

Honors: Halls are quietest

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halls and we've got people who want to live there, we'll fill that space," Eyster said. "Everyone who requested the honors hall got in."

The distinguishing factor for the upcoming school year is Honors College faculty involvement in extracurricular activities in Housing facilities.

"We plan various activities," Csonka said, "including films, lectures, test preparations, and social gatherings — all with Honors College faculty."

Students living in the three halls will number slightly more from the Honors College than from Honors Track, Matchett-Morris said.

"The fact that the Honors College is involved has expanded the program," Eyster said. "We've got about 173 students this year. That's a considerable increase."

"I had a longtime interest, as the director of Housing, in looking for ways that University Housing could collaborate with faculty to create academic environments in the residence halls," Eyster said. "This is one of the most substantial programs that we've been able to establish. And I'm looking for other opportunities, with other departments and other faculty members, to continue this kind of emphasis in our residence halls."

The Walton Complex also houses other special interest halls: a music, cross-cultural, and a cyberhall.

"We've found that we can change the atmosphere of a hall by changing a theme," Matchett-Morris said.

Several hall themes have been relocated and one has been removed to make room for the new theme halls.

"We are inventing this as we are going along," Csonka said. "This learning experience is not tied to a building; it is tied to a period in your life."

The three honors halls should also foster an academically healthy environment in their location, Csonka said.

"They are the three quietest and least unruly," he said of the northwest corner of Walton.

In a March 1998 publication, the Office of University Housing listed as their top success, "Academic Programs in Residence Halls." The same publication addressed the challenges of their facilities:

"Our facilities are between 30 and 50 years old and are inadequate and out-of-date for today's students. Currently the resources [to renovate or to demolish and rebuild] are nonexistent at the University of Oregon."

In addressing the reputation of the residence halls, Csonka said that if he was a student, he would expect that some basic needs be met.

"I don't have many expectations of where I live, but quiet and dryness are two," he said.

But the close proximity of the halls to campus is priceless when budgeting time, Csonka said.

"People consider it natural that you have plenty of time, and as a result, much of it is wasted," he said.

UO gets top marks for outdoors, parties

The Princeton Review ranked the University 16th on its "reefer madness" list

By Amy Goldhammer
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The University of Oregon has finally been recognized for its love of the outdoors and its crazy after-hour festivities, according to two national ranking reports.

Sports Afield, a national outdoor sporting magazine, named the University the best all-around campus for outdoor adventure and wilderness excursions. Ten different schools were honored in categories ranging from Nordic skiing to mountain biking.

"The community and University hold a high interest in outdoor recreation," said Bruce Mason, Outdoor Program director.

The University Outdoor Program is funded by students and offers classes in wilderness skills as well as planning outdoor experiences.

The good outdoor potential Eugene offers draws some students to the University.

Sports Afield spotlighted the whitewater rivers, mountain-biking, rock climbing and skiing opportunities.

The climate of Eugene allows many of these outdoor sports to continue all year round, Mason said.

"The weather is not too hot and not too cold. Eugene is ideally sit-

uated," he said. "We're blessed geographically and climatically."

A large amount of people are involved in sports, not just recreationally, but in careers as well, Mason said.

"Being picked top all-around school is a meaningful selection," Mason said. "It's something the whole university can be proud of."

And what better to do after a spirit-lifting hike than head to a huge party thrown by University students? The University has also been nationally recognized through the Princeton Review, an annual guide based on student surveys, as one of the top twenty dope-smoking party schools with really bland residence halls.

Linda Devine, assistant dean of student life, told the Register-Guard she encourages students to have a good time, but said they need to remain in control and respect rules and laws.

"The wild party on Saturday night is much more interesting for students to talk about on Monday morning rather than their game of tennis or a movie," Devine said.

Devine feels the amount of drinking at the University is misrepresented, making it seem more pervasive than it is.

Princeton Review ranked the University 14th as an extravagant party school and 16th on the "reefer madness" list, calling the University a haven for "Birkenstock-wearing, tree-hugging, clove-smoking vegetarians."

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Friday, Sept. 25	11:00am	EMU BOARD ROOM	You're Here, You're Queer, Now What?
Friday, Sept. 25	1-4:00pm	34 EMU	LGBTQA Open House

▽ WEEKLY DROP-IN GROUPS, Starting Oct. 5

Mondays	5-6:30	Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth
Tuesdays	4-6:00	LGBTQA Coffee Hour, 34 EMU
Thursdays	3:30-5	Lesbian and Bisexual Women

All groups meet at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid Street (unless otherwise noted.)

▽ NATIONAL COMING OUT WEEK, October 12-17

Watch for details about activities for this week.

▽ OUTLIST '98: COME OUT LOUD AND PROUD!

Take a bold step this National Coming Out Day by having your name appear in the "Outlist" in the Oregon Daily Emerald. Sign up sheets are available at the LGBTQA office (34 EMU), or 364 Oregon Hall.

Check out our web page: <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~program>

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