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University Convocation is a formal welcome to the university for new students and faculty. It's the culminating event of the Week of Welcome, setting the tone for the new academic year, and highlighting the appeal of intellectual activity. Collins will deliver the address at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 24 at McArthur Court, 1611 University St., Eugene.

Doors open at 3 p.m. Seating is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Now the poet laureate of New York, Collins has published eight collections of poetry. His book "Sailing Alone Around the Room" is recommended summer reading for incoming first-year students. It's available in the University Bookstore, 895 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. and [online](#).

"He's really someone who can introduce students to the delight of the life of the mind," said Karen Sprague, vice provost of undergraduate studies.

Collins encourages readers to immerse themselves in literature. In his poem "Introduction to Literature," Collins asks readers to "drop a mouse into a poem and watch him probe his way out,/ or walk inside the poem's room/ and feel the walls for a light switch./ I want them to waterski/ across the surface of a poem/ waving at the author's name on the shore."

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During his visit, Collins will have lunch with a small group of creative writing faculty and students. There will be a lottery for a few incoming students to join the group.

At the convocation ceremony, faculty members are encouraged wear academic regalia. Staff who have earned a bachelor's degree or higher are invited to do so, as well. For more information about ordering regalia, contact Cathy Kraus, 346-1221, [ckraus@uoregon.edu](mailto:ckraus@uoregon.edu).

Music will be an important part of the event. As a prelude, the School of Music will present "The Overture: Keep Live Music in Your Life" on the lawn of Collier House from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The Green and Yellow Garter Bands will perform outside before and after the ceremonies. Inside McArthur Court, music will be provided by the Oregon Brass Quintet.

This is the first year that the university will recognize a high school teacher as part of convocation activities. Incoming students were invited to nominate teachers who inspired them through the study of writing or literature. The winning teacher will be invited to Eugene for the event. Both teacher and nominating student will join the luncheon group with Billy Collins.

Convocation traditions go back several centuries and vary from university to university. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Oxford University used the term to describe an assembly of master's graduates, welcoming them to the order of scholars. At the University of Oregon, the event marks the start of the academic year and welcomes

students to the scholarly world of the university. Past University Convocation speakers include journalist Daniel Schorr, former Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber, author James McBride, and physicist Jim Gates.

A picnic after the event is open to the university community. The University Bookstore will host a book signing with Billy Collins at the picnic.

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IT Connections will encompass information technology news for the entire university, highlighting the ways that information technology resources are used to support teaching, research, and support services. Each issue will showcase academic applications of information technology in schools and other units.

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Suggestions for articles are welcome. Of particular interest are stories that support the theme of academic quality.

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## Mortar Board chapter wins national honor

The Scroll and Script chapter of Mortar Board at the University of Oregon has received a Silver Torch Award for the 2005-2006 academic year.

It was one of 40 chapters in the country to receive the award. The honor recognizes chapters for timeliness and dedication while exemplifying the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service.

Mortar Board is a national honor society founded in 1918. It recognizes college seniors for outstanding achievement in

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Just go to <http://www.uoregon.edu/> and click on the [events calendar](#) at the bottom of the page. Then, use the [Submit a new event](#) link at the top of the column on the far right. From there, fill in the Web form. Be sure to include the department or departments that are sponsoring or co-sponsoring the event.

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weekly by the [Office of Public and Media Relations](#). The calendar is sent to local media, so the sooner you post your event, the better chance it has of drawing attention.

Please note that the University of Oregon Calendar of Events lists only events open to the public that are organized, sponsored or co-sponsored by the university or by university-affiliated organizations. It does not include non-University of Oregon events and generally does not list events simply because they occur at the University of Oregon or one of its facilities.

Frequent posters to the calendar can sign up for their own login, allowing them to edit their own postings. For information about signing up for a login or about the calendar in general, write to Shannon Rose at [roses@uoregon.edu](mailto:roses@uoregon.edu).

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regalia rental for any member of the university community (faculty, officers of administration or classified staff) who has earned a bachelor's degree or higher. For more information, contact Cathy Kraus, 346-1221, [ckraus@uoregon.edu](mailto:ckraus@uoregon.edu), by Friday, Sept. 8, 2006.

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The Advocate College Guide for LGBT Students, released Aug. 1, lists the top 100 colleges and universities in the country for LGBT students. Author Shane L. Windmeyer highlights the University of Oregon's positive environment, programs and services and strong LGBT student coalitions.

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The ranking is the result of a campus-wide effort to create an atmosphere of acceptance, said Chicora Martin, director of the university's LGBT education and support services program.

"Our campus leaders have worked tirelessly to create a positive environment for all of our students," Martin said. "This distinction emphasizes the importance of providing necessary support to meet all students' needs, including LGBT students."

The guide is published by Alyson Books in partnership with The Advocate magazine. Windmeyer, along with a collection of experts, conducted more than 5,500 online interviews. From their data, 100 campuses were selected for profiles based on policies, institutional commitment and support, academic life, housing, student life, counseling and health efforts, campus safety, and recruitment and retention efforts.

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Slovic's paper, "If I look at the mass I will never act: Psychic numbing and genocide," garnered the Otto Klineberg Intercultural and International Relations Award for 2006 from The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. The award is given annually to the top paper or article dealing with intercultural or international relations.

"Why, over the past century, have good people repeatedly ignored mass murder and genocide?" Slovic asks in his paper.

"The repetitiveness of such atrocities, ignored by powerful people and nations, and the general public, calls for explanations that may reflect some fundamental deficiency in our humanity – a deficiency that, once identified, might possibly be overcome," he asserts.

Slovic has been at the university since 1986. He also is founder and president of Decision Research, a nonprofit organization which strives to help individuals and those in business, government, and society understand and successfully deal with the complex and sometimes risky decisions of every day life. Slovic has worked with colleagues around the world in the development of methods to describe risk perceptions and measure their impacts on individuals, industry, and society.

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The University of Oregon's Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art and Marché Café at the museum will be closed for maintenance and cleaning the week of Sept. 11-15.

During that week, staff will maintain regular office hours but rental spaces and galleries will not be available for tours or events. The museum store will also be closed.

The museum and café will reopen at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16.

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Bruce Lundy and the staff at the University of Oregon Bookstore's Book Department are now offering a special discount for staff, faculty and graduate teaching fellows. Through September 17<sup>th</sup>, receive 30% off all poetry titles when you show your university ID at the Book Department Customer Service Desk.

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Universities held at the National University of Singapore.

Barbara N. Miller, of the university's Educational Leadership Program, focused her project on a new enterprise that will deliver an innovative, cost-effective intervention program for struggling readers. The project, Score 4 Reading, is a collaboration between Miller and educator and business owner, Jill Schwimmer.

Miller received a \$6,000 stipend from the university to support work on her project during the spring term. She worked in consultation with faculty at the university's Lundquist Center for Entrepreneurship to complete a detailed business plan. She also received travel support to present her business plan in the final competition last month in Singapore.

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Program has awarded an unrestricted gift in the amount of \$78,000 to [Reza Rejaie](#), a professor in the University of Oregon's department of computer and information science.

This gift will support Rejaie's research on "Characterizing and Modeling the Dynamics of Peer-to-Peer Networks", as part of his [ION P2P project](#).

In recent years, the pervasive deployment of peer-to-peer (P2P) applications (such as Gnutella and BitTorrent) has had a profound effect on the Internet that is even more tangible than the impact of the Web. The goal of Rejaie's work is the development of measurement techniques for collecting unbiased samples from popular P2P applications, to provide a better understanding of their behavior and impact. Once the sampling techniques have been developed and verified, the next phase of the project is to carefully study peer behavior and to develop models of how users arrive and depart. These models are essential for properly understanding and simulating P2P systems to improve their performance.

Part of the Cisco grant will be used to support senior Daniel Stutzbach, a doctoral student in the department of computer and information science. A key member of the ION P2P team, Stutzbach has developed various measurement tools, conducted extensive measurement on several P2P systems, and performed detailed analysis on the vast amount of collected data.

Rejaie joined the department of computer

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and information science in 2002. He received his master's degree and his doctorate in computer science from the University of Southern California in 1996 and 1999 respectively. Rejaie received a National Science Foundation CAREER Award for his work on P2P streaming in 2005. He leads the Mirage Research Group in the computer and information science department.

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## Bronet encourages grads at summer commencement

More than 1,200 students graduated from the University of Oregon earlier this month with degrees and certificates.

Frances Bronet, dean of the University of Oregon School of Architecture and Allied Arts, addressed summer graduates, their families and friends during the university's 2006 summer commencement exercises.

Summer term's 1,090 degree candidates include 741 receiving bachelor's degrees, 138 certificate recipients, 291 master's degree candidates and 55 completing

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## Recent University of Oregon grads earn Fulbright honors

Two 2006 University of Oregon graduates have received U.S. Student Fulbright scholarships to study in Germany for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Amelie Brazelton has been awarded a scholarship to study law. Nicholas Stevens is slated to study biology. Brazelton and Stevens graduated in June with bachelor's degrees.

The graduates are among 1,200 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad as part of the

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