

# Editorial

## Adequate housing needed for students

With an estimated 17,822 students enrolled at the University this fall term — an approximate increase of 680 students from last year — finding acceptable housing in the nearby community has become increasingly difficult.

Appropriately, the University has taken measures to ease the housing burden on students. For example, the University purchased Marion Hall from Northwest Christian College, expanding the capacity of residence halls by 150 beds.

The University Housing Department also operated this summer the Housing Search Hotel, which offered students inexpensive lodging on a temporary basis.

The ASUO helped students searching for housing by opening its Off-Campus Housing Office a month earlier than usual and by hiring additional staff to provide counseling assistance.

The University Housing Office, the dean of students office and the ASUO should be commended for their efforts; however, the job is not yet finished.

Some students still remain on the University's residence hall standby list, and many others are still searching for off-campus housing.

In the next few weeks the housing department and the ASUO should continue and intensify their efforts to house any and all students who remain without homes.

If enrollment projections hold true for this year, the University has increased its student population by more than 2,400 people in the last five years. The University, the community, and private contractors should take the following measures to ease the local housing problem in the future:

First, if enrollment continues to increase at the present rate, then the University should consider building a new dorm complex in order to fulfill some of the demand increased enrollment will bring.

Second, landlords should renovate and revitalize existing housing that is either dilapidated or abandoned.

Landlords have been reluctant to build new housing because greater profits can be incurred if the quantity of local supply remains constant.

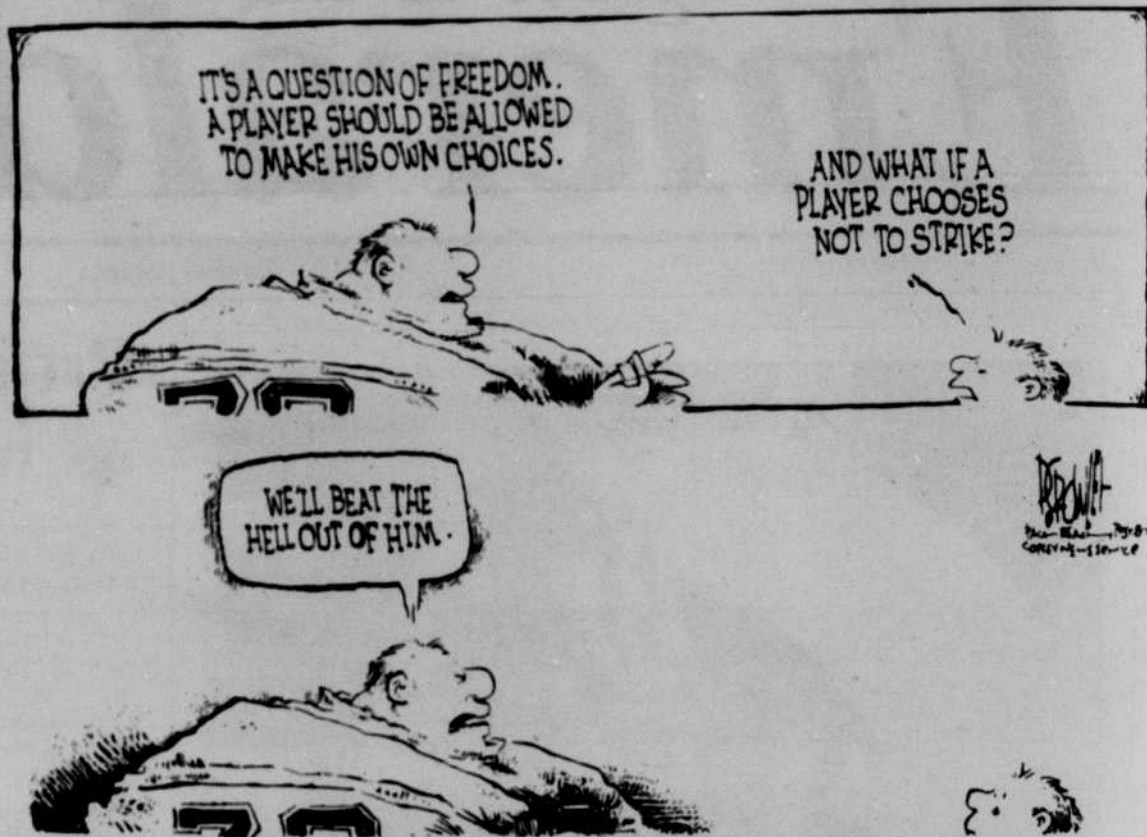
Private contractors should apprehend the opportunity to build new housing in the University area and should act accordingly, putting future homeless students out of their rental misery.

Third, households in the local community should make available to students spare rooms in their homes. Private households who live and work in the University area derive economic benefits from students; therefore, it is to their advantage to help resolve the housing shortage by renting out available rooms.

Another housing problem in the University area is that some landlords have been irresponsible, perhaps even negligent, in the upkeep of certain apartment and housing units.

During the beginning of the academic year, many students feel trapped in their living accommodations because it is so difficult to find a suitable, convenient apartment in good condition. Therefore, students tend to remain in their present housing, regardless of neglected problems and inflated rents.

Local landlords should not take advantage of the unfortunate housing situation by exploiting desperate students; instead, landlords should adhere to their social responsibilities to provide the community with adequate and acceptable housing.



## Faculty Forum

### Testimony a personal endeavor

**How were you chosen to testify?**

I had a call from Judge Bork, himself, asking me to... Well first of all he asked me if I did in fact support his nomination, and, if I did, if I would be willing to testify before the judiciary committee. I told him that I did support his nomination and would be willing.

**Maurice Holland is the dean of the law school. He is testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee for Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork today. In a brief interview with the Oregon Daily Emerald, he offered his opinions regarding his testimony.**

**What will the testimony entail?**

I think that what happens in Washington is that I will be on a panel with three or four other people. I believe they will consist of either present or former law school deans. The panel will be before the committee for one hour, total, and each of us will be prepared, allowed to give a five-minute prepared summary of our position and then answer questions. And

what I'm going to say in my five minutes and any answers to questions, what I'm going to say is why I think Judge Bork is an outstanding nominee to the Supreme Court and why I think the Senate should confirm him.

**Because you are the dean of the law school, you have received opposition from law school students opposed to the**

**Bork nomination, saying you represent them. How do you feel about this and do you believe your testimony will have any negative effects on the University?**

Well, I've said from the very beginning — and will say in the testimony and the written prepared statement — that I am appearing as an individual expressing my own personal views, not in anyway purporting to represent the University or the law school or the state. There are people in the University and certainly there are a lot of people in the law school who feel very differently about the Bork nomination than I do. As far as I know those groups and those individuals are expressing, in various ways, their opinions by sending letters or signing letters addressed to Senator Biden and the Oregon senators. And that's fine. It's just a matter about which I feel one way and a substantial number of faculty members and students feel the other. But I haven't heard, directly at least, any statement of protest or opposition to my going out and giving my views as an individual.

**What kind of long-term benefits do you see for yourself, Bork or the University coming from your national testimony?**

Well I don't know if there are any benefits to anybody. I

would hope that Judge Bork is confirmed and joins the court. I think that would be good for the country and the court. Naturally, I think that would be a benefit. But I will be only one of I think about 40 to 50 witness appearing on his behalf — including the former chief justice of the United States and four former attorney generals of the United States. So I doubt that whatever I say is going to be crucial, but I would like to see him join the court because I think he would be an outstanding justice.

As far as the benefits to me, I don't see that there are benefits one way or the other. It was just something I was asked to do. It's a professional appearance. It's a matter of judgment of his professional capabilities and qualification. And it's something that law school deans very often do — testify before the state congress or state legislatures on all sorts of issues and occasionally a judicial nomination. So I don't think it's anything out of the ordinary to do that. I don't think it would have any particular benefits or detriments to the law school or the University. I think it's a matter of an individual expressing his opinion.

**What are your views on Bork's ideologies and credentials? If he is confirmed do you believe he will try to bring a personal ideology to the court, maybe overturning decisions like Roe vs. Wade?**

Well, as a matter of his credentials, I think I agree with what Chief Justice Burger said this morning (Sept. 23): he is among the very most highly qualified nominees to the Supreme Court in the last 50 years. You don't very often get somebody nominated for the Supreme Court, or any other court, who was the one of the leading legal scholars and academics of the last some 20 years, a holder of the endowed professorship at Yale law school, an author of books and

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