

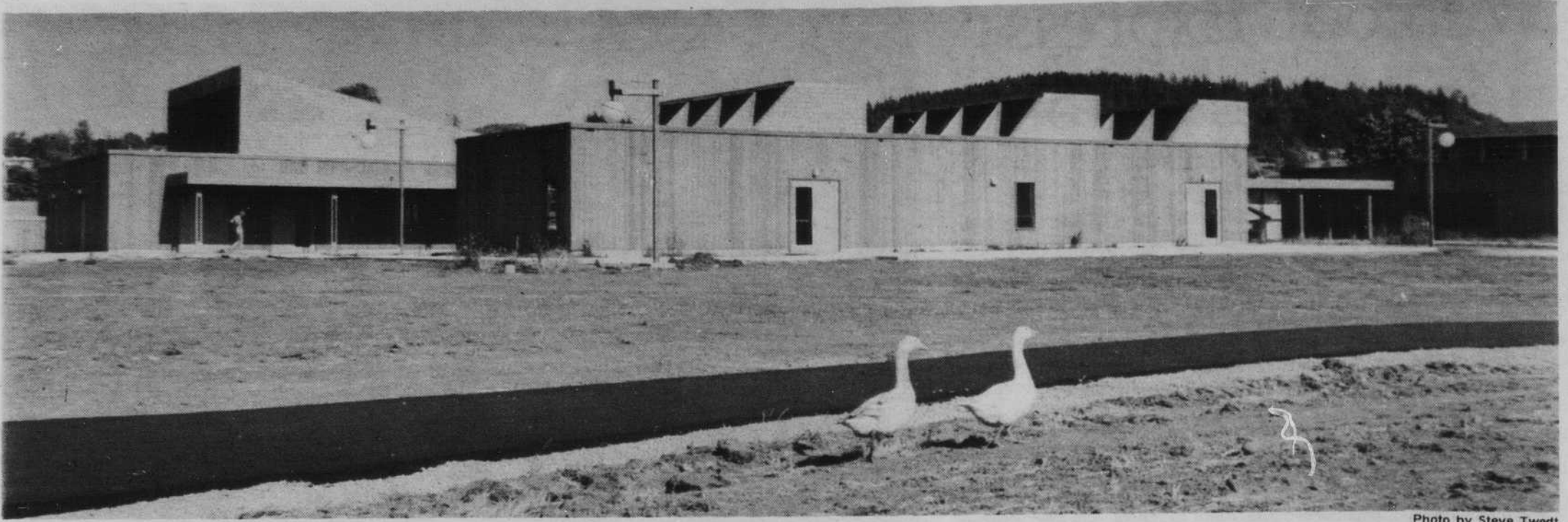


Photo by Steve Twedt

Despite a herald greeting by two honking geese, Amazon Village Community Center is still a bit empty of users. Although its grand opening is not scheduled until mid-September, the building has been open since July 9. The center's staff has future plans for organizing camping trips, folk art skills, and team sports, as well as provide

facilities for photographers, potters, and woodworkers. The center, located on Hilyard near the Amazon pool, wants student volunteers (who can earn academic credit for working there) to help organize projects.

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Amazon Center open for fun

The newly-constructed Amazon Village Community Center is now open and will be operating a varied program of community activities and instruction in the fall, with some classes beginning in August. Ground was broken for the complex late last fall and the doors were opened for business on July 9.

Scheduling of events is not complete for the three-building site located on Hilyard St. at about 27th Avenue, next to the popular Amazon Park swimming pool. The recent narrow passage of the Eugene city budget assured the center of an operating budget for the coming year, but the allocations are still undergoing analysis.

The community center is a part of the Eugene City Parks and Recreation Division. The organizing staff now working there include Betty Paulus as full-time supervisor, Jim Goodenough as assistant supervisor and the coordinator for youth activities, and Marilyn Steels as secretary-receptionist. Maintenance and part-time staff will provide support services as needed in the complex.

In a group interview conducted at the new center, questions were asked of Paulus, Goodenough and Sue Douglas, information coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Division. Supervisor Paulus revealed that the grand opening is slated for mid-

September, "but we've been here since July 9 and we welcome anyone coming in to look around or to ask questions."

Goodenough expects the activities schedule to include fine arts, folk arts and an outdoor and sports program. "The outdoor program would involve things like camping, fishing and team sports," he said. In organizing his projects, Goodenough hopes to receive a large and enthusiastic community input.

"I'm particularly looking for volunteer help, mainly from University students," he added. "It is possible that students could get credit for working here, and considering that this is the only

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