# Groups fight for EMU offices

The demand for student group offices in the EMU has prompted a "space audit" — an evaluation of every inch of the EMU to determine how to best allocate space.

Several student groups with offices in the EMU were recently moved into new offices. The Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) previously had an office on the third floor of the EMU, but was moved to the basement in late September. That move was generated by a request from the Office of Student Advocacy, also located on the third floor, for a separate space for its Defender Division.

The IFC was moved to the office next to the Campus Copy Center, previously the Photo ID office. Photo ID moved to the Club Sports office, also in the basement of the EMU, and Club Sports moved into a new office, built in the basement near the Computer Lounge.

The EMU Board of Director's House Committee made these recommendations to the EMU Board

last spring, said Frank Geltner, associate director and University program consultant for the EMU.

Members of the IFC have requested that the board find a new space for them. IFC Chairwoman Lydia Lerma said the new office is too small for seven committee members and two staff members. Only two desks fit in the office, she said, and some of the committee's filing cabinets don't fit at all.

Geltner said an additional complication has been presented now that student radio station KVAK — formerly KRMA — has requested a new office space from which to start broadcasting. Currently, the KVAK office is located near the Craft Center in a space that director James January said is too small to hold the necessary equipment.

Geltner said the House Committee will conduct the audit, which should be finished sometime in November, and then make recommendations to the board.



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"We are making an effort to bring a greater sense of security awareness to the dorms because many residents have a misguided sense of security," Wilson said.

OPS and University Housing are also teaming up in other ways to make residents more aware of the dangers.

Resident Assistants may borrow a video tape from OPS to present to residents, which explains and emphasizes such things as theft and date rape. OPS also does various presentations in the dorms to make residents more aware of such hazards.

New this fall are phones in-

stalled outside of the dorms for after-hour use. The doors to the residence halls are locked at 10 p.m. during the week and 11 p.m on weekends. The purpose of these phones is to prevent strangers from being let in the dorms by permitting visiting guests to call residents to let them in.

In addition to campus security officers, there is a student patrol, equipped with radios, that makes sure nothing out of the ordinary goes on.

The patrol is not a new idea, but the previously plainclothed students will soon be receiving uniforms to make them more visible, said OPS director Carey Drayton. "The student patrols are a deterrent for people who have bad intents," he said.

University Housing is making every effort to decrease crime in the residence halls but they can only do so much, said Resident Assistant James Trujillo.

"I think housing is doing everything they can," he said. "It comes down to residents making good decisions about their security."

Responsibility is the key to security, Wilson said. "They are responsible, as members of this dorm community, to ensure not only the security of their own safety, but of their fellow residents as well," he said.



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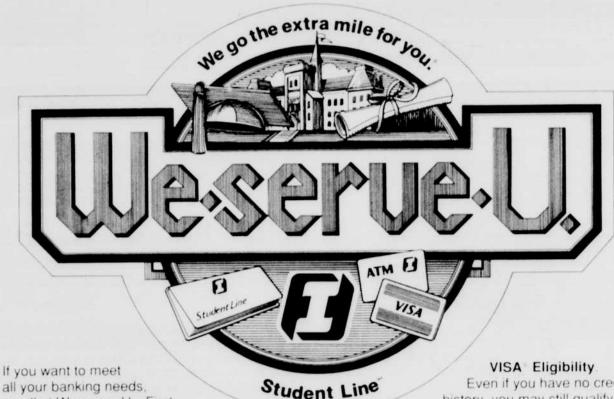
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