

LOCATION TRANSPORTATION STIMULATION

University Commons and Duck's Village apartments cater to students' needs

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No more than a 10-minute bus ride away, seven minutes by bike and 20 minutes on foot, University Commons and Duck's Village are ideal apartments for University students.

These apartments are located near several parks where students can go for a jog or enjoy a bike ride. The Gateway Mall is close, offering movie theaters, stores and restaurants. And for those fall football games, Autzen Stadium is only a short walk away.

Commons and Duck's Village cater to different student preferences. Duck's Village, at 3225 Kinsrow Ave., has an atmosphere charged with student activity.

"With all the students living here, there is always something going on," said Duck's resident Tessa Maurer.

Duck's Village provides a large swimming pool and sun deck for students who revel in hot days. For the colder months, its indoor hot tub offers relaxation. Other amenities include a fitness center, computer lab, sand volleyball court, basketball court and clubhouse complete with a pool table and big-screen TV.

The apartments come fully furnished. Every apartment has central air conditioning and is heated with natural gas. Security patrols at night to ensure safety.

"The good thing about Duck's is the security ... and, of course, all your friends are next door," political science major Brie Fetherolf said.

Duck's Village has one, two, three and four-bedroom apartments with a 12 or 10-month lease. If a potential resident needs a roommate, Duck's has a roommate search list. Residents have individual leases.

University Commons, at 90 Commons Dr., is another student complex



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Duck's Village, at 3225 Kinsrow Ave., has many amenities and services for tenants and is in a convenient location for University students.

that exudes the student vibe.

"The Commons are kind of like living in a larger dorm. There are always people around and there are always people in my house," freshman Alicia Bradshaw said. "I like living in the Commons. It puts students of the same age around each other, and it is a really good experience even if

you are a freshman living off campus."

The complex offers an assortment of amenities including a resort-like swimming pool, lit basketball court, sand volleyball court, multi-station weight machine and a clubhouse with pool tables,

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Christian Camaraderie

Members of the Alpha Omega fraternity practice their shared faith together

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Looking for a home not quite like the dorm but with a larger community than a rented house or apartment? Look no further than the Alpha Omega House. Located a mere 10 seconds from campus next to Taylor's Bar and Grill, this collegiate men's Christian co-op provides housing for 24 young men each year.

"I choose to live at the Alpha Omega house because I wanted to live in an environment which was free from a lot of the trash that you get in the dorm (e.g. drugs, etc.). I also wanted to live in a house where Christian fellowship would be, and I wouldn't get harassed for my beliefs," said two-year resident Dan Muir.

From the outside, the AO House looks like a campus fraternity. Inside, college-age men share two floors of residential rooms and have an opportunity to graduate to better bedrooms with seniority. Beds can be lofted to fit desks underneath and each room can be decorated to fit the boarders' personality.

The house also has a decent-sized kitchen, a common eating area, a living room, a study room and a basement. It also has an entertainment cove tucked neatly onto the second floor that provides tiered couch seating and a place to host movie nights.

The men within the house are as diverse as the rooms in which they live. The

house doesn't restrict residents by age or recruit a certain "type" of person, making it an interesting, dynamic living community.

"There's a wide range (of people) in age, maturity, personality, everything," junior Andy Freeman said. "Honestly, as a house, the only thing we have in common is our faith in Jesus Christ."

From eating to watching sports to sitting around playing guitar, these men seem to have perfected communal living. The beauty is that each is still able to do his individual activities while the house provides the opportunity to socialize with other Christians.

Because the house is owned and operated by First Baptist Church of Eugene, many of the tenant activities revolve around the church and religion. The house is dedicated to helping residents develop healthy relationships with the Lord and each other. Each Sunday many of the young men attend church service together. Later in the evening, they can also attend the Collegiate Christian Fellowship at the Trinity House near campus. According to Freeman, some weeks the house will also have a worship session or brief Bible study.

AO House tenants also need to be dedicated to other activities to keep the house running smoothly. These could include doing chores or attending weekly house meetings.

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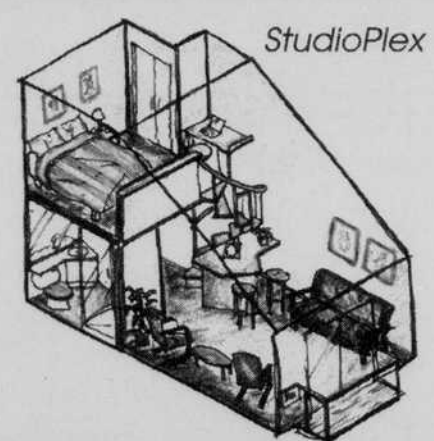
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