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Peace Corps recruiter, Mike Sampson hands out brochures and applications to senior Jennifer Goldman.

Students find aim in Peace Corps

Volunteers: More than 1,000 University students joined since 1961

By Edward Klopfenstein
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With a faint smile from her lips every time the subject "human rights" comes up, 20-year-old Shanisse Howard has perked up her ears to JFK's call. "It's not what your country can do for you, it's what you can do for your country."

The sociology major with jet black hair and a knock-out smile said she needs excitement, she needs to help other people, and she needs the Peace Corps.

"The Peace Corps is looking for people who are dedicated. People who can make a difference," Howard said. "I want to make that difference."

The self-proclaimed activist and social organizer is walking down a path that more than 1,000 oth-

er University students have taken since 1961 when legislation starting the organization was enacted.

Ever since the mid-1960s, at least 6,000 volunteers nationwide have made a difference overseas. The University currently ranks 12th in the nation for recruiting the most volunteers, and 74 University graduates are now serving.

With almost 3,000 Oregon residents who have served since 1961, the state's Peace Corps community has helped build an aura of respect volunteer return home.

"I trust returning Peace Corps volunteers implicitly," said David Povey, director of the University's Urban and Regional Planning department and one of the first Peace Corps volunteers in the nation. "Those are people who have already taken risks."

A very incomplete roster of other former Peace Corps volunteers at the University includes pro-

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UNIVERSITY

Race, justice in state courts scrutinized

Panel: Task force members say minorities receive disparate treatment in courts

By Julie Swensen
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The role of race and how it affects the Oregon justice system was examined Tuesday night in a discussion that launched the University's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.

Former state Supreme Court justice Edwin Peterson led the panel, which unveiled findings from a year-long, statewide comprehensive study by the Task Force on Racial Issues in the Oregon Justice System. Peterson assembled the task force in April 1992 as a result of concerns voiced by the state's judges, who had seen problems of racial or judicial bias in the state judicial system.

In what Law School Dean Dave Frohnmayer said was probably the first public discussion about how Oregon's justice system affects people of color, the panelists discussed the task force's findings, which revealed numerous complaints from people of color who have received disparate treatment from law enforcement officers to top judges. In compiling its report, the task force conducted



Former Associate Supreme Court Justice Edwin Peterson speaks about racism in the state's judicial system Tuesday night at the University of Oregon School of Law.

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GOOD MORNING

► **SUNRIVER (AP)** — The new director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has pledged to defend the Endangered Species Act, which comes before Congress for reauthorization this year.

Speaking before the Western States Land Commissioners Association Monday, Mollie Beattie acknowledged that the cost of protecting wildlife from extinction was high, but said it was worth the cost.

"Can we tell our grandchildren there once was something beautiful called a bald eagle, but we're sorry, it was inconvenient or too expensive for us to save?" Beattie said. "Can we tell them about the whooping cranes, the grizzlies and the condors, and then say, 'Sorry, it wasn't worth

the effort?"

"I believe we as a nation must continue our commitment to save our declining species. It is worth the cost," she said.



► **SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)** — In what was described as an "easy delivery," a fire dispatcher helped guide a father through the birth of his daughter.

The man called 911 at 7:14 a.m. Monday to say that the 22-year-old mother was in the final stages of labor, senior dispatcher Steven Klass said.

The father was relatively calm

and followed dispatcher Bernadette Mantler's instructions, Klass said. Four minutes after the call came through a healthy baby girl was born.

► **(AP)** — **DIVOTS 101:** College students casting about for careers might want to consider turf science, the care and maintenance of golf courses, Purdue University suggests in a newsletter listing job possibilities.

Clark Throssell, a Purdue agronomy professor, said the school's turf science majors have all found jobs on graduation during the past eight years and that they have excellent advancement opportunities.

This job should not be confused with that of turf accountants, however. They're what the British call bookies.

University Food Services trying for healthy changes

Menu: New low-fat meals, Hammy's and Pizano's bring diversity

By Rachel Miller
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

On college campuses everywhere, cafeteria food continually takes the brunt of less than tasty jokes, but University Food Services has implemented many new menu items to show that they are attempting to make a change.

"We use the highest quality food available, and we've established specifications for each food item purchased," said Elva Koepp, food service manager for Central Kitchen. "If it doesn't

meet specifications, we don't accept it."

Food services uses USDA choice grade red meat and USDA grade A vegetables.

"This is the same grade of meat and vegetables in grocery stores," Koepp said.

The vegetables are delivered fresh daily from Duck Produce of Portland. And, said Mary Bruce, the food service manager for Hamilton Dining Center, this many deliveries are a must. About 100 to 120 pounds of salad is consumed at Hamilton cafeteria per day.

Most of the vegetables offered are either frozen or fresh, Bruce

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