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Housing for couples only is available

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The University's two married student housing projects will have openings for summer term students beginning July 1. Housing Office personnel reported that several present occupants of the projects will be moving out at the end of June and the vacancies may not be filled for some time.

The University owns two such projects, Amazon and Westmoreland.

Amazon is the oldest of the two, being composed of renovated World War II surplus buildings. It contains 247 two-bedroom units and rents for \$52.50 a month. It is within walking distance of campus.

Westmoreland contains 408 one- and twobedroom apartments renting for \$81 and \$91 a month, respectively.

The units in both projects are furnished, with water and garbage being included in the rent. Both projects are also the centers of some controversy between the tenants and the Housing Office administration. The Amazon tenants have formed a

group known as the Amazon Cooperating Tenants to deal with the administration and push for a share of the decision-making in the project.

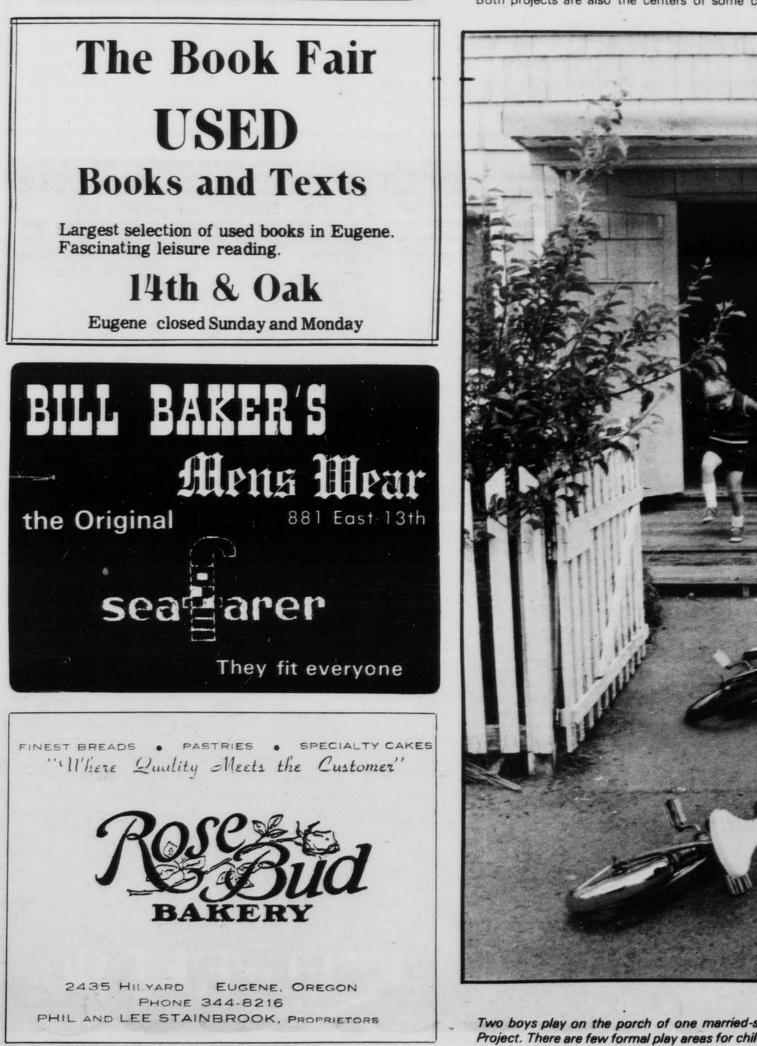
Two members of ACT, Dennis Gilbert and Mike Doran, have also recently filed complaints against the Housing Office administrators, charging them with general neglect of duty in their dealings with students. They have also charged that University properties have been misused and appropriated for personal gain by the administrators.

An investigation of the latter charge is being conducted by the Oregon State Attorney General's Office. An inquiry by a faculty committee into possible violations of University policy is also planned.

At Westmoreland this year a small girl drowned in a drainage ditch adjacent to the project. Residents formed a Westmoreland Safety Committee to try to improve safety conditons around the project, in which many small children live. The demands of this committee include not only a better fence around the ditch but also slower speed limits on the roads through the project and other improvements.

A priority system has been established for alloting vacancies at both projects. Top priority is given to applicants with financial need. Graduate teaching assistants will be given first priority, then graduate students, followed by undergraduates.

Any inquiries into the housing situation at either project should be addressed to Married Student Housing Secretary, Housing Office, Carson Hall. The phone number is 686-4281.





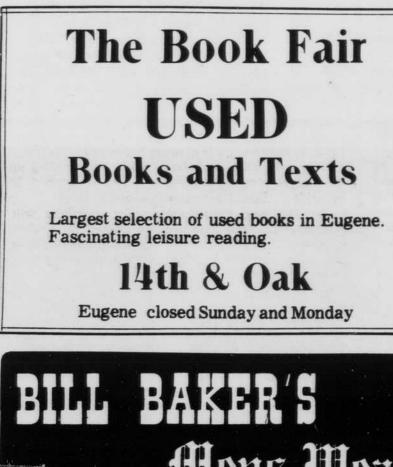


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Two boys play on the porch of one married-student residence at the University's Amazon Housing Project. There are few formal play areas for children, but the rent is low.