



Erica de Koning, a graduate student in psychology and Dr. Robert Weiss, professor of psychology, discuss the development and success of the internationally-known Oregon Marital Studies Program.

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methods that the staff has developed, said Dr. Robert Weiss, director of the program.

The program started in the late 1960s, at which time it likely was the first such program at a university psychology department. About five major universities have such programs now, and most of them have used the University's program as a model, Weiss said.

"This kind of a program has a track record that shows that things we do are effective," Weiss said.

One of the program's effective methods of therapy is its videotaping of the behavior of couples, and analyzing the way they interact by using a coding system. Called the "Marital Interaction Coding System," the service is used all over the country, and some people send videotapes to the University program staff members for them to observe the interaction of couples, Weiss said.

"We can tell what kinds of things couples are

doing that are helpful and unhelpful in a relationship," he said.

If a couple often fights about money, for example, the couple is told to try to solve some issue of their money problems while being videotaped, Weiss said.

Some people don't realize how negatively they're acting toward their partner until they watch the videotape, said Erica de Koning, a graduate student in psychology.

The program staff is especially interested in offering clinical services to "feisty" couples who often put each other down. Crystal Dehle, a graduate student, said the staff is interested in verbal abuse problems.

Couples who undergo therapy are interviewed to find out whether the program's services match what the couple is looking for. An assessment process follows to pinpoint what problems the couple is having, and then treatment begins. Couples are charged according to a sliding fee scale.

For more information call the program office at 346-4974, or Erica de Koning at 346-4664.

ET ALS

MEETINGS

MECHA will have elections for its correspondence and programs coordinator positions Sunday, Jan. 5, at 5 p.m. Applications are available in Room 30 EMU. For more information, call 346-3508.

MISCELLANEOUS

EMU Cultural Forum will sponsor a guest lecture by Margaret Prentice of the department of fine and applied arts on artists' books and mail art today from 5:30 to 6 p.m. in the EMU Art Gallery. For more information, call 346-4373.

Ecology Colloquium will feature Dr. Margaret Riley of Yale University who will speak

on "Molecular Evolution of Colicin Plasmids in *E. coli*" today at 3 p.m. in Room 110 Willamette.

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Notices of events with a donation or admission charge will not be accepted. Campus events and those scheduled nearest the publication date will be given priority. The Emerald reserves the right to edit for grammar and style.

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running into some guy while you're in your bathrobe."

Houk, Wallace and Willock said they have noticed that no one has loud parties in the building, so Hawthorne stays quiet.

Yet, other residents said they don't believe that living in Hawthorne is dissimilar to living in any other dorm.

"It doesn't feel any different to me," Erin O'Brien said. "We have a lot of guys coming in anyway."

"A lot of parents think that it's safer because it's all women and there's a 24-hour lockup."

Rachel Houk
Hawthorne Resident

Many said they live in Hawthorne only because their parents feel safer knowing they aren't living in the same building as men. These same residents said they would have preferred to live in coed halls.

"A lot of parents think that it's safer because it's all women and there's a 24-hour lockup," said Houk, adding that there are always male guests in the building and that all dorms are 24-hour lockup this school year.

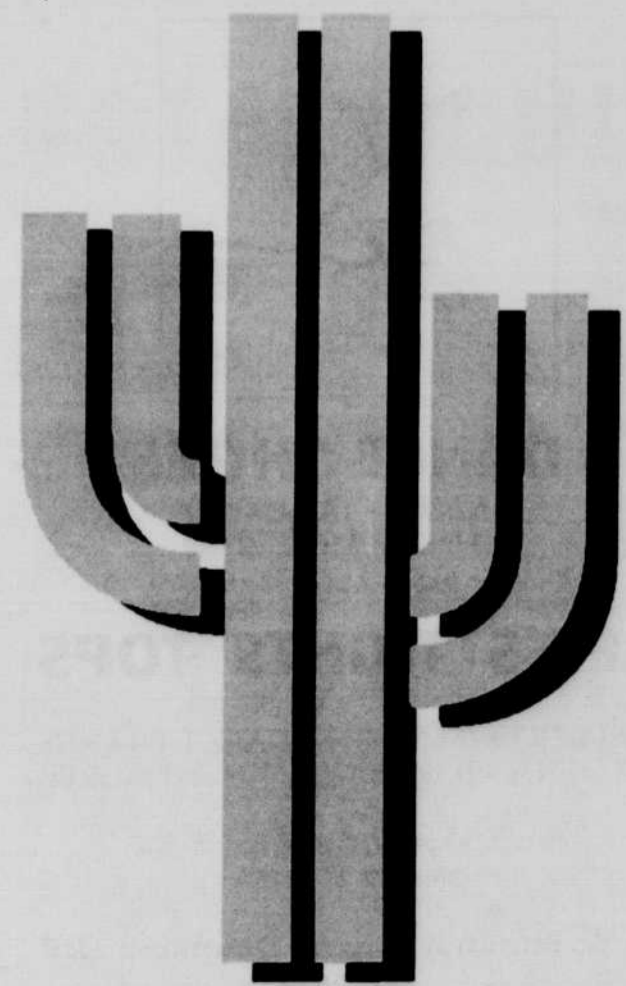
"My mom thought that it would be coed by room like it is at Berkeley," Wong said.

And some complain that because they are in an all women hall they miss out on the opportunity women who live in coed halls have to make friends with male hallmates.

Feelings like this have contributed to the diminishing popularity of single-sex dorms.

"Over the years the number of students requesting single-sex dorms has been dwindling," said Sean Wilson, Walton resident director. "We're completely self-supporting and cater to the demands of our residents."

Last year there were three female halls and two male halls. All except Hawthorne have become coed because of the low number of requests for housing in single-sex dorms.



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