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< Sophomore David Krshina is ready in front of the EMU to register students to vote.

They created a buzz around campus during the past months, and when the voter registration deadline arrived Oct. 12, the Student Vote Coalition found it had exceeded its ambitious goal of registering 7,500 students at the UO by nearly 200 voters. The total of 7,669 breaks records set in similar massive registration drives in the 1990s, organizers say.

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Enrolling in the University of Oregon may be the best move a student could make, according to the latest edition of a popular guidebook that rates colleges and universities on excellence and affordability.

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### **Bookstore Offers Deal on Digital Camera**

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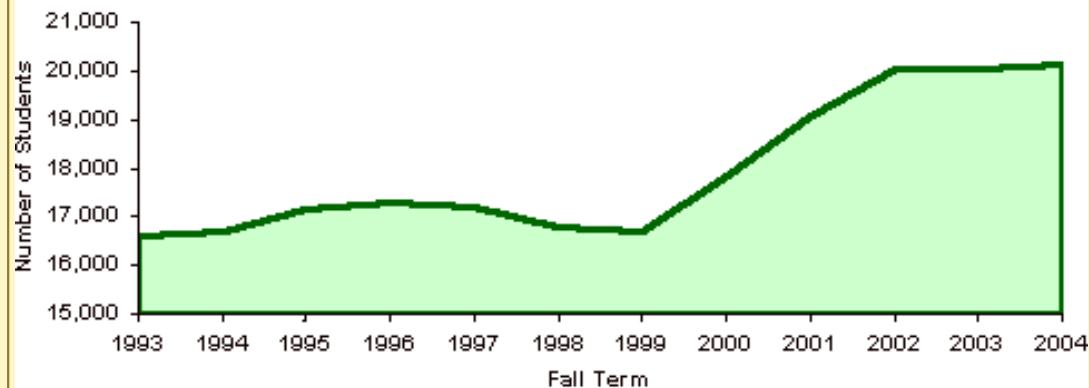
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University of Oregon experienced dramatic enrollment growth in the last four years, reaching a record high of 20,044 in the fall of 2002.

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UO researchers are piecing together intriguing details of one of the most famous and tragic sagas of the American West. The Donner Party, consisting of 81 people in 20 wagons, left Illinois in 1846 for California to seek a better life, but were caught by an unseasonably early fall blizzard in the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Surviving members of the group were rescued in the spring of 1847, but witnesses reported seeing fragments of butchered human bones and other human remains suggesting that the starving travelers had resorted to cannibalism.

A team of archaeologists, led by UO's Julie Schablitsky and the University of Montana's Kelly Dixon, made a major find in July at Alder Creek Camp in California's Tahoe National Forest.

They uncovered a cooking hearth, broken china, bits of jewelry, musket balls, fragments of a wagon, and a chunk of a writing slate, as well as the aforementioned bones.

The discovery of the hearth provides what Schablitsky says is the "smoking gun" needed to locate the camp and settle whether starving members of the stranded group resorted to cannibalism to survive their desperate ordeal in the snowy Sierra Nevada during the winter of 1846-47.

"Here's where archaeology can come to the rescue and put contradictory statements and myths to rest," Schablitsky says. "If we are able to confirm that some of these bones are human, the debate over whether this is the Donner camp will be put to rest."

The team also hopes to establish what a starvation diet looks like. Diaries don't say whether Donner Party members were successful at hunting, but Schablitsky says this new evidence indicates that they were.

There's also the inevitable question about cannibalism.

For that answer, Guy Tasa, a human osteologist (bone specialist) at the MNCH, is performing the initial cataloging and analysis of the bone. DNA testing will certify whether any of the fragments are human in origin and possibly link them to living Donner descendants. If the bones have "pot polish," which occurs when bones are boiled in water, that would be a strong sign that cannibalism probably



took place.

"It's like finding a treasure on the order of Custer's battlefield," says Tasa, who participated in the July dig and a previous one a year ago with Schablitsky. "The Donner Party is this infamous thing. We're going to really be able to talk in depth about the entire four-month period out here. At the very least we will be able show a sequence of events that ultimately may have led to cannibalism."

Schablitsky is in contact with living Donner descendants to keep them updated on what the team's research reveals. She says the family is thinking of erecting a monument in conjunction with the burial of any human bones recovered.

"In a sense, the monument, along with ceremony, will serve as closure for the family," she explains. "They have always wondered what happened to their relatives."

See media coverage of the UO Donner Party research in the new *Inside Oregon* feature, "[In the News](#)."



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## Donner Photos

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**Photos from the archaeological site where a team including the UO's Julie Schablitsky have unearthed what is believed to be the Donner Party's winter campsite.**



**Julie Schablitsky and Shannon Novak uncovering fire hearth at Alder Creek Camp in the Tahoe National Forest near Reno, Nevada.**

**Photo credit: Kelly J. Dixon, University of Montana**



**The archaeology team working among the wildflowers of Alder Creek Meadow, July 2004.**

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**Edge of a blue shell edge china plate found near the cooking hearth at Alder Creek in July 2004.**

**Photo credit: Julie Schablitsky, University of Oregon**



**UO archaeologist Julie Schablitsky examines part of a ceramic dish unearthed at the Donner dig in July 2004.**

**Photo credit: Guy Tasa, University of Oregon**



**Samples of lead shot found around the cooking hearth at the 2004 Donner dig. The grid in the background is a measuring scale commonly used by archaeologists.**

**Photo credit: Julie Schablitsky, University of Oregon**



**Discovery Channel crew with UO's Julie Schablitsky (red shirt) and UM's Kelly J. Dixon (black shirt) at the 2003 Donner dig.**

**Photo credit: Mark Home**





**Bone with chop marks, found in August 2003 at the Alder Creek Camp in the vicinity of the cooking hearth uncovered by archaeologists on July 10, 2004. This bone awaits lab analysis along with the thousands of fragments unearthed at the hearth.**

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Using an approach called "alternative futuring," the former chair of Landscape Architecture and member of the UO's Institute for a Sustainable Environment, projects future scenarios using computer-generated visuals and graphics. These scenarios vividly depict landforms, water resources, wildlife, vegetation and human population based on a variety of "trajectories of change."

The trajectories Hulse and his students create cover past, present and future. They start with the basin environment before Euro Americans arrived *en masse* in the 1800s. Then, each subsequent era and its impact on the environment are carefully laid out. Of great interest to government agencies and special interest groups are projections for future decades based on how issues such as urban sprawl and water and air pollution are handled.

"My students and I confront people today with their choices tomorrow," he explains. "The [Willamette River] basin will have twice the population in 2050 that it had in 1990. That doesn't mean we can't sustain a high quality of living. But to do so we need to make choices. Do we live closer together in higher urban densities but leave less of a footprint? Or do we spread out and consume more farmland and undeveloped areas and turn them into strip malls and homes? We show the consequences of what future choices will be."

Last month, Hulse became the UO School of Architecture and Allied Arts' first Knight professor. The endowed faculty position was one of many created through Nike CEO Phil Knight's 1996 gift of \$15 million for UO chairs and professorships -- an amount later matched by other donors. Additional funds have been raised to support graduate teaching fellows who will begin work alongside Hulse in the Institute for a Sustainable Environment's [Geographic Information Systems Laboratory](#).

"It will be a great opportunity for them to work closely over a sustained period of time with real issues and have a far-reaching impact on our communities," he says.

"I've always enjoyed being outdoors," the well-known expert and lecturer on the environment adds. "When I was an undergraduate student at Colorado State University I spent a lot of time in the Rocky Mountains. Landscape architecture was a perfect fit for me."

Hulse is a graduate of Harvard University's Graduate School of Design, a Fulbright Scholar and co-author of macGIS, a geographic information system for Macintosh computers.

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In a videotaped message shown during the event, President Dave Frohnmayer commented, "As I read Ted Stern's wonderful books, and as I observe the reactions others have to them, I am struck most strongly by a wonderful characteristic these books share. The works stem not only from the informed intellect of a wonderful mind, but also from a heart and soul of an individual -- a storyteller, who hears and learns and who grows from the interactions of multiple cultures. With lucid and focused passion, Ted's scholarship sets a standard for our learning from peoples whose voices and identities have been too long ignored."

Stern regards his 15 years of research with the Confederated Tribes as one of his most important legacies. He still continues relationships with tribal members from that time. This closeness was evident at the luncheon in his honor at the Tam̓iꞤ ½stslıkt Cultural Institute, when sons and daughters of the people he worked with came to pay tribute to his life work.

In his books, *Chiefs and Chief Traders* (OSU Press, 1993) and *Chiefs and Change in the Oregon Country* (OSU Press, 1996), Stern focused on the deeds and impact of the Confederated Tribes' leaders. He was one of the first scholars to recognize the pivotal role of Indian people in the history of the American West.

Jennifer Karson, Tam̓iꞤ ½stslıkt publications coordinator, arranged the honor for Stern. It was a birthday wish that came true. His family had mentioned to Karson that when they asked Stern what he would like to do for his coming 87th birthday, he said he'd like to visit the reservation one last time. So, the tribes took it from there and declared his birthday, July 29, as "Dr. Theodore Stern Day."

Karson said that in addition to an honorary lunch and tour of the institute, Stern was kept busy for most of the day, autographing his books for tribal members.

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"Renovating and expanding a 70-year old building into a state-of-the-art museum is an extremely complicated process," says Museum Director David Turner. "While construction schedules typically change, we realized that the status of the project had impacted the schedule for art installation, requiring the museum to allocate more time for safely installing the collection, gallery exhibitions and program spaces."

"We weighed our desire to open as soon as possible for the public versus taking the time necessary to provide visitors with the first-class gallery installations and public programming that this new facility makes possible," explains Susie Papé, president of the museum's board of directors. "Ultimately, we determined that our most important responsibilities are to protect the art collection, and to provide the public with the best possible museum experience with the most extensive collection on view from the moment we open our doors. We invite everyone to join us for what will be a spectacular opening on Jan. 23."

The new facility will enable the museum to showcase more of its highly regarded collection and allow for the presentation of invigorating programs that make the arts more accessible to visitors of all ages and backgrounds.

For more information, contact public relations/marketing coordinator Katie Sproles, (541) 346-0942 or [ksproles@uoregon.edu](mailto:ksproles@uoregon.edu).



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The Sept. 2 kick-off of the center's participation in First Thursday will feature "The Image and Its Reflected Reflection," UO MFA graduate Robert G. Rolfe-Redding's walk-through multi-media installation.

The event is free of charge and open to the public, and organizers say they hope it will not only serve as an important showcase for art and designs from UO students, graduates and faculty, but also help acquaint patrons with the Portland Center.

Thank you to Romano's Macaroni Grill, 300 S.W. Yamhill, for donating hors d'oeuvres for alumni and other special guests expected between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

For more information on UO's participation in First Thursday, call Gina Ostby at the Portland Center, (503) 725-8411.

Many alumni and university supporters can soon expect to begin receiving "PDX Ducks," a new electronic newsletter, via e-mail. A creation of the UO's Portland Task Force and the UO Alumni Association, the colorful, interactive online publication will put university news and events information before key audiences every other month.

Finally, the UO College of Arts and Sciences and School of Law are producing two upcoming forums that will focus on different aspects of the economy. The law school is first, with its Oct. 1 "Business Innovation and Law" forum, a daylong event beginning at 9:30 a.m. in downtown Portland's World Trade Center.

Legal leaders from Nike, Stoel Rives, Oregon state government and others will take part in four moderated sessions focusing on the state's regulatory and taxation climate, business ethics and

more. For more information and to register, call Judy Spauer, (541) 346-3042, or e-mail [PortlandPrograms@law.uoregon.edu](mailto:PortlandPrograms@law.uoregon.edu).

The Oregon Economic Forum debuts Oct. 21 at the Ambridge Event Center, 300 N.E. Multnomah St., at 7:30 a.m., with a breakfast mixer hosted by the UO Alumni Association. The morning-long event features Merrill Lynch senior executive Mary Ann Bartels of New York who will deliver a keynote speech focused on the outlook for financial markets in 2005.

The forum will also present new research on Oregon's economy from UO economists, including the College of Arts and Sciences Dean Joe Stone, who will discuss findings on correlations between economic performance and presidential elections.

For more information and to register, call Tim Duy, (541) 346-4660 or visit <http://econforum.uoregon.edu/>.



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The Department of Defense appropriations bill contains \$3 million for the Brain, Biology and Machine Initiative (BBMI) and \$5 million for the [Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute](#) (ONAMI). The ONAMI funding includes \$2.5 million for research on developing environmentally friendly nanotechnology materials and manufacturing processes and \$2.5 million for development of miniaturized energy systems with diverse technologic applications. The bill was signed into law Aug. 5.

"This is wonderful news both for the University of Oregon and for the state," says UO President Dave Frohnmyer. "Our researchers will be working on the development of new products and processes that could have broad applications in the lives of Oregonians. We are especially grateful for the support of our congressional delegation in securing this funding."

"These awards focus on the university's two highest research priorities in the sciences," says Rich Linton, UO vice president for research and graduate studies. "The new funds will accelerate the pace and impact of the research, will deepen collaborative partnerships, will enhance the quality of the UO's research facilities, and will help UO scientists garner additional grant funding."

"The Oregon delegation is outstanding in its support for the University of Oregon and its research enterprise," adds Betsy Boyd, UO federal affairs director. "While the support from Senator Ron Wyden and Senator Gordon Smith was especially important this year, the entire delegation worked together to bring these funds to Oregon."

### **Grant Enhances Lifelong Learning Programs**

A \$100,000 grant from the San Francisco-based Bernard Osher Foundation will fund expansion of the UO Division of Continuing Education Lifelong Learning Institute into Portland and the Oregon coast. The grant will also be used to enhance existing programs in Eugene/Springfield and Central Oregon.

The UO is one of only 48 institutions of higher learning in the nation to receive a grant from the Osher Foundation over the past four years.

"It recognizes the strength and potential of our programs," say Ruth Heller and Barbara Harris, the institute's co-chairs. The Learning in Retirement (LIR) program, based in Eugene/Springfield, is now in its 11th year with 420 members. The year-old Silver Sage Society (SSS) in central Oregon has 127 members.



## **Economics Professors Receive NSF Grant**

Economics faculty members Bruce Blonigen and Wes Wilson received a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant that will fund summer research over the next three years focusing on trade protection and the U.S. steel industry.

"The majority of worldwide trade protection efforts are connected with a few prominent sectors, such as the steel industry," Blonigen explains. "In the United States, the steel industry has sought and obtained import protection through a variety of programs in the past three decades. Despite the success in obtaining trade protection, however, employment in the industry has fallen from over a half million workers to less than 150,000 and there have been multiple waves of firm failures, bankruptcies and reorganizations. Our study will be the first to systematically evaluate the data to explain the problems."

The study will generate an online steel industry database and employ a number of undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Economics.



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## Student Vote Coalition Registers Nearly 8,000

< *Sophomore David Krshina is ready in front of the EMU to register students to vote.*

They created a buzz around campus during the past months, and when the voter registration deadline arrived Oct. 12, the Student Vote Coalition found it had exceeded its ambitious goal of registering 7,500 students at the UO by nearly 200 voters. The total of 7,669 breaks records set in similar massive registration drives in the 1990s, organizers say.

“This really cut down on my sleep, but my priority is getting an education both in and out of class,” says sophomore Amy DuFour, state affairs coordinator for the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO). “It’s important that students’ voices are heard and that we tell our elected officials our concerns so they work on the issues that affect us.”

DuFour, along with senior Christina Swartz, an international studies and political science major, served as coordinators of the campus effort. Statewide, the coalition registered 32,000 students.

“Legislators used to not listen to us because we didn’t vote,” DuFour adds. “This election is going to change that.”



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### Featured Author



### David Wacks Writes About Wine, Women and Song

The UO Bookstore's [featured author of the month](#) is David Wacks, acting assistant professor of Spanish in the Department of Romance Languages.

His latest book is *Wine, Women, and Song: Arabic and Hebrew Poetry in Medieval Iberia* (Juan de la Cuesta Hispanic Monographs 2004). In the fall term he will launch a project on the oral narrative of Ladino-speaking Sephardic Jews.



### Submit Your Book

If you have published a book and would like it stocked on The UO Bookstore shelves and on its website, fill out this [online form](#) and the information will be sent directly to the books buyer.

### Author events

If you would like to schedule a reading and signing for your book, fill out this [form](#). Usually author events need to be booked three to six months in advance.



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## UO Archaeologists Spotlighted Around the World

**Editor's Note:** *"In the News" is a new intermittent feature for Inside Oregon. Look for it in upcoming issues as we highlight significant coverage of UO accomplishments and issues by popular news media.*

Thanks to timely work from UO archaeologists and the Office of Media Relations, the university's involvement in the Donner Party dig drew media interest worldwide, from network television to *National Geographic* to the *International Herald Tribune*. Media around the globe continue to cover analysis of the recovered artifacts now taking place at the UO's Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Here is a sample of some of the stories.

- [CNN](#)
- [National Geographic](#)
- [International Herald Tribune](#)
- [San Francisco Chronicle](#)
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## Honors and Distinctions

### **Online Education Program Earns Top Honors**

An innovative web-based education program has earned top honors for two University of Oregon faculty members, Linda F. Ettinger and Jane Maitland-Gholson, associate professors of applied information management (AIM).

They, along with University of Washington's Mamidala Ramulu, won the prestigious R1edu annual awards for work with online education. R1edu is a national partnership of major U.S. research universities involved in online education.

The award recognized Ettinger and Maitland-Gholson for developing the online AIM master's degree program. The degree combines knowledge in management, business and visual communication with an awareness of technology and its global context. They also developed several online courses, including Teaching in a Virtual Environment, which demonstrates best practices for successful online teaching.

Ettinger, the AIM academic director who earned her Ph.D. from the UO in 1983, explains that the program is specifically designed for mid-career professionals who need in-depth understanding of new technologies and how to adapt them.

AIM Online was developed as part of the Learning Anywhere Anytime Program (LAAP), a statewide research project with other Oregon colleges and universities. The initial AIM Online version began in 2000. A successful classroom-based AIM program continues to be available to graduate students at the UO's Portland Center.

For more information about AIM, check the web site at <http://aim.uoregon.edu>.

### **Ernie Kent Named to Wooden Award Board of Governors**

Men's basketball Head Coach Ernie Kent was recently named to the prestigious John R. Wooden Award Board of Governors. Responsibilities include being a spokesperson for the Wooden Award and advising the Wooden Award staff on college basketball and issues related to the award.



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### On the Move



< Vice Provost Greg Vincent

#### **Multicultural, Diversity Offices Restructure**

The Offices of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) and Institutional Equity and Diversity (OIED) have reorganized under the leadership of Vice Provost Greg Vincent to align strengths with current and proposed initiatives.

OMA Director Carla Gary is now assistant vice provost for institutional equity and diversity. She will spearhead key diversity initiatives on the Eugene campus, and maintain a presence at the UO Portland Center. Linda Liu has been promoted to associate director of multicultural affairs, and Vincent will assume the interim directorship, in addition to his vice provost duties.

#### **AVP Redding Assumes Additional Duties**

Michael Redding, associate vice president for governmental affairs, now takes on interim leadership responsibilities for Strategic Communications. He temporarily replaces Harry Battson, associate vice president for Strategic Communications, who recently announced his September retirement. Tim Black, advocacy director in Governmental Affairs, will assist Redding with the added duties.

Redding joined the UO in 2000. Before that he was the City of Eugene's legislative director for the Office of Intergovernmental Relations. Previously, he worked for Texaco's U.S. Public and Government Affairs Department, handling state governmental affairs and public relations in eight states. He also worked in the offices of Delaware's secretary of state and governor. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Delaware and a master of governmental administration degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

#### **Student Adviser Appointed for International Programs**

Michele Miller has been appointed a student adviser for International Programs, filling the post from which Ginny Stark recently retired. Miller previously held a similar position at Portland State University and was an adjunct instructor of English as a second language and French. Miller can be reached at (541) 346-1203.

#### **Erb Memorial Union Names New Staffers**

Two UO alumni have joined the EMU: Jean Sun, business manager, and Darrel Kau, Cultural Forum coordinator. Sun manages accounting functions, the student photo ID card office, information technology, and staff and student programs. Kau oversees 11 different areas, including visual and performing arts, contemporary issues, regional and national music, and film and video programming.

### **Career Center Names Director**

Deborah Chereck, previously director of Graduate Career Services at the Lundquist College of Business, was recently named director of the UO Career Center. She replaces Larry Smith, who retired in June after 24 years as director.

### **David Begun Joins Eugene Symphony**

After nearly 12 years as a development official at the UO, David Begun has joined the Eugene Symphony as its director of development.



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### Campus Briefs

#### **Fiske Guide Calls UO 'Best Buy' For Seventh Consecutive Year**

Enrolling in the University of Oregon may be the best move a student could make, according to the latest edition of a popular guidebook that rates colleges and universities on excellence and affordability.

Now in bookstores, the 21st edition of "The Fiske Guide to Colleges" states that the "UO may be the [best deal](#) in public education on the West Coast," and points out that the "UO is a university of manageable size in a great location. The liberal arts are more than just a slogan, and programs in business and communication are strong." The guide is produced by Edward B. Fiske, who served for 17 years as education editor of *The New York Times*.

The UO is once again the only West Coast public university or college to earn "Best Buy" status, a rating the university has held for seven consecutive years. The publication ranked 20 public and 23 private institutions as Best Buys, where students and families get top value for their education dollar.

The guide praises the UO's College of Arts and Sciences, where students gave high marks to both psychology and biology, as well as to science departments that offer many opportunities for research. The UO's Green Chemistry Laboratory and Instrumentation Center, opened in 2002, is noted as the first in the nation to use nontoxic materials in experiments.

The UO's professional schools--Journalism and Communication, Architecture and Allied Arts, Education, Law, Business and Music--also are singled out for special praise in the guide's new edition.

As the guide puts it, the "UO is all it's quacked up to be."

#### **Vice Provost Vincent To Speak at Summer Graduation, Aug. 14**

Gregory Vincent, vice provost for institutional equity and diversity, will address summer graduates during the 2004 UO summer commencement exercises at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14. Vincent will discuss the need for access to a quality education for all Oregon citizens and the responsibility for graduates to serve their communities.

Nearly 1,200 degree candidates are eligible to participate in the ceremonies, which will take place outdoors at the Memorial Quadrangle on the west edge of the UO campus.

#### **Tentative Agreement Reached**

The university and the UO Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation reached tentative agreement on Thursday, Aug. 5, on a contract covering 2004-6.

The parties met with a mediator for eight hours and reached tentative agreement on salaries, academic fees and hiring practices. The university's contribution to fees will increase by \$45 fall term 2004, and a pay increase of 2 percent will be implemented in September 2005 if the salary freeze is lifted. If the freeze is still in place, another \$45 increase in the university's contribution to



fees will be instituted.

"We're very pleased with the outcome of the mediation," says Richard Linton, vice president for research and graduate studies.

The agreement must be ratified by both parties before becoming final, a process that will probably take a couple of months.

### **August is Time for Torts**

About 500 students will begin the fall semester at the UO School of Law on Aug. 18, more than a month ahead of the rest of campus.

"Almost all law schools run on semesters," explains law school Registrar Diane Safley. "From the 1930s to the '70s, we were on the same schedule as the rest of the university, but the law curriculum isn't designed for that. We could start later if students were willing to take all of their finals in one week. But they really don't want to do that."

Orientation began this week and culminates with a picnic and barbecue on Aug. 17. The law school admissions office anticipates 180 new students -- 21 percent of them racial and ethnic minorities, a school record. Students range in age from 20 to 53 and come from 33 states and 101 undergraduate schools. Fifty-eight percent are men. Their median Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) score is 159, compared to a national average of 151.

Now in its 120th year, the law school held its first classes in 1884 in the same building that now houses the UO Portland Center. The school moved to Eugene in 1915.

### **Update on Tuition Rates for Employees**

The staff fee program for tuition has become so popular with employees and their families that as a result, enrollment office workloads have increased substantially and new, earlier deadlines are in effect for submitting forms. Also, starting this fall, rates will increase from \$23 to \$26 per term or \$35 to \$39 per semester at the School of Law.

#### **Family Members Taking Classes:**

Employees must complete the Staff Fee Approval Form to transfer their staff rate for tuition benefit to their family members. To make it easier to submit forms on time, employees no longer need to list family members' undergraduate classes on the form. Forms must be submitted to the UO Human Resources office two weeks prior to the start of classes or no later than Sept. 10.

#### **Employees Taking Classes:**

Forms for employees taking classes must be submitted to the UO Human Resources Office two days before the start of classes or no later than Sept. 22.

Please help reduce the workload by submitting your forms on time. The university is considering adding a late fee for 2006 if forms continue to be submitted after deadlines this year.

For the latest information and forms, visit <http://hr.uoregon.edu/benefits/staffrates2004.php>.

### **Campus Construction Closures**

### Heart of Campus:

This project will cause disruptions between now and the middle of September for parking and vehicle access on East 13th Avenue, as well as the north end of University Street. Avoid driving in these areas and seek parking on the periphery of campus.

### EMU Visitor Lot:

Lot 29A is also under redesign and construction as part of the Heart of Campus project, and alternate visitor parking should be recommended to guests.

### Living-Learning Center and East 15th Avenue:

All parking on both north and south sides of East 15th Avenue from Earl Hall to Agate Street is closed while the LLC project gets underway. Most of East 15th Avenue should be available again for parking by mid-September.

### Pedestrian traffic barriers:

Fencing has been erected to enclose the entire Heart of Campus project area. This extends from Friendly Hall on East 13th Avenue east to just before Willamette Hall; from just north of the kiosk on East 13th Avenue and University Street south to Johnson Lane; and the west half of the South EMU visitor parking lot. This area will be closed to all pedestrians and vehicles through mid-September. Signs are posted to guide pedestrians to accessible routes around the project area.

### **Weekend, Labor Day Library Closures Set**

The UO Knight Library and all branch libraries except the Law Library will be closed on weekends during the intersession period from Aug. 14 to Sept. 19. For Law Library hours, visit <http://lawlibrary.uoregon.edu/hours.html> or call (541) 346-3088.

All libraries will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 6.

Knight, AAA and Science libraries will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, and Sunday, Sept. 26.

Visit [http://libweb.uoregon.edu/acs\\_svc/hrs-intr.html](http://libweb.uoregon.edu/acs_svc/hrs-intr.html) or call the following phone numbers for information on weekend hours for branch libraries:

- Law Library: (541) 346-3088
- Oregon Institute of Marine Biology Library, Charleston: (541) 888-2581
- Portland Architecture Library: (503) 725-8742

A complete schedule of hours for all UO Libraries may be found at [http://libweb.uoregon.edu/acs\\_svc/hours.html](http://libweb.uoregon.edu/acs_svc/hours.html).

Weekend closures have been implemented as a cost-saving measure in the face of reductions in the UO Libraries' operating budget for the 2004-05 academic year.

### **Library Exhibit Captures UO Architectural History**

Since 1873, when construction began on the State University Building (now called Deady Hall), a

continuously shifting progression of architectural styles has made its way across the UO campus. Now, for the first time, a chronological pictorial history of the UO's architectural transformation can be viewed in a new exhibit that runs through Oct. 10 in the Knight Library.

"Building Oregon" was designed by Ed Teague, head of the Architecture and Allied Arts Library. It features more than 150 photographs, architectural drawings, maps, and other documents that trace the history of UO architecture from 1873 to the present.

For more details, go to [Library News](#).

### **New Students Move on Campus Sept. 23**

You might think of the summer as the time to take it easy, catch up on back-burner projects, or take a vacation. In University Housing, it is the very short time between one class of first-year students moving out and a brand new class moving in.

"We spend a lot of time throughout the spring and summer months focused on making the transition from high school to college, from home to the residence halls, a smooth one," says Mike Eyster, assistant vice president for student affairs and director of University Housing. "We look forward to greeting more than 3,000 new residents and their families this fall."



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## Bargains



### Bookstore Offers Deal on Digital Camera

**Editor's note:** A new regular feature for Inside Oregon, "Bargains" highlights special deals available through various UO offices for faculty, staff and graduate teaching fellows.

The UO Bookstore offers this Pentax digital camera at a special price available to faculty and staff.

#### Pentax Optio S4

- 4 megapixel camera
- 3x optical zoom (35-105 equiv)
- 60 sec. AVI sound movie recording
- Alarm clock
- Fits in an Altoids™ tin!
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The price is reduced to \$329 through Sept. 30. An additional \$30 rebate lowers the price further to \$299. Visit the [Digital Duck](#) or call (541) 346-4331 x253.



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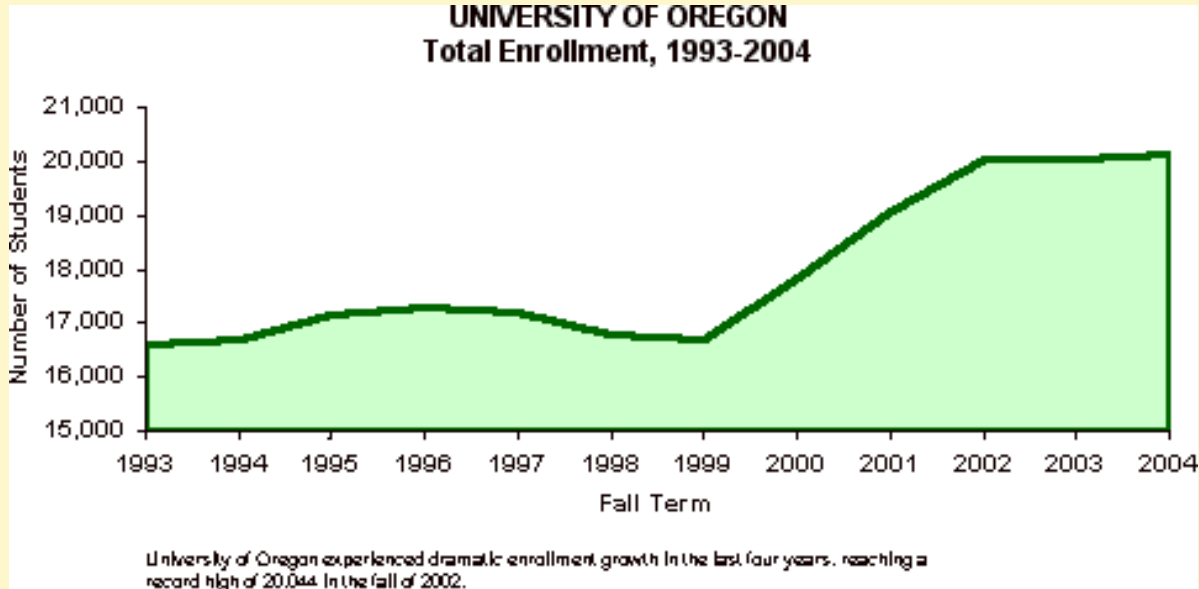
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## UO by the Numbers

### A Decade of Change for UO Enrollment



**Editor's Note:** "UO by the Numbers" is a graphic presentation of key information and emerging trends from the Office of Resource Management. For more information, contact Frances Dyke, associate vice president for budgets, and finance at [fdyke@uoregon.edu](mailto:fdyke@uoregon.edu)



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## Were You There?

### Green Chemistry in Education

**Editor's Note:** This is another new feature for Inside Oregon. Send your digital photos of recent events and gatherings to [Paul Omundson](#) for display in future issues.

The chemistry department held its annual "Green Chemistry in Education Workshop" during the last week of July. During the workshop, leaders in the field provided strategies for designing, adapting and incorporating new green experiments into existing organic chemistry curricula. Participants spent time in the lab testing the green experiments and also previewed a database of greener education materials for chemists titled "GEMs for Chemists," under development by UO chemistry faculty member Julie Haack.

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**Jim Hutchison, "Green Chemistry in Education Workshop" co-organizer and UO chemistry professor, discusses lab experiments for green organic chemistry. Viewed: 229 times.**



**Larry Augenstein, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, and Joe Jeffers, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., experiment in the lab. Viewed: 210 times.**

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