

Luxury living

See yourself in Harrington House

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"Picture yourself a Harrington House girl." So reads the posters that are seen all over the campus. But what exactly is Harrington House?

"It's an experience in living," says Mrs. Leavitt, who has the impressive title of business manager of Harrington House. "It takes a special type of girl to live at Harrington House, one who is flexible and mature. The girls here develop an awareness and respect for the needs of others. They realize that there is a time for study, play and quiet. A girl who can make it at Harrington House can make it anywhere."

Harrington House was started three years ago by a group of builders who went to the college with the idea that this type of housing was ideal for the college atmosphere. They felt that it would be a good chance for many students to get a basic experience in living.

Although Harrington House is privately owned, the college has the final approval on all candidates. "We like it that way," explained Mrs. Leavitt.

The building consists of six floors with a total of 20 apartments. Each apartment has three bedrooms, a livingroom, dining and study areas, kitchen, two bathrooms, a private balcony, and lots of closet space. They are air-conditioned and have wall-to-wall carpeting. A maximum of five girls occupy each apartment, but the number often changes.

"We have all kinds of different people sharing the apart-

ments," says Mrs. Leavitt. "It gives the girls a chance to exchange ideas, to learn how to get along with people from different backgrounds, and to learn how to live with, and not just meet with people."

There are a few simple rules that a judicial board, made up of the dwellers, established and enforce. For instance, a girl may have to pay a fine if she wanders into the lobby in curlers or if her guests have not left by the appointed time.

A curfew was set up on weekends for the guests and for parties. This way, the girls have their freedom, but they know that someone cares.

Paul Dicklin, an OD professor in the Speech Dept., and his wife Carol are the resident managers of Harrington House. They are there to handle the big crises which come along, whether they have to do with the building itself or the loss of a boyfriend.

Next year, there will be a new couple in residence, for the Dicklins are moving. The new couple is Capt. Richard and Susan Cormell. Susan, or Sky as she is known, graduated from OD last year. She lived in Harrington House, and so will be in tune with the problems. Richard will be getting out of the Army in August, and will attend OD.

Harrington House has its own transportation, a 12 passenger bus which the girls drive themselves. Some have their own cars, which can be kept in the garage space on the ground floor. Still others ride the city



Joannie Sullivan prepares dinner for Marie Stratton in the spacious kitchen of their Harrington House apartment.

buses which go along Hampton Blvd.

The cost of Harrington House is lower than the dormitories, and many consider the advantages to be much greater. So if you can picture yourself as a Harrington House girl, stop by and see it at 1024 Gates Avenue.



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