

Tenants: University's facts are misleading

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if they are concerned with decreasing occupancy rate?

In addition, the dramatic rent increase of Westmoreland apartments from \$370 to \$445 (non-upgrade two bedroom apartments) this summer may also contribute to the decrease in the occupancy rate.

3. "We started out as family housing, and we are not really housing very many families. Now only 13 percent of the current residents have children."

There are many children born at Westmoreland, but not accounted for. In addition, does this mean that only those students with children are actually eligible for University Family Housing? What about married couple without children, or non-traditional student families?

4. "Only 25 international students currently live in Westmoreland."

University Housing is dead wrong about the number of international students currently living in Westmoreland. In fact, there are more than 60 Chinese students with their families living in Westmoreland, plus more than 30 students from other countries such as India, Japan, Korea, Benin, Togo, Italy, Poland and Russia.

5. Mike Eyster has said that Westmoreland residents with children will be given priority to sign a new lease in Spencer View or East Campus student housing. However, official information shows that even if all units of Spencer View (272 units) and East Campus (approx. 77 units) were available, it is still not enough to hold all the current Westmoreland residents (404 units), not to mention the many students currently on waiting lists.

People choose Westmoreland

because it is probably the most affordable and safest housing in town. Westmoreland residents have very limited income. Most of the American students in Westmoreland live on financial aid and loans. For many international graduate students, the monthly GTF salary (\$450 to \$1,300 after taxes) is their only income. By contrast, the rent of a two-bedroom apartment at Spencer View and East Campus (\$580 to \$800) is typically more than \$200 higher. The so-called priority of leases offered by University Housing, without guarantee and affordability, means nothing.

Here we ask the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, all students, faculty and staff, interested parties and neighborhood associations join us to stop this from happening.

The Westmoreland Tenants Council

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How to throw a responsible party

Information for students hosting parties: The ASUO, Department of Public Safety, Eugene Police Department and University of Oregon Office of Student Life have developed these steps to help you have a successful party in campus neighborhoods.

- 1** Don't put up fliers, posters, etc. about your party. A moderate-sized party is one at which you can have fun.
- 2** Remember that your party cannot use your neighbors' yards or city streets.
- 3** Find ways to celebrate that do not involve alcohol. If you choose to serve alcohol, ensure that you are only serving to people 21 years of age or older.
- 4** Be sure to have designated drivers or a place for your intoxicated guests to stay.
- 5** Notify your neighbors of your party plans. Let them know what you plan in terms of size, hours, music, etc. Tell them they can contact you if they have problems created by your party.
- 6** There are several circumstances that will draw attention to your party: loud noise, admitting people under 21 years old, letting people carry beverages outside from your party.
- 7** Be cooperative with neighbors, police or other concerned persons who may want to discuss a problem.
- 8** Clean up promptly after your guests.

