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Price said he is tired of the lack of privacy and the disrespectful attitudes of some of his neighbors. Since learning he could move into his fraternity the middle of winter term, Price has been unsuccessfully peddling his dorm contract.

"The \$11.25 per week for a 3-line ad in the *Emerald* got to be too much," he said.

Some students find alternative living arrangements and then try to sell their dorm contracts.

"I think it is really stupid and a big pain that we have to sell our dorm contracts," said Natasha Topol, a former Schaffer resident now living in a quad.

"You should be writing about the food," Topol said. She said she left the dorms "because the food is so bad, we feel sick when we're done (eating)."

University Housing does not participate in resident replacement searches. Students who want to sell their contracts are encouraged to go to the Hous-

ing office at the beginning of winter and spring terms and talk with dorm applicants, but other than that, they are on their own.

Marjory Ramey, University Housing director, said residents must sell their contracts to "approved persons, and approval has to do with the number of spaces available. The seller can't guarantee a single room," Ramey said.

"The reason we have to be hard-nosed is because we are an auxiliary service," she said. "We owe more than \$1 million in debt-service to the state at the beginning of each year."

The University is one of eight schools in the State System of Higher Education that participate in the state's student housing debt-service pool, Ramey said. The state sells bonds to build student housing, which are paid back over a 30-year period.

Housing departments for each institution participate equally in paying back their allotted debt-services, Ramey said.

The University's "fair share"

of the debt pool is determined each spring by the number of occupied beds, Ramey said.

University Housing's \$10.5 million budget includes room and board for students in campus and family housing units. All revenues come from student fees, Ramey said the housing department receives no state money.

When students decide to leave their dorms, they leave empty beds. In order to meet debt-service payments, University Housing needs to compensate for these deficiencies, Ramey said.

Having students pay \$1 a day until they sell their contract "takes care of a portion of that contract's debt-service for the year and part of the overhead costs," she said.

Although the University Residence Hall Governance Committee oversees and maintains dorm policies and events, it has no input in determining the debt-service, Ramey said, adding that the only way a dorm contract can be canceled is by officially withdrawing from the University.

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recycled paper costing about 10 percent extra, said Wayne Merritt, University Printing Services Director and Campus Copy supervisor.

In addition, the stores charge royalty fees for many packets if the material is copied from a large portion of a book or if it is still in print. The fees range from \$1 to \$5 a packet and are usually designated on the outside cover.

Also, copy centers give free desk copies to professors and their GTFs to teach from and pro-rate the extra cost by adding it onto the students' price of the packets.

Merritt and Gibson said Campus Copy orders large quantities of recycled paper from the East Coast at wholesale prices and then sells roughly half of the paper to Kinko's at cost.

The money they save is passed on to students, but some students and professors have the impression that the costs are still too high, said Chris Peterson, Kinko's campus representative.

"Because of the whole corporate image, students see us as a monolith," she said. "Frankly, students get ripped off in every area, so they're skeptical. I remember feeling like a number in Oregon Hall when I was a student ... 'Oh, Kinko's, they just want my money.'"

"I really believe firmly that we try to be as equitable as possible with students," she said.

Political Science Professor John Orbell said he uses Campus Copy because it's cheaper and a better deal for the students.

"If Kinko's could come down in price, I'd go to them," he said. "Simple as that. I like Kinko's, they're a good business, but they're just not competitive enough."

History Professor David Castle said if the information on the price difference was well-known, more professors would probably go to Campus Copy.

However, some professors choose a copy store not only because of its business philosophy, but because of the store's location.

"I chose Campus Copy because it's convenient, close and I know about it," said James Pettinari, associate professor of architecture. "It's on my way to work and I walk by it on my way home from work every day."

Merritt said many students have been put off by the long lines at Campus Copy, but he says they have workers inside and outside taking people's orders and getting the packets so the wait is not actually that long.

"The lines are ominous," he said. "People see them and they think, 'Oh my God, look at that line,' but the line moves surprisingly quick."

Both Gibson and Merritt said the proposed Ballot Measure 5 cuts would affect them.

"If the budget cuts happen, we will be hit drastically be-

cause we have the majority of packets from the College of Human Development and Performance," Merritt said.

He said from the students' perspective, paying \$25 for a packet compared to paying \$19 for the same packet at Campus Copy, (especially when you consider you just throw them away when finished with them), is too much of a difference in price.

"There is also the student who will say, 'I wouldn't stand in the lines at Campus Copy for anything, so I'll pay my six bucks more and go somewhere else,'" Merritt said.

"When you buy a packet that is fairly thick and you pay \$15 or \$20, it seems you could go out and get a textbook for the same price so the Xerox should be a lot cheaper," said Aaron Cudek, a fine and applied arts graduate.

But loyalty to Kinko's remains both with students and professors.

"I think that Kinko's costs too much, but they're convenient and they have a salt-water aquarium," said Evan Sass, a senior English major. "And anyways, Kinko's is open 24-hours and they have some of the best coffee in town."

Gibson said he is proud of the people who work at Kinko's.

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