

UO family housing near completion

■ APARTMENTS: The new complex will replace the old Amazon buildings

By Regina Brown
Higher Education Editor

The first phase of construction of the new family housing complex at 2250 Patterson St. is well on its way to completion. The 132 apartments with two and three bedrooms should be ready for residents by the end of September.

The University is building the apartments to replace the Amazon Family Housing units built during World War II. The University went through trials in both federal and circuit courts before it could destroy the old units, which officials felt were run down and beyond repair, said Mike Eyster, director of University Housing.

The Coalition to Save Amazon opposed the demolition of the Amazon Family Housing complex because the group claimed many student parents couldn't afford to pay the higher rent for new apartments.

Eyster estimated that the cost per unit would be less if the University had not spent thousands of dollars in court fighting the Save Amazon Coalition's efforts to preserve the old units.

"I would like to have had it lower but I think the amount of time in court and the delays made the cost higher," Eyster said.

NEW STUDENT HOUSING

During Phase One, 132 new apartments will replace Amazon Housing at 2250 Patterson St. The apartments are scheduled to be open fall 1996.

TYPE	SIZE	PRICE PER PERSON
Two bedroom apts. (66)	688-750 sq. ft.	\$435 per month
Three bedroom apts. (66)	806-886 sq. ft.	\$235 per month
Laundry rooms (6)	180 sq. ft.	

Also there will be a common center, child care center, office space, maintenance and storage.

SOURCE: University Housing

The new apartments cost more than the Amazon units but have more space and are more energy efficient, Eyster said. The new apartments will actually exceed state energy efficiency standards, reducing residents' energy costs, said Tom Williams, a new construction energy analyst for the Eugene Water and Electric Board.

Unlike the buildings in the Amazon Family Housing complex, the ground level apartments will be wheelchair accessible or easy to modify to accommodate a wheelchair, Eyster said. In addition, the new complex offers free internet access.

University Housing is trying to create a community atmosphere with the new buildings by arranging them in clusters centered around a common building, Eyster said.

The common building will be surrounded by a lawn area and a playground. It will provide office space, a community room, main-

tenance supplies and a new child care center, which will house the Amazon child-care co-op. The co-op will change its name to the Family Center and will provide space for 100 children, 50 more than the old child care center, Eyster said.

University Housing will add another 148 apartments in the second phase of building expected to begin in the fall. The second phase is not expected to be completed until the fall of 1997, Eyster said.

The housing department borrowed about \$18 million in bond money to build the new apartments, said Nancy Wright, director of facility and capital improvement at University Housing. The money will be paid back over a 30-year period through student rent, she said.

University Housing administrators are already accepting applications for the new apartments, Eyster said.

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Asian-American diversity often overlooked

■ CULTURE: Misperceptions are perpetuated by a variety of forces, including government and the media

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Editor

The diversity of the Asian-American population is not recognized by the majority of the country, said Donna Wong, an instructor and outreach coordinator for the University's educational opportunities program.

Wong, a past instructor of a class called The

Asian-American Experience, said the government and the media have contributed to the misperception that all Asian-Americans are the same.

"The government has done a good job of imposing Asian/Pacific Islanders into one category," she said.

This imposition has occurred in a variety of forms, she said. Job and university applications, for example, often do not allow Asian-Americans to indicate their specific national origin, giving them only the option to check off "Asian-American."

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Film Festival

The Associated Students of Lane Community College are hosting a Film Festival on the U of O campus at Columbia Hall, Room 150, on E. 13th Ave., across the street from the EMU

The Festival Showings on May 12 will feature:

- 12:00 - 4:15 p.m. Guest Speaker & Schindler's List by Steven Spielberg
- 4:25 - 6:30 p.m. Cabaret, by Bob Fosse
- 6:45 - 9:30 p.m. Hamlet, by Franco Zeffirelli

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