

Think you've got it rough?

Betrayal was in the air when the pesky fingers of Friday the 13th got inside the Emerald's innards last night discombobulating its prized Mergenthaler typesetter and forcing the newspaper to go to its Compugraphic standby. Just to make things interesting, it happened in the middle of production, so as you turn the pages of today's issue prepare for a new experience in newspaper aesthetics.

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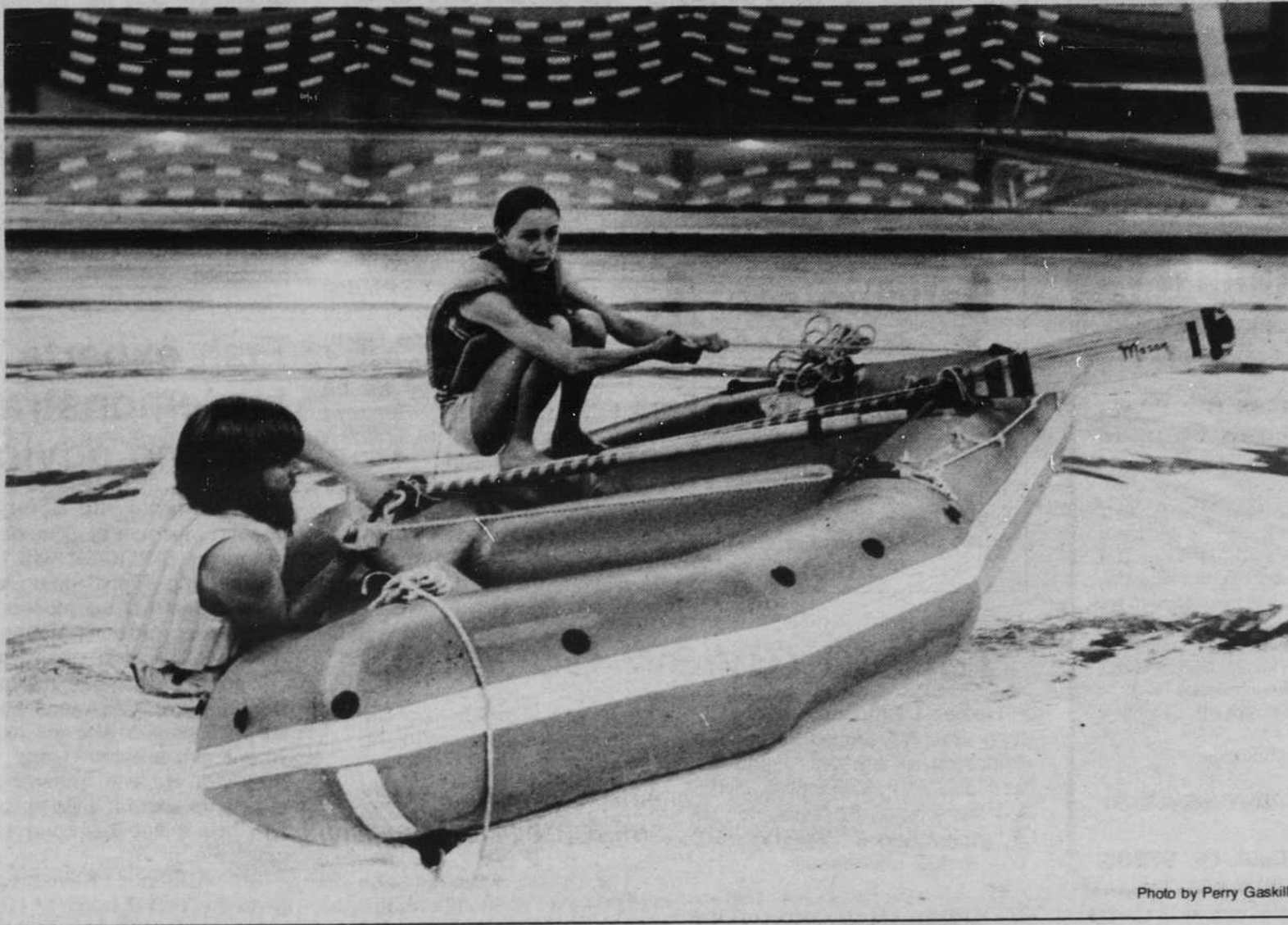


Photo by Perry Gaskill

River run techniques presented

A swimming pool is not exactly the Mississippi River and Eugene is not Mark Twain's Hannibal, Missouri, but area residents with a yen to become latter-day Huckleberry Finns had a chance to brush up on the necessary skills Wednesday night at Sheldon High School.

Sponsored jointly by the University's Outdoor Program and the city Parks and Recreation Department, the demonstration of river running safety techniques was part of a series of activities known collectively as White Water Week.

"The purpose of White Water Week is to get people acquainted with techniques of rescue and river management," says Bruce Mason of the Outdoor Program. "What's being stressed this year is river ecology and what can be expected in the future."

Programs such as this have become increasingly important now that permits are being required to use many rivers and on some like the Colorado River, the number of applicants far exceeds the number of permits available.

Hearing leaves course evaluations in limbo

By MARY BETH BOWEN
Of the Emerald

SALEM — Should the Legislature, the Board of Higher Education, or the state university and college presidents decide whether to release student evaluations of faculty members?

The Senate Education Committee heard conflicting testimony on that question Thursday before an

audience of over 80 faculty members, students and administrators.

Kirby Garrett, representing the Oregon Student Lobby said students are in a "Catch-22" situation because the Board has left the decision of release in the hands of the institutional presidents. Garrett said the presidents have generally decided against releasing the evaluations because of pres-

sure from faculty members. So far, only the president of Portland State has decided to release the evaluations.

Jim Bernau, representing the ASUO, said the Board's decision to let the presidents decide stemmed from a legal analysis given to the Board by Rep. Dave Frohnmayer, R-Eugene, who serves as

legal counsel to University Pres. William Boyd.

Contacted by phone after the hearing, Frohnmayer said his legal analysis was based on current law, which gives the institutional presidents — and not the Board — the authority to decide whether to restrict access to "personal records."

Frohnmayer said current law defines "personal records" as any measure of employment performance, including student evaluations of faculty members.

But Bill Nelson, representing the Oregon Confederation of the Association of American University Professors, said students should go back to the Board be-

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Married student housing study set in renter hassle

By LORI PETERSON
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The State System of Higher Education has stepped into the current rent controversy between the University Housing Department and Amazon Community Tenants (ACT).

University Vice Pres. Ray Hawk announced Wednesday the chancellor's office will make an independent review of the University's married student housing rental rates.

Hawk sent a letter this week to all residents of Amazon Married Student Housing stating the University's intent. The letter said the chancellor's office would review the material used by the housing department substantiating the need for a rent increase next year.

The letter also said that the firm, Haskins and Sells, certified public accountants, will be employed to study the overall fiscal and management areas of the entire married student housing project.

The housing department has proposed a rent in-

crease for 1977-78 for the married student housing units, Amazon and Westmoreland.

In the newer Westmoreland complex, University students are currently paying \$96 for one-bedroom apartments and \$113.50 for two-bedroom. Amazon residents pay \$60, \$70 and \$80 a month for one, two and three-bedroom dwellings.

The proposed rate increase would raise Westmoreland rates to \$98 and \$115 per month and Amazon rates to \$70, \$80 and \$90 per month. The rates would be effective July 1.

The housing department says the increase is necessary to strengthen reserves for future major maintenance projects, to defer current maintenance costs and to pay debt service.

Some tenants at Amazon housing believe the rent increase is unjustified and charge the University with poor maintenance and inefficient management. Tenants have begun withholding current rent payments to protest the rent increase.

Hawk stated the University is "dedicated to providing low-cost housing alternatives to married students, but current tenants must expect to bear their share of costs."

"We're requesting the chancellor's office to independently review the housing department's data, which led to the conclusion a rent increase is necessary to meet state requirements that all auxiliary enterprises be self-supporting."

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Heart palpitations

The University's own Dr. Terry Copperman can tell you if your heart is beating faster because of love, booze, stress or disease. Too much work or a heavy caffeine habit can make anybody's heart beat irregularly. For more heart stopping information turn to Page 7.

Wine and cheese tours

Tasting rooms and cheese samples are within a few hours drive of the University. Oregon's up and coming wine industry is profiled along with a look at a coastal cheese factory tour. The weekend travel tour is inside on Pages 10 and 11.

Market owner retires

Hilyard Street Market will be without two familiar faces when the campus neighborhood store's owners retire after decades of retailing in the busy Hilyard area. Feature editor Nick Gallo shared a bottle of wine and years of memories with retiring market owners Jaanette and Don Brooke. You'll find the story on Page 13.

Spring football

The Duck's football season is months away but Oregon gridgers are already suited up. New coach Rich Brooks has some new plans and fresh players to kick off in this fall. Assistant coach John Becker is one factor in the new Duck look. Becker and his program are highlighted on Page 17.