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take good care of their apartments and clean them well after moving out, Yan said. Even then, however, problems arise.

"Even if you clean it thoroughly they can come up with all kinds of excuses — the time, the hours they spent on cleaning the place — and charge you," Yan said.

Students living off campus have the most problems with rental agencies and specifically with VIP and IPM, both of which have reputations for returning little cleaning deposit money, Yan said. The local chairwoman of the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group, Lauren Norris, said most of the complaints she has received concern IPM.

ASUO Legal Services Attorney Ilona Koleszar said she has received about an equal number of complaints from students about all area rental agencies, and most of the complaints also are about losing cleaning deposits.

"It is a landlord's market

right now," Koleszar said. "I think that landlords are able to get pickier and pickier right now."

However, VIP and IPM officials said they have dealt with cleaning deposits the same way for years. One IPM official who wished not to be identified said student complaints about cleaning deposits are "age-old," but that IPM follows guidelines that were set by the Off-Campus Housing Office several years ago.

VIP broker Jon Tronrud said VIP has not become more strict, has also followed the same guidelines for years and has returned the full cleaning deposit to many students. He said if tenants follow the cleaning instruction sheet VIP gives them, they will get all of their deposit back.

"We want it in the same condition or better minus normal wear and tear, which is allowed to us by the statute, when they return the property

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MEETINGS

The School of Journalism will hold an informational meeting about a wide variety of student groups offered through the school Thursday at 3 p.m. in 221 Allen Hall.

The Sister University Project meets today at 3:30 in Century Room B. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Allen Hall Advertising is having its first meeting this morning at 7:30. All student interested are invited to attend. Call Emil Wilson, 343-6016, or Laile Fairbairn 343-1741 for more information.

Mortar Board's Senior Honor Society will meet Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in 105 Fenton Hall. All members are required to attend.

Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity meets this evening at 6:30. Check 212 Gilbert for room numbers. All pre-business, business and economics majors are welcome.

The Hawaii Club meets tonight at 7:30 in the EMU Cedar Rooms E and F. All are

welcome.

invited.

LECTURES

Students International Meditation Society presents an introductory lecture on the Transcendental Meditation Program at 12:30 and 7:00 p.m. today in Century Room E. All are

MISCELLANEOUS

A Catholic mass to be followed by an ice cream social at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St., today at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Evan or Karen at 343-7021.

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Dormitory

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than the other dorms, except for the UI (University Inn)."

Students are paying the standard University dorm rate for Marian rooms, which are larger than those of other residence halls and include a private sink and more closet space in each room.

The dorm's three floors — one for conference and temporary rooms, the middle floor for men and the top housing women — frame a large courtyard. Many of the rooms overlook trees and walkways in this area.

"It's great," one female resident said. "I was on the UI waiting list, but here I'm paying the normal rate. I'm staying here."

In fact, according to the hall's resident assistants, all but two Marian residents awaiting rooms at the UI remained in Marian when UI rooms became available.

Marian RAs expressed a strong desire to bring the new dorm's residents together. There will be a private "grand opening" beach barbecue celebration for Marian residents around a sandbox in the courtyard on Monday.

Romm said he has left much of the hall's decision making to the RAs and Marian student government.

Much of the dorm's facilities are unfurnished, such as the recreational area, and the decision-making process for furnishing these areas will bring the dorm closer together, Romm said.

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