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Eugene offers lifestyle alternatives

■ From full privacy to shared rooms, a range of living options exists

By Anne LeChevallier
 for the Emerald

To many students, blue skies and green growth signify a temptation from work and study. But they also signify a time for decisions about living situations. It is only May, but returning students are already signing contracts for housing. If you are undecided, you should think about your social habits, preferences, ideal cost, location and facilities before you choose.

Private student dorms
 Although Heather McConochie did not want the resi-

dence hall experience her freshman year, she still wanted to live in a communal environment. So last year she moved into the Collegian, a private student dormitory, and then she stayed as a resident adviser this year. McConochie likes that the Collegian is located close to campus. Like University Housing, it offers a meal plan, but all the rooms are singles with private bathrooms. Studios cost between \$8250 to \$10,500 for the year. This includes 19 meals a week, utilities, parking and furnishings. McConochie likes that the Collegian seems quiet and feels safe. But with only 40 residents, the Collegian is more like a residence hall than a residence complex. "There are a

limited number of people to interact with," she said.

University Housing

Because of small rooms and shared facilities, the dorms often create a sense of community and endless social opportunities for the residents. Robbins Hall resident Andrew Eichman said the dorms have helped him build new friendships but are also taxing.

"You are forced to be social all your waking hours," he said. For returning resident Brook Wyntergreen, the dorms represent convenience. Because she works late, Wyntergreen wants a low-maintenance residence close to campus. Next fall, she plans to live in the Carson

Housing Complex with friends, transfer students and other upperclassmen. Because the University has housekeeping and dining facilities, Wyntergreen will not have to cook or clean. With an 80-point meal plan and a standard single room, she will pay \$7,300 for next year.

Apartment life

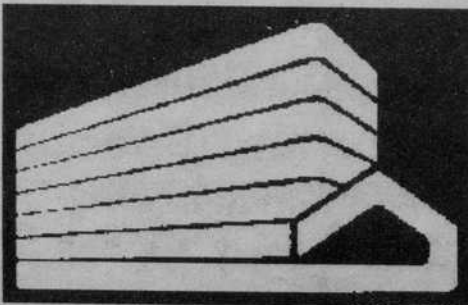
Many students who want out of the residence halls but still want to meet other students head across the river to Centennial Boulevard. Decorated with balloons and banners, Ducks Village, University Commons and Chase Village look like a string of car dealerships: They sell the same product in different

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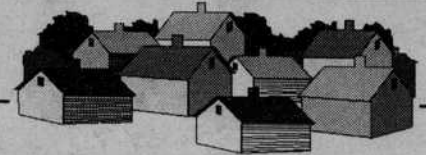
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