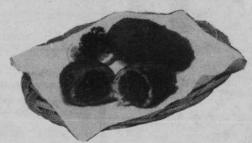


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University Housing — like this family unit — offers low rent and community living to students who are married or single parents.

## Housing fills couples' needs

By Steve Maher Of the Emerald

Married students can't live in the dormitories. Married students can't live in Greek houses. But they can live in the University family housing

Eligibility at the family housing areas of Amazon, Westmoreland and East Campus is based on undergraduate or graduate full-time student status, and residents must be either married or single parents, says Sue Tamiesie, director of family housing.

"They are a good attraction for the University to offer to both undergraduate and graduate students," Tamiesie says.

Students pay \$111 a month for one bedroom and \$140 a month for two bedroom apartments at Westmoreland, \$116 a month to rent a two bedroom apartment at Amazon and between \$120-\$350 a month to rent at East Campus, depending on the size and condition of the unit.

One problem arises when students don't carry a full class load, either because they are unaware of the requirement or because they have reduced their course load during the term, Tamiesie says.

'If we get reports that we have people who are not eligible living with us, we send out notices and ask them to come in and prove their eligibili-

The income from rent money keeps the family housing areas financially sound, Tamiesie says.

'All of housing has to be self-supporting and self-liquidating," she says. "We get no tax dollars at all. The money we spend is from rent money."

Some of that money has been directed toward Amazon, which is undergoing a \$900,000 renovation program. Along with painting half the buildings this summer and half next summer, the renovation includes new storm windows and foundation repair.

The 242 units of Amazon were deteriorating in the late 1970s when the housing department brought in an architect to do a study on the

He told us in 1979 that with the kind of renovation we have put in - and that we are continuing to put in - that it could easily last another 30 years," Tamiesie says.

The East Campus family housing area, a conglomeration of 119 houses and apartments in the blocks between Villard and Agate Streets, also has benefitted from recent renovation.

'We've converted most of the old sawdust buying furnaces over there (East Campus),' Tamiesie says. "We've also done a lot of work on bathrooms because some of those homes are 1920s homes with 1920s bathrooms. We'll be painting 30 units this summer and right now we're in the midst of participating in the EWEB energy buyback program and having all the electrical homes over there insulated.'

The most obvious advantage of East Campus is its proximity to the University. But it also fills another - and perhaps greater - need for the University community by having residences large enough to house families with more than a few children, Tamiesie says.

Built in the early 1960s, Westmoreland is the largest of the family housing areas. It offers child care facilities and two computer rooms for University computer students.

The residents of the 408-unit Westmoreland complex are hampered by the four miles that separate the complex from the University, Tamiesie says. Although some people like being removed from the noisy campus area, most have to utilize either public transportation or a bike to reach the University.

'We all know that riding your bike year round in Oregon can get a little messy," Tamiesie says.

Tamiesie says a special kind of community support is the strongest drawing card at both Amazon and Westmoreland.

"They offer something special, because veryone in those communities tend to be in the same boat."









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