Housing costs increase by 4.8 percent

Uptick to pay for renovations, state-mandated pay raises

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Students at USC will be paying more for housing and other living expenses as pay raises and renovations continue to drive up total college costs. The average room rate for campus housing went up 4.8 percent this year, with increases ranging from 4.0 to 5.8 percent.

The most expensive housing options, apartments on the Horseshoe and in the Quads and single rooms in the Housman Residence Hall, will top $5,000 for the 2012-13 year. Hall-style residence halls (Bates House, the Roost, McBryde Quadrangle, South Tower and the Women’s Quadrangle), remain the least expensive at $4,130 per year.

Many of these dorms have also seen the highest rate increases. Residents in the recently renovated Horseshoe apartments, Preston Residential College, Bates West, Maxcy College, Caspian House and Columbia Hall will pay 5.6 to 5.8 percent more than last year.

Housing Director Kirsten Kennedy said many of the increases were market adjustments recommended in the university's master housing plan, which was approved by the board of trustees last summer.

The average room rate for residence halls, which includes room, board and laundry, went up 5.8 percent. Increases in housing rates for recently renovated residence halls like Maxcy College (above) are the highest at 5.6 to 5.8 percent.

The most expensive housing on campus, the Women’s Quadrangle, South Tower and the Women’s Quadrangle, will see new rates of $8,3 million. Woodrow’s new stairwells and furniture for its 15th floor hallways, Colitage and Harper/Elliott College, were both outfitted with new interior doors, stairwells and furniture for $6.3 million. Woodrow’s new window installation and fire suppression system cost $3.1 million. Macey College’s new mechanical system first-floor configuration for the new Carolina International House and $4 million.

Rate increases for most other residence halls, including South Tower, West (Green) Quad, East Quad and South Quad, stayed the 4.5 to 4.6 percent range. Residents of the Roost, which is set to be demolished by 2017, in the master housing plan, will pay the smallest increase at 4.0 percent.

Kennedy said this year’s increases are "fairly typical."
Olympics not a game for London interns

Sports and entertainment management students spending 12 weeks behind the scenes in U.K.

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Every four years the world gathers around the television sets and cheers for their country’s athletes in a variety of different events. The opening ceremony, the games and the closing ceremony are each a part of meticulously planned events. While the rest of the world does not witness this planning, 49 sport and entertainment management students were selected as interns to experience the behind-the-scenes planning for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London firsthand.

The internship is hosted through Cleanevent, a company that has a contract for much of the behind-the-scenes planning for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. “I knew we were bringing many of our students. The growth I have seen in them already, like being at summer camp. I’ve have had a lot of fun and have really enjoyed meeting new people from the [Sports and Entertainment Management Department] and from across the world.”

Taylor was also impressed with the students’ work ethic and performance. “This is an incredible experience for our students. The growth I have seen in them already, even before the games comes, is amazing,” he said. “I knew we were bringing many of our best, but they have performed above my high expectations. The university should be quite proud of the way our students have conducted themselves in a very intense atmosphere.”

Maxcy College is currently undergoing renovations for the 2012-2013 school year.

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incubator, a lot of great students came to me with ideas but I couldn’t help them,” said Stevenson, professor of entrepreneurship and strategic management at the Moore School of Business. “To enter the incubator you need to have a plan, but for the instigator you only need an idea.”

The instigator is headquartered in the basement of the Moore School of Business, and faculty members, as well as professionals from the USC/Columbia Technology Incubator, will be holding office hours and general hours to assist students. In larger universities, it’s hard to commercialize ideas because you need a cross-functional team, Brown said. Using the instigator, students will have access to the best breed of experience and majors.

Currently the College of Engineering and Computing, College of Pharmacy, College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of Research have committed to having offices, but Brown expects the rest of the colleges to commit soon. The USC/Columbia Technology Incubator has been focusing on high-tech companies, as opposed to lifestyle businesses. Brown hopes the instigator will serve as a virtual “water cooler,” or “coffee shop” that will facilitate chatter, accelerate the growth of the connections and produce the type of technology businesses that may eventually be able to enter the incubator.

“I absolutely would have used the instigator,” said Ian Steen, who served as the Entrepreneurship Club’s president and will graduate in August. “It’s a great opportunity to have someone hear your thoughts while you’re in college and fully surrounded by intellectuals.”
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Plan your purchases instead of spending on frivolous items. You may find a deal that is too good to pass up.

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Handle negotiations soon. Don’t talk about what you want. Let the other party do the talking. Get the deal done.

**Virgo**

Focus on work in the coming days. Don’t fall for old ploys. Get your work done and move on.

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Quarterback charged with speeding, driving after underage drinking

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McEvoy has been suspended from all team activities, per the South Carolina athletics department policy. As a senior at Bergen Catholic High School, McEvoy was named the 2010 New Jersey Offensive Player of the Year after passing for 2,264 yards and 14 touchdowns. McEvoy also rushed for 1,196 yards and 14 touchdowns that season. His senior season was McEvoy's first at the quarterback position, as he played wide receiver and safety during his sophomore and junior years. McEvoy arrived in Columbia as the No. 11 recruit in the state of New Jersey and as 25th-ranked athlete in the country.

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The 6-foot-6-inch, 206-pound McEvoy enrolled last season and was expected to battle Dylan Thompson, Andrew Clifford and Seth Strickland for the No. 2 quarterback position behind Connor Shaw. The Hillbilly, N.J. native was listed as the fourth-string quarterback on USC's pre-season depth chart.

McEvoy will be suspended until meeting with new athletic director Ray Tanner, who will decide how long McEvoy will be kept from participating in team activities. “It will be Tanner vs. Tanner in the meeting,” Webster said Tuesday. “So when the Tanners get through talking we will find out what the punishment is.”

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After losing Stephon Gilmore to the NFL draft, USC will look to replace him with Victor Hampton and Akron Auguste at the corners. Auguste missed all of 2011 with an injury, but Hampton showed promise last year. DeVonte Holloman will be moving to spart to replace Antonio Allen. A healthy Brison Williams, who suffered a broken arm last season, will also give the Gamecocks additional depth in the secondary.

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Connor Shaw enters 2012 with Stephen Garcia of the starting role quarterback job. After relieving Spurrier arrived in Columbia, there against Vanderbilt on August 30. Thursday night opener in Nashville momentum in the 2012 campaign. USC looks to build on last year's the program has ever seen. After a begins fall camp this week among control over the offense. Barring injury, Shaw should be under center for every meaningful snap this season. If Shaw goes down, the backup role will likely go to Dylan Thompson.

Quarterback: South Carolina fans are unanimously waiting to see if junior Marcus Lattimore is back at 100 percent following a season-ending knee injury last season against Mississippi State. The Gamecocks turned to Brandon Wilds for the second half of the season, and the freshman filled in nicely. Along with Wilds, USC can also land the fall to senior Kenny Miles or redshirt freshman Shaw Carosen. Several capable tailbacks means the Gamecocks will be able to spread the ball over the backfield and keep Lattimore and company fresh.

Wide Receivers: USC's go-to receiver, Alshon Jeffery, is now catching passes for the Chicago Bears, as the Gamecocks will rely on a multitude of players to replace his productivity. The main target for Shaw could be junior Ace Sanders, who came up with several big catches last season, along with D'Angelo Smith and D.L. Moore. As Stanford's Byrd is another speedster who could take a bigger part in the passing game this year. Gamecocks will now out Alshon's younger brother, Shamier Jeffrey, can stop up recharging last season.

Offensive Line: The front five will be anchored by senior center T.J. Johnson, who will serve as the veteran leader on the line. USC has Brandon Shell as a potential solution at the tackle spot, but Shell has only played four snaps in his collegiate career. Sophomore tackle Mike Matautia showed potential in several starts last season for the Gamecocks. With USC relying more on a ground attack, the offensive line will have to hold its own against the talented defensive fronts in the SEC.

Defensive Line: USC will lose one of the top defensive lines in the conference and possibly in the nation. After a strong freshman campaign, defensive end Jadeveon Clowney will be expected to have more of an impact in his second year in Columbia. Combined with senior Devin Taylor, the Gamecocks will have formidable pair of bookends. New defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward will look for his line to set the tone for the unit.

Linebackers: The Gamecocks will have a veteran corps of linebackers, led by a quartet of seniors. Reginald Bowman, Damarious Jeffery, Quin Smith and Shar Wilson will be the experienced leaders of the unit and will likely

FOOTBALL •

Lace: College football overshadows Olympics

Fall practice steeps spotlight from London Games

In case you didn't know, there are some pretty important athletic events going on right now. Fans across the country and across the world have been waiting for this. They have endured months of anticipation and the fans have been waiting for this. I'm speaking, of course, of fall football practices. Yes, across the pond in old England, there sports are being played. There are arrows being shot, bicycles being pedaled, water polo—well there are people playing water polo. It's an exciting time for those following the Games of the XXX Olympiad. But can the passion of those following the New Zealand rowing squad really rival what they're feeling right now on the plains of Auburn, in the bayou of Louisiana or in downtown Columbia?

The Olympics got a real deal in the sports calendar, even though there's really only one sport they have to compete with. By the time the torch has been lit, the shine of the All-Star break has worn off Major League Baseball and casual baseball fans are realizing that the regular season will have approximately 200 games to go. The NBA has been reduced to trade rumors and referee-conspiracy theories at this point in the year.

In the midst of this late summer sports drought, the Olympic games is a shock of household sports games that should be captivating the entire country. And you would definitely be watching if you weren't busy wondering whether your alma mater's offensive line will be solidified by September.

When you put synchronized swimming up against a season or seven starters, you usually beat the pool. College football strengthens its grip on the republic right as the free range rumpus in the consciousness of sports fans across the country. The sport gives us what the Olympics just can't. College football fans get to take pride in knowing their school landed the top athletes in the country to represent them on the field. No one recruit