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UO Entering Freshmen Best Ever

The University of Oregon this fall enjoys the most highly qualified group of entering freshmen in its history.

This year's entering class had the highest GPA and SAT scores ever at the UO. The mean GPA rose to 3.54, an increase from 3.47 last year, and the mean SAT reached 1110.

At the same time that quality indicators are the highest in university history, the freshman class is intentionally smaller. Official fourth-week enrollment figures show an enrollment of 3,888 freshmen and the overall student population leveling out at 20,033, compared to 20,044 last fall.

"We did not intend to grow enrollment this year, and intended to take fewer freshmen because of the limitations in state funding and our goal of making sure that we can provide the classes that our students need to meet their degree requirements," said Provost and Senior Vice President John Moseley.

Graduate enrollment also held steady, with 3,539 students compared to 3,520 last fall.

Under the budget approved by the legislature this year, the UO receives funding for about 80 percent of the Oregon students who enroll. Even for the funded students, the UO only receives about 72 percent of the amount that peer universities around the country receive.

Naylor Strings Together Musical Life

By Danielle Gillespie



Building her first harp in the 1970s from a kit and travelling to workshops up and down the West Coast, Janet Naylor taught herself how to play, and now, she's performing and teaching others.

"In New Zealand, I played the piano and the guitar, but when I came to Oregon, I heard two Celtic harpists and just fell in love with it," says Naylor, who performs receptionist and undergraduate clerical duties for English.

Born in New Zealand, Naylor grew up listening to Scottish and Irish music. She now plays both the Celtic harp and the Arab dulcimer (Kanun).

In the mid-1980s, Naylor began sharing her love for music by giving harp lessons to individuals from

"The only way that we can preserve quality is to limit enrollment, which is one of the reasons that we increased our admissions standards," Moseley said. Beginning this fall, the UO required entering students to earn a 3.25 GPA and complete at least 16 college preparatory courses to guarantee admission.

The university continues to offer its Freshman Interest Groups and Freshman Seminar programs to make sure that entering students have opportunities for small class experiences and personal contact with faculty.

Generated ID Conversion Moves Ahead

The university's effort to help protect the privacy of faculty, staff and students while making identity theft more difficult is making good progress, with about 86 percent of classified and unclassified employees already issued a unique identifying number.

"The conversion from Social Security number to generated ID number has gone very well," report two members of the Banner Conversion Group--Judy Duff, Business Affairs, and Jim Bohle, Computing Center. "Departmental cooperation has been high, informational handouts in the form of yellow bookmarks have helped to explain the process, and employees' response has been great."

As a result, Duff and Bohle say they're encouraged that remaining deadlines in the two-year conversion effort for employees will continue to be met.

This fall, all remaining classified staff, teaching and research faculty as well as officers of administration who still have a Social Security number as their UO ID number received a letter urging them to obtain a new ID card and generated number by Dec. 31.

Bohle says the Banner group's approach to the conversion process has always been to make the changes in phases. This avoids costly infrastructure upgrades and also doesn't overwhelm key offices, such as the UO Card Office at the EMU and other keys service units such as the UO Libraries, the University Health Center and the Registrar's Office.

Conversion of student ID numbers is taking a separate, somewhat slower track, with completion targeted for sometime between June 2004 and June 2005.

"As students are admitted or arrive on campus, they are getting generated ID numbers," Bohle says. "We know that about 52 percent of our current and admitted students now have a generated ID, but that means we still have approximately 9,000 more to convert."

One way those carrying out the conversion are chipping away at that large number is to replace lost ID cards for individuals with Social Security number IDs with cards bearing generated IDs.

Oregon and Washington, and she continues to instruct today. She also has taught at numerous retreats and summer music camps.

In addition to teaching, Naylor performs throughout the Pacific Northwest, playing all types of music from Irish, Scottish, Welsh and Scandinavian to Middle Eastern.

Naylor often performs with several local musicians and is a part of the trio, "Celtic Tradition." In addition, she performs with the "Gammelgartan Band" trio that plays Scandinavian music.

"The trios are made up of the same people," she explains. "We just put on a different hat and play different music."

Naylor is also a member of "Americanistan," a band that plays Middle Eastern music.

"I was dancing to Middle Eastern music in the 1970s in a dance class, but I didn't start playing it until the 1990s," she says. "Sometimes you can fall in love with something but it goes in a 'later' file."

In the past, Naylor has won national awards for composing and arranging Scottish music, but says she is more of an arranger than a composer.

"I am always playing variations inside the music," she says. Naylor also placed first overall and first in the wire-strung division of the 1986 Grand National Irish Fair Harp Contest in Los Angeles.

With six other local musicians, she has released a CD, "The Harper's Reverie: Irish Music of Turlough O'Carolan," featuring Celtic music, and a Middle Eastern CD, "Live at the Wow," on which she plays as a member of "Americanistan."

Recently, Naylor performed for a UO classified staff meeting with President Dave Frohnmayer and other administrators. Among her future gigs are a solo on the Celtic harp at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 28 at the Holiday Market, and a show with the "Celtic Tradition" at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 7, also at the Holiday Market.

For more information, call Naylor, 6-1500, or send e-mail to <jnaylor@oregon>.

Danielle Gillespie is a student reporter for Inside Oregon.

Events and trends over the past few years have heightened awareness of problems arising from identity theft and related misuse of personal information. Commonplace availability of key personal information such as Social Security number and the absence of strong measures for protecting privacy have contributed to identity theft with disastrous ramifications for the victims.

"We're trying to do our part to lessen the often devastating impact of identity theft that, according to the Federal Trade Commission, cost more than 27 million Americans billions of dollars in losses in the last five years," Bohle says.

The generated ID numbers, all nine digits long and beginning with "950," will be used for university programs and services. Social Security numbers will remain in Banner records for tax-related purposes.

Employees in departments that have not yet converted will receive instructions from each unit's payroll administrator for when and how to get a generated number and new ID card.

"If your department has already had its turn but you didn't convert your ID number at the time, you still may get a new UO ID card and number," Duff says. "Just visit the UO Card Office on your own."

Card Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-noon on Friday. Be sure to take your current UO ID and one other piece of photo ID, preferably a driver's license, with you to the office on the EMU ground floor, opposite the Buzz coffeehouse.

New UO ID cards are valid immediately for riding LTD buses for free, logging onto DuckWeb or Blackboard, using PARS facilities or obtaining Campus Cash. Library accounts will be updated within two weeks, although patrons can take new ID cards to the circulation desk for an instant update.

For building access, provide Public Safety, 6-5446, your name, new ID number and the new ID card's sequence number, the six-digit number on the bottom front of the card. Those who use their card for campus food or lodging will need to activate their new cards at University Housing (meal plans) or area desks (residence hall access).

Detailed information about the conversion project will be made available to campus units through Payroll Large Group sessions and the PAYNEWS listserv.

Individuals with questions should call Joan Walker, 6-2970; e-mail <jwalker@hr.uoregon.edu>, or Duff, 6-1104; e-mail <judyduff@oregon.edu>. Extensive information is also available online at <bg.uoregon.edu/hris/BANNERID.htm>.

Civil War Blood Drive Continues

Our People

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Donna Scurlock, University Health Center, has completed her Sports Medicine Re-certification Exam successfully and been awarded a Certificate of Added Qualifications in Sports Medicine.

Peter Suttmeier, Political Science, and co-investigator, Denis Simon of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, received a \$120,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for a conference on "China's Emerging Technological Trajectory in the 21st Century," held Sept. 4-6 in Rensselaerville, N.Y. Suttmeier expects the conference proceedings to be published as a book.

Russell J. Donnelly, Physics, and co-investigators Meredith Burch and Richard Hudson received a \$360,256 grant from the National Science Foundation to support their project, a proposed PBS television series, "Absolute Zero and the Conquest of Cold." The award, effective Sept. 15, extends through Aug. 31, 2004, and is renewable for three years.

ON THE MOVE

Patricia A. Gwartney, Sociology, has stepped down as founding director of the Oregon Survey Research Laboratory (OSRL). Her replacements are **Woody Carter**, the new research director, a University of Chicago graduate with a Ph.D. in sociology and 10 years of experience as the General Social Survey's project director at the National Opinion Research Center, and **Bob Choquette**, the new administrative director, an adjunct instructor and holder of a master's degree from Planning, Public Policy and Management. Since it was established 11 years ago, OSRL has completed about 280 projects and brought in approximately \$8 million in small grants and contracts. A history of the research institute, published by The National Network of State Polls, is at <survey.rgs.uky.edu/nnspp/newsletters/nnspp42.pdf>.

Barbara Oppliger, University Publications, has accepted additional responsibilities for Strategic Communications budgets. Materials previously sent to **Sandy Burr** should now go to Oppliger who will work with departmental budget keepers and Associate Vice President **Harry Battson** to assure both proper budgetary controls and maximum return from financial investments.

IN PRINT/ON DISPLAY

The late **Marian Card Donnelly**, Art History emerita, wrote *Architecture in Colonial America*, edited and updated by **Leland M. Roth**, Art History, and



The second annual Civil War Blood Drive is underway, and faculty, staff, students, alumni and other fans of the University of Oregon and Oregon State University are invited to give the gift of life by donating blood. The Lane Memorial Blood Bank's bloodmobile will visit the Erb Memorial Union from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10, and on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 13-14. Drop-in visits are welcome, although those who wish to make an appointment may call the blood bank. Donors should allow about one hour for giving blood. The school with the most donors by the end of the drive on Nov. 17 will be announced during the Civil War football game on Nov. 22 at Autzen Stadium. For information, call Denise Beban, 6-2101, or visit the UO Alumni Association web site at alumni.uoregon.edu. To schedule a donation at the Lane Memorial Blood Bank or during a bloodmobile visit on the UO campus or elsewhere in the community, call 484-9111. Donor hours and the bloodmobile schedule are online at www.lmbb.org.

Make Plans Now for Bad Weather Later

By Danielle Gillespie

The University of Oregon rarely closes because of bad weather conditions, and usually remains open while the public schools close, which may create difficulties for working parents of school-age children, says Casie Moylan, Vivian Olum Child Development Center director.

To help UO faculty and staff parents, the Olum center provides on-site child care for children in first through fifth grades whenever 4-J and other in-lying public school districts are closed.

Parents must pre-register to use the campus child care service. The cost is \$18 for one-half day, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., or \$35 for all day. Fees are not prorated based on attendance or the time of arrival, and payment is due the day of the school closure.

Morning and afternoon snacks are provided for the children, but they should bring their own lunches.

For more information about inclement weather child care at the Olum center, visit 1650 Columbia St. or call Moylan, 6-6584, or cmoylan@olum.uoregon.edu.

In addition to parents taking advantage of campus child care at the Olum Center, supervisors may permit parents to bring their children to work with them or allow employees to take work home. Supervisors also may allow employees to use accrued vacation, compensatory time, exchange time, personal leave or leave without pay to be excused for the day.

published posthumously in May 2003 by the University of Oregon Press. Donnelly, who died in 1999, co-founded the UO Historic Preservation Program with **Philip Dole**, Architecture emeritus. A fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, London, Donnelly was a past president and fellow of the Society of Architectural Historians.

Richard Kraus, Political Science, authored "When Legitimacy Resides in Beautiful Objects: Repatriating Beijing's Looted Zodiac Animals Heads" in *Contested Claims: The Party, The People and the Fate of the People's Republic of China*, edited by Peter Gries and Stanley Rosen (Routledge).

Announcements...

Museum's Gift Show Features Natural Handmade Crafts

Just in time for the holidays, the Museum of Natural History and its Past and Presents gift shop will bring together some of the finest handmade gifts, and the local artisans that created them, for a two-day show. The Nature's Designers Gift Show, set from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, **Nov. 14**, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, **Nov. 15**, features crafts made from natural materials such as wood, clay, leather, glass, gourds and paper.

Artisans Donna Crispin, Patricia Donohue, Sheila Tasker, Deb Curtis and Aimee Yogi will present handmade baskets. The show also will feature Bernie Doran's photography, Faith Rahill's poetry, Christine Johnson and Patti Lomont's jewelry, Alix Mosieur's painted gourds, Denise Gosar's handmade paper and cards, and Don Lown and Harold Young's minerals, rocks and fossils.

Gift items will range from \$3 to more than \$200. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the museum. Admission is free, and refreshments will be available. For information, call 6-1809.

UO Press Sets Holiday Prices

The University of Oregon Press celebrates the holiday season by offering award-winning *Atlas of Oregon* products and all other titles at reduced prices to faculty and staff. The hardcover *Atlas of Oregon*, a \$100 value, is available for \$40, and the two-disc *Atlas* CD-ROM, usually \$49.95, is now just \$19.98. All other UO Press titles--including the softcover version of the *Atlas*, the critically acclaimed *Best Essays NW* and the spirited UO history *Pioneers, Scholars & Rogues*--are offered at a 25 percent discount. The sale is effective now through **Dec. 26**. For information or to place an order,

If the university remains open during inclement weather, but employees are late for work because of it, they also are permitted make-up time provisions that must be performed within 60 days of the missed time, according to the recently ratified contract between the Oregon University System and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 503. This extra time does not qualify for overtime.

Also, if inclement weather requires closure or work curtailment after employees have already reported to work, they will be paid for the remainder of their shift.

The following area radio and television stations will be notified when the university closes or work is curtailed:

AM radio stations: KUGN 590, KPNW 1120, KNRQ 1320 and KKXO 1450

FM radio stations: KWVA 88.1, KLCC 89.7, KWAX 91.1, KMGE 94.5, KNRQ 95.3, KUGN 97.9, KODZ 99.1 and KZEL 96.1

Television stations: KEZI Channel 9, KMTR Channel 16, KVAL Channel 13

Because the university cannot guarantee that stations will use the information provided to them, employees should listen to several stations to get closure or curtailment information when inclement weather occurs.

Human Resources recommends that supervisors prepare for inclement weather notification by updating their lists of employees' home telephone numbers, assigning calling responsibilities, providing employees with supervisors' home telephone numbers and reviewing procedures with staff members.

For questions, call 6-3159 or visit <http://hr.uoregon.edu/policy/weather.html>.

Danielle Gillespie is a student reporter for Inside Oregon.

International Cultural Exchange Marks 20 Years

Alumni of the University of Oregon's International Cultural Service Program (ICSP), now leaders in their own countries around the world, will join current international students Nov. 10-15 on campus to celebrate two decades of success for the program that has become a national model.

The 20th anniversary celebration will get underway Monday, Nov. 10, when students from Zimbabwe, China, Bosnia, Norway and other foreign nations will lead 150 area elementary school students in colorful songs and games from those lands. The program is set from 10-11:45 a.m. in the EMU Maple, Oak and Walnut rooms.

call 6-5885 or visit uopress.com.

UO Libraries Announce End-of-Term, Holiday Hours

The good news is that Knight Library will be open 24 hours a day for UO students, faculty and staff from 8 a.m. Monday, **Dec. 1**, of Dead Week through midnight Thursday, **Dec. 11**, of Finals Week. Current UO photo ID will be required, however, for students, faculty and staff using the library from 1 a.m.-8 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Friday through 11 a.m. Saturday; and 7 p.m. Saturday through 11 a.m. Sunday. The bad news is that UO Libraries will be closed from Wednesday, **Dec. 24**, through Sunday, **Dec. 28**. Normal intersession hours will resume on Monday, Dec. 29, and continue through the beginning of winter term on Jan. 5. "We regret any inconvenience this may cause," says University Librarian Deb Carver. "This decision was based on several circumstances, including the new SEIU contract, university closures, budgetary concerns and the availability of students to work during the holiday break." For UO Libraries hours, visit libweb.uoregon.edu/acs_svc/hours.html or call 6-3054.

Distinguished Service Award Nominees Sought

Faculty and staff are invited to nominate qualified individuals for one of the university's highest honors, the Distinguished Service Award. Recipients must, in accordance with 1956 faculty legislation, "by their knowledge and skills have made a significant contribution to the cultural development of Oregon or society as a whole." Up to three of these awards will be presented at June's Commencement exercises. Ineligible for these awards are current members of the UO faculty, staff and student body, the State Board of Higher Education or candidates for political office. They also are not given posthumously or to previous recipients. Send nominations by **Feb. 6, 2004**, to Dave Hubin in the President's Office.

Law Site Becomes National Dispute Resolution Portal

Visitors to Law's Appropriate Dispute Resolution (ADR) program web site will find a new searchable database of 887 dispute resolution classes, clinics and training opportunities at 184 American Bar Association-approved law schools in the United States and Canada. Replacing five previously published hard-copy directories, the portal offers information that is more accessible to users, more cost effective to maintain and more easily updated. The database is the product of collaboration between the UO's ADR program and the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution. Under the direction of ADR Associate Director Michael Moffit and Gina Brown, ABA Section of Dispute Resolution, UO law students, led by Tenielle Fordyce-Ruff and

"Direct interaction with a person from another country provides local students with a unique learning experience as they discover new ideas, values, interests and problems different from and similar to their own," says Ginny Stark, International Programs.

Additional ICSP presentations for school-age youngsters will follow from 10-11:45 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 12 and 13, also at the EMU.

ICSP reunion activities open with a coffee hour from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the International Student Lounge and Resource Center in the EMU, followed by a casual welcome dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Gerlinger Alumni Lounge.

On Saturday, Nov. 15, ICSP alumni, UO faculty and students as well as local community members will present free panel discussions at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the EMU Oak, Walnut and Maple rooms. Topics include international business communication; diversity issues relating to religion, ethnicity and disability; education for women and girls; and governance and democracy.

After campus tours from 4-5 p.m., the 20th anniversary banquet will get underway at 6:30 p.m. ICSP alumni and current ICSP participants will provide music and entertainment.

Morompi Ole-Ronkei, who spent 1985-1995 on campus earning bachelor's and doctoral degrees, will be keynote speaker. An ICSP participant and then its coordinator while completing his Ph.D., he currently is associate director of Compassion Africa, an organization dedicated to furthering the education of African youths, especially girls.

Since the program's creation in 1983, more than 400 students from around the globe have participated in ICSP. Each year, individual students provide 80 hours of cultural and educational service in return for scholarship assistance while studying at the university. Annually, ICSP participants provide local schools and community organizations with 2,500 hours of exposure to the world's cultures.

"By bringing back our alumni for the 20th anniversary celebration, we want to continue the spirit of cultural exchange," says Stark. "These exceptional students provide new perspectives on the global issues we currently face, and this program has proven to be a mutually beneficial and rewarding experience for U.S. students, community groups and participating international students."

For ticket prices, reservations and other information, call 6-3206 or browse icsp.uoregon.edu/program/anniversary/index.htm.

Collier Porch Roof Undergoes Repairs

Pedestrians on East 13th may wonder what's behind the big blue tarp covering the north face of Collier House. The answer, according to Dave Beardsley and George Bleekman of Facilities Services, is that workers from Smith Sheet Metal have covered the north facade to allow replacement of the

Kevin Thwing, conducted a comprehensive survey of law schools during the summer of 2002. This survey data then was combined with follow-up data collected by Cailin Hammer, Angel Pagan and Judiee Tran, interns at the ABA Section on Dispute Resolution. The ABA Directory of Dispute Resolution Courses and Programs can be found online at www.law.uoregon.edu/aba/.

Addendum...

Amber Thomas, an editorial assistant in Media Relations, should have received credit for the photograph captioned "Chef Helps Carve High-Quality Reputation" in the Nov. 3 issue of *Inside Oregon*. We regret the oversight.

This week at the University of Oregon...

Highlights of the many public events and activities on campus are:

- Congressman John Lewis of Georgia, the youngest speaker at the historic 1963 March on Washington and a legendary leader in the American civil rights movement, will deliver a **Presidential Lecture** on "Non-Violence, Peace, Social Change and Justice." The free event is set for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, **Nov. 10**, in the EMU Ballroom. A contemporary and associate of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Lewis is regarded as one of the most courageous leaders of the civil rights movement, having participated in the Freedom Rides and helped found and chair the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Author of *Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement*, Lewis has served in Congress since 1987 and is a senior member of the Democratic leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives. For information, call the President's Office, 6-3036.
- The seventh annual **Sustainable Business Symposium**, "Who's Profiting and How," opens at 7 p.m. on Thursday, **Nov. 13**, and continues through 5 p.m. on Sunday, **Nov. 16**, at the Lillis Business Complex. Featured are four keynote speakers, a keynote debate, a sustainable products exposition, a film, panels and workshops that provide concrete examples of how businesses can simultaneously increase profits, decrease ecological impacts and increase investment in the social capital of communities. Organized by student volunteers, the event is intended

sheet metal roof over the porch to continue out of the weather. The historic preservation work is expected to continue through mid-November.



Tech Transfer Spirals Upward at UO

By Kathy Madison

University of Oregon researchers unveiled a record 36 new inventions in the recently ended fiscal year--a five-fold increase from just four years ago--and took in an unprecedented level of licensing income, further enhancing UO's status as a Pacific Northwest leader in efficiently moving new technologies from the laboratory to the marketplace.

Technology transfer revenue rose to more than \$1.82 million in the year ending June 30, 2003, marking the sixth consecutive year in which the UO has set an institutional record.

"For years, the UO has been recognized as an institution where highly significant advances in basic research are made," says Don Gerhart, Technology Transfer director. "In recent years, a growing number of faculty inventions have found practical application in the world outside academia. This underscores the significance and relevance of research at the University of Oregon, as well as generating revenues for further scientific studies and student education here."

The UO reinvested nearly all the licensing revenue in faculty inventors, departments and laboratories to support ongoing research. Remaining funds were used for patenting, trademarking and copyrighting of yet more UO innovations.

The increase reflected inclusion for the first time of revenue from UO-created career information systems. These databases and tools, which are currently licensed to users in 13 states, received their first formal support from the UO's 11-year-old Technology Transfer office last year and accounted for approximately 55 percent of the institution's licensing income.

The UO's highly ranked Education college played a pivotal role in this year's increased licensing activity.

for business professionals, local government leaders, community members and students who are interested in exploring socially responsible ways to foster a solution-oriented dialogue among diverse groups.; visit web site for program details. For information, call 6-0670 or visit <www.uoregon.edu/~sbs>.

- The **Ken Kesey Symposium**, opening at 7 p.m. on Friday, **Nov. 14**, in the EMU Fir Room and continuing through **Nov. 16**, will include five scholarly panels of juried papers, readings of poetry and fiction from the work of Kesey and others, guest speakers, a University Theatre production of Dale Wasserman's stage adaptation of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," and a Saturday afternoon visit by Ken Babbs and the Merry Pranksters along with the bus. For information, call 6-4171 ; check out the full symposium schedule at <kesey.uoregon.edu>.
- The 26th **Photography at Oregon Auction** opens at noon on Sunday, **Nov. 16**, with bidding opening at 1 p.m. and continuing until 4 p.m. in the Gerlinger Alumni Lounge. More than 70 photographs--from figure studies to assemblages to landscapes--donated by more than 60 prominent artists will be sold to the highest bidder during the fund-raiser hosted by the Photography at Oregon Committee in collaboration with the UO Museum of Art. Auction proceeds will support photography exhibitions and programs of the art museum. For information, call 6-3027. Many of the works are displayed concurrently on-line at <photographyatoregon.org> through **Nov. 17**.

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

Among the most significant commercialization agreements reached by the UO in 2002-03 was "Standards for Success," a project that help students learn what is necessary to succeed in entry-level college courses. Dave Conley, Education, directed and developed the program in conjunction with the Association of American Universities (AAU). The UO and AAU provided it free of charge to every public high school in the United States.

Another licensing success came in UO's "School Wide Intervention System" (SWIS), led by Rob Horner, Education. SWIS empowers schools and social service agencies by providing, at cost, intervention strategies to address violence and destructive behavior in ways that ensure school safety and healthy social development of students.

Another major group of licensed UO innovations included scientific research tools, ranging from protein analysis software to unique antibodies that detect specific chemical substances. More than 20 such products that were derived principally from the university's inter-disciplinary programs in molecular biology and neuroscience, entered commercial sales during fiscal year 2001-02 and contributed to the growth in UO licensing revenue during fiscal year 2003.

Kathy Madison is a UO Communications officer.

Computer Harvest Serves As Model

By Kaya Hardin

The two-year-old University of Oregon Computer Harvest program's success in diverting toxic waste from landfills has attracted the attention of state officials who are considering it as a model for other state agencies to follow.

Begun in May 2001, the Computer Harvest program demonstrates not only that large amounts of computer waste--nearly 19 tons--can be recovered and recycled, but also how relatively easy it is to accomplish this diversion. Taking these steps dramatically reduces the amount of obsolete electronics entering rapidly filling landfills and protects the environment from toxic materials.

Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, who represents the Oregon State Sustainability Initiative, had the opportunity to witness the computer-recycling program in action during a summer visit to campus. Bradbury watched as Irene Smith, Education, disassembled a computer, demonstrating how, with a quick tutorial and a little practice, anyone can take apart a computer, reducing it to its recyclable parts.

"Meeting with the Secretary of State was a milestone for the university's program," says Nick Williams, Facilities Services environmental manager who coordinates the Computer Harvest. "The meeting was very successful and it started a partnership between UO and the state."

Since Bradbury's visit in August, the university has received inquiries from

both OSU and PSU regarding the Computer Harvest program. Williams says such requests probably indicate that the UO approach will work for additional OUS institutions and other state agencies as well.

The harvest begins when a department decides to discard computer or electronic equipment (CEE). If it still works, the equipment is advertised to other departments or non-UO groups such as 4J schools. Whatever is not reallocated this way goes to UO Surplus Property for consignment and sale at public auction in Salem.

Since June, Williams says the program has "harvested" enough computers and electronic components to send 141 pallets directly to the state's surplus property disposal program in Salem.

"That's roughly equivalent to the height of PLC, if you were to stack each of those four-and-one-half-foot-tall pallets on top of each other," he observed.

Departments send non-working computer and electronic equipment directly to the CEE warehouse for storage until Smith and the students in her Information Technology class can meet, usually once a term, for a weekend workday at the warehouse on North Campus.

Smith and her students "de-manufacture" the non-working equipment. They disassemble the computers, grouping similar components together and shipping them to recyclers. In this way, cathode ray tube glass goes to make new windshields, the lead in circuit boards is recovered for new uses, and steel, aluminum and copper are melted down to become feedstock for new products.

Through the end of September, the Computer Harvest program has recovered and recycled more than 7 tons of cathode ray tube glass, approximately 5 tons of ferrous and non-ferrous metal and 0.75 tons of circuit boards, Williams reports. In addition, an estimated 12,000 pounds of metal, wire and various other parts have been reused or recycled.

To contribute to the ongoing harvest, departments first should update their property records with Susie Endow, Business Affairs property control manager, 6-3163. Then, send requests for pick-up of equipment for recovery to Connie French, Computing Center, <connie@oregon>.

Kaya Hardin is a student reporter for Inside Oregon.

UO Blackboard System Expands Options

By Danielle Gillespie

UO Libraries launched the latest version of Blackboard for the current academic year with several new features to better accommodate faculty and students.

"There are a lot of behind-the-scenes changes," says J.Q. Johnson, UO Libraries academic education coordinator.

One change is that the newest version, Blackboard 6, has the capability of supporting many more courses than in the past, he says. Last spring, about 300 classes used Blackboard, and this year, the library staff expects to more than double that number. In fact, library staff already have set up a Web site for every class offered this fall.

"Instructors have a Web site; whether or not they want to use it is up to them," says Johnson. "Using the web is not for every class, but we're ready for any faculty member who wants to."

Blackboard 6 also is easier to use than in the past, says Johnson. For example, in previous years when students dropped a class, their names still remained on the Blackboard course list, but now their names will be removed to avoid confusion.

Moreover, Blackboard 6 has a new login system. All students and faculty will use their darkwing, oregon or gladstone e-mail addresses to gain access to the system.

"The new system just makes one less login that students and faculty have to know," says Johnson.

Many instructors may want to use Blackboard 6 for posting syllabuses, handouts, lecture notes or grades, Johnson says. The system also gives instructors the chance to post video and online simulations.

Instructors can incorporate Blackboard into their class at any time during the term. For more information on the latest features, click the Blackboard link on the UO home page or go directly to <blackboard.uoregon.edu>.

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