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Donors Exceed Food Drive Goal; UO Wins 'Hunger Buster' Award



Thanks to hundreds of hard-working and generous UO employees, this year's Governor's State Employee Food Drive on campus exceeded its 90,000-pound goal by nearly one-sixth. On top of that achievement, the Oregon Food Bank Network has honored the university's on-going, multifaceted efforts to fight hunger with one of its top awards.

"We collected 104,455 pounds of food during the February drive because of our many employees who gave generously of their talents, creativity and incentives, not to mention their gifts of food and money," says Karen Scheeland, Governmental Affairs, who chaired this year's drive. Each dollar contributed is multiplied by six to arrive at the equivalent pounds of food.

In observance of Oregon Hunger Awareness Week, on April 22 in Portland, the Oregon Food Bank Network of regional food banks joined with Gov. Ted Kulongoski to present a Hunger Buster Award to the University of Oregon. Vice President Anne Leavitt, Student Affairs, accepted the award for outstanding hunger-relief efforts by an organization.

People

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

President Dave Frohnmayer will honor the 2004 recipients of the Officer of Administration and Classified Employee Recognition Awards during an April 27 reception. Recipients of the Classified employees to be recognized are **RaDonna Aymong**, Biology; **Petra Hagen**, Journalism and Communication; the Zone A Team--**Neil Campbell**, **Art Corliss**, **Jeff Gerot**, **Don Neet**, **Del Smith**, **Jay Sahabdeen** and **Larry Stromberg**, all Facilities Services; **Jim Rasmussen**, Chemistry; **Chingling Reed**, International Studies; and **Shawn Rubino**, ASUO Club Sports. Officers of Administration to be honored are **Cris Cullinan**, Human Resources; **Greg Haider**, Facilities Services; **Tammy Lutz**, Development; **Chris Murray**, Lundquist College of Business; **Ginny Stark**, International Programs; and **Helen Stoop**, Human Resources.

IN MEMORIAM

John L. Powell, Physics emeritus, has died in Eugene. A 1943 graduate of Reed College who earned his doctoral degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1948, Powell, 84, joined the UO faculty in 1955 after working on the Manhattan Project at MIT and the University of Chicago and teaching at Wisconsin from 1948-53. The last child of an Oregon pioneer--those people who settled in the Oregon County prior to statehood on Feb. 14, 1859--Powell grew up near Independence and was especially proud of his Oregon heritage. Bernd Crasemann, Physics emeritus, recalls he was "an incisive theoretician with an uncanny command of mathematical techniques." In 1961, Powell co-authored with Crasemann a successful textbook, *Quantum Mechanics*, which remains in print overseas and is frequently cited by researchers.

This Week

FOOD for Lane County (FFLC) also will present the award to President Dave Frohnmayer on April 27 at a "Facing Hunger" fund-raising lunch in Eugene.

The Hunger Buster Award recognizes the university's support of FOOD for Lane County, one of the network's 20 regional food banks, in numerous ways over the years. Examples range from the State Employee Food Drive, which has consistently raised more food and funds year after year, to the Food Rescue program, for which the university is the biggest donor, generating tens of thousands of pounds of food annually.

Also cited were student activities to raise awareness, such as a hunger banquet, as well as faculty and departmental efforts, including the Extra Helping Food Program started by Planning, Public Policy and Management; the Walk-a-Mile Project organized by the Center for the Study of Women in Society; Barbara Pope, Women's and Gender Studies emerita, who served on the FFLC board; and many others.

Summing up this year's State Employee Food Drive, Scheeland pointed to several examples of campus donor generosity.

"Lundquist Business held a silent auction that raised \$3,163," she says. "Their total pounds, including food, payroll deductions and chocolate sales, came to 21,915."

On the other hand, Psychology gave \$2,565 in individual cash gifts, for a total, including food items, of 15,498 pounds.

"Facilities Services gave through payroll deductions in the amount of \$1,100, for a total, including cash and food, of 7,941 pounds," she says.

To raise awareness, Human Resources had a theme of "Rhythm & Blues or Rice & Beans"; Chapman Hall had a Garden Basket Raffle; and Academic Advising built a fort of cereal. Journalism and Communication offered a variety of donor options, including a SPAM! Fest, Stuff the Duck, Sand Art Brownie raffle, opera ticket raffle, bake sale and solid chocolate hearts.

"In spite of this year's good showing, several departments and/or buildings did not get a chance to participate as extensively as they could," Scheeland says. "We hope to change that next year in order to better support FOOD For Lane County who, in turn, helps our hungry friends and neighbors."

Foreign Language Day Takes Campus by Storm

- The **Paul Taylor 2 Dance Company** performs choreographic classics marking the 50th anniversary of dance giant Paul Taylor. Lively works brimming with riveting energy fill the program for this rare Eugene performance at 8 p.m. Tuesday, **April 27**, in the Dougherty Dance Theater on the third floor of Gerlinger Annex.
- The first in a series of **Journalism Ethics Week** panels leading up to the Ruhl Lecture on May 6 is a discussion of "Radio Ethics," what's working and what's not working in what's left of radio news, at 7 p.m. Thursday, **April 29**, in the EMU Metolius/Owyhee Rooms.
- The **Oregon Wind Ensemble** performs Johan DeMeij's Symphony No. 1 ("Lord of the Rings") at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, **May 2**, in Beall Hall. Composed years before the current film version, the award-winning 1989 piece is highly evocative.

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

By Kaya Hardin

UO staff and faculty will present language and culture workshops--from Writing Systems of the World to Chinese Calligraphy--for the 26th annual Foreign Language and International Studies (FLIS) day on Friday, April 30.

"It's an important tradition at UO that is not only good for the high school students participating, but for the teachers and faculty as well," says Robert Davis, Romance Languages, who will be presenting a teacher-oriented session on the study abroad program. "It is a great chance for UO faculty to see and interact with the next generation of students."

FLIS is Oregon's largest foreign language event and features more than 100 workshops, presentations and hands-on activities that are geared towards creating an interest in languages and cultures around the world.

"As with all outreach efforts, faculty participate for several reasons such as altruism or promotion of their language program," says Magoto, FLIS coordinator and Yamada Language Center director. "But at some level, nearly everyone connects with what it's like to be a foreign language novice."

For information or to get involved, e-mail <flis@uoregon.edu>.

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Members Invited to PEBB Forums May 4

The Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) invites all members to participate in public forums set in Eugene on May 4 and in 14 other Oregon cities. The board is seeking input on benefit plan design options for 2005.

The two videoconference sessions, both in Knight Library Studio A, are from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

To speak at one of the forums, contact Amy Sanford, PEBB Customer Service coordinator, <amy.sanford@state.or.us> or call (503) 373-1102 (Salem) or (800) 788-0520 (toll-free).

If you are unable to attend one of the meetings, you also can review the presentation materials that should be on the PEBB Web site, <pebb.das.state.or.us/>, by April 28. Then e-mail your written comments to the board with "Feedback" as the subject at <inquiries.pebb@state.or.us>.

For information about forums in other cities, go to <oregon.gov/DAS/PEBB/forumschedule.shtml>.

PERS Statements Delayed Until June

The PERS Annual Statements that Human Resources traditionally has sent to employees around the first of May will be delayed this year, according to Helen Stoop, Human Resources Benefits administrator.

"Unfortunately, PERS is still working on information that must be completed before they can print the 2003 annual statements," she says. "Based on information we have received from PERS, the earliest we can expect to receive statements for campus distribution is in early June."

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