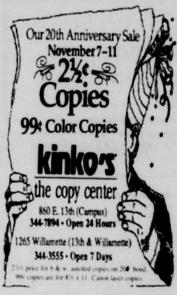
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Small budget no barrier to decorating

By Tammy Batey Emerald Reporter

For financially strapped students, sprucing up a dorm room, apartment or house can be a severe drain on a bank ac-

But architecture students at the University and a local interior designer have found that decorating within a student budget is possible by using a few key principles.

"Make it yourself," says Gunilla Finrow, director of interior architecture at the University. "It's very easy to make desks from doors and use concrete blocks for support of shelves."

"Last year I built a bunk bed really cheap to fit my drafting table in my dorm room," says Kristi Johnson, interior architecture student.

There are advantages to a doit-yourself job, Finrow says.

"First of all, you get to imprint and show your personality with your environment," she says. "Also, if this is your first time away from home, it's a way to show your independence."

So how do you decorate simply without making major orders from furniture companies and without scaring your roommate? The answer is to work with color and personal touches, Johnson said.

She advises students to pick colors they won't tire of easily. "Pick a few colors you know



Photo by Andre Ranier

Interior architecture students Shari Baxter (front) and Darla Ouderkirk, have combined their imaginations and talents to create a comfortable living space.

you can live with and then accessorize," she says.

One common problem students experience is making abrupt transitions from the dorms, where all furniture is provided, to apartments or houses, where students must beg, borrow or improvise for tables and chairs.

But where can students pick up nice, inexpensive furniture and other items to brighten their surroundings? Garage sales and used furniture stores offer alternatives to the often expensive specialty stores. Finrow says.

At Salvation Army and many other second-hand stores, students can pick up furniture and other necessities at low prices, says Kathy Johnson, Salvation Army manager. Furniture at the Salvation Army store at 451 W. 11th ranges in price from \$5 to

\$2

"A little bit of everything" is available at Chuck & Sherry's Bargain Hut in Springfield, says Chuck Reifschneider, comanager of the store. Televisions sell for \$20 and up and chairs for \$5 and up.

Decorating your dorm, apartment or house is easier than you may imagine on a limited budget.

Students urged to storm stairs for paralysis

By Bob Waite

Emerald Reporter

Last year University students ran 66 miles worth of Autzen Stadium stairs and raised about \$3,000 to help cure paralysis.

This year Recreation and Intramurals "Storm the Stairs" organizers hope to beat that record in the one-of-a-kind, rain-orshine event.

RIM is calling on the community to participate in the Sunday event by running stairs, pushing wheelchairs around the rim or just making cash donations.

Event proceeds will be matched by a Baltimore insurance company and given to the Miami Project, a group of doctors, scientists and researchers who are seeking a cure for paralysis. Olympics-style opening ceremonies will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Autzen Stadium, followed by the event, which ends at 1 p.m. Eller said.

Participants pay two dollars to participate and are asked to provide an additional \$10 in pledges, said Karla Rice, RIM director. The event is open to everyone, Rice said, including people who make a last minute decision to participate, or people who decide to make donations between now and Thanksgiving.

There will be frisbee, martial arts, softball and other demonstrations during the fundraiser. Organizers invite spectators, as well as participants, to see the spectacle.

While national university and college participation began last year, the project to cure paralysis began in 1987 when the Miami Group was formed, said Dene Eller, "Storm the Stairs" coordinator and RIM assistant.

Former Miami Dolphins football player Nick Buoniconti helped found the research group after his son was paralyzed during a football game, Eller said.

Seeking funds, the Miami Group showed a video tape of their project to the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, Maryland, Eller said.

Executives were so impressed they asked universities and colleges to organize fundraising events and matched those funds.

While there is no cure for paralysis, some experimental and electrical treatments offer hope, said Loren Cushing, Sacred Heart

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