

For contributions to women

Hodgdon's achievements applauded

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Rosaria Hodgdon was denied tenure two years ago, but was recently recognized for her research and academic achievement "in the spirit of the Cornaro," the first woman to earn a doctorate in higher education.

The Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia award was presented by the Status of Women Committee at the last Faculty Meeting of Spring Term to Hodgdon as a University woman who has furthered "the cause of women at this University." Marilyn Farwell, associate professor of English, and Mavis Mate, associate professor of history, were distinguished alternates.

Hodgdon, a registered architect who has taught at the University for six years, teaches design courses in the architecture department of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts.

"I feel it's important to have women teach design for men to see there is this kind of creature," she says. She admits her research might have been inadequate in 1976, but believes her teaching is very good. She was presented the Danforth award last spring for effective and humane instruction.

In the last few years, however, Hodgdon has proved her capability to do research in areas of housing, urban issues, career choices and the sociology of women, and has served on several national committees for the Association of Colleges of Schools of Architecture.

Hodgdon worked under a summer grant to study influences that encourage or discourage women from entering certain fields.

"You know, there are very few women in architecture," she explains, commenting on her initial curiosity about career choices. She estimates that 10 percent of the architecture undergraduates are female, while there are three female professors in the department.

A year ago, Hodgdon compiled a monograph titled "Factors in Career Choices of Women in Environmental Design." She submitted a similar article for publication.

From this study, Hodgdon concluded that career advising for architecture is "distorted, superficial, behind-the-times."

She is hoping to publish another manuscript on the state of career information for architectural programs.

Realizing the need for publishing as part of her profession, Hodgdon also wrote "Proceedings of the West Coast Women in Design Conference." She helped organize that conference in 1974. A future goal Hodgdon plans is to publicize her study on urban issues that affect architecture in Naples, Italy, her hometown.

Hodgdon is currently working on a grant with the City of Eugene Planning Office. She calls it "helping people save homes." She helps when, for example, a house in Eugene must be moved, by studying the possibility of moving the house to a similar neighborhood that has empty lots or "gaps." She believes in the continuity of neighborhoods in Eugene.

A manual will be published in August by the City on behalf of the Housing Committee on Conservation and her studies.

Hodgdon, who studied in Italian schools, received her *Dottore In Architettura*, the highest degree given in that discipline, at the University of Naples. Before that she received her *Liceo Classico*, a liberal arts degree.

"The Cornaro," in whose honor the international award is given, received her *Doctrix Philosophiae* from the University of Padua, Italy, on June 25, 1678.

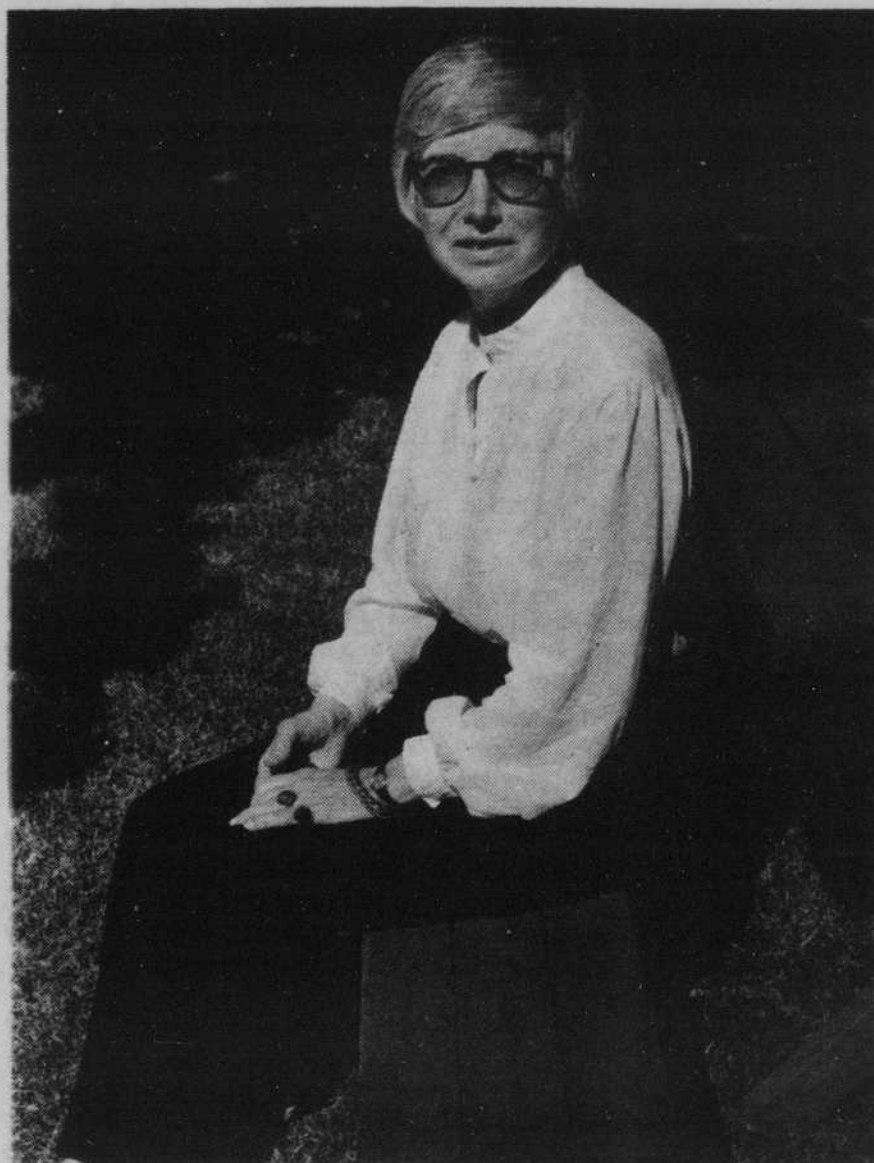


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ROSARIA HODGDON

City on affirmative action target

By **ALETA ZAK**
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Eugene increased the number of job promotions for females, handicapped/disabled, aged, and youth last year, city manager Charles Henry said recently in a report to the Eugene city council on the city's progress toward its long-range affirmative action goals.

More Vietnam War veterans were hired during the reporting period of November 1976, to October 1977 than in the preceding year, the report indicated. Salary disparities between men and women also continued to narrow as they have since the city began its affirmative action programs in 1973.

The number of women, minorities, aged, and youth hired decreased during the reporting period, but this was primarily due to the reduction in the total number of persons hired during that period, Henry said.

Each city department is required by state and federal code to develop affirmative action goals of how many positions it will fill by the specified deadline. The present goals were set in 1975.

"In my opinion, the city is progressing very well on reaching the goals," Henry said. "In some instances, we're way ahead of schedule in attaining them."

But in other areas, like public safety, the city is not progressing, as expected, he

added. "We're making special efforts to remedy this with pre-application training programs."

Asked if the recent Supreme Court decision on the Allan Bakke case would have any effect on Eugene's affirmative action efforts, Henry said "No, I don't think it will affect the way we are trying to reach our goals."

In addition to the affirmative action report prepared by the city personnel department, Henry gave the council a report from the Eugene Human Rights Commission outlining city-provided equal opportunity programs.

The human rights report reviewed affir-

mative action programs of firms doing business with the city and listed special training and educational programs initiated by the city. One such program was an Equal Employment Opportunity training seminar, in which subcontractors were invited to the city for free training sessions on employment possibilities in Eugene.

Other projects funded by the city include \$27,000 for rent subsidies, \$28,000 for home repair programs, and special outreach programs for mentally or physically handicapped children and homebound persons. The Lane Interagency Rape Team and Explorer Post 501 for youth interested in law enforcement also received financial support from the city.

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