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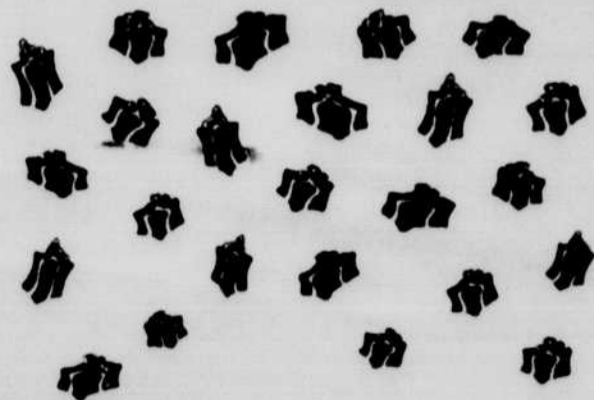
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## A 'D'egrading system



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**FROM THE PAST:** The University brought back the D grade beginning in 1978 after an absence of seven years. Confusion was rampant around campus as each department set its own policy as to whether a D was considered a passing grade for graduation. The English department stated that the D is excluded from satisfying the University writing requirements, and the math, journalism and sociology departments considered the D a passing grade. Pluses and minuses in the grading system were also added to "curb grade inflation," said the then-assistant registrar, Wanta Johnson.

## Campus starts 'Habitat' chapter

by Mike O'Leary  
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

A campus Habitat for Humanity chapter will add a new dimension to the local Habitat partnership and to campus philanthropy.

Habitat for Humanity is known nationally for building affordable homes for low income families. The new campus chapter was co-founded by University students Ryan Coonerty and Paul Kalil.

They had both volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in their hometowns, but the idea of starting up a campus chapter didn't get rolling until this spring, when Ryan and his housemate Paul were looking over a news clipping about a Habitat home Ryan had worked on. The group has been building momentum ever since.

The chapter has had three meetings this term, and has over 60 active members. The group has also attracted interest from different service clubs, religious groups and Greek organizations.

"It's really great to see that kind of networking going on already," said ASUO President Eric Bowen. "When one student group can team up with another

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to because the cost of lots in Eugene were too expensive. The Ross' Eugene home became possible only after a local area sawmill owner sold the land to Habitat at a price below its market value.

This Habitat home is sponsored by the Lane County Forest Products Coalition. Coalition members donated thousands of dollars in building materials and will be volunteering their construction know-how to help build the

home.

Before the house is built, the Ross family is required to volunteer at least 500 volunteer hours of what's called "sweat equity."

Randy Ross said it hasn't been easy to find the time away from work and his children to volunteer on the construction.

Construction of the house has been moving swiftly since November, and the Ross' home is expected to be completed in February.

it's bound to produce a more dynamic result, and it avoids unnecessary or unplanned duplications."

Coonerty is excited to see such a diverse group of the student body getting involved at the meetings. "We have every type of people at the meetings, and they show up with a tremendous amount of energy," he said.

Coonerty said the people running the other local Habitat chapter have been very helpful

during their start-up phase. "Here, they want to teach new people how to do the work," Coonerty said. They've made us feel really welcome."

With plans to take a work party to Central America, the possibility of contributing to University housing projects, plans to team-up with other campus chapters in the state, and several local habitat homes on the drawing board for the coming year, the campus chapter is looking to a busy year ahead.

## Freshman Seminars

Winter Term 1994

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