

Possible management shift slows Amazon fence repair

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If Amazon Cooperative Tenants (ACT) take over management of Amazon (married-student) Housing, chances are, they will have fences to mend.

A temporary delay in fence maintenance at the housing

complex has spurred concern among tenants.

Some residents are unsatisfied with the condition of the picket fences that skirt the outside of the apartments. Richard Parnaby, ACT president, says, "they haven't been maintained." The fences show need for a new coat of paint and many of the main posts will need to be replaced.

Some tenants have complained that their children have received silvers in their fingers from fences tenant Jim Dietz calls "unsafe."

Many thought that maybe University housing officials weren't making repairs because of the chance for approval of tenant-run management in the near future.

John Thorpe, director of family housing says "Following a rent increase, effective July, we received an order that a certain portion of money should not be spent." He explained these funds were not spent so that ACT would have funds to operate on if initiated.

"We agreed that we would not maintain or paint the fences," he says. But adds it is only temporary.

The University Housing Office used the rent they collected from the 240 units to buy materials, maintenance and labor. "Not to spend what should be spent is causing a delay of repairs," says Thorpe.

A great deal of other maintenance chores goes on at Amazon daily. Individual problems are delegated to employees of the University Physical Plant. Any repair needs are called in by Amazon manager Dave McMichael to the plant in the evening and by next morning job sheets are handed out to the employees, who take care of non-emergency repairs for the complex.

An official date on the fence repair hasn't been set. While some tenants will wait the period out, others have taken to painting the fences themselves.



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IFC grants additional funds

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The Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) heard Wednesday night requests from Amazon Community Tenants (ACT), the City Bicycle Coordinator and EMU Board members asking to be salaried. The IFC also granted additional funding to SEARCH during its regular meeting.

The IFC considered a request by ACT for \$1,350. The money will be used to publish a newsletter and other educational material to promote a student take-over of the Amazon Married Student Housing from the University.

The monthly newsletter and cooperative educational material is an attempt "to keep the Amazon community informed and politically unified." The newsletter will also provide a balance to a University Housing Office newsletter which opposes formation of the student cooperative.

IFC funding would end if ACT becomes independent, which could come as early as Jan. 1. In that case, ACT would receive approximately half of their \$1,350 request.

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"I believe ACT is capable of effectively managing their own housing," said IFC member Mary Gillan. "Thirty-five year old Ph.D.'s with three kids can run their own lives."

Search Director Ruyle Spiller submitted a brief asking for a \$177 loan to attend the National Free University Conference Oct. 22 in Kentucky. The IFC responded, calling SEARCH one of the more outstanding and fiscally responsible organizations on campus. The committee approved an outright supplemental grant rather than the loan requested.

At the same time, the committee emphasized this was an unusual case. "While we realize that supplemental funding is a necessary process for certain ASUO groups, this committee plans to be most stringent with its unspent reserves," said Gary Feldman, IFC vice-chairman.

Other business included a decision to pay the \$90 phone service charge for the Oregon yearbook, re-allocation of \$431 to the Student Bar Association for placement brochures unable to be printed in time last year. The

IFC also approved creation of two work-study positions for Off-campus Housing. These will replace the vacant assistant director's position.

The IFC also placed \$400 in reserve for possible purchase of 5,000 bicycle route maps from the city. The maps would be sold below cost to students for five cents each.

City bicycle coordinator Diane Bishop told IFC members safety was her main concern. She said long-distance riders, the group most often involved in fatal accidents, tend to be students. The problem of cyclists being hit with heavy fines due to unfamiliarity with Eugene's traffic laws was also raised. The map stresses safe routes and includes traffic regulations.

Last year the IFC voted against paying stipends to elected EMU board members for 76-77. However, the new Governance Document approved in September has expanded the board's workload. This has prompted an appeal by EMU Board members for a \$30 monthly salary for the elected representatives.



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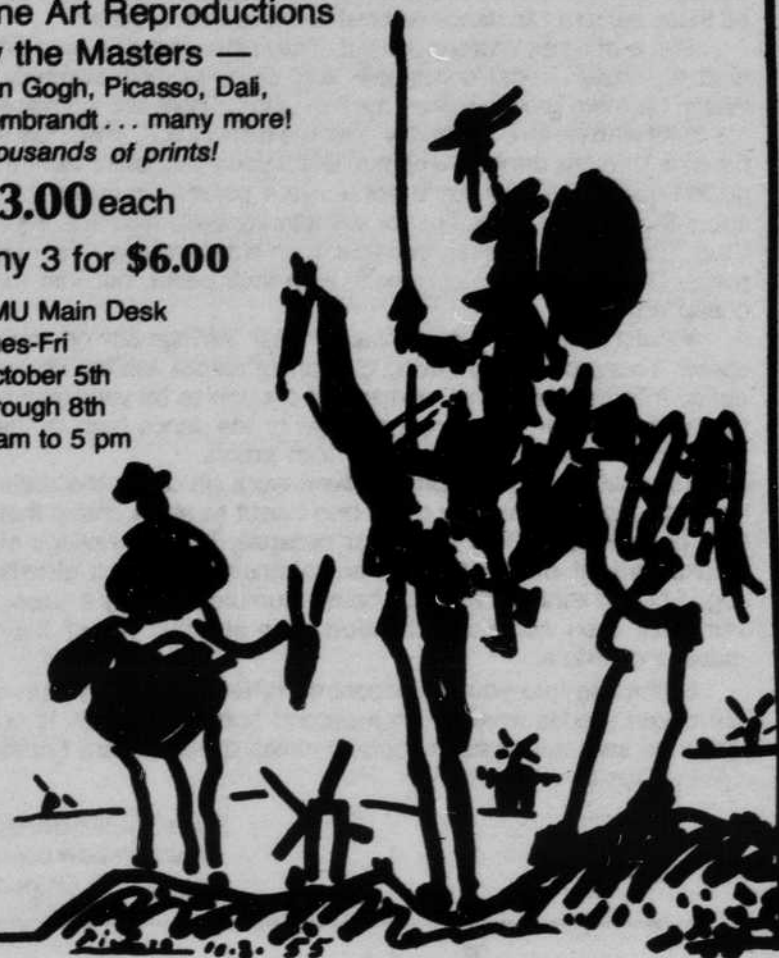
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