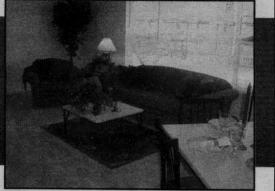
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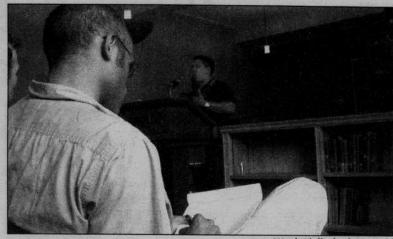




- clubhouse w/game room
- fitness center
- ample resident and visitor parking
- resort-like swimming pool
- lighted volleyball & basketball courts
- outdoor gas grills & bbq



- decked out kitchens
- cable/internet hookups
- emergency alarm buttons
- individual leases
- roommate matching service
- on bus route to campus



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History professor Martin Summers takes notes while Dylan Rodriguez speaks about issues of mass imprisonment, law enforcement and minorities.

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"How sweeping and ominous po-lice and prisons have become," Rodriguez said. "You can't imagine safety and peace without ... someone with a gun and a badge.

The term, coined by President Dwight Eisenhower, has grown in the past three decades, along with the term "law and order," to become what policing is today, Rodriguez said. He added that the Prison Industrial Complex is a series of relationships between different enforcement agencies, such as security guard unions and prisons and government think tanks, that turn prisons into, for example, places of profit.

'This phrase is not hyperbolic or metaphorical-it's empirical," he said. Lecture emcee and University history Professor Carlos Aguirre said America is a prime example of the complex.

"United States leads the world in incarceration rate," he said, adding that while the United States has 5 percent of the world's population, it has 25 percent of the world's incarcerated prisoners.

Rodriguez said imprisonment and punishment is the way freedom is valued in America, but that prisons no longer care about rehabilitation - their original goal - and that now they care about punishing those who don't assimilate into society.



University Professor Emeritus Edwin Coleman, whose name was also used for the title of the lecture series that included Thursday's event, said people of color are more susceptible to being targeted by law enforcement.

"Because of DNA testing, a lot of black people who are on death row are being found innocent ... but our social justice system does not allow them to have fair trials," he said.

Rodriguez said popular culture views of prisons are incorrect because they show an equal threat from prisoners and guards, when in reality the guards have all the power, and by portraying a main character as innocent and undeserving of a prison sentence, films suggest that everyone else is guilty.

He also said law enforcement needs to be revised. Self-defense and community accountability - a situation, for example, where someone knows he will be killed if he attempts to rape a woman - can keep the community safer than police officers could, who currently have that task.

"Once you're convicted or incarcerated, you no longer exist," he said, adding that once people are in prison, they are converted to slaves through physical and psychological torture, and are not allowed to have any contact with the outside world. "I would caution you to think you're getting justice from the justice system.

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