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Winter 1997 Duck Call registration began Monday. Don't forget to check when to register for classes by calling 346-1600.



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More rain floods Lane Co.



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A very unhappy cow in the Marcola area is backed into a soggy corner because of rising waters from the Mohawk River.

Gov. Kitzhaber declares Lane County a disaster area as floods hit several rural towns

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“People come to the Red Cross if they need food or something warm to drink. I think people would prefer to stay with friends and families, but we're here if they need us.”

— Tania Isotov
American Red Cross
Spokeswoman

By Kristin Bailey and Jennifer Schmitt
Oregon Daily Emerald

Eugene didn't get a rest from the onslaught of rain Tuesday, and Gov. John Kitzhaber declared Lane County a disaster area following a Lane County Board of Commissioners emergency meeting.

Evacuations continued throughout the day, with an estimated 90 Marcola families forced out of their homes. Meanwhile, people in other rural Lane County areas packed their things as the rivers rose.

“We already have six shelters open,” said American Red Cross Spokeswoman Tania Isotov. “The number of people there fluctuates depending on what's going on. People come to the Red Cross if they need food or something warm to drink. I think people would prefer to stay with friends and families, but we're here if they need us.”

But it wasn't just people's homes that were affected. Tuesday morning, Harriet Harris, co-owner of Chamer Stables, was forced to move the 36 horses she boards at her stables. Harris took the horses to the Lane County Fairgrounds when floodwaters rose too close to her barn.

“The water hasn't reached the barn yet,” Harris said. “But the water was blocking the road to the barn, and we had a hard time getting to the horses.”

Representatives from Lane County Fairgrounds announced Monday their barn would be open if people need a place to keep their animals until the flooding subsides.

Oregon State Police were also kept busy Tuesday, with at least 30 officers — some in

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Denny Harrington (left) and Ron Stockman prepare a temporary water pump to remove flooding water from the Prince Lucien Campbell Hall basement.

International women's group resurfaces

■ **CULTURES:** The organization provides a place for women from all backgrounds to find support as they adapt to life at the University

By Angie Suchy

Student Activities Reporter

Today is the first day in 10 years that an ASUO Women's Center-sponsored group of female international students will officially meet at the University.

Revived by former University student Machiko Shirai, the International Women's Group will bring exchange students and women from other countries — as well as American women — together to talk about commonalities.

Despite the different cultures represented, the women share many of the same concerns and dilemmas in a new culture, Shirai said.

“The role of women is different from country to country,” Shirai said. “But I think all the women who have shown interest in the group have many of the same issues to discuss.”

Ten years ago, University International Student Advisor Peter Briggs brought together a group of women who had spoken with him individually. The women had all addressed the difficulties in facing so many foreign environments — a new country, city and campus for most, he said. Though the group dissolved after a few months due to a lack of leadership, Briggs said he is confident it is once again appropriate to bring women together in a discussion-type setting.

“Most of these women don't know each other, and this group can provide a real networking opportunity for them,” Briggs said.

Briggs noted the weekly International Coffee Hour, sponsored by the ASUO International Students Association, is a great place for all international students to socialize.

However, he said the discussion of issues pertaining to women are a need that the International Women's Group aims to address.

“This group can help the international women from different racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds have freedom of expression and respect everyone's rights and dignity,” Shirai said.

Interest in the group was generated by a list of female international students who expressed a personal interest in participating in a group of this sort, Briggs said.

“There are just some things women don't bring up in the office-type of environment,” Briggs said. “I think they'd be much more comfortable with women who are anxious to talk about the same kinds of experiences.”

Briggs also stressed this type of group meeting provides a place for friendships to form as well as dialogue pertaining to cross-cultural issues for women at the University.

“Participation is the central goal, but

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