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Instructors unionize due to low pay rates

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University instructors and researchers, dismayed with their low pay, heavy workloads and lack of job security, began a drive to unionize their fellow employees Monday.

Only a handful of instructors and researchers turned out for an organizational meeting of the American Federation of Teachers at the Collier House Faculty Club, but organizers say they are confident that the "community of needs" will draw up to 65 percent of the non-tenured faculty into the union. The AFT is an international teachers' union and has committees that include Graduate Teaching Fellows and a small number of tenure-track professors at the University.

"Non-tenured faculty from various departments have discussed these issues among themselves and with the University administration to little avail," said John Duncan, a University English instructor and acting president of the AFT.

The membership drive that began Monday is aimed at instructors and researchers who are not on the "tenure track" to become full professors, but are

regular faculty members who teach and research at the University.

"Instructors and researchers need a vehicle with which to negotiate higher salaries, fairer workloads, job security, more opportunity for professional recognition, and pro-rated benefits for part-time academic faculty," Duncan said. "We feel at this time we need a way to sit down and bargain and discuss the problems in good faith with the State System of Higher Education."

The starting salary for an English instructor at the University is about \$14,000 a year for teaching 10 courses in a three-term academic year, Duncan said. The University employs approximately 500 instructors and 300 researchers, he said. The AFT hopes to organize the instructors and researchers in the coming 90 days.

University administrators said they were unaware of the AFT organizational meeting Monday, but they have been aware of the concerns voiced by instructors and researchers.

"I was aware we were going to have to address this problem

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Gravel turned, digging begins at museum site

By Stan Nelson
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University officials and archeologists broke ground Monday to officially commence the construction of the University's new Museum of Natural History while construction work proceeded at a distance.

Present at the ceremony to assist in turning the first shovel of gravel was anthropology professor emeritus Luther Cressman, 88, donned in archeological paraphernalia with nine other archeological and administrative cohorts.

Cressman, founder and former Museum of Natural History director from 1936-63, is one of Oregon's archeological pioneers.

The museum is symbolic of the interdisciplinary tradition of the University and will host a variety of collections, said University Provost Richard Hill, who spoke at the ceremony.

The 11,000-square-foot museum will house the contents of the current Museum of Natural History as well as the Oregon Museum of Anthropology, the University's Shelton and Prill zoological collections and

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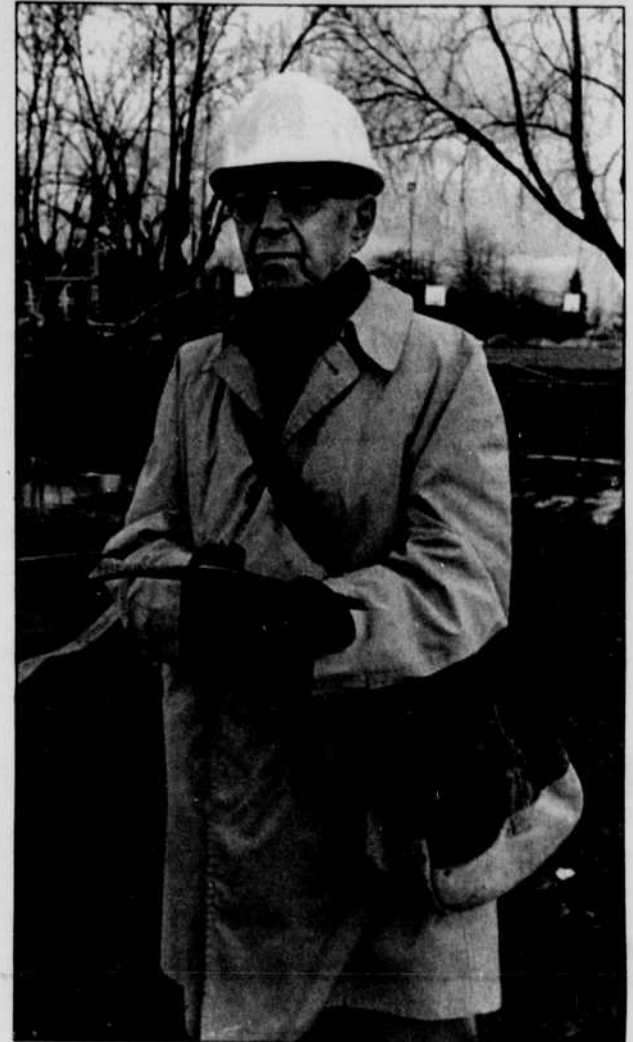


Photo by Maria Corvallis

Professor emeritus Luther Cressman, 88, dressed in archeological garb for the Museum of Natural History's ground-breaking ceremony Monday.

Man shot in leg on footbridge

A 22-year-old man was shot in his right leg Monday night at 6:30 on the Autzen Stadium footbridge, according to the Eugene police. James Rio Johnson, whose address was unavailable, told police a white male shot him with a handgun during a burglary attempt. He described the assailant as 28 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, 130 pounds, slender build and wearing a brown leather jacket. Police have no suspects.

Johnson was taken to Sacred Heart General Hospital where he underwent surgery. The hospital nursing supervisor expected that he would be listed in serious condition.

5th Street traffic put on back burner

By B.J. Thomsen
Of the Emerald

The Eugene City Council voted five to four to delay installation of a temporary traffic diverter at the intersection of Almaden Street and Fifth Avenue to reduce traffic flow on that street until the

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Goldschmidt commits funds to research

By Shawn Wirtz
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Gov. Neil Goldschmidt designated the Riverfront Research Park as one of four regional economic development strategies Monday.

After meeting with Lane County legislators and Eugene and Springfield city officials, Goldschmidt said he would ask the state Transportation Commission to appropriate \$500,000 to initiate engineering studies for the proposed park.

Goldschmidt also committed his administration to supporting \$1 million in



Neil Goldschmidt

lottery dollars to market the park and \$5 million in state highway funds for site improvements.

"The Riverfront basically is the first one. We're committed as of this morning to push for it," said Floyd McKay, Goldschmidt's spokesman.

Lane County legislators are excited about Goldschmidt's enthusiasm for the park and are willing to make it a priority at the expense of other projects, they said.

"The cities of Eugene and Springfield approached him with a laundry list... and he said you pick one," said state Sen. Larry Hill, D-Eugene. "One of his bottom lines was if there wasn't consensus, the Southern Willamette Valley wasn't going to get anything."

"The theory on the regional strategy is when you get your first scoop out of the pot you don't come back," McKay said. "The idea is that everybody gets a crack at it."

"We came to the conclusion that we'd love to have this and we'd love to have that, but if we have to have one, it's the Riverfront," Hill said.

"I think it's remarkable how much consensus is built," Goldschmidt said. "If this project is launched it will carry itself over time."

A consensus on making the research park the region's priority was based on the belief that it would create industry spin-offs, Hill explained. Hill's district includes much of Springfield, and he will try to get state money to develop the Booth-Kelly site as a business incubator, he said.

"Manufacturers ought to locate near the research facility, and hopefully some

of that manufacturing will end up at Booth-Kelly," Hill added.

Assistant Minority Leader Larry Campbell, R-Eugene, agreed that business generated by the research park would "trickle into the bedroom communities."

"If they're successful it will bring other businesses along with it. That will help not just Eugene but the whole outlying area," Campbell said. Campbell was not at the Monday meeting but was briefed by Eugene Mayor Brian Obie and a Goldschmidt staff member, he said.

"The governor has been very communicative. That's important to his success that he keeps us all informed," Campbell said.

"It's pretty clear he wants to get things done," said House Assistant Majority Leader Ron Eachus. "His attitude toward economic development gives us all some hope," he said.

Goldschmidt has "seldom felt as much optimism and excitement for it's (Eugene's) future as I do today," he said at a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Eugene Water and Electric Board headquarter additions.

"To have the Eugene University science research park be proposed at a time when EWEB essentially is saying to its citizens 'we want you to come back to the river and we want to provide a flagship right by the Ferry Street Bridge so that everybody entering this community for the first time over that bridge will see the entrance on this side of the river,' is a tremendous victory," Goldschmidt said.