



Photo by Dennis Hickok

Whitewater addicts shoot 'down'

Mark and Bucky challenge the wilderness in the middle of the concrete jungle as they maneuver through the often-treacherous rapids under the Autzen Stadium footbridge. On sunny days canoeists face another, more unpredictable hazard - divers from the bridge above.

Notable students to be awarded

Several persons are being considered for four University awards by a student-faculty committee. The awards are bestowed on the basis of scholarship, leadership and service and include the following:

- The Gerlinger Cup. This will be awarded to a junior woman on the basis of her achievements in the area of scholarship, leadership and service to the University.
- The AAUW Senior Woman Recognition Award. Each year the Oregon State Division of the American Association of Univer-

sity Women recognizes an outstanding senior woman who demonstrates outstanding scholarship, character, personality, contribution to campus and community life and potential for future growth.

- The Koyl Cup. This will be presented to a junior man, a resident of the state of Oregon, who has shown the best all-around progress in the areas of leadership, service and academic achievement.
- The Maurice Harold Hunter Leadership Scholarship. This

covers full scholarship and is awarded annually to a junior man, a resident of the state of Oregon, who is considered to have made the most notable contribution through his own achievements and good example toward the development of qualities and leadership among his fellow students.

The scholarship is supported through gifts to the University by the late Chancellor and Mrs. Fredrick Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Francis Hunter, in honor of their son and brother, Captain Maurice Harold Hunter, Class of 1941.

78-79 Cultural Forum slots open

The Cultural Forum, a five-member student committee that plans social, educational and cultural events throughout the year, is accepting applications for next year's positions.

The positions are volunteer for the five different areas. Although the forum members have representatives in contemporary issues, film and literature, popular music, arts and heritage music, they do not make programming decisions on their own.

"No one student has complete control," says Shelby Ferguson, with the EMU Programming office, which coordinates the events. "Each coordinates their own areas, but the committee makes the final decisions."

Ferguson says, "A professional level of expertise is not expected. It's more important that a student have an interest and a willingness to work with others in a committee setting."

Although the job descriptions

detail the desired interests and skills of an applicant, Ferguson encourages any student with an interest in one of the five areas to apply.

Students "don't have a thing to lose by applying. Most of the people who have worked down here have had a good time and learned a good deal," she says.

The applications will be taken until 5 p.m. April 19 in Suite 2 EMU. For more information call 686-4373.

Tenured faculty retirement age increased to 70

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President Carter signed a bill Thursday that prohibits mandatory retirement for most workers until age 70, but college and university-tenured faculty members will not be protected from involuntary retirement until July 1, 1982.

Tenured faculty members will be able to retire at age 70, after the July date.

The new law also stipulates that as of Sept. 30, 1978, federal employees will have no forced retirement age. Beginning Jan. 1, 1979, the compulsory retirement age for workers in private businesses and state and local government will be raised from 65 to 70 years of age.

The University has 1,142 tenurable faculty members, according to Henry Osibov, assistant provost for faculty personnel. Approximately 75 of the University's 562 tenured faculty members are over the age of 60, he says.

University Pres. William Boyd believes the raising of the mandatory retirement age is "a good national policy." However, Boyd says he realizes the new law may have several negative impacts on the country's universities.

The prolongation of human life and health is a new value, and one which has outdated the concept of retirement, he says, adding that extending the retirement age is an economic and psychological relief to many people.

"A typical faculty member loves his job," Boyd says. He says he has witnessed the emotional deterioration of workers as a result of losing a stimulating and loved job. Hopefully, Boyd says, the new law will partially eliminate this problem.

Despite the advantages, the law could have "severe social costs," according to Boyd.

It will reduce the number of teaching positions, affirmative action goals will be more difficult to obtain and the problem of "knowledge obsolescence" is likely to increase, he says.

In the future, University job openings will depend on retirement and the teaching opportunities for young people, women and minorities will be greatly diminished, Boyd explains. Moreover, some campus departments will have difficulty staying current "not because old people lose competency, but because the competency problem will become more acute."

The goal is worth the cost, but Boyd says, "I don't know I would believe that if I were young, female or black."

Boyd says he speaks as an administrator, not as a University spokesman. A more comprehensive statement of the University's position will be available when the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Retirement releases the results of a faculty survey in May, according to Prof. Paul Swadener, committee chair.

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