

Amazon tenants repaint fences in 2-day cleanup

For Amazon married-student housing residents, apple-pressing in October has become a tradition...hopefully fence painting and general clean-up weekends will not.

Amazon Cooperative Tenants (ACT) hosted a com-

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bined fence painting and general clean-up of the complex this weekend, and for those who were not busy with time-consuming fence work, there was apple-pressing going on all day Saturday and Sunday.

The fence painting clean-up was organized by ACT due to a temporary delay in maintenance in fence fixtures by University Housing officials. Some Amazon tenants claim their children receive slivers from the old, peeling paint on the fences.

"The clean-up was very successful," asserts Dave Zupin, Amazon resident. Zupin said many people did their own cleaning and painting while other neighborhoods got together and worked as a group.

Zupin said tenants felt the unpainted fences were too

dangerous to neglect any longer. The University Physical Plant provided paint for the repairs, but there has still been misunderstanding between tenants and University housing officials regarding the delay of fence repair.

When a rent increase went into effect July 1, \$10 of the increase was set aside so ACT would have funds to operate on if plans for cooperative management were approved.

According to Zupin, University Pres. William Boyd said the money would be set aside, but used "if needed." But, University housing officials were told to temporarily halt maintenance on the fences, since they did not have the money to spend and no further steps have been taken by them to repair the fences.

Zupin said that tenants working together this weekend displayed much of the spirit present in cooperative management arrangements. In a recent proposal to initiate a cooperative management for Amazon, a task force proposed that work-study students be assigned maintenance jobs at the complex.

ACT still awaits a response from administrative officials regarding the proposal for a cooperative management of Amazon.

On prescription counseling Pharmacists consider proposal

A new proposal by the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy would require Oregon pharmacists to personally hand prescription medicines to customers and counsel them on proper use.

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Only a few states, including Washington, now have such a requirement.

According to Fred Corbin, president of the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy, the proposal "is designed to assist Oregon consumers in saving as much as possible of the established \$20 million dollars they yearly spend on unnecessary medical costs due to non-compliance in taking their drugs."

"One out of seven hospital admissions in the nation results from too little, too much, or the wrong combinations of medicines," he added.

These and other problems could be solved if pharmacists consulted with customers on exactly how to take and use the prescriptions, Corbin stated.

During a seminar at Oregon State University last month, Paul Bergeron of the Retired Persons Pharmacy in Portland voiced objections against the new proposal. He termed it not only unnecessary, but unethical. It would infringe into the work of physicians and could cause problems because pharmacists may not know the patient's medical history or exact needs, he said.

"If we have to legislate professionalism, we're not a profession," he said.

Two Eugene pharmacists see benefits in the new proposal.

Pat McMullen, a pharmacist at Hiron's Drug Store on Franklin Boulevard, said the proposal would give patients "ideal" medical care. "It eliminates some problems of not understanding how medicines should be taken," she said. "Contact would ensure better patient care."

The feasibility of the proposal may be a problem because of the volume of prescriptions, she said. More pharmacists would be needed to follow through with customer counseling and the cost of this would increase the price con-

sumers pay for drugs, according to McMullen.

Pharmacists at the Student Health Center support the proposal, as they already counsel students on how to take medicines.

According to Heather Loomis, a health center pharmacist, many drug stores in Eugene may not do this because they are turned off by customer response. "We need this patient contact so that the pharmacy is included in the health care program," she said.

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