

Dorms-turned-hotels earn summer cash

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The University is in the hotel business. Each summer the housing department opens campus dormitories to people attending camps, conventions and workshops in Eugene.

This summer the dorms will house between 7,000 and 9,000 visitors in addition to about 450 summer session students, according to Marjory Ramey, assistant housing director.

The summer business helps keep dorm rates low during the academic

year, Ramey says.

Last summer the housing department took in about \$500,000, and Ramey estimates gross profits will be about the same this year. The money goes toward mortgage, water and maintenance costs that must be paid regardless of whether or not the buildings are in use, she says.

Ramey says this year the department will keep better accounts than in the past in order to determine net profits.

The dorms already have housed participants in the Olympic Track and Field Trials, as well as nurses, school bus

drivers, high school students in track, football and theater camps, gifted students and underprivileged students.

Dorm-renting groups have ranged in size from 10 to 2,400. The record of 2,400 was set last summer when the Young Calvinist Confederation held a conference in Eugene and "took all the beds on campus," Ramey says.

But problems arose when the YCC insisted on being isolated from all other people.

To accommodate the group, about 40 students had to move out of the Earl

complex. Some students objected to the move and circulated a petition demanding they be allowed to stay.

In past years the Housing Department has been lenient on its eight-week policy, allowing students to stay as long as they wanted in Earl complex. But last summer, the department asserted its legal right to require the move, based on a clause in the dorm contract.

Ramey says the problem shouldn't come up again "because we will probably do a more thorough job of communicating with residents."

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Summer ensemble to perform

The University Summer Concert Band will present a series of midday concerts beginning Thursday.

The free performances, set for 12:30 p.m. at Beall Concert Hall, also will be offered July 31 and Aug. 7.

The summer concert ensemble is made up of university students, Eugene musicians and junior high and high school band directors from throughout the state. Wayne Bennett, University music faculty member, directs the band.

Events honor architect

There will be a two-day lecture series for architecture students, faculty and professionals on the work of Finnish architect Alvar Aalto Thursday and Friday at the University.

Sponsored by the architecture and allied arts department, the lectures are in conjunction with the only West Coast showing of the major works of the architect, who died in 1976. The exhibit, which runs through Sept. 2, is on the grounds of Mt. Angel Abbey, a Benedictine monastery 17 miles north of Salem.

Aalto designed the Mt. Angel library, dedicated in 1970.

The first lecture will be at the University, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in 107 Lawrence. Stuart Wrede, a Finnish-American architect and an expert on Aalto's work, will speak on "Asplund and the Architecture of Metaphor." The lecture is free and open to the public.

Friday, participants will meet at 11 a.m. at the Mt. Angel Abbey for a tour of the exhibit and the library. At 2 p.m., Wrede will lecture on "Aalto: Scandinavian Influences and Inflections," followed at 3 p.m. by a panel discussion.

The only other building Aalto designed in the United States is Baker House residence hall at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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"Women: Source of Hope in Chile" is the topic of a free slide show and discussion by Glenda Hope, a Presbyterian minister who recently returned from Chile, tonight at 7:30 at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St.

The Survival Center, a campus environmental education organization, is accepting entries for a logo contest. Logos should be simple and graphic; the winner will receive \$10. All entries should be sent to the Survival Center, Suite I, EMU, by August 30. For more information, call 686-4356.

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