelievable and unthinkable had been done. Fans from Duke, Kansas and North Carolina were elated as David had once again beaten Goliath. Rebel fans stood in disbelief as the players and coaches exited the floor.

After the last seconds ticked away, it was easy to see the majority of the fans were anti-Rebel. Two motionless seas of red were found. Rebel fans were left standing in the last seconds, watching the basket that would not fall in.

Then there was nothing anyone could do. It was no longer a given. The game—as exciting as it was—was over. The season was over. The dreams of a second National Championship were gone.

Fans stood as if they were at their first high school dance, not knowing what to say or do next. They could only stand quietly and watch as Duke had done the impossible.

• Editor's Note •

It's been 30 working days since president Joe Bunin received his 21-day extension for producing proof of his eligibility.