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The Osborn Aquatic Center has provided huge benefits to the community over the years. It has enabled generations of youth in both Corvallis and surrounding communities the ability to learn to swim. In addition to swim lessons the Aquatic Center has provided lessons in first aid and life guarding, as well as employment opportunities for youth. Scuba lessons are held and teams are created to play water polo and underwater hockey. Schools that do not have a swimming pool are able to sponsor swim teams and use the pool. Both the indoor pool and its outdoor pools have provided families with the opportunity to be active and to get outside. During the summer and when school is out, the lines of children and their families to get into the pool are long.

The Aquatic Center is a beautiful facility, which is going to waste simply due to the lack of funds to repair its roof. The investment needed to repair the roof is small in comparison to what the cost would be to build another aquatic center. It would be a tragedy to lose all that was invested to build the facility, along with its benefit to the community, because of the roof problem.