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Three days before she turned 23 and a month after finishing bachelor's degrees in religious studies and psychology, Sharp received word that she was among 77 students to be named a scholar in the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Program. The Cooke Foundation will provide Sharp, who will begin graduate work in theological studies at Harvard University this fall, with tuition, room, board, fees and books – up to \$50,000 annually – for up to six years.

Sharp, of Portland, is the first Cooke scholar ever to be selected from the University of Oregon. Sharp's award is something in which the entire university community can take pride, said Linda Brady, senior vice president and provost.

"The Cooke Foundation's award not only is a tribute to Carissa's talents, but it also highlights the superior academic value of the University of Oregon," Brady said. "Students such as Carissa demonstrate that the university is a place where the nation's top scholars flourish while achieving academic goals."

Colleges and universities can only nominate two students for the award each year. The university's nomination committee selected Sharp in recognition of her outstanding qualities and achievements.

"Whether it be taking over class for a professor in her job as a teaching assistant,

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conducting research to fund a project supporting victims of domestic violence, or traveling in Italy and Egypt observing religious practices of the people, (Carissa) Sharp is able to take what she learns and apply it," the committee wrote in a nomination letter sent to the Cooke Foundation with Sharp's application.

This is the fifth year the Cooke Foundation has offered the graduate program, one of the nation's most generous scholarships. Awards are based on academic performance, financial need, leadership, community involvement and ambition.

The Robert D. Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon was the perfect place for Sharp to focus and polish her abilities. After graduating from St. Mary's Academy, a private, Catholic high school in Portland, Sharp arrived in Eugene unsure of what she wanted to study. She spent her first year of college sampling the wide variety of academic fare offered at the university.

"I was considering everything from the hard sciences to music performance in cello," she said.

She was thinking about everything except for religious studies. Then one of her friends mentioned that she was getting a minor in the subject.

"I was so jealous. World religions had been my favorite class" in high school, Sharp said. "All of a sudden, I realized that I could actually major in religious studies in college - it had never entered my mind before. I would definitely say that it was an 'aha'

moment."

Sharp ended up double majoring in religious studies and psychology, another subject that had always fascinated her. She merged the two disciplines for her honors thesis, which focused on the study of religion from a scientific perspective.

At Harvard, Sharp will pursue a master's in theological studies, the equivalent of a master's of art in religious studies. Eventually she plans to be a professor.

"Religious studies is such an important field, particularly with the state of our world today," Sharp said. "I feel like I can really make an important contribution through the study of modern religion. I have always been an academic at heart, and as a professor I can stay in school forever."

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Phil Weiler starts work today as the University of Oregon's senior director for public and media relations.

Weiler, a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication, has more than two decades of experience in directing public and media relations efforts in the public and private sector. For the past six years he served as the senior public relations manager for Symantec Corp. where he has been responsible for the day-to-day operations of

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the company's consumer public relations program in the United States and Canada. In addition, he directed a number of global public relations initiatives including an assignment in Maidenhead, England, where he was responsible for directing Symantec's Northern European public relations office, which managed the public relations operations in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Prior to his position at Symantec, Weiler worked for 10 years to promote the city of Eugene, serving until 2000 as their director of communications. Weiler served as a principal spokesperson and primary media contact for the city and was responsible for the overall management of internal and external communications. He also worked as a communications professional for Georgia-Pacific Corp. and Cawood Communications.

As the head of the Office of Public and Media Relations, Weiler will lead the integration of communication strategies across campus. Part of University Advancement, the office falls under the Public and Government Affairs arm of the university. Public and Media Relations is the central communications office for the university. In addition to public and media relations, the office is responsible for coordinated marketing efforts and internal communications, as well as the strategic direction for media initiatives.

"Phil brings a wealth of experience to the University of Oregon and will be a highly effective leader for the Office of Public and Media Relations," said Michael Redding, associate vice president for public and

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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 even more 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 log-in, allowing them to edit their own postings. For information about signing up for a log-in or about the calendar in general, write to Shannon Rose at [roses@uoregon.edu](mailto:roses@uoregon.edu).

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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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Register in person, or through our website at: <http://craftcenter.uoregon.edu>.

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Flinn will meet museum visitors during the exhibit's opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18. During the reception, Flinn will show a slide presentation of his collected work, titled "The Northern Lights—Luminous Bridge between Worlds." He will

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also discuss night photography techniques.

Flinn's collection of 14 large-format color prints document the aurora borealis, commonly called the northern lights. Auroras—which occur when solar particles collide with gas molecules in the earth's atmosphere—light up the Oregon sky as many as 10 times per year. Flinn has been collecting images of the aurora borealis for more than 15 years. He says his artistic goal is "to make visible for others the nearly-invisible, fleeting movements of transcendent beauty that occur in nature."

The best time to experience the auroras and to view meteor showers because of the crisp clear weather is between August and October. The strongest showers occur during the autumnal equinox in late September.

The exhibit runs through Feb. 25. Framed prints of Flinn's work are available at the museum store. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays except major holidays. Admission is \$3 for adults; \$2 for seniors and youths ages 18 and under; and \$8 for families (two adults and up to four youths). Museum members and university faculty, staff and students are admitted free. For more information, call the museum, (541) 346-3024.

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In addition to Brau's talk, Friends board member Kent Fairfield will highlight the observatory's role. He also will display images of stars and galaxies taken by researchers using charge-coupled-device (CCD) digital cameras.

Brau, a particle physicist, is a well-known expert in research that probes the mysteries of the universe for which Einstein sought a unifying theory. In the lecture, designed for a general audience, Brau will discuss connections between the subatomic world of the large particle colliders, as well as the mysteries of the universe that can be observed at Pine Mountain.

The observatory is among a handful of deep-space research centers on the West Coast that are open to the public. Star Party is designed to increase an awareness of available opportunities to the general public, including students, teachers, amateur astronomers and distance learners. Some 3,000 visitors a year have access to three Cassegrain reflecting telescopes. After dark, tour-guides show objects through the various telescopes, CCD Cameras, and a pair of giant binoculars, and amateur astronomers are allowed to bring their own telescopes and binoculars.

Brau joined the university's faculty in 1988 and is the director of the Center for High Energy Physics. He also is co-chair of the American Linear Collider Physics Group and serves on the High Energy Physics advisory panel of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science.

Tickets are required to assure a seat. For

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important since a program for gifted students has been mandated in South Korea since 2000.

The visiting teachers, selected from all 16 of South Korea's provinces, are some of the country's top educators. Because gifted education in South Korea is still in its early phases, they are the ones charged with building a gifted education program from the ground up. Right now, gifted education in South Korea focuses mostly on math and science. But in Eugene, the Korean teachers were able to see programs which emphasize enrichment as well as traditional academics in a host of subjects, including performing arts, creative problem solving, literature and computer technology.

In the past, the South Korean government has funded similar trips to Virginia, Iowa, Russia, Israel and Singapore. The educators stayed near campus and traveled several days to Eugene's Bertha Holt Elementary School for training. They observed classes in the university's Youth Enrichment and Talented & Gifted Programs' Super Summer Program for Grades K-5 and the on-campus, residential Summer Enrichment Program for Grades 6-10.

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Lynda Hadeen and the staff at the University of Oregon Bookstore's Art & School Department are now offering a special discount for staff, faculty and graduate teaching fellows.

Through August 21<sup>st</sup>, show your university ID at the Art & School Department Customer Service Desk when you purchase one writing instrument \$4 and under, get a second writing instrument \$4 and under free.

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## Home movie day to showcase amateur filmmaking

If you have a stash of old 8 mm, Super 8 or 16 mm home movies you can find out about their historical and cultural value and learn how to preserve and protect them during Home Movie Day on Saturday, Aug. 12.

Sponsored locally by the University of Oregon Libraries, the international event is intended to help the public learn about, enjoy and rescue films now considered obsolete.

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years but don't have a way to view them, here's your chance to revisit the past through film," said Erin O'Meara, university records manager and local coordinator of Home Movie Day. "We encourage anyone with an interest in home movies to attend and take advantage of this rare opportunity to celebrate home movie making."

Film experts and archivists will assess the condition of the film before projecting movies for viewing. They will offer advice on how to preserve and protect these film formats. A talk about the phenomenon of home movie making and a screening of "found footage" of these older film formats will also be offered as part of the day's events.

Times and locations of Home Movie Day activities are:

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., film inspection and viewing, Proctor classrooms 41 and 42, Media Services area, ground floor, Knight Library, 1501 Kincaid St.

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., "Everyone Needs A Home (Movie)," talk by Professor Michael Aronson, English department, University of Oregon, Browsing Room, main floor, Knight Library

7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m., found footage screening, Indigo District, 1290 Oak St., Eugene (21 and older venue)

For more information on local Home Movie Day events, call O'Meara at 346-1905 or e-mail her at [erino@uoregon.edu](mailto:erino@uoregon.edu). Visit <http://www.homemovieday.com/> to learn more about national and international activities

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Oregon housing director, died July 26 of age-related causes. He was 87.

A memorial service is planned for 1 p.m. Friday in the outdoor commons area on the northeast corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Agate Street.

A tea and coffee celebration of life is planned for 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11 at the top of Mount Pisgah. An inurnment service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Eugene.

Barnhart supervised construction of the university's housing expansion after World War II. He was one of the first to recognize the importance of student housing as a way to build campus community.

Barnhart was hired to head university food service in 1949. He headed university housing from 1951 until he retired in 1979. During his tenure, four residence halls were built as well as the Westmoreland housing complex. In 1975, he oversaw the purchase of the University Inn on Patterson Street. The building was renamed H. P. Barnhart Hall in 2001 to honor the role he played in shaping campus life.

He had very clear goals for student housing, always asserting that residence hall housing was for the purpose of promoting the academic success and personal development of students. He was an early leader in recognizing the important contribution student housing makes in supporting students by ensuring the housing he built contained attractive lounges and dining venues, and promoted community in general.

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Barnhart was born Sept. 3, 1918, in Bellefonte, Pa. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor of science degree. There, he studied hospitality.

Before arriving at the University of Oregon, Barnhart served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army's 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division from 1942 to 1945. He was awarded a bronze star. He landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1945. That same year, he married Winifred Driver in the Netherlands.

Away from work, Barnhart was known for his love of the outdoors and frequent hikes up Mount Pisgah.

Barnhart is survived by Winifred, three sons, Peter, Paul and Oregon state Rep. Phil Barnhart, as well as five grandchildren.

Remembrances can be sent to the Mount Pisgah Arboretum, 34901 Frank Parrish Road, Eugene, OR 97405.

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## Road to Eugene '08 slated for Tuesday at Hayward Field Meet to feature prominent performers, special events for children

Top athletes from across the nation—including Olympic medalists, world champions and American record holders—will be vying for \$200,000 in prize money at the Road to Eugene '08 high-performance track and field meet Tuesday (Aug. 8). The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Hayward Field.

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Road to Eugene '08 will feature a full lineup of top performers including pole vault greats Brad Walker, the 2006 World Indoor Champion and current world leader; 2004 Olympic gold medalist Tim Mack; and four-time NCAA Champion Tommy Skipper. Other notable athletes participating in the meet include Michelle Perry, the 2005 World outdoor 100-meter hurdles champion; local favorite Rebekah Noble, the 2006 NCAA 800-meter champion; Olympic 110-meter hurdles gold medalist Allen Johnson; 2005 World outdoor shot put champion Adam Nelson; and 2006 world shot put leader Christian Cantwell.

In addition, members of the U.S. Junior National Team will participate, marking the final training event for the squad before departing for the 2006 IAAF World Junior Championships in Beijing, China.

Everyone who buys a ticket to this event will be entered into a drawing for several ticket packages. Prizes include two all-session ticket packages to the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials, five sets of two season tickets for the 2007 University of Oregon track and field season, five two-ticket packages to the 2007 Prefontaine Classic, and a two-ticket package to each of the eight Olympic Trials sessions in Eugene.

Also on the Road to Eugene '08 agenda are several special events for children and youth, including a chance to race 200 meters on the track during the meet and a track and field skills area in an exclusive "KidZone."

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Committee for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials are sponsoring the meet with the assistance of the Professional Athletics Association (PAA), USA Track & Field and its Athletes Advisory and High Performance Committees, the University of Oregon, and the Oregon Track Club.

Tickets for the meet are \$15 for reserved seating and \$10 for general admission. They can be purchased at [GoDucks.com](http://GoDucks.com) or by calling 1-800-WEBFOOT.

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