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Rates cut for Lake House

Move made in support of Fourth Pillar

By DANIEL CADIS
Editor in chief

The University administration has overhauled room charges for the Lake House for the 2012-13 academic year, decreasing prices for double-occupancy rooms by as much as \$1,000 in order to boost the population of students living on campus.

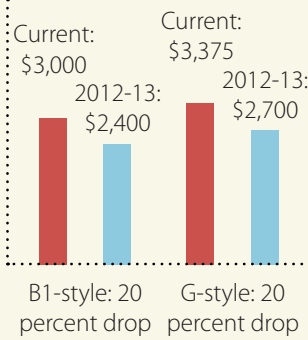
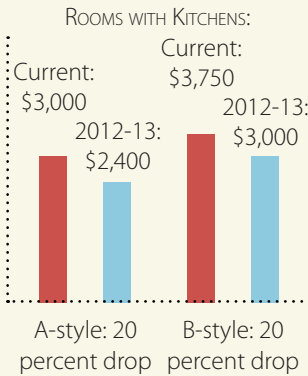
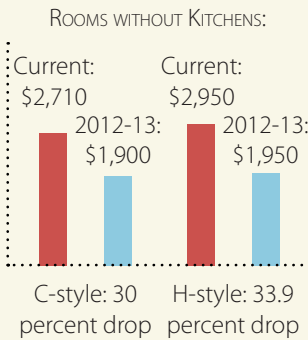
Prices have been slashed for the six different room styles in the Lake House, a shift that administrators hope will draw more students to the University's largest residential college. Its current occupancy rate hovers at 53.8 percent, with 184 students filling little more than half of its 342 beds.

"Our occupancy in the Lake House is not as high as other areas," said Whit Goodwin, director of student life. "We've heard that price was a part of that."

The rate reductions affect double-occupancy rooms, but Sandy Mooney, vice president for financial operations, said single-occupancy

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NEW LAKE HOUSE PRICES



by BRANDON PORTER

Eating 'Mor Chikin'

Students order lunch from the new Chick-fil-A station that opened for the first time on Nov. 7 in the M.D. Anderson Student Center. The new station, which sells sandwiches, wraps, lemonade, tea and other products, will be open every Monday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Collegian earns 12 awards from Columbia

By CHRISTOPHER JAMES
Asst. sports editor

The Collegian recently won 12 awards in the 2011 Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Gold Circle Awards competition, beating out colleges and universities from across the nation, including Ivy League institutions.

The results were announced at Columbia University, which sponsors the contest, in October. More

than 9,000 entries were submitted to the contest that recognizes student journalists in categories such as page design, articles, cartoons and photos.

The Collegian's 12 awards included one first-place, three second-place and two third-place honors.

Justin Schneewind, B.A. '11, editor in chief for the 2010-11 academic year, won four awards, including first place for his sin-

gle-subject feature package, "Beyond the book: An exploration of 'Mere Christianity.'" The article reviewed C.S. Lewis' book, "Mere Christianity," which was required reading for last year's 516 freshmen.

Schneewind won third place for full-page photo layout with "Birthday Bash" and two certificates of merit for page one design and page one design portfolio.

Former staff writer Chace Freel, B.A. '11, won second place in the general feature category for his article, "Veterans' academic affairs," as well as second place for sidebar writing with "Help on the home front." Both pieces featured

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SPOTLIGHT

For basketball star, a shot with the Wizards

By BRANDON PORTER
Sports editor

Sitting at a concrete table outside Sharp Gym, Andrew Gonzalez leaned back on the bench, struggling to fully comprehend that his childhood dreams were coming true.

"It still has not hit me that I am actually a professional basketball player, but I worked hard to get where I am," said Gonzalez, a former men's basketball star, just hours after he was drafted by the

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SGA modifies policy, allowing non-Christians to serve again



by MARYAM GHAFAR

Members of Student Government Association take notes during one of the association's weekly meetings. SGA recently amended its constitution to allow non-Christians to serve as legislators.

By AYLA SYED
News editor

Non-Christian students can once again hold legislative positions in Student Government Association and could be appointed to vacant positions as early as this semester under the constitutional amendment the organization unanimously passed on Oct. 31.

The amendment, which received final approval from Whit Goodwin, director of Student Life and SGA adviser, on Nov. 9, removed the previously instated "special requirements" clause that required SGA officers to sign the University

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MEAL PLAN CHANGES

Aramark Food Services will begin the new meal equivalency program this spring, allowing meal plan holders to use their meals for certain goods at Tila's, Husky Express and the Java City Cafe. Page 4.