President Fawcett presented the following recommendations:

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Modification of Master Plan

The official campus master plan, which was adopted by the Board of Trustees on February 16, 1962, has been modified on five occasions, always within the limits of the basic principles and concepts approved by the Board of Trustees in its original adoption.

The following additional changes are now proposed:

1. Modify the Medical Center area to reflect results of design studies on the first two new buildings (Nursing and Basic Science), and to provide slightly more space within the Loop Road for Medical Center expansion.

2. Modify slightly the land acquisition boundary along the south side of West Ninth Avenue to accommodate the realignment of the Loop Road.

3. Reverse the locations of the proposed buildings (a) Foreign Language Building and English Building, and (b) Horticulture and Forestry Building and Agronomy Building. These reversals are required by reason of the timing of appropriations for the proposed Foreign Language Building and the proposed Horticulture and Forestry facilities.

These changes are shown on the accompanying maps, identified as Exhibit A dated May 12, 1965, and are consistent with the principles and concepts approved by the Board of Trustees in adopting the master plan in 1962.

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees now approve the master plan changes as depicted on the accompanying maps, that all previous actions of the Board of Trustees with respect to the master plan and not contrary to the accompanying maps be reaffirmed, and that a copy of the said maps be filed by the Secretary with the "Campus Master Plan Study--Phase II" report submitted December 12, 1961.

upon motion of Mr. France, seconded by Mr. Ketterer, the above recommendation as approved by unanimous vote.

Renaming of "Jones Tower"

At the request of the Dean of the Graduate School, who acted following a request from the Graduate Student Council, it was recommended that the building now identified as "Jones Tower" (by action of the Board of Trustees on September 7, 1962), to be erected at 101 Curl Drive, be renamed "Jones Graduate Tower." This action was recommended because of its intended use as a residence hall for graduate students.
Grad Program
To Include
New Dormitory

Groundbreaking for the 12-story graduate student residence hall, Jones Tower, will take place this spring or early summer, according to Gordon B. Carson, vice president for Business and Finance.

Jones Tower, which will be located on Curl Dr. in the north dormitory complex, is the first new graduate residence hall to be built at Ohio State. Existing Neil Hall is being converted into a residence hall for graduate women.

Jones will feature single rooms with private bath except for 20 apartments which will be doubles with private bath. The upper four floors will be for women, the lower floors for men.

Carson said the building represents a new dimension in graduate study at Ohio State in that it makes living quarters part of the total graduate program.

The $3.8 million structure will be partially financed by a $3 million Federal Housing and Urban Development loan. Vice President Carson said the debt will be paid off with fees collected from student residents of the dormitory.
First All-Graduate Dorm
Open on North Campus

By BARBARA MOYSE
Lantern Staff Writer

Jones Tower is Ohio State's first exclusively graduate dormitory. Located on Curl Drive in North Commons, the 12-story structure resembles Taylor and Drackett Towers, also on North Campus. It features 456 single rooms and 24 doubles. Hallways and rooms are carpeted, and each room has a private bath.

Room assignments for the coeducational residence hall are on a random basis. Residents may, however, elect to live on floors segregated according to sex.

Pool To Be Built
Facilities include a spacious main lounge, recreation room, small kitchen, laundry facilities and meeting rooms.

In the future Jones residents will enjoy the use of an indoor swimming pool, currently under construction. Housed in a domed wing of the tower, the 21' x 60' pool will be accessible through direct indoor entry.

Total cost of the pool will be approximately $225,000, an expense which will add $3.33 per month to Jones Tower residence fees.

CGS Requests Dorm
The dormitory was originally slated to be an undergraduate housing unit. When the Housing Committee of the Council of Graduate Students learned of the plans for the building, they requested that it be converted to a graduate dormitory.

The location of a graduate dormitory in the midst of an undergraduate complex brought letters of protest from the North Campus Student Association (NCSA).

Gordon B. Carson, vice-president for finance, met with NCSA and explained the reason for the administration's decision. The immediate need for a graduate dormitory at Ohio State was evident, and at the time Jones Tower was the only dormitory which could be financed.

In conjunction with the graduate school, the business office and the student affairs office, the CGS housing committee made plans for the dorm. Members traveled to Indiana, Illinois, Purdue and Pittsburgh universities to study graduate facilities there.

Students Inspect Plans
Full size mock ups of two types of rooms were displayed at the Ohio State Food Facility Warehouse, and graduate students evaluated them. The evaluations were given to Carson for use in final planning.

Total cost of the residence hall was $3.8 million. It was partially financed by a $3 million Federal Housing and Urban Development Loan. Carson said the debt will be paid off with fees collected from Jones residents.

The price for a single room is $195 per quarter; for a double, $165 per quarter. Room and board per quarter is $384 for a single and $354 for a double. Meal tickets are also available for those who do not wish full board.

Delays Mark Work
Last April construction of Jones Tower was delayed when state officials halted the work of the tower's plumbing contractor for failure to hire Negro journeymen or apprentice plumbers.

The action followed the expiration of a 30-day warning issued by State Public Works Director Alfred Glenow. The warning was based on a June 5, 1967 executive order issued by Gov. Rhodes requiring public works contractors to provide equal employment opportunity or risk loss of contracts.
Trustees May Up Grad Dorm Rates

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Reasons given in the letter for the proposed increase included:

- Increase in housing staff;
- Rapidly rising prices of utilities and supplies; and,
- Increase in wages.

Nelson announced last week that undergraduate dormitory room and board rates will not increase.

Jones Tower blaze causes $20,000 damage

A fire in room 111 of Jones Graduate Tower, 101 Curl Dr., caused an estimated $20,000 damage Saturday night.

The fire began about 7:44 p.m. Kevin Davis, a graduate student from Painsville, who lives in room 111 was not there at the time of the fire, according to the state fire marshall's office. Joan Palcic, a graduate student from Gowanda, N.Y., reported the fire to University police.

Eleven units of the Columbus Fire Department were called to the scene. No personal injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire has not been determined and is still under investigation; however the fire marshall's office said it may have been due to faulty electrical equipment.

There was intensive damage to room 111 and heavy smoke damage to room 115. Palcic's room. Adjacent areas to room 111 were also slightly smoke damaged.

The fire marshall's office said. Palcic had left her door open permitting smoke to rush in. Other doors in the area were closed and damage to these rooms was light.
Jones: No pool, no rebate

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Although their swimming pool has been closed this quarter to conserve energy, residents of the Jones Graduate Tower have been denied a rent rebate.

John P. Nelson, assistant vice president of residence and dining halls, told residents that closing the pool would save $2,700 this quarter — $1,300 in labor costs and $1,400 for energy.

Nelson said this saving would be applied to a $13,000 deficit predicted for Jones's utilities budget this year.

If a rebate were given, it would amount to only $4.97 per resident, according to Nelson.

"SOME OF the residents here feel they're getting stuck with paying $5 more than other graduate students on campus," said Myra Elmore, a graduate student from Poquoson, Va., and president of Jones.

However, Nelson said that fees at Jones have no bearing on fees paid by other campus residents, and that, "any saving in that building is reflected only in that building."

Jones residents pay quarterly rent of $235 for single rooms and $202 for double rooms, according to Robert Fessenden, manager of graduate housing.

RESIDENTS of Morrison Tower pay $13 less for single rooms and $10 less for double rooms because Jones is "built more comfortably," Fessenden said. These comforts include private baths and carpeting along with the pool, Fessenden said.

Elmore said Nelson told residents he would ask for a $16 increase in their rents if he gave them a rebate.

Elmore said she understood rents would be raised next quarter anyway, and said she hoped the extra rents Jones residents pay for the pool could be "bargained into it" to make for a smaller increase.

Nelson will discuss the situation with residents again sometime in February, he said.
Housing for Graduate Students

Students at The Ohio State University live in dormitories for several different reasons. Dorm life is recommended to freshman students for acclimation purposes. It is also beneficial for students who do not want to cook their own meals, or for those who want to become active in clubs and student organizations.

On this campus there is another type of student that lives in the dormitories, the graduate student. There are two dorms that offer this type of housing. On North campus, there is Jones Tower and on South campus, there is Morrison Tower.

Convenience is the major reason graduates choose to live in these dorms. Most of the residents are employed by the university as teaching associates. They often become bogged down with their graduate work and their jobs. This type of living is “hassle free” with a monthly rent and no worries of paying utility bills or cooking meals.

Jones Tower on North campus houses 491 graduate students, 50 percent of which are foreign. In Jones Tower the students have a swimming pool that can be used when there is a lifeguard on duty. Having an indoor pool is convenient for the residents. Many of them become isolated because of their research and departmental ties. This way they can exercise and get away from their work without having to go to a recreation center.

Chris Sholes, a chemical engineering graduate student lives in Jones Tower. He feels that by living in the graduate tower, he is offered a “convenient way of living, with greater social contacts offered at a low rate.” Sholes also feels the foreign students are “friendly and must be given a chance.” “Many of them are apprehensive to mingle with American students because of their English speaking background.”

Both graduate towers offer students the opportunity to seek higher degrees and work for the university at the same time.

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Foreign flair accents Jones Tower

By Susan L. Andrews
Lantern staff writer

Stepping onto the ninth floor of the Jones Graduate Tower is like sitting back to watch an international travel film.

The walls are lined with picturesque posters of ski slopes in Switzerland, windmills in Germany, geyser in New Zealand and other features representative of countries all over the world.

The International Living Project, a graduate student social organization, is based on the ninth floor. Most active members live on the floor also.

The project meets weekly and plans functions regularly which are open to all graduate and undergraduate students.

"We have an average attendance at the coffee hours of 25 people but the number of persons attending the functions varies from as many as 25 to 100 people," said Sherry Asher, a member of the Jones Graduate Tower Committee and a former project officer.

"Students request to be put on the floor," said Tec Kidanemariam, director of Jones Graduate Tower. "The students living there are very active and decorate the floor with an international flavor."

Not all students on the ninth floor are members of the group, he said. Other students may be placed on the floor if there is a shortage of rooms.

The students living on the floor represent the United States and 14 foreign countries.

While all regular members live on the floor, many graduate students who live in the university area and in Jones Graduate Tower frequently participate in project functions.

"We don't want to be a group exclusively for residents of the ninth floor," Asher said.

She said the group plans a function almost every week.

So far this quarter, members have taken a weekend trip to Kelly's Island on Lake Erie, enjoyed an evening of Brazilian folk music, listened to a German student's accounts of travels around the United States and held a welcoming party for all new Jones Tower residents.

Members of the project also attended the Circleville Pumpkin Festival Saturday.

For the first time, the project is planning an international Thanksgiving dinner for Thanksgiving weekend. A weekend film festival will be held over Christmas break, Asher said.

The group is also making plans for their traditional ice skating party, followed by warm wine and German food specialties, she said.

"Every other quarter we have an international dinner where everyone attending brings a dish from their country," said Dave Brown, a graduate student from England and a member of the project. "The dinners are always incredibly successful."

Besides the large functions, Asher said the group routinely attends outings in smaller groups.

She said that groups within the project plan events for persons sharing common interests such as cycling. Asher has lead several biking expeditions to areas outside of the immediate Columbus area.

"We take a lot of trips to the Drexel to see foreign films," she said.

"It really is a growing experience learning what people from other countries think and putting yourself in their place — seeing this country through their eyes," Asher said.

"I've grown a lot since I've been a part of this cross-cultural exchange," she said.

The floor was designated the International Living Project in 1975 when persons in the university area realized there was a need for an international student residence.

The project often works in conjunction with the International Student Scholar and Services Association and the Jones Graduate Tower Committee, Asher said.

Brown said that other international student organizations on campus have had difficulty maintaining an active club.

"The international student body is very fragmented. The work ethic is predominant in the countries here many of them are from. They are pretty heavily loaded with school work," he said.

"In some ways, we can remain active because it's on a smaller scale and on a much more personal level," he said.
Graduate dorm project helps students learn about other countries' cultures

By James Kuake
Lantern staff writer

As the doors of the elevator open at 9 p.m. at the ninth floor of Jones Graduate Tower, a small group of students sit around the lobby area.

These graduate students are members of the International Living Project, which promotes cross-cultural interactions in Jones Tower, said Sherry Asher, last year's committee member of the project.

The students meet informally in the lobby of their floor to share coffee and doughnuts and their views on social and educational trends of their home countries.

They engage in informal conversations on any topic that comes to mind and have the responses and versions of their fellow floor members.

Hanno Ostmeier, a graduate student from West Germany and a committee member responsible for programming activities, said the students discuss a variety of subjects.

"The other week someone started talking about his girlfriend, which immediately started a very informative and lively conversation on teenage relationships in Europe and Asia," Ostmeier said.

"It is wonderful to hear the different responses and views of students coming from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds," Ostmeier said.

"These impromptu conversations and discussions help all the residents on the floor to get to know each other better and to appreciate each individual's rich cultural variance," he said.

Fulbright Scholars and graduate students interested in international cross-cultural living experience and environment sign up to live on the ninth floor of Jones Graduate Tower. This school year, the 36 residents on the floor represent 11 countries including the United States.

All the continents are represented this year. The countries include Australia, Chile, Iceland, The Federal Republic of Germany, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Zimbabwe and the United States.
Graduate housing renovation under way

By Peipei Chang
Lantern staff writer

The Graduate Housing Office is undergoing a $7.4 million renovation program which includes the renewal of Jones Graduate Tower, Morrison Graduate Tower, Neil Hall and Buckeye Village.

Funding for the program comes from the Capital Improvement Funds supported by the Office of Residence and Dining Halls, said Diane Whitebeck, director of the Graduate Housing Office.

Whitebeck said the two major phases of the renovation are to refurnish and renew the inside facilities and furniture of individual living spaces and to maintain the general environment of each house.

The office is using $6 million exclusively for the renovation of Buckeye Village, which houses 90 percent graduate students. The construction includes the replacement of the plumbing and air conditioning systems, the renewal of windows, kitchen and bathroom appliances and painting the walls.

The program also includes renovation of Jones Graduate Tower. This project, which included the installation of new shower doors and windows and refurnishing, is two-thirds finished.

Jones Tower is being renovated floor-by-floor, starting with the top floor. When the renovation is finished on one floor, the residents who live downstairs will have to move up one floor.

Vichai Rojanavanich, a resident of Jones Graduate Tower, just moved to a new room one floor above his old one. His carpet has been replaced, his walls have been repainted and his some of his furniture has been replaced, but Rojanavanich said he is not totally pleased.

"The place needs to be renovated, but I don't know about the timing," Rojanavanich said. "I had to move one floor up within two days. Especially toward the end of the quarter, I couldn't study after I finished the moving."

The project is expected to be completed by June, 1988.
Residents move into renovated rooms

By Brent Snow
Lantern staff writer

The first phase of a $650,000 Jones Graduate Tower renovation project is almost complete as residents are finally moving back into their new rooms.

The two-part project is funded through money from students' residence and dining hall fees, said Roger Meyer, associate director of residence and dining halls administration.

The first phase is scheduled for completion June 12 and the second phase, which has already begun on the newly remodeled floors, is to be finished in November.

Jones Graduate Tower provides housing for graduate and professional students and is one of the few dorms open all year long.

The first phase of the project, which began about one year ago, involved refinishing furniture, painting walls and installing new carpeting in the students' rooms, said Diane Whitbeck, manager of graduate, family and conference housing.

Students remained in the dorm while one floor at a time was completely refinished, she said. One floor was left vacant when students were admitted into the dorm in fall 1986 so residents could be moved onto it when the renovations reached their floor.

"The project ran like clockwork; once a month students on the floor to be refinished would simply move up one floor," Whitbeck said.

She said students had a weekend to move into their new room, which was directly above their old one. The Office of Residence and Dining Halls also provided student assistants to help residents move.

Most students seemed to be pleased with their new rooms and feel the move was worth the trouble, Whitbeck said.

Ken Freed, left, an employee of Melco, puts a silicon seal around the top of a new shower stall on the first floor of Jones Graduate Tower. The shower installation is part of the second phase of the renovation of the tower. Dennis O'Donovan, right, a senior from Cincinnati and an employee of Jones Graduate Tower, wipes off some of the dust that has settled in one of the completely renovated rooms on the second floor.

"I really like the new room," said Yen Shih, a graduate student from Taiwan. "It looks very nice and the move went very smoothly."

Bob Hemphill, director of Jones Graduate Tower, said, "There were very few complaints, the project has been an overwhelming success and residents have seemed to enjoy it. This isn't always the case in renovation and the change was welcome."

However, not all students said they were totally happy with the new rooms.

Monica Ricci, a graduate student from California, said she found her new room not to be totally complete. She said the covers on the wall electrical sockets were loose, there were unpainted spots on the walls and the furniture had been painted while it was dusty.

"My old room was in very bad condition. The new room is pretty nice, but the quality is not the best," Ricci said.

The second phase began in April. New bathroom and shower fixtures are being installed while students are living in the rooms. The project should only take a few hours per room to complete, Whitbeck said.

Myers said the cost of the second phase has not yet been determined.
Jones Tower residents are steaming

By Monica Ch'ng
Lantern staff writer

More than 400 residents of Jones Graduate Tower have endured the last three weeks without air-conditioning.

Since the problem started on June 8, Residence and Dining Halls has been trying to get the system fixed, said Steve Kremer, director of Jones Tower.

Maintenance is working on a 24-hour basis to fix the unit, he said.

"I understand the residents' grievances and inconvenience," Kremer said. "I also know that Residence and Dining Halls is doing their best."

Roger Meyer, associate director of Residence and Dining Halls, said the breakdown was caused by failure of old equipment.

"The air-conditioning system in Jones Tower is more than 20 years old," he said. "It cannot be done because Jones Tower is open throughout the year, unlike some dormitories."

HE SAID the air-conditioning will be back in operation by the end of this week.

According to Diane Whitbeck, manager of graduate family and conference housing, residents with health problems will be moved to Morrison Tower temporarily, and pool hours have been extended from four hours to almost 14 hours per day.

She also said three memorandums have been sent to Jones Tower residents to inform them of the progress made in the situation.

"We will also be paying $10 to every resident," she said. "Ice cubes from the Commons have been used to fill the ice machine in Jones Tower."

A meeting was held between the director of Jones Tower, the Jones Tower Committee, and about 35 residents last night to allow them to voice complaints and grievances.

"I'M HAVING a hard time because of my epilepsy," said Eric Wharton, a 24 year-old resident majoring in English. "My condition requires me to have at least eight hours of sleep per day. I haven't been sleeping well lately and this has affected my study and work. I had to see my personal physician at Campbell Hall for some sleeping pills."

"I don't think the $10 offered by the administration is a fair amount of money to put up with this inconvenience. We should be compensated more, at least $50," he said.

Bulent Abali, 27, a graduate student majoring in electrical engineering, said it is taking the administration far too long to fix the problem.

"The administration should find an alternative accommodation for all of us while the air-conditioning system is being repaired," he said. "It's too hot here. I can't sleep at night. Tonight, I am planning to sleep in my office because there is no air-conditioning there."

Chris Hersman, president of Jones Tower Committee thinks there should be some form of compensation for the inconvenience suffered by the residents.

"AT FIRST the management offered to give us $10 for the first week," he said. "Now, the residents think that the $10 is not enough because many of them are forced to purchase a fan."

"Currently, the university requires Residence and Dining Halls to contribute some money to its relocation fund (cost containment). I don't know anything about this fund, but I feel this money will be better used if it was kept by Residence and Dining Halls for its preventive maintenance," he said.

Jones Tower Committee is working with the residents in drafting a petition to William Hall, director of Residence and Dining Halls.
Re-allocation leads to Jones Tower rent hike

By Monica Ch'ng
Lantern staff writer

Residents of Jones Graduate Tower are paying for the effects of university re-allocation with a $15 a month rent increase effective July 1.

Chuck Hampton, business manager of OSU Residence and Dining Halls said the major element in the rent increase is about $2.4 million that Residence and Dining Halls must contribute to university re-allocation.

ACCIDENT TO Neal Milnor, assistant vice president of university budget and planning, re-allocation is part of the 1988-1989 budget approved by the Board of Trustees in June.

The decision was made to reduce costs in every area of the university through the elimination of obsolete activities and unnecessary programs, he said.

"The notion of re-allocation was to take money from low priority programs and use it for higher priority programs," Milnor said.

IN ORDER to achieve the re-allocation target, Residence and Dining Halls have taken steps to reduce operating costs and increase the rent and meal plans for students, Hampton said.

He said the re-allocation policy started as a cost-containment program in which Residence and Dining Halls contributed about $500,000 in its 1987-88 budget. This amount was then increased to about $1.2 million in the 1988-89 budget.

Christopher Hersman, president of the Jones Tower Committee, said this is the biggest increase since 1986 in percentage and dollar amount.

HE SAID residents did not think it was fair for them to have to make up for re-allocation in both tuition and instructional fees. Off-campus students need only pay for re-allocation once through their instructional fee, he said.

Hersman said if a rent increase was unnecessary, he would like to see the money used toward operation or maintenance of the dorms, not for the re-allocation fund.

Hampton said the rent increase was approved by the Board of Trustees during its May meeting.

HERSMAN SAID he appreciated the Residence and Dining Halls effort to hear student complaints through a meeting last Wednesday, but would have preferred talking to someone who knew more about re-allocation, which was the main issue of the meeting.
Jones Graduate Tower residents met Monday for the second time with administration officials for an explanation of their July 1 rent increase, the third increase in three years.

As part of a university-wide cost containment/reallocation program, dormitory services at Jones were cut over the past year resulting in a lowered operational cost.

Jones residents maintain that with operational costs being held at the inflation rate for the coming year and the dorm being run on a non-profit basis, rent increases were not justified.

Jones Tower rents 476 rooms on a monthly basis. There are 458 single-occupancy rooms at $220 a month, and 16 super-singles – rooms slightly larger than single-occupancy rooms – at $245 a month.

Further inquiries on the part of the residents caused them to question whether or not the $15 per month or 7.3 percent rent increase was going toward university reallocation funds.

“We have no problem with the cost containment program. We are just as concerned (as the university) with keeping the cost of our building down,” Joyce Thomas, graduate student in history and president of Jones Tower Committee of Concerned Residents, said.

“The problem is with cost containment, where money is taken out of the building and given to someone else,” she said.

At Monday's meeting were 105 Jones residents and five university administrators including Charles Hampton, business manager of Residence and Dining Halls, William Hall, director of Residence and Dining Halls, Diane Whitbeck, manager of Graduate, Family and Conference Housing, Weldon E. Ihrig, vice president for Finance and Russell J. Spillman, vice provost for Student Affairs.

Hampton said cost containment/reallocation is seeking to reduce operational costs in a budget without impacting the fees or causing a fee increase.

The budget is made up of a two-step process, Hampton said. Normal inflationary prices are considered and the fee structure is set. Then cost containment/reallocation is considered, which does not affect the fee, but is returned to the university, he said.

"There would have been a rent increase regardless," Hampton said. The budget was completed by April 1989 to give students information about the price increases well in advance.

Ihrig said cost containment/reallocation is necessary to provide the best education possible with the available resources. He said the rates of increase were calculated at 7 to 8 percent rather than the consumer price index of 5 percent, because Ohio State operates at the leading edge of technology.

The first priority of the university is to maximize quality of education by providing the best faculty in the classroom, Ihrig said.

Reallocation is a challenge from OSU President Edward H. Jennings to each of the earnings unit, of which residence and dining halls are a unit, to cut operating costs, therefore funding the higher priority needs of the university without passing rate increases and without cutting basic services, Ihrig said.

Hall said cost containment/reallocation began in 1987 but did not show up in costs to resident graduate students until 1989.

"It's (the university's) excellence is judged by us. We subsidize you through our teaching. How much money are we making for you already?" Jim Brasilton, a graduate student in math from Athens, said.

The university is trying to maximize the bottom line by providing the best faculty and best facilities, Ihrig said. "Do we want to stop the progress being made?"

When asked whether rent increases would continue, Hampton said rent would remain steady through July 1 but a rent increase effective fall quarter 1990 would be recommended.

Jones residents will continue to fight this issue, Thomas said. Their next step is to request that their Council of Graduate Students representative present their rent increase to the Board of Regents, she said.
Students protest dorm rent

By Tim Doulin
Dispatch Staff Reporter

A group of Ohio State University graduate students say the university is turning a profit off rent being charged in campus dormitories.

About 20 of the 800 graduate students who live in Jones Tower, Morrison Tower and Neil Hall appeared before the OSU trustees to protest rent increases that went into effect last July.

On the average, rent for graduate housing increased about 7.3 percent — about $15 a month for a single room — while operating costs decreased, said Joyce Thomas, president of the Jones Graduate Tower Committee. The rent per room averages $220 a month.

The university says it is just trying to save money to reallocate to academic programs. The university contends that the rent increase is part of its cost-containment effort.

But the students contend the increase wasn’t justified. They also noted that all dormitories on campus — graduate and undergraduate — had rent increases. About 10,000 students live on campus.

"It was a good corporate decision, but this is not a corporate environment," Thomas told the trustees.

"Decision-making at a university should not merely be guided by financial expediency or corporate ethics. University administration has an obligation to deal with its students in a fair and rational, and equitable manner. We are asking that the board live up to that obligation."

President Edward H. Jennings said the dormitories are not being asked to do more than any other department on campus.

"Dormitories are not for profit. Cost containment is a savings device," Jennings said. "Reallocation is part of this institution. Dormitories are indeed a part of the academic structure of the institution.

"This has not been put on dormitories by itself. It is institutionwide. We want to keep our rates down. But dormitories do get a great deal of benefit from a great part of the campus."

The students said tuition is their contribution to the academic programs.

"They put a cap on tuition so they raised the rent instead," said Jim Braselton, who lives in Jones Tower. "It’s a smart thing to do if you’re a businessman."

The university should realize who they are dealing with, said Dan Erwin, another Jones Tower resident.

"They have to remember that students are not rich people and they are not going to get much money from us. We just don’t have it," Erwin said.

The students are hoping to get their hands on a little more money. They asked the trustees to return some of the rent money to the students.

But the students were told that was unlikely.

"I won’t say never, but I can’t recall since I’ve been on the board a time when we have ever gone back and changed something that has been in effect," said trustees Chairman John W. Berry.

Berry said the students’ comments would be taken into consideration in the university’s next budget.
Jones graduates seek changes

By Kurt L. Leib
Lantern staff writer

The president of the Jones Graduate Tower Committee made an appeal before the Thursday meeting of the OSU Board of Trustees and asked the board to address residents' concerns over a rent hike imposed last July.

The rent increase resulted from a re-allocation of funds that was part of the approved 1988-89 university budget. University officials say the re-allocation was needed to shift funds from outdated programs to maintain excellence in academic programs.

Students that have had to shoulder the rent increase say that it is unfair to those students that live in residence halls.

"We already pay for academic programs when we pay our tuition and fees. Why should we be required to pay for them again out of our rent?" Joyce Thomas, president of the Jones Tower Committee, asked the board.

Thomas said that during the same time as the increase in rent, services for students living in Jones Graduate Tower were cut. Front desk hours were cut back from 24-hour-a-day service and an accounts clerk that worked in the office was transferred, Thomas said. She added that swimming pool hours were also cut back.

Thomas said that the rent increase was not needed because Residence and Dining Halls did such a good job cutting services that operating costs for the building were lowered for the fiscal year.

Thomas said that re-allocation was supposed to be implemented without increased cost to the students. She added that the rent increase, not cost-containment, generated the re-allocation funds.

Thomas said re-allocation is now built into the rent. And, she was told in November that residents in Jones Graduate Tower would again be hit with re-allocation on the next budget but that the amount would not be increased.

"This is little consolation since we consider it unfair in the first place," Thomas said.

Thomas said the rent increase affected some of the residents of Jones Graduate Tower. She said some residents were forced to move out because of the increased rent.

Thomas made the following requests to the board on behalf of residents: 1. Re-allocation from dormitories should be discontinued and rental rates should be reduced to an amount that accurately reflects operational costs.

2. Monies previously deducted from rents for purposes of re-allocation should be rebated.

3. Residence halls should be operated on a not-for-profit, self-supporting basis as they have been in the past.

Thomas wanted board members to know that residents were not complaining about having to cover the cost of housing but that the increase in rent went to support unspecified programs.

After the presentation by Thomas the board could not give a clear solution to the situation.

"The board has, never to my knowledge, changed items already set in the budget," Trustee Hamilton J. Teaford said. "The next budget will be the answer to the problem," he said.
Students pay for lost service

By Greg Sowinski
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Some students of Jones Tower are voicing concerns over the loss of phone service in the dorm.

While the phones are out, UNITS will charge students for phone service they will not receive.

Students living in the north wing of Jones Tower will be without telephone service in their rooms until Sept. 23. Service will be suspended to 128 rooms while UNITS installs SONNET, in the building, a UNITS memo circulated to students said.

Valerie Griffiths, a graduate student living in Jones Tower, was informed that her phone would be down from 7 a.m. Monday to 7:30 p.m. Friday while phone cables are installed.

The only way students can presently make calls is to use a phone location on certain floors of the building or to use hallway pay phones, Griffiths said.

Griffiths also complained that students will be expected to pay for the days they are without service.

Don Denny, director of Information Systems and Services, said residents will have access to phones on the third, sixth, ninth and 12th floor of Jones Tower.

Residents will also have access to pay phones on every floor of the tower and will be able to receive messages through the front desk while phones are out, Denny said.

UNITS will discuss what to do about student’s phone bills in the next few days, Denny said.

The new cables will allow SONNET to provide Jones Tower residents with better sound quality and modem-less connections to campus on-line computer services.

For example, students could send a term paper directly to a professor through SONNET instead of going to his or her office, Denny said.

Students will lose about 50 cents per day while being billed when phones are out, but as a tradeoff students will receive an $80,000 phone system, Denny said.

“This is about improvements in the quality of life for students here,” Denny said.

The Jones Tower project is part of a test to find the most efficient way of installing SONNET into campus buildings.
Cuisine, culture shared by students

By Helen-fong Li
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Traveling around the world to taste gourmet foods from different countries would be tough, but it was easy for people who participated in the "International Food Night" Saturday at Jones Tower.

Nearly 100 people from more than 16 countries attended the activity, sponsored by the Jones Senior Staff and Jones Tower Committee.

Residents had to "contribute" food, whether they cooked it themselves or ordered it from a restaurant.

Paolo Gussini, a graduate student from Italy majoring in aerospace engineering, said it took him about four hours to prepare and cook the traditional and famous Italian food lasagna.

"This is my first time to cook food for so many people," he said. "I am happy that it was popular. In less than five minutes, the food was gone."

Cesar Maura, a graduate student from Puerto Rico majoring in chemical engineering, offered a dessert called "Coconut Kiss."

His mother mailed it to him from Puerto Rico, Maura said.

"I am excited about this activity and want to bring some special things," he said.

Japanese students not only provided food but also presented some Japanese calligraphy.

Krasimir Petov, a doctoral student from Bulgaria majoring in economics, used the opportunity to get his name written in different languages.

In addition to a variety of foods, there was also a small-scale culture exhibition.

Residents from several countries brought postcards, posters, brochures, traditional customs, ornaments and currency to illustrate their countries' scenery and culture.

"I am glad that I have the opportunity to introduce my culture to other people," said Monwipha Wongruija, a graduate student from Thailand majoring in journalism.

Christiane Fertig, a graduate student from Germany majoring in microbiology, said she appreciated the international environment of the event.

"I saw Ohio State become smaller," said Dan Schmitmeyer, the director of Jones Tower. "It's a small group of people, but it involves the whole world."

The food and exhibit let residents learn about different cultures, said Anil Ataov, a doctoral student from Turkey majoring in city and regional planning. Ataov is also in charge of this activity.

"People can contribute to such an activity and use this opportunity to talk, to share, and to exchange values," he said.