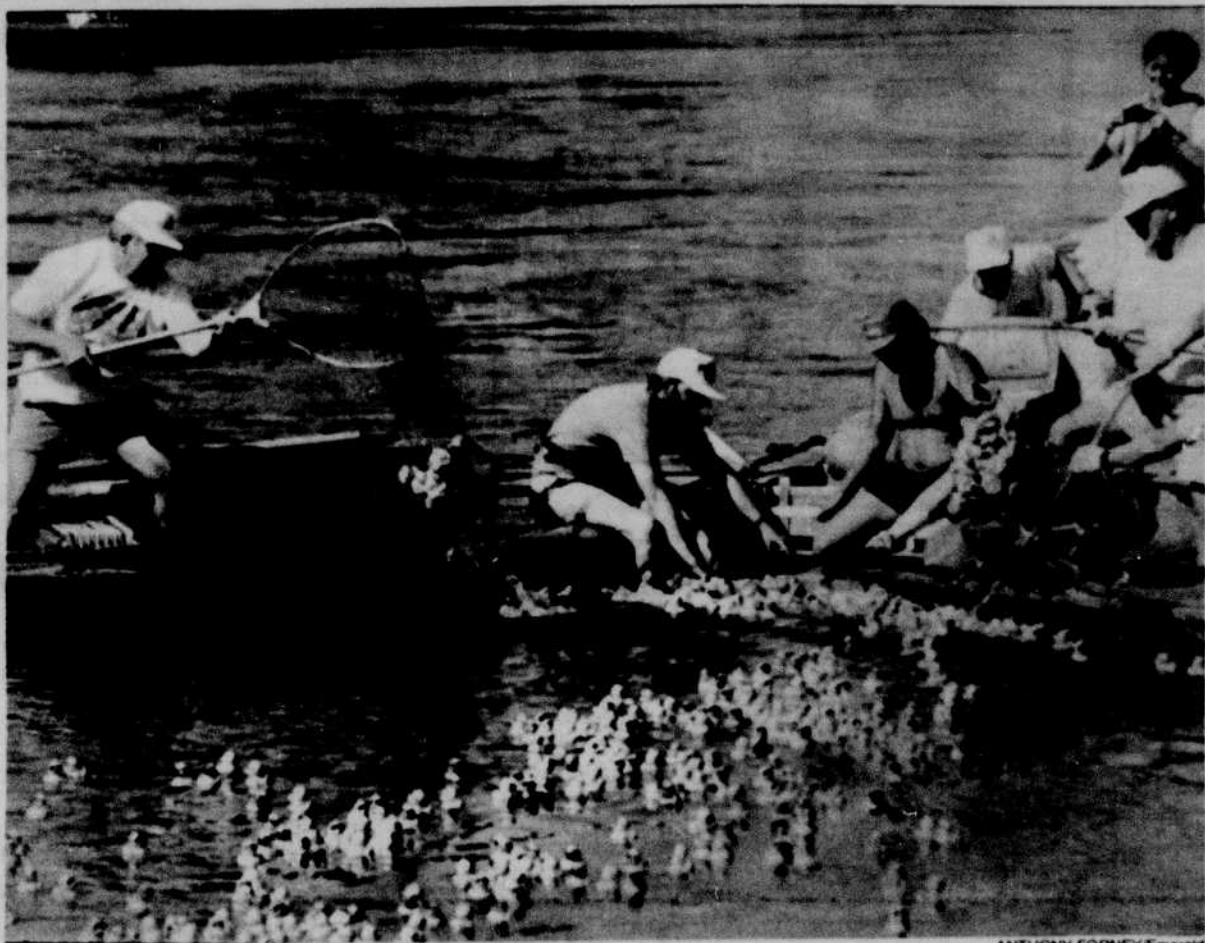


Duck soup



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The only problem with throwing more than 31,000 rubber ducks with sunglasses into the Willamette River is that you have to catch them all. The Eugene Rotary Club sponsored the Great Rotary Duck Race Saturday to raise money for child abuse prevention.

Hiring recruits faculty of color

Administrators also increase number of female professors

By Julie Swensen
Oregon Daily Emerald

Progress has been made toward goals of hiring more faculty of color and women in tenure-related teaching positions at the University, administrators say.

Thirteen new faculty of color are at the University this year, including five Asian-Americans, four Hispanics, two African-Americans and two Native Americans. Five more women from under-represented fields also were hired for University positions, said Lorraine Davis, vice provost for academic personnel.

Half of the 50 offers for tenure-related teaching jobs supported affirmative action goals in hiring. Twenty of those jobs were offered to minority candidates, and five to the women in under-represented fields, Davis said.

The recruitment process was aided by Targets of Opportunity, a program established in July 1992 that uses University funds to help recruit outstanding minority or female candidates, said Ken Lehrman, director of the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity. The funds have helped to bring candidates to campus who wouldn't otherwise be attracted by the University's normal starting salary, he said.

"It's becoming increasingly helpful in a competitive market," he said. "Given financial constraints, (the program) can be a very helpful device."

Seven of the newly hired faculty of color were recruited with help of Targets of Opportunity, as well as two of the women in under-represented fields, Davis said.

The number of minority and female faculty at the University received attention in December 1992, when federal auditors released a report detailing eight areas in which the University needed to improve to be in full compliance with federal affirmative action regulations.

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Amazon rebuilding project stopped

Students attend meeting, questioning demolition of family housing

By Martina Joffe
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

University officials met with about 80 students Thursday to discuss the planned tearing down and rebuilding of the Amazon Family Housing complex.

University Housing Director Michael Eyster told students the project had been temporarily stopped but the demolition would still go forward.

"We are not happy. We recognize that we want to do something about the rent structures," Eyster said, referring to the University's contractual agreement with architect Christopher Alexander, whose design plans originally indicated building costs of \$39 per square foot.

Currently, building costs are \$69 per square foot for the 18th Avenue and Agate Street housing project and are proposed to be \$79 per square foot for Amazon. Total costs for the Agate

project may be at least \$100 per square foot.

Eyster told the students and members of the local media, "We are convinced that Amazon does need to be replaced."

The meeting dissolved into an argument as students frequently interrupted administrators, demanding answers to questions and making statements.

Michelle Parks, an Amazon tenant and mother of two, said she has not heard convincing reasoning for the demolition.

"Structurally, what is wrong with Amazon?" Parks asked. "I haven't heard the answer to that yet. What is wrong with Amazon?"

Frank Gaddini, Amazon area director, said one million dollars has been put into Amazon in the past 10 years.

"Those were major renovations," yelled a group of students, many from the architecture department.

Following the meeting, student organizers met for a strategy session. Phase one demolition of Amazon is planned for late March.

Groups will transform tracks into trail

Conversion will improve access to recreation areas, small communities

By Meg Dedolph
Oregon Daily Emerald

Willamette Industries and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management are planning a 13.5-mile multiple-use trail beginning near Cottage Grove and ending at the Umpqua National Forest.

The trail will replace the Oregon Pacific and Eastern railroad tracks originally built to carry timber products from the now-defunct Culp Creek Mill to Cottage Grove.

The railroad, originally owned by Bohemia Co., became the property of Willamette Industries when it acquired Bohemia Co. in the early 1990s.

Joe Williams, Outdoor Recreation Manager for the Eugene area Bureau of Land Management, said the BLM and other groups had wanted to convert the tracks into a trail for nearly a year.

"The track has gradually deteriorated over the past

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The old Oregon Pacific and Eastern railroad tracks will soon be replaced by a multiple-use trail beginning near Cottage Grove.