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would make in housing.

"She asked, 'What are you going to feel when you leave all this?'" Ramey said. "I thought to myself, 'I'm going to feel terrible.'

"That was the first moment I realized I wanted to continue in this job."

Ramey came to the University in 1969 as Hamilton Complex director. At that time, the dorms still had curfews, and meals were handed to residents.

Since then, the dorms adopted a no-curfew policy, meals are served buffet style and seconds are offered.

"Gang" showers gave way to shower curtains to put international students at ease, and family housing was greatly expanded. Also, freshmen no longer are required to live in the dorms for one year.

Among other accomplishments, Ramey notes that the housing department, with its $11 million annual budget, has fought to keep room and board costs among the lowest in the state and on the West Coast.

But with all the changes under her various tenures in the housing department, Ramey said one thing has remained the same — student pranks.

One morning she came to work, and a custodian told her the toilets in a women's dorm had been shut off, she said.

"It turned out that in the hall next door there was a man who worked as a plumber's assistant over the summer," she said.

During the night, the resident sneaked around the outside of the building and "disengaged all the toilets."

"I always thought that was funny," Ramey said. "It was much funnier than the limburger cheese someone put in the ventilation system."

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