

Need a fix?

Library fills the tool gap

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It's not like a regular library, stacked with books and full of quiet book worms doing research.

It's a tool library, the main project of Action Now, a student building cooperative at 1557 Agate St.

University students can borrow tools free of charge for carpentry and other projects, check out books on how to use them and ask for advice. There is even a 16-foot truck available to help students move.

"It's a type of institution that doesn't exist anywhere else," says Mark Talbrook, Action Now director. "Eugene is unique in this respect. It works well too, we only lose about one tool a year." The tool library serves approximately four people daily.



Photo by F.H.A.T. Axmacher

If you've neglected a home repair job because you lacked the needed tools, Action Now can help you meet the task. The ASUO-sponsored organization has a tool library that students and faculty can use at no

cost. Even if you have a need for a 16-foot truck, Action Now can provide it.

As well as running the tool library, Action Now provides a link for volunteers to work on building and design projects in the community, and teaches SEARCH classes on alternative technology.

systems, aquaculture and solar energy house design to ferro-cement construction and simple framing.

Last summer it conducted a SEARCH class on building solar collectors.

A volunteer project, Action Now has only two paid staff members. More volunteers, new ideas for projects and "people with energy" are always welcome, Talbrook says.

The group will sponsor a SEARCH class spring term to work on the Laurel Hill project building, an energy self-sufficient house. Students will be able to explore anything from bio-

Action Now was founded six years ago by Carlos Batista, a University architecture student, as a student activist group. Since then the group has developed models for community design, helped older people rebuild their homes and recycled buildings.

The group receives approximately \$3,000 per year from student fees. The tool library is stocked in part through donations and partly with tools purchased with student fees and money raised from film showings. The next film, "Drive, He Said," will be shown on Friday, Feb. 3.

The library is open 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 686-3702.

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