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## Two faculty members win awards

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Two University faculty members — one in biology and the other in chemistry — have been honored with awards that will provide funding to help continue their research.

Vicki L. Chandler, 40, an associate professor of biology, and Geraldine L. Richmond, 38, a professor of chemistry, are among 100 scientists and engineers nationwide selected to receive Faculty Awards for Women Scientists and Engineers, given by the National Science Foundation this year. The foundation received more than 600 proposals for the prestigious awards.

According to a statement by the foundation, the awards have two goals: to recognize the nation's most outstanding and promising women scientists and engineers in academic careers of research and teaching, and to retain these women scientists and engineers in academia and to facilitate the further development of their careers.

Beginning this fall, Chandler and Richmond will receive a base award of \$50,000 per year for a maximum of five years to fund their projects.

"This recognition of the outstanding work by these women enhances their reputations as scientists and teachers," said John Moseley, University vice pres-

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## Cleanup

Great Rotary Duck Race organizers use nets to retrieve some of the 21,412 rubber ducks dumped into the Willamette River Saturday. Participants paid \$5 per duck in hopes that their entry would be one of the first 12 to reach the Ferry Street Bridge and earn them a prize. Proceeds from the event will go to the Lane County Relief Nursery

Photo by Andre Ranieri

## Columbus not just looking for the New World

By Rene DeCair  
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In fourteen hundred and ninety two, when Columbus set sail on the ocean blue, what he really wanted was gold and slaves, too, an author and activist said Friday.

Howard Zinn gave an evening presentation to a packed crowd in the EMU Ballroom just one day before Christopher Columbus Day to dispel what he believes are myths about the almost mythical explorer.

Columbus didn't make the trip "to advance the knowledge of geography. He did the trip because he wanted loot," he said.

His speech was interrupted several times by the crowd's laughter and applause at his anecdotes and comments.

Zinn, a retired Boston University professor and author of several books including "Vietnam: The Logic of Withdrawal" and the controversial "A People's History of the United States," studied Columbus' journals for research on one of his books.

"I was startled by what I read," Zinn said, quoting from Columbus' journal which he said read "the natives are gentle people, always laughing."

But Zinn said Columbus then wrote that "they would make fine servants."



Photo by Jane Balin

Howard Zinn, a retired Boston University professor, tries to dispel myths about Columbus' 1492 voyage during his speech Friday in the EMU Ballroom.

Moreover, Zinn said, Columbus mentioned gold at least 75 times in his writings, a fact which Zinn described as "very interesting."

"He did a lot of talking about God and the Bible, but he also did a lot of talking about gold," Zinn said, adding he has also read journals from other men who worked with Columbus who wrote of raping and beating native women.

This year, on the eve of 1992, the 500th year anniversary of Columbus' voyage, Zinn said

he wants to educate people about the inaccuracies of history.

"The argument about Columbus is not what happened then ... it is about what it means," he said, referring to the fact that teachers often only tell their students of Columbus' fine seamanship abilities and his "discovery of America."

"[The controversy about Columbus] is what you do about history ... what do you put at the forefront and what do you bury," he said.

Zinn said that when people are confronted with the facts of Columbus in history, they often brush it off saying, "You're arguing about Columbus with the standards of today ... Then, people were driven by profit-motive, killed others. This is the twentieth century," Zinn said to a roaring crowd.

But Zinn said that things have not changed much in the last 500 years, and that is the lesson to be learned.

"The dehumanization continues through the centuries to Bush in the Middle East," he said. "If Columbus is going to teach us anything, it should make us think about these things.

"There are values that transcend centuries."

Additionally, Zinn said he finds fault in how historical events are taught as if everything was done painlessly and simply.

"It all sounds so benign. The Louisiana Purchase," he said, sarcastically adding, "as if people didn't live there. (See), look on a map."

Zinn said he did not learn anything about Columbus while he was in college — other than that he was an "intrepid sailor," — that he did not know in grade school.

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### Testimony

Supporters of Anita Hill and Clarence Thomas took the stand Sunday, and has been the case throughout the dramatic Senate hearing, both sides offered widely conflicting testimony.

In a new development, Hill passed a lie detector test given by a private security firm in Virginia, but Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Joseph Biden, D-Del., called the findings "inappropriate" for the hearing.

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### Blowout

The Oregon football team never knew what hit them Saturday as the 13th-ranked California Golden Bears rolled to a 31-0 halftime lead enroute to a stunning 45-7 victory that saw three Duck quarterbacks get playing time.

Oregon was dealt another serious blow when it was learned Sunday nose tackle Marcus Woods and offensive tackle David Collinsworth will both be out at least three weeks due to injuries.

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