

Complex: University housing plans to raise rent

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"The costs weren't worth it," Travis said.

"It's a smaller amount of space, but it fits our needs and it's inexpensive," agreed Charlotte.

At Westmoreland, the family paid \$265 per month, a small bargain compared to the \$435 per month that they pay now. But the lease agreement students in community housing sign for next year will call for an increase in both of these rents.

After determining that an increase in family housing rates was needed in order to meet projected operating expenses, University Housing decided to raise rent by \$10 per month at Spencer View, \$20 per month for both one-bedroom and two-bedroom units at Westmoreland, and \$25-\$35 per month in rent charged for houses and apartments in the East Campus community.

The increases will cover routine maintenance repairs at Westmoreland and help retire the mortgage at Spencer View. Lane County Waste Management also

increased their rates by 12 percent, beginning July 1.

"Family Housing is self-supporting," said Frank Gaddini, area director for Spencer View and East Campus family housing. "Any increase in water, sewer, electricity and waste collection has a significant impact broadly to housing fees."

Many families, like the Absheres, prefer the improved facilities and extra space that Spencer View has to offer.

The University community housing at Spencer View replaced the lot where the World War II-era Amazon housing used to stand. It has provided students and their families with a closer, newer option in family housing, while also adding a few other perks such as ethernet access, extra storage areas, carpeting and private balconies.

But the advantages don't come without a price tag that the Absheres say is well worth it. Their rent increased by \$170 when they moved to Spencer View.

The couple had lived in West-

moreland as undergraduates and returned with their small child as graduate students last year. They say the apartments were adequate, but after taking two years off, collecting more items and realizing that they could afford a higher rent, the family decided it was time for a change.

The newer facilities also provide the Absheres with child care opportunities. Their daughter received child care in a private home while the Absheres lived in Westmoreland. She now attends the Greenhouse child care center on campus, and will be in Spencer View child care beginning this summer.

Having day care so close to home will be an advantage rather than having to drive Killian around, Charlotte said.

The child care center at Spencer View is a private co-op and non-profit center. At Westmoreland, the child care centers are serviced by the EMU Child Development Center.

Currently, the child care system is in a state of flux with more

children in the Spencer View co-op, leaving extra spaces in the two Westmoreland child care centers, said Dennis Reynolds, child care coordinator for the EMU Child Development Center.

The families moving from Westmoreland to Spencer View may increase even more by next fall. Phase two in the Spencer View Community Housing Project is nearing an end, and over 200 applications have been received for the 140 available spaces coming up August 15, said Vicki Parker, family housing reservation specialist.

While the construction of the new housing complex reaches completion, the Absheres smile at the thought of a little more peace and quiet. Construction on the site has caused noises as early as six in the morning, waking the Absheres from their much-needed sleep.

Sleep, though, doesn't seem to be a problem for two-year-old Killian, who managed to catch up Saturday afternoon, snoozing.



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Protest: Forty trees were removed for construction

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from the fence, and when officers tried to physically push them back, several resisted.

"We wound up having to use pepper spray and tear gas on the protesters on the ground outside the fence as well, because there were a number of physical confrontations between the officers on the ground and the protesters outside the fence," Terrett said.

Stacey Janssen, Eugene resident, was riding her bike to the scene and said from about two blocks away she could feel symptoms from the tear gas and pepper spray.

"I was on Charnelton coming to the protest and the spray came into my face," Janssen said. "Then all of a sudden my eyes are watering and everything is burning and I didn't know what had happened. I was really pan-

icked. I mean I wasn't there to break any laws, I was there to protest peacefully. People were there with their children and everybody was affected by the spray. It didn't contain the crowd, it just made the situation worse."

After the protesters were removed from the area, they were provided with water to clean off the pepper spray, which leaves no lasting effects, Terrett said.

In a statement previewing the day's events, the protesters said that the removal of the historic trees would permanently alter the city's landscape. They said it was a "clear case of the City of Eugene trading environmental quality to pander to the high-tech industry."

"I'm sure that you can design around the trees, and it can't be that much more expensive," said Eugene resident Susan Barger, who

arrived at the scene after the trees were cut down. "Our son called us up crying, and we wanted to see what had happened."

Police officers were on scene until all the protesters were arrested and the 40 trees were cut down.

"Police are just doing their job as far as I'm concerned," said Glenn Noll, a Eugene resident who observed the incident.

There were 14 arrests in total, the last one being a protester who climbed over the fence and tried to climb one of the trees after all the others had been removed, but the protester was detained by officers.

The 14 people who arrested were still being held at the Lane County Adult Corrections facility as of 9 p.m. Sunday.

Fund raiser: Audience members tended to root for their own sex

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cause it's new and different."

The women battled in the ring and abided by the same rules as the men, including the headgear and standard boxing gloves. Most women also opted to wear the groin protector. The most notice-

able difference between the men fighting and the women was that audience members tended to root for their own sex.

It was the women who suggested female participation in the Smoker, Daggett said, and this included participant Meghan Heily

of Delta Gamma, who talked to a member of Phi Kappa Psi last year, she said. Unlike some of the other women participants, Heily was focused on her match.

"I've been in fights before, just not organized fights," she said. "My main goal is to win."

Some women participated to win, but when the first fight between two women ended, the announcer commended the fighters on persevering longer than the men before them.

"Way to make it through those rounds," he said.

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