Suites on schedule, in time for fall

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The scheduled renovations that will transform residence hall lounges into three and four bedroom suites by fall ’04 are currently underway according to the office of residence life.

Director of Residence Life Cindy Threatt says that although there is no exact date for scheduled completion, the suites will be available.

“We have committed to the students who have signed up for the suites that they will be ready for the fall opening,” said Threatt. “The first step in the process of renovations has already begun.”

There will be a total of six single-gender suites to open in September. Seven juniors and 13 seniors were selected in the lottery to move into converted lounges in Kroner, Gee, Wright and Olson. Each suite will include a bathroom and living room, as well as the three or four bedrooms that the University will furnish. They will differ from the Lincoln suites in that they will have a true common space.

The cost to live in the new suites will be more than other rooms as a result of the added independence and privacy that they come with. Currently, the price of a standard double is $2340 per semester. To live in a Lincoln suite, it costs $2790. According to Threatt, the new suites will cost $3225 per semester to live there.

With other construction scheduled for the campus this summer, the Residence Life Office is aware that sometimes deadlines are forced to extend. Associate Director of Residence Life Stephanie Polak said they have asked students who are preparing to live in the new suites this fall to choose alternate assignments.

“If the suites are not ready by September 7 and instead are ready by September 13, those students will not be homeless,” said Polak. “They’ll go to their temporary room assignments.”

Residence Life believes that it is important to have contingency plans in place to prepare for the unexpected.

“In life if you don’t plan for a back-up,” said Threat, “you’ll regret that you didn’t.”

Fraternal and sorority traditions celebrate culture

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The weather, that seemed to put the rest of the campus in dampened spirits, seemed to have no effect on the brothers and sisters of the fraternities and sororities last week.

The Greek Week celebration, which took place last week from Monday, April 12 through Monday, April 19, and included a variety of events, and was successful, according to Alyssa Tucker, Panhellenic vice president of programming.

“She said that during last year’s Greek Week, snow was covering the ground. “We decided we would deal with the rain [this year],” said Tucker. “Everyone overall had a good time.”

This year’s theme was “The Few, the Proud, the Greek,” and events included Donut Delivery, Olympics, Powder Puff, Dodge Ball, basketball and Lip Sync, which, according to Tucker, is a “major event.”

There was also a new event added this year, called the Tricycle Race. Along with this, the Greeks also had a book drive for Trenton schools and participated in the Greek God and Goddess Money War.

“We raised over $500 in the money wars,” said Tucker.

The Greek Gods and Goddesses were also chosen during the festivities. The Greek Goddess winner was Kristen Pulver from Alpha Xi Delta, and there was a tie for Greek God between Tom Lawrence of Zeta Beta Tau (ZBT) and Drew Saskowitz from Sigma Pi Epsilon.

Overall winners for the entire week from both the fraternities and the sororities were also selected. Among the fraternities, Phi Kappa Tau was the victor, and Alpha Xi Delta for the sororities.

The closing ceremony and barbecue took place Monday, April 19 at 5:00 p.m. on the lawn between ZBT and Poyda.

Tucker said that they had been planning for the events at meetings since February, and was very content with the outcome.

“All chapters participated really well,” she said.