

'Mindy' brings sun into Eugene with support for solar energy

Pam Dawber, better known as Mork's wife and sidekick, Mindy, arrived in Eugene Friday. But she wasn't playing "straight man" to Robin Williams.

Instead, Dawber represented the National Solar Lobby, of which she is a board member, at an Electric Station luncheon.

Dawber criticized the Reagan administration's energy policy, blasted the Bonneville Power Administration as a "tsar" and campaigned for 4th District U.S. Congressman Jim Weaver.

She said under Pres. Ronald Reagan's 1983 budget proposal, 87 percent of energy funding would go to nuclear power and conservation would be "slashed" by 83 percent.

Reagan's idea of conservation, she said, is "too hot in the summer, too cold in the winter."

Dawber also denounced the current admini-



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Pam Dawber urges support for solar energy and Rep. Jim Weaver.

stration's "massive budget cuts" in solar research, pointing out \$6.4 billion in fiscal year 1983 will be spent on oil drilling.

She said the "great bounds" made for energy under the Carter administration have all been undone.

Dawber, a registered Independent "thinking about changing to Democrat," praised Weaver for his dedication to solar and other environmental energy means.

Dawber began supporting both Weaver and California Gov. Jerry Brown because of their positions

on the "safest, cheapest, most reliable" way to meet energy needs — solar energy.

She urged onlookers to vote for Weaver saying, "With your help, we can let the sun shine in the halls of Congress."

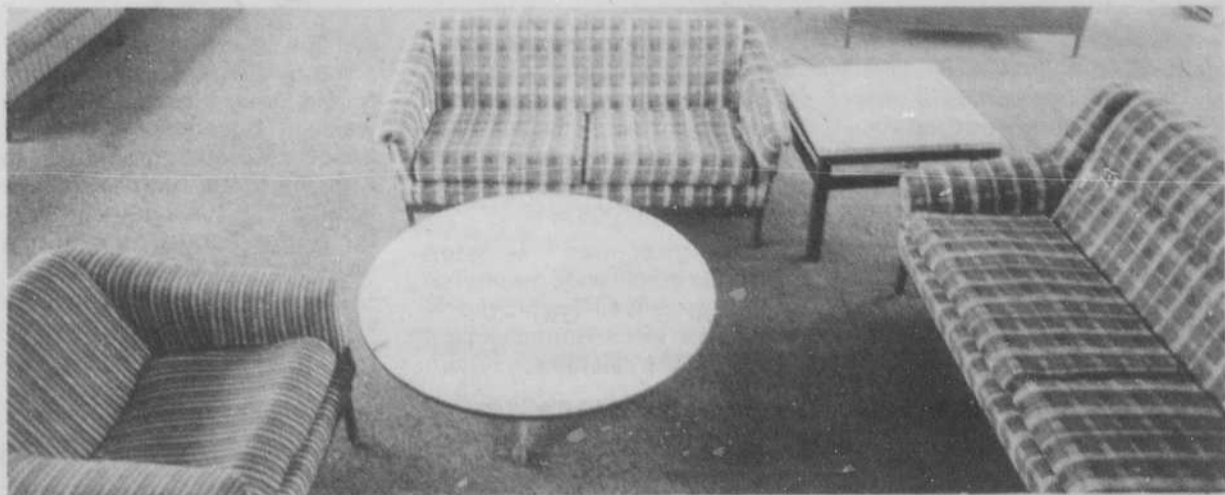


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Many apartment-dwellers choose to steal dorm furniture for their homes.

Furniture theft troubles dorm officials

By Debbie Howlett
Of the Emerald

The charging of three University students with the theft of a sofa Tuesday from Dunn Residence Hall in the Hamilton Complex illustrates a much larger problem — the increasing incidence of furniture theft in University housing facilities, says Sgt. Rick Allison of the Eugene Police department.

The students — Scott Calvin, Steve Paquin and David Dudley — were taken into custody Tuesday after a dorm resident reported seeing three people loading a sofa into a pick-up truck at the dorm around 12:30 a.m. Tuesday. The student wrote down the license plate number of the truck which led police department officials to the three men. The students live off-campus in the University area.

"It's always been a problem... students try to furnish their apartments with dorm furniture," Allison says.

"The only thing we could do is bolt the furniture down and that's not practical," Allison says.

Of all the dorm complexes, Walton lost more furniture than the rest, says Allison. And the beginning of a term, especially fall term, is the time the thefts are most likely to occur.

"More of the activity is at the beginning of the quarter, people are trying to furnish their apartments," says Dan Williams, director of University housing.

The University loses "not less than \$20-25,000 annually" in furniture that "just walks off," says Williams.

"I don't want to minimize it; in the context of the whole operation it's not a significant amount, but it is a problem."

Williams says vacuum cleaners and fire extinguishers are the most popular items among furniture thieves. "I don't know what anybody wants with fire extinguishers," he adds.

The thefts, especially of the fire safety equipment, only harm the students, Williams says.

"If I had to choose, I'd rather lose the furniture than the fire safety equipment," he says.

Most of the stolen furniture is never recovered, Williams says.

"When we're sure it is not in a (resident's) room, we replace it," Williams says. "Consequently students bear the cost of that. Students essentially underwrite the cost."

"I guess it's the morality of the whole thing that troubles me," Williams says. "Because of the size of the operation people think it's okay to steal from the University."

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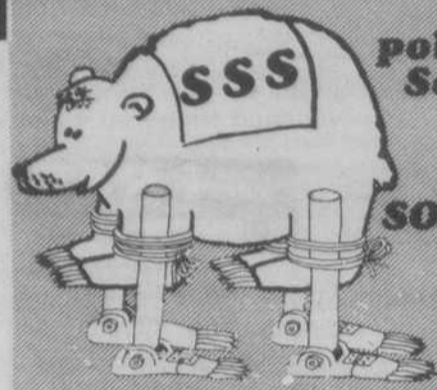
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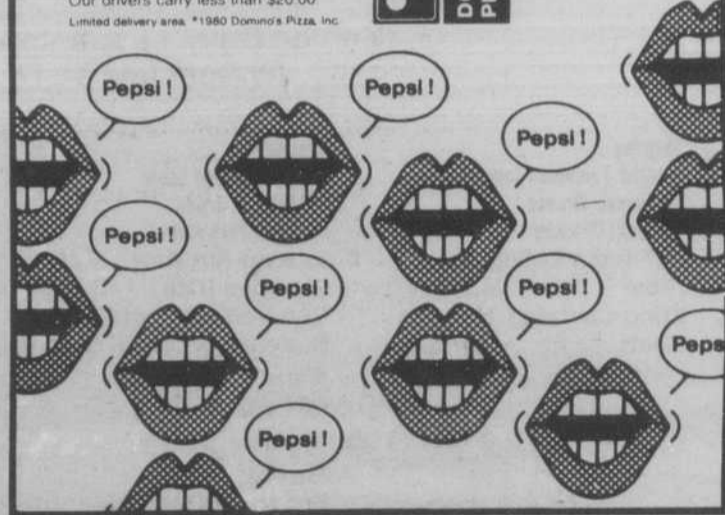
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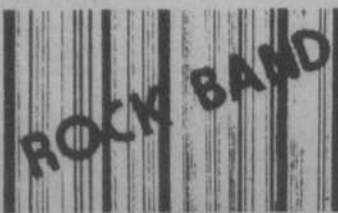
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