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Unless your parents, a rich uncle or cash flowing from a lawsuit settlement are paying for your time at Iowa State, you’re probably struggling to cover groceries. Money for a movie is a luxury. And if you’re like me, you probably become enraged when you see other students drive by in a brand-new Nissan or BMW.

Yet, even if my personal checking account didn’t struggle to maintain three figures, I would still find the amount we are charged for dorm rooms and meal plans absurd. The discussion on the cost of college and student debt often turns to tuition and state aid, when, in fact, the cost of living and purchasing food easily trumps tuition prices.

The average monthly amount for an old two-person dorm with no air conditioning and mismatched and broken furniture equivalent to that of a homeless shelter is the same price one would pay for rent in a large California city. The low-ball average of each meal within a meal plan is $8. And you can expect to pay twice as much with your dining dollars at the C-Stores around campus as you would at Hy-Vee or Kum & Go. That needs to change.

At the University of Houston, three professors lived in student dorms during the fall semester. The school explains it as a way of making sure the campus is seen as a home, rather than a “parking lot.” I challenge Peter Englin, director of the Department of Residence, to do the same and live in a dorm for at least a week, eating only at ISU Dining locations on a student’s budget. For good measure, I would also encourage President Geoffroy to do the same, so they understand our financial pain.

If GSB is serious about debt management, as they like to imply, it takes more than sending ISU Ambassadors to Des Moines to lobby for state appropriations. It requires challenging our own institution and demanding the Department of Residence and ISU Dining bring down costs.

By the same token, we are a complacent student body. The cost of college everywhere is skyrocketing, but it should be in Iowa State’s interest to help students graduate with little debt. Iowa is a leader in student debt, but hardly anyone has an interest in fighting for us. We don’t vote, we don’t pay taxes, we don’t engage. As soon as Republicans took control of the Iowa House of Representatives, their first bill included $18 million in cuts to public universities. But at a public forum on the measure, when ninety-three citizens signed up to speak, only two spoke on behalf of college students. And neither were from Iowa State. While in Europe, college students are rioting over tuition increases. Cyclone Country deserves better than debt. But little will change until we stand up for ourselves.

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