

Yesterday

1883

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In August UK's campus was once again busy with the activity of students moving into residence halls. Their arms were loaded with everything from bean bag chairs to stuffed koala bears. Similarly, students in the 19th century made that same move each fall, but the circumstances and the costs were somewhat different, as this excerpt from the 1883 catalog illustrates:

"The necessary expenses of a student while at college need not exceed the following estimates. As a rule, the less pocket money allowed by parents or guardians the better it is for the pupil. When supplies are kept short, the opportunity for contracting vicious habits is correspondingly diminished. Students should not be allowed by their parents to create any debts. All moneys intended for the use of the students should be deposited with a member of the faculty.

"For county appointees occupying a room in the dormitory and boarding in the common mess, the necessary expenses are as follows:

Tuition	\$000
Room fee	5.00

Matriculation	5.00
Cost of furnishing room, about	10.00
Fuel and gas	8.00
Washing	10.00
Board, 38 weeks, at \$2.25 per week	85.50
Books, about	10.00
TOTAL	\$133.60

"Each room must be provided by the occupants there of *at their own expense* with neat and comfortable bed and bedding, three comforts or blankets, one pillow, three pillow slips, four sheets, table, wash-stand, looking-glass, chairs, bowl and pitcher, water and slop buckets, blacking brush, hair brush, clothes broom or brush; some of these articles can be brought from home by the student."

(from the *Annual Register of the State College of Kentucky, 1883*
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