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improvements," he said.

Gaddini said some systems, such as water and sewer service need improvements, and there are some structural problems such as walls separating from ceilings and failing foundations.

"We are the stewards responsible for the safety and well-being of residents" in Amazon, Gaddini said.

Residents are proposing a plan to repair and preserve the current Amazon complex without demolition. The plan, Zupan said, would be cheaper than demolition and repairs could be completed within three years.

A demolition permit for some Amazon indoor fixtures was issued late last week, said Mike Eyster, director of University Housing. The permit will enable University Housing to remove reusable fixtures such as toilets and water heaters for use in a new building.

However, a demolition permit cannot be issued until Nov. 2 — 90 days after the building was put on the market. The delay is required before the building can be destroyed, Eyster said.

He said that a demolition permit would be sought soon after the Nov. 2 deadline.

Money offered to offset moving costs

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In an effort to create a larger buffer zone between a proposed demolition zone and residences within the Amazon Housing complex, University Housing has offered several residents \$250 to relocate to another apartment and will waive the space change fee of \$25.

According to a letter from Ron Tendick, director of business affairs and family housing, to residents of building 2290, residents have until Oct. 30 to accept the offer.

Of the fifteen occupied units, all but four have accepted the offer, according to Tendick.

Keiko Tabata, a graduate student, has opted not to move.

"I don't like moving in the middle of the term and if I accept the offer I have to move out immediately," she said.

She said that she looked at an apartment on East Campus, but wasn't impressed.

"So I don't think I'll move out. I think I'll stay here one more year," she said.

Tabata said she doesn't foresee a big problem with the noise because she spends her days on campus and doesn't think that demolition will occur on the weekends.

Residents are being given the option to move,

between now and Dec. 30, into apartments in Westmoreland, East Campus or further within the occupied area of Amazon. The \$250 is to help with moving expenses, according to Tendick.

Quinta Sauerwein, who has lived in her apartment for four years, has decided to take the offer and is moving her family of four to an East Campus apartment next week.

"They could have said you have 30 days to get out, but they've been very helpful in finding a place," she said. "We thought the offer was quite reasonable."

A driveway separates the inhabited apartments and the replacement zone where the proposed demolition is set to occur. Tendick stressed that the offer is not meant to forcibly remove people from their apartments, but to give them options, understanding that they could potentially be living 25 feet away from a demolition zone.

On Sept. 2, University President Dave Frohn-mayer announced that he would like to see Amazon Housing rebuilt. Phase one includes demolishing and rebuilding buildings currently vacant, according to a letter to family housing residents from Mike Eyster, director of family housing.

Zupan said the Save Amazon Coalition would actively oppose the demolition of Amazon and would use the application process for the demolition permit as a "leverage point" to stop the efforts of the University.

"It makes good sense to preserve Amazon," said Michelle Sommers-Thompson, an Amazon Community Tenants member and resident of Amazon. "These 244 units can be preserved."

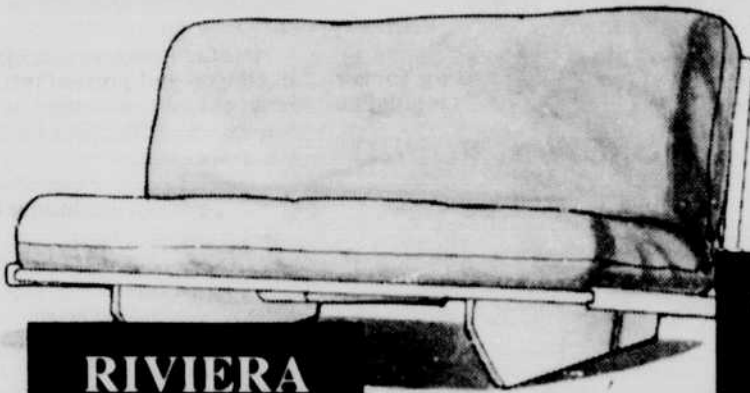
Sommers-Thompson said Amazon residents wanted their proposal to repair and preserve Amazon to be scrutinized by the public. "We hope for an honest discussion on the proposal," she said.

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