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Honors and Distinctions**Health Care Researcher Named to National Panel**

Judith Hibbard will join a prestigious group of 21 national health leaders as the latest member appointed to the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality. Hibbard, a professor in the Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management, will offer advice and counsel on priorities for a national health services research agenda. This is a key task of the council, which serves the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and its Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

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The University of Oregon, Oregon Health & Science University, and PeaceHealth announced Nov. 19 they will work together to examine new opportunities for training physicians in Oregon that will address the coming work force shortage.

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15-inch Super Drive
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1.5GHz PowerPC G4
DVD-R/CD-R
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New Sustainability Database is Launched

< A showcase of campus sustainability is the Lillis Business Complex.

The UO sustainability office has launched a new [online database](#) that serves as a research tool and a showcase of the university's national leadership in this area.

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Music, Dance Events Bring in the Holidays

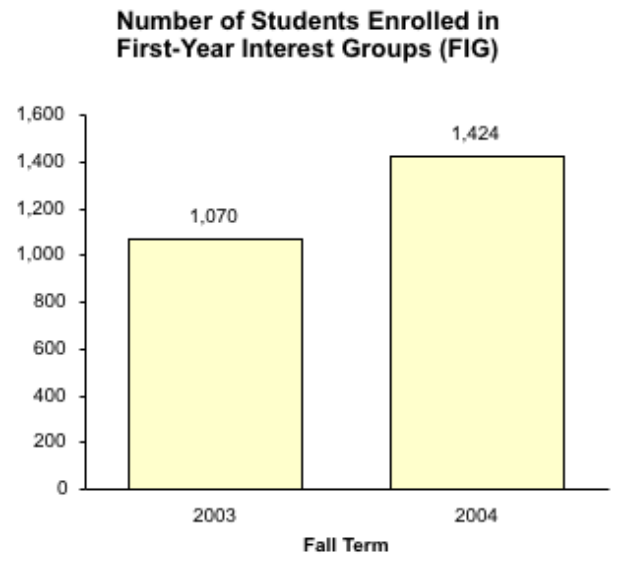
< John Jantzi will showcase his keyboard artistry.

Tonight (Monday, Nov. 22), the Oregon Percussion Ensemble, directed by Charles Dowd, professor of music, will present "Estamos en México! Classic Works for Percussions" at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall, 961 East 18th Ave. Tickets, available at the door, are \$5 general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

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UO by the Numbers

FIG Participation Increases Dramatically



Participation in First-Year Interest Groups (FIGs) rose dramatically this fall, increasing by thirty-three percent. A FIG is a group of twenty-five first-year students who take two core courses together in the fall term. The FIG groups are linked through College Connections, a one-credit course typically taught by one of the faculty teaching the two larger classes.

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Were You There?



Staff, Faculty GTFs Enjoy 'Tools of the Trade' Luncheon

[A luncheon at Gerlinger Hall](#) kicked off the 23rd Art Products Tools of the Trade Show held Nov. 10 and 11 at the UO Bookstore. The lunch event brought together staff, faculty and GTFs across the university. Also joining in were faculty and staff from Lane Community College, the UO Bookstore and the UO Craft Center.

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The town-hall-style meetings will be hosted by the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity (OIED) and are open to faculty and staff members, graduate teaching fellows, and students.

"We are involving all levels of the campus community," says Gregory J. Vincent, vice provost for institutional equity and diversity. "This is a totally inclusive effort, and everyone is invited to participate."

According to Vincent, the meetings will cover a number of broad topics. These include creation of a comprehensive five-year institutional diversity action plan; strategic partnerships between OIED and student affairs, academic affairs, and research and graduate studies; and educational initiatives with local and statewide communities.

The sessions also will focus on key areas of the diversity action plan (click on each):

- [Developing cultural competence](#);
- [Building critical mass](#);
- [Filling and expanding the pipeline](#);
- [Strengthening internal and external community links](#); and
- [Developing and reinforcing the diversity infrastructure](#).

Vincent looks to these first conversations to begin a broad, ongoing dialogue that will help shape the plan as it is created this academic year.

"We're moving the process forward with a small, core group of individuals to help craft the plan--the Diversity Work Group--and a larger group to provide advice and consultation--the Diversity Advisory Council," he explains. "Their work will be guided and enriched by the input and ideas we receive from the university community at these conversations."

"The plan will align with our other key initiatives on campus," Vincent adds, "and will incorporate

new methods based on best practices across the country. Once in place, it will serve as the university's blueprint to strengthen diversity and equity."

Faculty and staff members, GTFs, and students who cannot attend any of the three conversations are welcome to e-mail their ideas and suggestions to: vpdivers@uoregon.edu.



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Diversity Action Plan: Develop Cultural Competence

- **Explore** ways that race, ethnicity, class, color, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, ability, and other characteristics and conditions affect the lives of the university community.
- **Identify** ways in which institutional policies and procedures can lead and have led to patterns of discrimination.
- **Consider** ways university leaders can develop and improve systems that increase the chances that all members of the university will thrive.
- **Discuss** ways we can evaluate policies, procedures, and practices that support institutionalized privilege.
- **Create** systems to eliminate the bias and inequity that results.
- **Identify** behaviors that should be expected of culturally competent leaders who interact across the university, set the tone for an informed and engaged community, and institutionalize their practice.



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Diversity Action Plan: Build Critical Mass

- **Establish** a recruitment and retention plan that builds on outreach to underrepresented communities of color and other populations. The plan would be used to attract students as well as faculty and staff members who bring diverse experiences, skills, and understandings to the institution.

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Diversity Action Plan: Fill the Pipeline

- **Work with** middle schools and high schools in ways that assist them in creating a climate of collegiate expectation.
- **Work with** minority-serving institutions to increase the number of students in doctoral degree programs.
- **Work with** research institutions to increase the pool of diversity candidates for faculty positions.



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Diversity Action Plan: Increase Community Linkages (internal/external)

- **Partner with** community agencies, civic organizations, public schools, and governmental units to act as a clearinghouse and facilitator for information, support, access, and opportunities that will impact the greater community. Such partnerships will help in establishing a welcoming environment that encourages and attracts talent to this area, especially from those populations not traditionally engaged or sought.



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Diversity Action Plan: Develop Diversity Infrastructure

- **Work with** each institutional unit to develop a protocol for organizational operations that includes culturally competent hiring and retention practices, supervisory training, student access and curriculum development, and community outreach and involvement. This supports the institutional goal of seeking the best representation of students and staff and faculty members whose skills and abilities will serve the campus and the community.

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[Dan Williams](#), a 1962 UO graduate who has served as vice president for administration during the past 21 years, will retire June 30. However, he will continue to work for the university part-time on a variety of projects.

"The good news is that Dan will still be around," says Senior Vice President/Provost John Moseley. "His contributions to the quality and excellence of UO are enormous. We're indeed fortunate to be able to continue to benefit from his leadership and guidance even after he retires as vice president."

Williams was elected student body president his senior year and went on to earn his master's degree in public administration from the University of San Francisco. For 15 years he was a student affairs officer at Stanford University and returned to the UO in 1980 as housing director.

Richard W. Linton, vice president for research and graduate studies, is leading the search for Williams' successor.

The position has been redefined as vice president for finance and administration. The official will also serve as chief financial officer with oversight for the Office of Resource Management. The new vice president will report directly to the senior vice president and provost.

[Robert Melnick](#) steps down June 30 after 10 years as dean of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts and five years as department head before that. He is a professor of landscape architecture and plans to return to teaching and research.

The search for his replacement is being led by School of Law Dean Laird Kirkpatrick.

Finally, University Librarian Deborah Carver continues in her interim role as associate vice president for information services until a permanent replacement is found for Joanne Hugi, who recently retired. Tim Gleason, dean of the School of Journalism and Communication, leads that search.



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"Thanks to the **music and dance community** at the UO who provide the inspiration, grace, and beauty for all the important occasions at our university, without whom our ceremonies and lives would be meaningless (to paraphrase Nietzsche)," states **Leslie Bennett**, head of the music services department of the Knight Library.

Mark Carrier, adjunct instructor in biology, thanks **Judi Horstmann**, biology technology lab preparator, for her extraordinary work. "She takes on roles well beyond the call of duty, and shows great caring for the students we teach," he says. "The course includes a lab where students design their own experiments, and Judi spends extravagant quantities of time making possible the ideas students generate. She invents apparatus, helps teach the students how to troubleshoot experimental systems, and makes a course run smoothly that without her would be chaos."

"I am grateful for the overzealous **Collection Development and Acquisitions staff**, all 13 of you," states **Faye Chadwell**, head of this Knight Library department. "We've endured serials reviews, budget reductions, vendor bankruptcies, and managing electronic resources, which is about 10 times more intensive than working with traditional print materials," she adds.

Shirien Chappell, head of the access services department, Knight Library, thanks her **staff** "for their support and flexibility in these times of change, pride in their work, and for sharing some of their personal lives and feelings and letting me share mine and for so enriching my life."

"**Juliana Kyrk**, human subjects compliance coordinator, is always helpful, and goes out of her way to accommodate us, many times on short notice," states **Bob Choquette**, director of administration and adjunct instructor for OSRL on behalf of the entire staff. "She never compromises on standards, but she does all she can to help us obtain clearance so we can get projects in the field without delay. We all really appreciate her efforts!" Choquette sends additional kudos to **Jean Stockard**, professor in the Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management. "She is the best colleague and friend I could ever ask for. She's always willing to listen, offer support, and help me in any way she can. Jean is a treasure."

Debby Coulthard, instructor with the American English Institute, expresses thanks to fellow instructors **Pat Bryan**, "for her thoughtful and calm presence of mind," and **Bill Walker**, "for being such a lovely office mate."

Peter Eberhardt, Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) coordinator in the Office of International Programs, thanks the following: **Jim Bohle**, senior analyst at the Computing

Center, "for excellent support of the SEVIS database"; **Abe Schafermeyer**, student adviser, "for providing such insightful decisions and commentary on immigration regulations"; and **Jim Meacham**, senior researcher and associate director of the UO InfoGraphics Lab, "for creating and updating such clear, easy-to-read campus maps."

Lt. Col. Bill Fox, professor of military science, states, "On behalf of the UO Army ROTC program, thanks to our **alumni** for their continued support."

From **Michael Hibbard**, professor of planning, public policy and management, on behalf of the staff and students: "We are thankful for **Susanne (Zudegi) Giordano**, our department secretary, and **Linda Dent**, administrative assistant." He continues: "Z creates and maintains the wonderful culture in our department. She is the glue that holds things together, and she makes everyone feel they are special while keeping everything flowing smoothly, with an easy grace. Linda fulfills many functional positions, from budgeter to scheduler, and fills them all with enthusiasm, skill and grace."

Pam Johnson, research assistant in the College of Education, has kudos for two assistant professors and research associates: **Lauren Lindstrom** and **Bonnie Doren**. "They've provided great challenges and exciting direction as we collaboratively work on an extensive qualitative study of thirty-three young adults with disabilities, with particular focus on female employment outcomes." She adds, "As a research assistant, I appreciate their support and confidence in my research and writing abilities, and their openness to new ideas and directions."

Brad Lenhardt, consultant for the Western Regional Resource Center, extends "thanks to **Paul Yovanoff**, research associate in behavioral research, whose wisdom, humble manner and compassionate heart encouraged me beyond measure in my efforts to gracefully navigate the white water of my dissertation journey."

Arwen Maas-DeSpain, assistant for academic programs in the College of Education, offers "a huge thanks" to Assistant Professor **Krista Chronister** for "her tireless, daily advocacy for students of color in the college, as well as her personal support and encouragement."

In appreciation of her staff, **Christie McDonald**, director of development and external affairs at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, states, "Thank you for your hard work, dedication and passion in preparing this beautiful building for our reopening in January." Her thanks also go out to **Constance Van Flandern**, special events staff assistant, for gala invitations and to **Paul Elstone**, director of corporate and foundation relations, for securing sponsorship for the member and donor reception.

Nita Nickel, assistant director of trademark management, states, "Thank you, **UO Bookstore**, for all you do for university special events and for so generously contributing when called upon for Food for Lane County drives."

Paul Omundson, communications officer, thanks two individuals for their contributions to *Inside Oregon*: **Russ Tomlin**, vice provost of academic affairs, "for such excellent, fruitful story idea meetings prior to each issue," and **John Crosiar**, Creative Publishing assistant director and senior editor, "for impeccable proofing at the end stage to make each edition airtight."

Michael Redding, associate vice president of public and government affairs, thanks the **Development Communications team** and **Creative Publishing** for a great job in producing campaign "case statements" this fall.

"Thanks for your excellent mentoring," states **Bitty Roy**, associate professor of biology, to colleague **George Carroll**, professor emeritus of biology. "You are a delightful colleague in every respect. You suggested I apply for the job I now have, you helped me get my first grant here by suggesting a funding source I hadn't thought of, and you have given me a big chunk of my library."

Eliza Schmidkunz, School of Law assistant director of communications, states, "Thanks to **Jeffrey**

Flowers, adjunct instructor at the School of Journalism and Communication, for such fine work over the past two years as the School of Law's exhibit designer, graphic artist, proofreader, style guardian, print production coordinator, and all-around MVP."

"An inspiration in my life for nearly 20 years," states **Jane Scheidecker**, Oregon Bach Festival director of development, "is **O. Hayes Griffith**, retired professor of chemistry. His thoughtful philanthropy throughout our community reminds me of how important it is to give."

"**Vik Gumbhia** has been a graduate research assistant at the Oregon Survey Research Laboratory (OSRL) for five years and has managed over \$1.5 million in projects" states **Perren Smith**, information technology consultant in OSRL. "We all appreciate his continued commitment to the department and all the little things he does to make this a fun place to work."

Katie Sproles, public relations and marketing coordinator for the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, thanks a slew of folks for helping with the museum's upcoming January reopening: **Lori Howard**, designer and editor in Creative Publishing; **Christine Wilde**, technician, and **Peggy Schneider**, director of gift and record management, in the UO Foundation; **Carlyn Schreck**, director of annual giving in the Development Office; and **Todd Simmons**, **Melanie Harmon**, **Kathy Madison**, and **Paul Omundson** of the Office of Communications.

Anna Sontag, doctoral candidate in special education and GTF in disability services, lauds **Jackie Snider**, administrative specialist in the department, for her "poise, thoughtfulness, patience, interpersonal skills and sensitivity." Sontag adds: "Hers is the most high-pressure, relentlessly challenging position in the department."

"When you are in our office, it is indeed our happy place," states **Susan Thelen**, director of advertising and marketing for Creative Publishing, about **Shelly Cooper**, office coordinator.

A threesome from the Center on Human Development teamed up to express their thanks. Office assistants **Wendy Weller** and **Annette Tognazzini**, along with **Ann Thurber**, executive assistant, send the following message to **Hill Walker**, director of the center, **Jeff Sprague**, co-director of the Institute on Violence and Destructive Behavior, and **Leslie Martinez**, business and office manager of the institute. "We give our heartfelt thanks to all of you," they say, "for making our office a positive and enjoyable place to work. It's a pleasure to be part of your team."

Racquel Yamada, GTF in linguistics, thanks **Pat Bryan**, senior instructor, American English Institute (AEI), "for your organization and help during my first term as a GTF," and **Sue Doyle**, AEI instructor, "for your positive attitude and enthusiasm."

"He led, I learned, and we all laughed a lot," states **Patty Zembrosky Barkin**, educational consultant of the Western Regional Resource Center, about colleague, **Richard Zeller**, technical assistant and consultant.



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One of very few programs of its kind in the country, the Undergraduate Library Research Awards will honor and celebrate undergraduate students whose original research or scholarship makes extensive use of the services, resources, and collections of the UO Libraries. For 2005, funds are available for two \$1,000 scholarships and two \$500 honorable mention scholarships.

UO faculty members in all disciplines may nominate students who have produced high-quality research or scholarly work during the past year, and they may encourage them to apply for the awards, too.

University Librarian Deborah Carver says that the library's award program complements one of the university's strengths in undergraduate education.

"One quality that distinguishes the UO as a research institution is that it provides every undergraduate with the opportunity to pursue original academic inquiry and investigation. I hope all faculty members will join with the UO Libraries in building on this tradition by alerting their students to this new recognition program."

The deadline for student applications is Jan. 14, 2005. [Click here](#) for complete information.



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"The community is such an integral part of who we are that giving back to it is part of our charter," says Hoerauf. "We believe those 'investments' will come back to the community to make it even stronger."

Formed in 1956 by twenty-seven UO employees, Oregon Community Credit Union (originally Lane Federal Credit Union and later U-Lane-O) now serves more than 80,000 members in ten Oregon counties. This unique relationship has fostered the credit union's significant commitment to scholarships at the UO.

With the expansion of its charter, the Oregon Community Credit Union broadened its UO scholarship program as well. The University of Oregon now awards the scholarships to students who are from the ten Oregon counties within Oregon Community's charter, based on the students' financial need, academic achievement, and community involvement.

At the lunch, Frohnmayer presented the credit union with a commemorative bowl as an expression of the university's gratitude.

"Giving a student the opportunity for a college education is the best investment one can make in the future of our state and our nation," Frohnmayer said. "We are deeply appreciative of Oregon Community's commitment to our students."



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New Sustainability Database is Launched

< *A showcase of campus sustainability is the Lillis Business Complex.*

The UO sustainability office has launched a new [online database](#) that serves as a research tool and a showcase of the university's national leadership in this area.

According to Steve Mital, environmental studies instructor and campus sustainability coordinator, the UO Sustainability Database offers a number of practical uses for faculty and students.

"It's a convenient way to find out about current and past UO research," he says, "as well as campus and student initiatives that promote sustainability, both at the UO and in the community."

Viewers can select one or more "campus activities" or "sustainability topics" and find information via a keyword search. If viewers are unfamiliar with UO sustainability efforts, they can click on a list of all the current projects to get started.

Among projects of interest are:

- Institute for Sustainable Environment
- Sustainability Leadership Academy
- Institute for Community and Watershed Health

"Click on the site and discover opportunities that might be interesting to your students," suggests Mital. "Find out about ways you and they can become more involved with campus sustainability."



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University of Oregon Sustainability Database



Welcome to the University of Oregon's Sustainability Database. We invite you to explore the ways in which faculty, staff, and students have been working towards a sustainable future for our campus, community, and the world at large.

[What is sustainability?](#)

Please select one or more "campus activities" or "sustainability topics". Then scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the "begin search" button. You may also search by keyword.

Campus Activity	Sustainability Topic	Design a Search
<p>CAMPUS OPERATIONS</p> <p>RESEARCH</p> <p>STUDENT INITIATIVES</p> <p>CURRICULUM</p> <p>PUBLIC SERVICE</p>	<p>ENERGY</p> <p>MATERIALS AND RESOURCES</p> <p>RECYCLING</p> <p>BUILDINGS</p> <p>LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>TOXICS</p> <p>SOCIAL ISSUES</p> <p>EVENTS</p> <p>SITES/LANDSCAPE</p> <p>FOOD</p> <p>WATER</p> <p>BUSINESS</p> <p>PLANNING AND DESIGN</p>	<p>Keyword Search:</p> <p>Having problems finding projects?</p>

Please direct questions, comments or suggestions for additional entries to this database to [Steve Mital](#)

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Make a Date



Music, Dance Events Bring in the Holidays

< *John Jantzi will showcase his keyboard artistry.*

Tonight (Monday, Nov. 22), the Oregon Percussion Ensemble, directed by Charles Dowd, professor of music, will present "Estamos en México! Classic Works for Percussions" at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall, 961 East 18th Ave. Tickets, available at the door, are \$5 general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, the School of Music's Faculty Artist Series continues with John Jantzi, instructor of music theory and keyboard skills, on piano and guest vocalists David Gustafson and Amy Hansen. The recital begins at 8 p.m. in Beall. Tickets, available at the door, are \$9 general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

The program contains four sets of lieder, each by a different composer (Johannes Brahms, Hugo Wolf, Erich Korngold and Stefano Donaudy) and concludes with a set of opera duets by Gaetano Donizetti.

Jantzi directs the Eugene Gleemen Men's Chorus and the Eugene Opera Chorus and is organist at Eugene's First Christian Church. He is in his fifth season as keyboardist (piano, organ, harpsichord and celeste) with the Oregon Mozart Players.

The University Singers, Chamber Choir and Concert Choir will present a variety of sacred and secular repertoire--including a carol sing-along--for its annual holiday choral concert 8 p.m., Dec. 2 in Beall Concert Hall. Tickets, available at the door, are \$5 general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

The program includes a wide selection of seasonal music, including "The Cherry Tree Carol," "Sing Me to Heaven," "Blow the Candles Out," "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day," "In the Moon of Wintertime," John Rutter's arrangement of "Deck the Hall," two spirituals and more. The audience will be invited to sing along for part of the program.

The School of Music's Department of Dance presents its fall loft performance, "Eight@Eight," an evening of new and reconstructed dance works by graduate students. The program starts at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 3, in the Dougherty Dance Theater (third floor) Gerlinger Annex, 1484 University St. Tickets, available at the door, are \$5 general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

For more events, please visit the [University Events Calendar](#).

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Honors and Distinctions



Health Care Researcher Named to National Panel

Judith Hibbard will join a prestigious group of 21 national health leaders as the latest member appointed to the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality. Hibbard, a professor in the Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management, will offer advice and counsel on priorities for a national health services research agenda. This is a key task of the council, which serves the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and its Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Hibbard is one of a handful of council members chosen by HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson from the public sector. She will serve a three-year term.

Poet Wins National Contest

Robert Hill Long's poem, "Gulf War News Sign-Off, With Video Tricks," was judged the best of 788 submissions in the annual War Poetry Contest for 2004, sponsored by winningwriters.com, an online resource for writers and poets. The senior instructor in the UO's Creative Writing Program has published numerous works of poetry and prose. His latest book of "flash fiction" and prose poems, "The Effigies" (Plinth Books, 1998), was a finalist for the Oregon Book Award in poetry.

[Click here](#) to read Long's winning poem.

American College of Sports Medicine Honors Graduate Student

Brett Wong is on a mission to help uncover the mechanism that regulates the human body's ability to withstand heat stress. His doctoral research on the subject was recently honored by the American College of Sports Medicine as the best in the nation. The prize is given annually to only one student in the United States.

Wong's goal is to help improve survival rates among those who suffer the most during heat waves: the elderly and people with conditions such as diabetes and heart disease. His research is the first to identify histamine receptors as contributing to increased blood flow during heat stress.

Led by Wong, the UO research team outfitted 11 human subjects in water-perfused suits (a special covering to tightly control skin temperature) and increased their core body temperatures to about 100 degrees Fahrenheit. He threaded four hollow microfibers into the skin on their forearms and used microdialysis to target doses of nitric oxide or two types of antihistamines. Laser-Doppler flowmetry (LDF) was used to monitor changes in skin blood flow during heat stress. The research took place in the Department of Human Physiology's cutting-edge Exercise and Environmental

Physiology Laboratories.

Wong expects to complete his doctoral degree next summer. He plans to continue his research and, eventually, to teach in a university setting.

2004 Corrigan Solari Fellowship Winners Announced

Two UO librarians deeply involved in emerging technologies related to digital library collections and electronic cataloging have been named recipients of the 2004 Corrigan Solari Faculty Fellowship Award.

Carol Hixson, head of metadata and digital library services, and **Lori Robare**, assistant head and catalog librarian, earned the fellowships, according to a Nov. 4 announcement.

The UO Libraries present the fellowships each year to honor library faculty members for noteworthy contributions to the university, the region, and the international community of scholars. Funded by an endowment from Richard and Mary Corrigan Solari, each award includes \$3,000 in support of the recipient's continued professional development, and the recipients' names are added to a plaque placed in the lobby of Knight Library.



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Campus Briefs



UO, OHSU and PeaceHealth Evaluate Medical Education Program

The University of Oregon, Oregon Health & Science University, and PeaceHealth announced Nov. 19 they will work together to examine new opportunities for training physicians in Oregon that will address the coming work force shortage.

The three institutions are exploring a number of opportunities at several sites around the state for educating more physicians, including an expansion of the OHSU School of Medicine medical education program in the Eugene-Springfield area. The UO is taking part in discussions that focus on a three-way collaboration that would allow medical students to train at the university and at PeaceHealth's Sacred Heart Medical Center for significant portions of both their basic and clinical experience.

"I am delighted that the UO has been invited to join in this endeavor," President Dave Frohnmayer said at a Nov. 19 news conference in Portland on the collaboration. "We look forward to bringing our strong legacy of interdisciplinary research and the quality of our academic science programs to this important partnership for Oregon's future."

Staff, Faculty, GTFs Invited to UO Bookstore's Dec. 2 Holiday Party

The annual appreciation party that the UO Bookstore hosts for the university community will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2, at the bookstore. The evening will kick off the annual 20-percent-off holiday sale. The bookstore also will provide a buffet dinner, catered by Cornucopia, as well as live music on all three floors. Tables of food, desserts, and refreshments will be available throughout the store.

Law School Students Win Negotiation Competition

Law school students **Jesse Sweet** and **Elizabeth Allred** won the American Bar Association's regional negotiation competition Nov. 13 and 14 at the University of British Columbia. Two other students, David Eder and Andy Albertson, finished in the top four. Twenty teams from western Canada and the northwestern United States competed.

The winning team of Sweet and Allred will battle for the national championship in Salt Lake City on Feb. 12 and 13.

Dec. 6 is Museum Volunteer Holiday Celebration

Members of the UO community interested in volunteering at the Museum of Natural and Cultural History are invited to its annual volunteer holiday celebration from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6. The museum is located at 1680 E. 15th Ave., behind the UO School of Law. During the festivities, information will be available on coming training sessions, as will tours of the new exhibit hall. For more information, contact Linda Yoder, museum volunteer coordinator, (541) 346-3116.

Update on Tuition Rates for Employees

Winter term registration begins soon, and employees taking part in the staff fee program for tuition must submit a new staff fee privileges approval form.

Friday, Dec. 17, is the deadline to transfer the benefit to a family member, and Tuesday, Dec. 28, is the deadline for employees to use the benefit themselves.

Unfortunately, 13 percent of employees who applied for staff rates for the fall term submitted their forms late. Please keep in mind that enrollment offices are having a difficult time managing an increased workload, so it is crucial that all employees submit their forms by the deadlines.

The UO is considering implementing a late fee to cover the cost of adjusting tuition assessments for late enrollments if deadlines are not met.

For further information, contact Human Resources Assistant Nancy McKaughan at (541) 346-2952 or via e-mail, nancy@hr.uoregon.edu. Go to the online [form](#).

Fall Issue of *Inquiry* Highlights Research Achievements

The new edition of *Inquiry*--the UO's official research newsletter--covers significant achievements of the past year, including the record \$90.2 million in grant and contract funding earned by faculty members in 2003-04. Look for the eight-page newsletter as an insert in the *Winter Oregon Quarterly* magazine distributed this week or [read the issue online](#).

"The UO's accomplishments illustrate how our focus on discovery and connection is transforming knowledge to the benefit of society and our economy," says Richard Linton, vice president for research and graduate studies.

Inquiry includes feature stories on UO researchers and updates on the Brain, Biology, and Machine Initiative and the Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute. Other stories detail the growing support from private corporations and foundations, the UO's success in technology transfer, and recent faculty and institutional awards and achievements.

Holiday Time-Off Reminders

The university is closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26 for the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Next month, the university will be open for business on Thursday, Dec. 23. However, this is a designated holiday for all classified employees. As a result, some departments may curtail activities because of reduced staffing. Friday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 31, are holidays for all employees. The campus will be closed both days in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day respectively.

Most classified and unclassified employees are entitled to an additional holiday, known as "the governor's day," or "special day of leave." According to Linda King, director of human resources (HR), this may be taken on one of the following days: the work day before or after Christmas or the work day before or after New Year's Day. Because classified employees receive Dec. 23 as a holiday, they may take their special day on Dec. 22. For further information go the Human Resources [website](#) or call HR (541) 346-3159.



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Bargains



UO Bookstore's Digital Duck Offers An Array of Apple Specials

Apple laptop

15-inch Super Drive
15.2-inch TFT Display
1.5GHz PowerPC G4
DVD-R/CD-R
Backlit keyboard
Digital Duck price: \$2,099

All Apple audio software is on sale.

25 percent off GarageBand Jam Packs

You don't have to play the piano. You don't have to read music. You don't even have to have rhythm. If you know what you like when you hear it, you can make your own kind of music. (for Apple computers with GarageBand).

All three Jam Packs now \$59 each.
Offer good through Dec. 31, 2004.

Save on Logic Express 7

Software for music composition and production that is perfect for GarageBand users seeking to step up to a more advanced application.

Digital Duck price: \$99
Offer good through Dec. 31, 2004.

Save \$179 on Logic Pro 7

The first choice of many prominent musicians and producers, Logic Pro 7 provides the most comprehensive collection of music creation tools.

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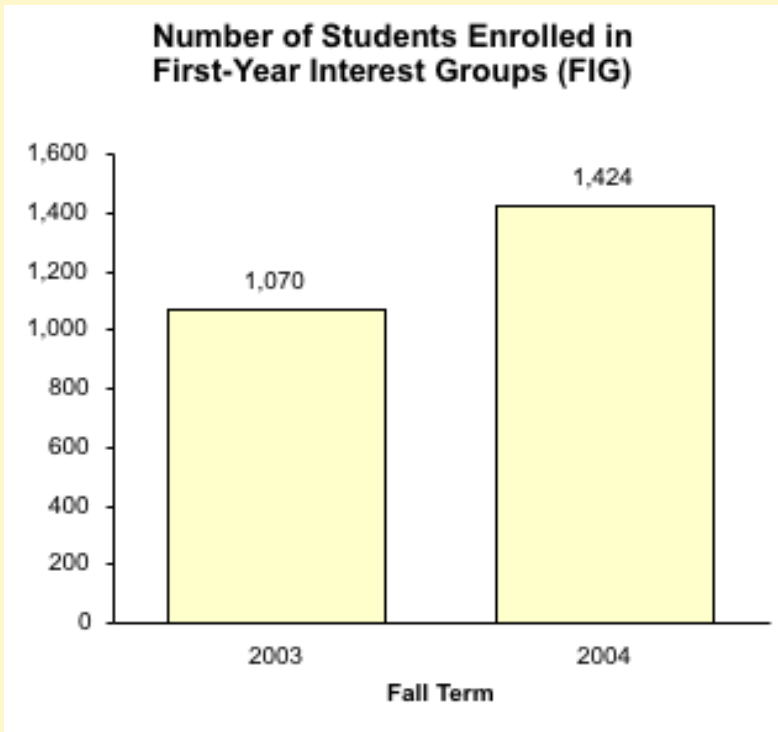
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UO by the Numbers

FIG Participation Increases Dramatically



Participation in First-Year Interest Groups (FIGs) rose dramatically this fall, increasing by thirty-three percent. A FIG is a group of twenty-five first-year students who take two core courses together in the fall term. The FIG groups are linked through College Connections, a one-credit course typically taught by one of the faculty teaching the two larger classes.

Studies show that students who participate in a FIG achieve greater levels of academic success throughout their first year at the university. In addition to academic benefits, FIGs give new students the opportunity to make friends quickly and meet potential study partners. FIG students participate in social events, both with their fellow FIG members and other new students, and form friendships that may last throughout their college careers.



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Were You There?

Staff, Faculty GTFs Enjoy 'Tools of the Trade' Luncheon

A luncheon at Gerlinger Hall kicked off the 23rd Art Products Tools of the Trade Show held Nov. 10 and 11 at the UO Bookstore. The lunch event brought together staff, faculty and GTFs across the university. Also joining in were faculty and staff from Lane Community College, the UO Bookstore and the UO Craft Center.



Lynda Hadeen, UO Bookstore art and school supply manager, with Robert Melnick, dean of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts.



From left are Mike Sherman, president, UO Bookstore Board of Directors, Jennifer Creighton-Newert, member of the UO Bookstore Board of Directors, Rhonda Stoltz, UO Bookstore's chief financial officer and Janice Brown, UO Bookstore accounting team leader.



Shoshana Cohen, accounting manager for School of Architecture and Allied Arts, displays one of her prizes. At right looking on is UO Bookstore General Manager Jim Williams.



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