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Law Students Donate More Than 11,000 Hours

For the third year in a row, University of Oregon law students topped students at all other state law schools in the number of volunteer--or *pro bono*--hours given to the poor, children and crime victims.

UO law students performed an impressive 11,214 hours in 2003, or 72 percent of the total hours volunteered by all law students in Oregon. At law clerk wages, that's about \$134,568 worth of free legal help.

The Oregon State Bar tracks pro bono hours donated by practicing attorneys and Oregon law students. Licensed attorneys always supervise the pro bono work of law students.

"I put in so many hours because I really liked the job," says David Eder, a UO law student from Portland who donated 531 volunteer hours for the Multnomah County District Attorney.

Of the 112 other UO students who participated, two others stand out.

Jessica Hendricks of Southlake, Texas, performed 480 hours with the Juvenile Rights Project in Portland, and with children in foster care with the court-appointed special advocate in Eugene.

Sarah Drescher, who was raised in Jackson County, prevailed in a civil rights action she filed in federal court on behalf of overcrowded inmates in the Jackson County jail.

People

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Deborah Baumgold, Political Science, has been invited to attend a prestigious Liberty Fund Conference on Raymond Aron in June.

Massimo Lollini, Romance Languages, is the recipient of the *Stella della Solidarietà Italiana* and the honorary title of "commendatore" for his support of Italian culture. Francesco Sciortino, consul general of Italy in San Francisco, will confer the honors on Lollini on April 9 during public reception offering an afternoon of Italian music, poetry and celebration from 4-6 p.m. in the Knight Library Browsing Room.

IN PRINT/ON DISPLAY

Joe Blakely, formerly Public Safety, is the author of "The Nestlé Condensary in Bandon," in the Winter (December 2003) issue of the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*. Included with the article about the canned milk factory that operated on the southern Oregon coast from 1918 through 1925 are five photos by Blakely.

This Week

- Vice Provost Greg Vincent holds a **listening session** to hear what UO community members have to say on issues of equity and diversity facing faculty and staff of color, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, **March 31**, in the EMU Gumwood Room.
- The **Children's Concert Series** hosts 'Kool Keyboards,' an introduction to many member of the keyboard instrument family, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday,

UO law students worked for clients of legal aid and public defenders and for district attorneys' offices and other agencies in eight states.

"It's hard to overestimate the importance of *pro bono* legal work to our state, particularly when our shrinking tax base cannot fund basic governmental services such as public defenders, let alone legal aid services for the poor. We are incredibly proud of our students," says Jane Steckbeck, Law pro bono programs faculty chair.

'ICONIC Grid' Speeds Brain Wave Analysis



The University of Oregon, Electrical Geodesics, Inc. (EGI), and IBM have announced a new project that uses grid computing, the Linux operating system and IBM supercomputer technology to speed and improve the diagnosis of epilepsy, stroke, depression and other brain conditions.

In 2003, researchers at the UO Neuroinformatics Center received a \$1 million grant from the

National Science Foundation to build advanced grid computing infrastructure to apply high-performance computing to diagnosing and treating brain-related conditions.

The Integrated Cognitive Neuroscience, Informatics and Computation (ICONIC) grid facilitates more rapid diagnosis by harnessing the collective processing power of the school's computing systems. In addition, the grid offers the ability to better respond to temporary spikes in demand for computing horsepower and helps researchers gain better access to and control over the large volume of data generated during diagnostic imaging work.

EGI is a private medical device and imaging software developer based in the Riverfront Research Park adjacent to the UO campus. EGI is working with the Neuroinformatics Center to further study the commercial possibilities for using grid and Linux-based systems to speed and improve brain-wave monitoring at hospitals and research centers.

"With the multiple architectures provided by IBM's products, we can conduct research on ways of optimizing the medical informatics demands for high performance computing," says Allen

April 3, in Beall Concert Hall.

- Vendors and UO Bookstore representatives host a Graduation Fair from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, April **4-7**, at the bookstore. Degree candidates will get information and place orders for graduation merchandise.

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

Malony, Computer and Information Science, who directs the Neuroinformatics Center. "At the same time, we can evaluate all of these architectures running the Linux operating system, simplifying our system administration and improving our reliability."

"Grid computing technology from IBM will play an important role in helping EGI provide doctors and researchers with on-demand access to critical patient data," says Donald Tucker, Psychology, who is CEO of Electrical Geodesics, Inc. "We believe grid computing not only brings performance capacity, but allows the patient security and accountability required for critical medical applications."

Deadline Extended for Pilot Program

Faculty who wish to prepare a proposal for external support in the summer or fall of 2004 have an extra week in which to apply for a pilot program established by the Research Vice President's office. The extended deadline for receipt of applications now is 5 p.m. on Monday, April 5. Selected applicants will be announced in mid-April.

Information on the application and eligibility requirements are available on-line at the Research and Faculty Development web site, <darkwing.uoregon.edu/~rfd/>. Click on the "internal research support" link.

For information, call Moira Kiltie, 6-3188, or send e-mail to <kiltie@uoregon.edu>.

Submit InterSEXtions Proposals April 8

Faculty, staff and students are invited to submit proposals for presentations and panels that will be part of "InterSEXtions 2004." Set during the first week of May, the annual event this year follows the theme, "Our Queer Future: Communities, Families and Civil Rights."

Programs are sought that address a variety of issues pertaining to the intersections of communities, families and civil rights with gender and sexuality. Already scheduled are talks on May 4 about research on queer Latino communities in San Francisco and Los Angeles and on May 6 about social oppression, local culture and sexuality of queer youth.

Submit proposals by Thursday, April 8, to Chicora Martin, Student Life, 164 Oregon Hall.

For more information, visit <lgbt.uoregon.edu> or call 6-1134.

Simplifying Lillis Complexities

The following is intended to sort out names, room numbers and addresses for the \$40-million Lillis Business Complex that opened in October 2003.

The Lillis Business Complex, 955 E. 13th Ave., is comprised of:

- **The Chiles Business Center**, 925 E. 13th Ave. It is named for 1927 alumnus Earl A. Chiles. All room numbers have "2" as the second digit.
- **Peterson Hall**, the 1916 building originally known as Oregon Hall and later known as Gilbert West. It is named for 1949 alumnus Ron Peterson and his wife Patricia of Portland. The second digit of all room numbers is "0."
- **Gilbert Hall**, built as Commerce Hall in 1921 and later named for James Gilbert, economics professor and liberal arts dean from 1925-1947. All room numbers have "9" as the second digit.
- **Lillis Hall**, replacing the former Commonwealth Bridge that linked Gilbert East and West since 1952. It is named for former MediaOne Group Chairman Chuck Lillis and his wife Gwen of Englewood, Colo., whose \$14 million donation and continuing leadership of the private fund-raising effort brought the complex to fruition. The second digit of all room numbers is any number except "2," "0" or "9."

Staff Nominations for Senate Due April 16

Classified employees are invited to nominate themselves or another eligible staff member for the two non-voting positions in the University Senate open this spring to all classified staff members employed at 0.5 FTE or greater.

The term of office for both posts is two years starting June 1.

Submit nominations in writing to Gwen Steigelman, Academic Affairs, 207 Johnson Hall, using the form on the reverse side of the March 17 memo sent to all classified staff, or by e-mail to <gwens@uoregon.edu>.

The deadline is **5 p.m.** on **Friday, April 16.**

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