

New plan sends bills to Seattle

Change will increase the efficiency of processing payments

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Returning students who received their tuition bills earlier this month may have been surprised to discover that their payments now must be sent to Seattle.

The change was made in order to be more efficient, said David Doerksen, accounts receivable supervisor for the Office of Business Affairs.

Before, cashiers at Oregon Hall used to process all of the payments, but would often get days behind because of the volume and because of the flood of students coming into the building. The procedure was time-consuming and prevented the cashiers from doing other duties.

As a result, students mail their bills to a processing center at First Interstate Bank in Seattle, whose employees can process them immediately.

Bills that are hand-delivered to Oregon Hall are still processed by the cashiers there.

First Interstate has two processing centers — one in Portland and one in Seattle. The Seattle site was chosen because it has more resources to better deal with the large volume of bills, said Larry Tergesen, assistant director of business affairs.

Oregon State and Portland State universities joined the University in sending their bills to the processing center, which yields a cheaper rate for the universities. The center

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66 Motel manager, Martin, gives a key to Jake Simon, an English major at the University, for his temporary dorm.

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Dorm overflow — motel makes homes

Housing problems create unique living arrangements

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The current overflow of students in the University dormitory system is not a problem, University officials said last week.

Many students in both the dormitory system and on the waiting list for on-campus housing are expected to find permanent housing within the next few weeks.

One week before classes, about 130 students that couldn't be placed in permanent housing were assigned to temporary units that ranged from lounge space to motel

rooms. Another 80 students were on a waiting list for on-campus housing.

Attrition should open up space, said Dick Romm, resident life director for the dormitory system, as students either transfer to the greek system, change their mind about University housing, or just don't show up.

"We do this every year," Romm said. "This isn't anything new."

Concerning students on the waiting list, Romm said, "as classes start, that will be down to nothing because those people will have to find housing soon," if units don't open up for them on campus.

About 3,300 students have been assigned space in the University's seven dormitories this year, said Michael Eyster, University

Housing director. Normal operating capacity for the University's dormitory system is 3,125.

Space has been made for the increase in residents, partly, by limiting the number of one-person units.

Also, a number of rooms that can fit from three to four residents, but often housed only two or three, will be filled to capacity, Romm said.

Lounge space in the dormitories was opened for extra room, Romm said.

Lounge space includes a bed, dresser and desk for each student. The space may be smaller than the typical dormitory room, when considering the space each student

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Michelle Thompson and Sharon Singer Millman, holding her three-year-old son, Zachary, listen to debate on the future of low-income.

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Tenants discuss future of Amazon

Representatives field complaints about housing

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Reps. Carl Hosticka and Jim Edmunson met with 40 University tenants and their families Thursday night to hear grievances concerning low-income family housing, including the proposed tearing down of Amazon.

The students and representatives discussed Amazon, cost overruns at the housing project on 18th Avenue and Agate Street, Berkeley architect

Christopher Alexander, the overhead administrative assessment, and topics relating to a \$10 million bond issued in 1989 to the University by the Legislature at the request of Sen. Bill Dwyer, D-Springfield, for the purpose of creating affordable student housing.

Many students questioned the University's adherence to the mission of family housing, which they felt was to provide the lowest possible rents for low-income students and their families.

Hosticka and Edmunson, both Eugene Democrats, were barely able to speak as the students reasoned and pleaded to keep Amazon from being torn down.

One tenant, Bruce Gibbons, told Hosticka and Edmunson that he had studied the engineer's report that recommended the demolition of Amazon by 1996. Gibbons, who said he has been a licensed general contractor for 15 years, does 25 percent of his work on low-income HUD housing.

Gibbons said the engineer's report was subjective and biased. For example, it lumped the condition of the two-story units with the remodeled one-story units.

Giving a detailed technical analysis of Amazon to Hosticka and Edmunson, Gibbons said

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