# Alumnus gives \$200,000 gift

By Colleen Pohlig Emerald Associate Editor

The University announced Tuesday it has been awarded a \$200,000 endowment from an alumnus of the college of Arts and Sciences

Risa Palm, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, announced the endowment from University alumnus Richard Bray. Palm will oversee the distribution of the gift. The gift automatically secures for the college a matching grant from the Faculty Endowment Fund organized by the state Board of Higher Education and endorsed by the 1991 legislature.

Palm also presented Junior Professorship Awards to 20 faculty members. The awards will be used to support research work in humanities and social sciences. The grants were made possible by private gifts from alumni.

"(Both funds) do the same thing," said David Begun, director of development for the College of Arts and Science. "They are both private money invested in University education for obtaining and retaining the best and brightest faculty.

Bray, a retired executive vice president from the Standard Oil Co., said he established the Richard A. Bray Faculty Endowment because of the positive experience he had when he was an undergraduate in the College of Arts and Sciences. Bray also contributed to the Junior Partnership Fund.

"I think my advantage was that I was exposed to diversity for the sake of diversity and then found the world to be diverse." Bray said. "So I owe a debt of gratitude to this University for doing what it's always done and what it will continue to do in the future in providing a first-class, broad liberalarts education.

Bray said that in an effort to repay "the debt of gratitude." he is giving both his time and money at a time when the University needs both.

Future faculty recipients of the Junior Professorships will be able to use their awards to secure other matching grants offered by federal agencies and private foundation matching programs, which would triple the effect of the gift.

Bray gave Palm three specifications for his gift: recipients demonstrate excellence in teaching as well as scholarship, recipients are willing to provide professional service to the academic field. and each award will have a leveraging effect, academically or financially.

The individual lunior Professorship Awards, which will also be matched by the Faculty Endowment Fund, will provide support for scholarship in the faculty members' areas of specialty that are otherwise unavailable, Palm said.

"Their research efforts will be used to improve and enrich the course work for our students as well as to further the career research interests of the faculty members," Palm said.

The awards will help to provide travel to archives, purchase library materials, fund attendance at teaching workshops and pay for a variety of other activities.

In recent weeks, the University has recieved more than \$3 million in private gifts, including a \$185,000 grant to the Center for Excellence, a \$1 million gift to the College of Arts and Sciences from alumnus John B. Hamacher and a combined \$400,000 from alumni to the School of Journalism.

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could widen West 11th. That would be a lot more cost effec-

Another section asks about the biological characteristics of the land. There are about 14 species of plants and animals in the West Eugene wetlands that are already classified as endangered or threatened or are expected to be soon, Pringle said, and the highway would run directly through that area.

"They'll want to know how we are going to mitigate for the lost functions and values of this wetland," Pringle said. "The law requires no net loss of functions or values, so they'd have to

wreck a pristine wetland out here, and create it somewhere else. How are you going to do that? The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would have to approve this permit, and I don't believe they will because they are under court order to take an ecosystem approach.

Dr. Ethen Perkins, an ecologist, said the western pond turtle, soon to be a candidate for endangered status, has only two or three possibly viable sites in the Willamette Valley, including the West Eugene wetlands

Pringle said when the highway was first proposed, in the early 1980s, the city council "had very different ideas" about environmental matters than does the current city council,

which has the authority to rule on the project. Pringle said several current councilors oppose the idea for both financial and environmental reasons.

Barbara Kelley, of Eugene's Save Our Ecosystems, pointed out that millions of dollars have been spent on the West Eugene wetlands to maintain a preserve.

"I believe most people who know the facts would object and it is our money they want to spend," she said. "This is an inappropriate, misguided idea that started with the city council a long time ago. I think the present city council might well object to it and we will work toward that end. We still have time to stop it."

### ET ALS

Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma will meet tonight at 6:30 in EMU Codar Room F. For more information, call 346-8377.

EMU Board will meet at 5 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. For more information, call 346-3720.

Latin American Support Committee will meet tonight at 7:30 in EMU Suite 1. For more information, call 346-5897.

Non-traditional Student Teak Force will meet today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in EMU Codar Rooms A and B. For more information, call 346-0651.

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## CORRECTION

An article in the Feb. 5 issue of the Emerald should have reported there is no prerequisite for being accepted to the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology. Biology 130 is a prerequisite if a student is registering for Marine Biology 309 once in Charleston.

An article in the Feb. 8 issue incorrectly reported the name of a Eugene environmental group that favors a new city noise ordinance. The group's name is "earth and love."

A photo on the front page of the Feb. 9 issue showed the Jewish Student Union's Sukkot Harvest booth that was built in the EMU Breezeway in November.

The Emerald regrets these errors.

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