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I believe Osborn Aquatic Center stands as one of the best among the few aquatic centers in Oregon. At 85 years old I have swum laps at Osborn for the previous 19 years and attribute my excellent health and fitness mostly to swimming at Osborn. Probably the most important activity at Osborn is the invaluable effort of so many adult safety trainers and lifeguards to teach the young children how to swim and, generally, how to stay safe in any water--pools, lakes, rivers, and the ocean. The staff at Osborn also conducts many exercise classes for adults, and these are especially important for the older adults.

Osborn is the home for training and swim practice for boys and girls swim teams, including the high school teams.

Osborn is an important venue for swim competitions in Oregon with high school teams, college teams, and masters participating. (I remember the Saturday morning when I saw the world record holder and Olympic swim champion Katie Ledecky climb off the Stanford University bus in the parking lot before she competed at Osborn against the Oregon State University women.)

Support new roof construction at Osborn? Isn't that the same as supporting the safety, health, and fitness of many, many people in the Corvallis area?