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University housing rents increased for next year

University charges housing department \$300,000 assessment

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Students living in University housing will be paying more for rent beginning Sept. 1. The increased rents are due to routine maintenance costs, supporting a new family housing site at 18th Street and Agate Avenue and a controversial \$300,000 administrative fee being assessed by the University.

Rents at the Westmoreland housing complex will increase

\$25 per month, rents at the Amazon complex will rise \$20 per month and East Campus rents will increase as much as \$40 per month.

Rents for resident halls will increase for multiple rooms from \$3,229 per year to \$3,550, while single room rates will go from \$4,191 to \$4,435.

However, the increase is not setting well with many tenants, particularly those in family housing.

Nancy Forrest of the Amazon Tenant's Council and co-chairwoman of the Family Housing Board, said she believes students living in University housing are being unfairly singled out to generate additional revenue for the University.

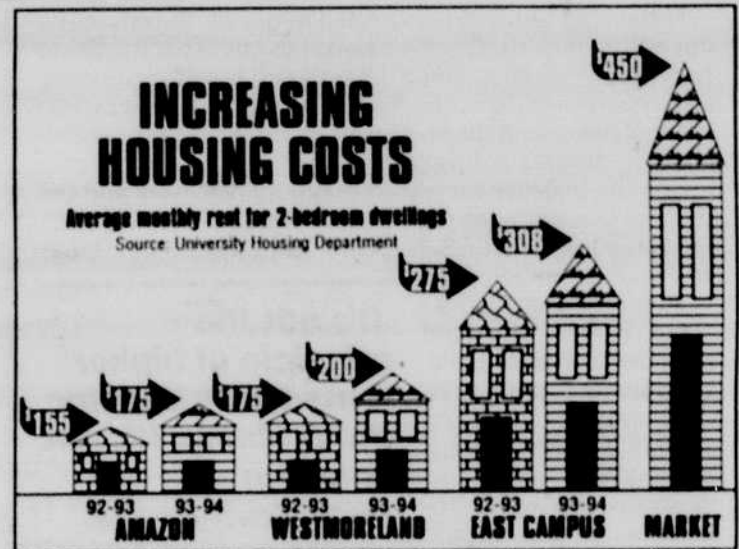
For the University.

"We're being taxed twice because we live in housing," she said. "Our fees are already going up because we're students, and our tuition is already going up. Now, simply by the fact we live in housing, we're being asked to subsidize the University."

Michael Eyster, University housing director, said, "I don't like to charge my residents any more than I have to," but said he understands why the University is assessing his department the \$300,000 fee.

Although the housing department is entirely self-supporting and receives no money from

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Court disallows voting districts based on race

So-called minority majority districts may violate rights of white voters

WASHINGTON (AP) — State legislatures may be violating white voters' rights by creating congressional districts that are designed to give minorities an electoral majority, the Supreme Court ruled today.

The 5-4 decision revived a challenge to a congressional redistricting plan for North Carolina that created two majority-black districts. The challenged plan was drawn to satisfy a Justice Department objection to a previous plan the state Legislature drew.

The decision could jeopardize action in other states that recently created so-called majority-minority districts to comply with the Voting Rights Act.

The court's Voting Rights Act ruling came on a challenge by two white voters who contended that the North Carolina legislature's 1992 redistricting plan amounted to "racial gerrymandering."

The two contested congressional districts are among about two dozen new districts across the nation with black or Hispanic majorities. They were created under Justice Department pressure following the 1990 census.

"Racial classifications of any sort pose the risk of lasting harm to our society," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court. "They reinforce the belief, held by too many for too much of our history, that individuals should be judged by the color of their skin."

O'Connor said racial classifications in voting pose "particular dangers," adding, "Racial gerrymandering, even for remedial

al purposes ... demands close judicial scrutiny."

But today's decision appeared to say that such close scrutiny should be applied by courts when the districts drawn are "so bizarre" they appear to be "unexplainable on grounds other than race."

O'Connor was joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Clarence Thomas.

Justices Byron R. White, Harry A. Blackmun, John Paul Stevens and David H. Souter dissented.

Based on the 1990 census, North Carolina increased its congressional delegation, from 11 to 12 seats in the House.

Five white voters from Durham sued over the 1992 redistricting plan, contending that it amounted to unlawful "racial gerrymandering."

They noted that the new, worm-shaped 12th District stretches 160 miles from Gastonia to Durham hugging the thin line of Interstate 85.

The district is so narrow at one point that drivers in the northbound lanes of I-85 are in the 12th District but drivers in the southbound lanes are in the Sixth.

"Today we hold only that (white voters) have stated a claim ... by alleging that the North Carolina General Assembly adopted a reapportionment scheme so irrational on its face that it can be understood only as an effort to segregate voters into separate voting districts because of their race," O'Connor wrote.

Today's ruling made clear that such minority-majority districts must answer to claims that they violate the constitutionally protected equal-treatment rights of white voters.

Strip and wax



Photo by Anthony Forney

Donny Patterson (left) and Barry Rager from the Eugene Police Cadet Post, try to lure customers to the cadet posts annual "nude" car wash. Although there is no actual nudity, the idea to hide behind signs was thought of several years ago to stand out from the plethora of other charity car washes.

WEATHER



The sun should come out today after the morning clouds burn away. Highs are expected to reach the mid-70s. Expect more clouds on Wednesday, but highs should still remain about 75.

BYRON WHITE RETIRES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Byron R. White, the Supreme Court's hard-nails senior justice, retired Monday, saying "There is no doubt I shall miss the court very much" after 31 years on the job.

White read from a letter he had written his eight fellow justices as he took the bench to close out the court's 1992-93 term.

"This court is a very small organization for the freight it carries, and its work is made possible only by the competent and dedicated service of those who work here," White quoted from his "Dear Colleagues" letter.

White, 76, had announced his intention to retire last March. President Clinton has nominated Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a federal appellate judge, to replace White.

His gravelly voice seemed to break when White concluded, "The court is a great institution, and I wish it well. It has been good to me."

SPORTS

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers outfielder Jose Canseco received a second medical opinion that confirmed the club's diagnosis — a complete ligament tear in his right elbow that will require surgery.

Canseco's elbow was examined Monday by Dr. Frank Jobe in Inglewood, Calif., club officials said. The tear is in the ulnar collateral ligament.

Jobe has recommended surgery, which would end Canseco's season but have him back in time for spring training next year.

He is batting .255 with 10 home runs and 46 RBIs in 60 games.