

Women residents encouraged to assist in dorm security

Additional measures to insure security in campus dormitories have been implemented by the University Housing Department, according to H.P. Barnhart, director of University housing.

Barnhart stated yesterday that two night watchwomen, Mrs. Sandra Dickmeyer and Mrs. Donna Mattheisen, have been hired to patrol all women's units between 11:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. on weeknights, and 1:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. on weekends.

The two women, who began patrolling Hamilton and Walton Halls about a week before Christmas vacation, have apprehended a number of persons for violating visiting hours. According to Barnhart, their actions have resulted in between 6 and 10 cases being brought before dorm tribunals by the complex directors. Night patrols in women's units in Bean complex will begin next week.

Two male graduate students have also been hired as "back-up personnel," Barnhart said. Their duties are "to assist the Resident Assistants and act as back-up help for night problems," Barnhart stated.

The increased security measures were instigated after several incidents of vandalism and privacy intrusion last term.

In addition, "No Trespass" decals similar to the ones posted in the EMU will be posted in each dorm unit beginning next week. "The purpose of these decals is to make sure that everyone understands the nature of dormitories," said Barnhart.

According to Barnhart, a description of the jobs

of security personnel and their instructions will be given to all students. Inter-complex meetings, similar to those held before the watchwomen went on duty, will also be held to explain the trespass decals.

Plans to open a maximum security unit in Sheldon Hall in Earl Complex were abandoned when only three students signed up to move in. The three women were transferred to the no visiting hours unit located in Carson Hall.

Barnhart outlined his own answer to the problem of increased theft and violation of visiting hours in the dorms. "The girls themselves can start taking the responsibility for not tolerating visitors in the dorms after hours," he said. "They must also have the willingness to 'squeal'," he added.

"The housing department is trying to pick up some of the strings left by students who have not exercised their prerogatives and accepted their responsibilities," Barnhart said.

"The whole student code is based on students accepting their responsibilities," he added. "Students seem to be willing for the director to turn offenders in, but they aren't willing to do it themselves," he said.

"This will be the real test for the tribunals," he said. "If these measures don't work, the tribunals will surely go down the drain." Barnhart added that administrative dictation of dorm policies would inevitably follow if students didn't take their responsibilities.

Demo admits college funds may be shifted

Oregon Senate Democratic Leader Berkeley Lent says that state money may have to be diverted from higher education to welfare.

He said the nation determined years ago that it had a commitment to take care of less fortunate members of society.

"But we are not feeding and clothing them," he said. "We are starving and freezing them" on minimal subsistence welfare.

Lent told the Commercial Club of Portland that if Oregon "can't afford all three (basic education, higher education and welfare) and I have to choose to slight one, higher education is the only place to transfer funds."

He said more than 70 per cent of Oregon's budget is for education and welfare.

Senate Republican Leader Victor Atiyeh told the group he favored a program which would allow counties to levy a 1 per cent tax on net income with the money raised going for property tax relief.

Atiyeh said reapportionment, teacher tenure, the Warren King report on higher education and consumer legislation would receive action or detailed discussion during the legislative session which opens Monday.

This Weekend

Basketball: Varsity; Oregon vs. Stanford and California, Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. Frosh preliminary game 6 p.m. both nights.

Swimming: Oregon meets Highline College today at 4 p.m. at Leighton Pool and travels to Corvallis Saturday for an afternoon meet with Oregon State.

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