

Panel Reports on Student-Athlete Welfare

Task Force Continues Work with Open Forum March 5

By John R. Crosiar

The University of Oregon is fulfilling its educational mission with respect to student-athletes who benefit from a variety of admittedly preferential but NCAA-sanctioned, appropriate benefits, according to a report from the Task Force on Intercollegiate Athletics.

The 13-page report, presented to the University Senate Feb. 12 and one of the background sources for an open forum organized by the task force on March 5, also concludes that a third issue—inappropriate exploitation of student-athletes to generate revenue—is so pervasive that it needs to be addressed at a national level.

Nevertheless, the 12-member task force concluded that the UO Athletic Department must be vigilant in protecting student-athletes from inappropriate use or disadvantage, whether from internal or external forces.

Task force co-chair Margie Paris, Law, will moderate the open forum set from 4–5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5,

in 150 Columbia. Interested faculty, staff and students are encouraged to participate by asking questions, offering comments and presenting views on the compatibility of intercollegiate athletics with the UO academic mission and on the national athletics “arms race.”

Panelists for the forum, all current members of the task force, will be co-chair Suzanne Clark, English; James Earl, English; Jim O’Fallon, Law, who is UO Faculty Athletic Representative; and Martin Smith, men’s track head coach.

Created by President Dave Frohnmayer who appointed faculty members, Athletics representatives and student-athletes to the panel, the task force convened during Winter Term 2002. Since then, it has held a series of information-gathering sessions, meeting with Athletics administrators and interviewing about 20 members of the UO Student-Athlete Advisory Council. It also consulted a variety of documents, including the Final Report of the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics issued in June 2001.

To evaluate the university’s success in satisfying its educational mission, the task force looked at four measures—graduation rates, academic support, the coaching staff’s emphasis on education and student-athlete participation in university life.

To assess concerns about preferential treatment, the task force examined three measures—levels of financial and academic support, preferences in admissions and registration, and perceptions of preferential treatment.

Finally, to determine whether the university inappropriately uses student-athletes to generate revenue, the task force identified three measures of exploitation—academic standards and graduation rates, compensation for athletic endeavors, and commercialism and marketing.

To view the full task force report on student-athlete welfare, go to <darkwing.uoregon.edu/~vpadmin/taskforce1.html> or call 6-3003 to request a copy.

John Crosiar is editor of *Inside Oregon*.

‘Maps Have Never Been So Cool...’

The *Atlas of Oregon CD-ROM* has been named winner of two top awards in this year’s international competition conducted by the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM). The University of Oregon’s innovative digital atlas competed against the best maps and atlases in the world, including the new *National Geographic Family Reference Atlas*.

The Oregon atlas, created in Geography’s InfoGraphics Laboratory in collaboration with the UO Press, was awarded Best of Show and Best of Category honors in the Book and Atlas division.

The awards will be presented March 31 in Phoenix, Ariz., at a ceremony during the organization’s annual international convention.

The *Atlas of Oregon CD-ROM* is a two-disc compendium of information about the state’s economy, culture, history and natural resources. The project’s creative team, headed by InfoGraphics director James Meacham and lead designer Erik Steiner, re-imagined the bestselling, 300-page *Atlas of Oregon* print edition for easy access using a computer. The result has garnered international attention for its cutting-edge use of digital wizardry to present information in new and powerful ways. As a Chicago Tribune feature story put it, “Maps have never been so cool.”

The *Atlas of Oregon CD-ROM* is compatible with both Macintosh and PC computer platforms. The UO Press currently is preparing an educational version with associated lesson plans and teaching tips.

More information about the *Atlas of Oregon CD-ROM* is available on the UO Press web site, <www.uopress.com>.

OUS Inaugurates New 12-Digit Dialing Plan

By Dave Goldberg

Do you call lots of friends and colleagues throughout the Oregon University System? Then you can expect your dialing finger to get a workout in the not-so-distant future.

OUS has finally outgrown its five-digit dial plan. Starting July 1, UO phone system users will have to dial the complete number, including “9” and “1” and the area code, when placing calls to other state system institutions, just as you

do now to any other non-local Oregon phone.



However, long distance authorization codes will not be required for these calls, and five-digit dialing still will be used

for calls from a 346-xxxx number to another 346-xxxx number within the UO campus.

“After 14 years, we’re simply running out of numbers,” says Dave Barta, Telecommunications Services manager. “The last five digits are no longer unique.”

The situation is similar to the Portland area when the entire local calling area there had to switch to 10-digit dialing for all calls.

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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Tom Hicks will become Public Safety interim director on April 1, succeeding **Tom Fitzpatrick** who is retiring from active law enforcement, effective March 31, following a career of 33 years. Vice President **Dan Williams**, Administration, says Hicks will serve indefinitely while an internal re-examination of the department's organizational structure is underway. Fitzpatrick, who has been director since 1999, will move to Arizona where he plans to teach and become a law enforcement consultant.

On Jan. 1, **Beth Sprague** accepted the position of executive assistant to the Senior Vice President and Provost. Previously executive support specialist in the Provost's Office for two years, Sprague now can be reached at 6-3187 or <bsprague@oregon>. **Jennifer Burton**, formerly a temporary employee in the Provost's Office and previously an administrative assistant at Business Planning Concepts, joined the Provost's Office permanently on Feb. 4 as executive support specialist. Burton can be reached at 6-2084 or <jenb@oregon>.

The Registrar's Office has hired **Patricia Hachten** as the new Degree Audit Report System (DARS)/Academic Scheduling Specialist. She can be reached at 6-2624 or <phachten@oregon>.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Kenneth M. Doxsee and **James E. Hutchison**, both Chemistry, are co-recipients of the Outstanding Teacher in Higher Education Award, presented Feb. 22 during the 61st annual meeting of the Oregon Academy of Science at Linfield College. They were honored for their development of the new Green Chemistry Laboratory curriculum—an environmentally conscious approach to teaching organic chemistry to undergraduates—and for their leadership in bringing this revolutionary innovation to chemical educators around the world.

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New Dialing Plan Calls for Adjustments

While the new dialing plan may result in a slimmer, fitter finger, it also will require some users to make other, less obvious adjustments. Barta points out that any devices that currently use a five-digit number to reach non-UO phones—such as abbreviated dial buttons, fax machines, speed dial entries and modem configurations—will need to be reprogrammed.

After June 30, voice mail forwarding to someone at another campus will require you to enter their entire 10-digit number, as well as an extra voice mail system digit. A web-based look-up page provides the appropriate string of numbers for voice mail forwarding and distribution lists.

To allow everyone time to adjust, a transitional period is now in effect that allows you to use both the five-digit plan or the new 12-digit dialing to call other OUS campuses.

For programming assistance and dialing instructions, visit <telcom.uoregon.edu/12-digit-dialing.htm>. You also may call Telecommunications Services, 6-3198, or Eric Fullar, 6-1015.

Dave Goldberg is a student reporter for *Inside Oregon*.



Symbolic Vote Cast: *Even though they were unable to muster the quorum of at least 1,069 members required to vote officially on a controversial measure, the more than 500 voting members of the University Assembly who gathered Feb. 28 at the Student Recreation Center nevertheless discussed and passed with a resounding but symbolic voice vote a resolution opposing war with Iraq. The unprecedented session occurred after faculty groups opposing hostilities with Iraq gathered enough signatures to call the meeting.*

New Encryption Requirements Set for E-mail

By Dave Goldberg

To protect against unauthorized use of the university's computer network, and to preserve the privacy of its users, the Computing Center is requiring all e-mail programs be equipped to handle encrypted text by April 2 of this year.

"The average person is not aware of the number of attacks on the system that occur daily," says Dan Albrich, Microcomputer Services manager. "People trying to access our system pose a real threat."

Encryption helps safeguard the information that one sends and retrieves through e-mail. Otherwise, an intruder can intercept this information and use the passwords and other information to trespass through the university's computer network.

According to Albrich, most e-mail programs are already equipped for encryption. With programs such as Outlook, Outlook Express and Netscape Mail, all it generally takes is adjusting a configuration setting.

However, some users may need an upgrade. This is particularly true for those who are using a version of Eudora that is older than 5.1.

If you are unsure whether your program is using encryption or not, the Computing Center is

sending a targeted e-mail message to those who are still sending "clear text" messages in advance of the April 2 deadline.

"Free upgrades for most of these programs are available," says Albrich. "We have set up a web site with specific instructions for each program."

For more information on how to encrypt your e-mail or to upgrade your program, go to <micro.uoregon.edu/security/email/index.html>.

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Dance Historian Is Trotter Professor

Dance historian Beth Genné, University of Michigan Residential College professor specializing in the history of 20th-century British ballet, dance in the American musical film, and the interplay between dance, art and music, will make five presentations March 10–13 at Music as the second holder of the Robert M. Trotter Visiting Professorship. For event details, see the *Calendar* in this issue.

Steller, Two Others Seek Cancer Walk Support

Linda Steller proclaims she will "walk anywhere for a check." That's because the Economics department manager is trying to raise at least \$1,750 to participate in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, a July 12–13 marathon in Portland.

"I really feel that women's health has been a subject neglected by the medical establishment for too long," Steller says. "Only recently have medical professionals decided that studies need to be conducted on the effects of disease on women because they are (DOH!) different than men!"

Steller and two other UO employees will represent the university at the walk. Diane Hirshberg, Educational Leadership, and Michelle Jensen, Special Education GTF, will walk in Portland, too.

Donations can be made by visiting <www.avonwalk.org> (click on "support a walker/crew member," "Portland" and then enter a participant's name) or via check or credit card. For information, call Steller, 6-1263.

OHMAC Offers Handy UO Links Online

Are you tired of searching web site after web site to find the information you need? Are you having trouble keeping track of which forms are needed to get the job done?

The College and Unit-Level Budget Managers Group, a group of senior budget managers representing the colleges, administrative units and auxiliaries, feels your pain and has come up with a solution—the Online Handbook for Managerial, Administrative and Clerical Employees.

OHMAC is a web page with an alphabetical list of links for almost everything one needs to complete daily administrative tasks. There are links to University of Oregon sites that deal with everything from air travel to workplace safety, from voicemail to web mail, and from travel reimbursement to employee name changes.

A forms page offers nearly 100 forms, letters or reports used on campus, and a page of FAQs

contains links to an ever-growing list of frequently-asked-questions sites.

If, after using the site's search function, what you're looking for is not there, you're invited to submit suggestions for new links. Just send an e-mail message to <ohmac@darkwing>.

"We're up to about 250 links," says Kathie Stanley, Student Affairs budget and personnel administrator. "At first, we shared the information about the site with just those in our units, in order to see if they found it useful and if there were obvious links we missed. The reception was great, and we've recently received very positive feedback from some folks outside our unit who simply 'found us.'"

Reportedly, a number of UO employees have made OHMAC the start page for their web browsing software. To see for yourself, check out <ohmac.uoregon.edu/>.



Game of Musical Cranes Changes Skyline: *A significant, if temporary, landmark on Eugene's skyline has vanished. The 220-foot tower crane that has loomed over the Lillis Business Complex construction site since last June came down in a process spanning three days. First, general contractor Lease Crutcher Lewis brought a 300-ton portable crane to the site and set up this crane's giant boom to aid in the disassembly of the tower crane. After workers dismantled the tower crane, they took apart the portable crane and reloaded its components onto trucks to haul them away. The Lillis Complex, the new home of the UO Charles H. Lundquist College of Business, is several weeks ahead of schedule and removal of the crane comes about a month sooner than originally anticipated. The need for an installed crane at the site has passed, as the building's exterior nears completion and the focus of work shifts indoors. December 2003 is the scheduled completion date for the new building.*

New Resource Helps Faculty Handle Plagiarism

Faculty and students now have some great new online resources for dealing with the thorny issue of plagiarism. Two sets of web pages on the topic—one for faculty at <libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/plagiarism/faculty/> and one for students at <libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/plagiarism/students/>—are now available on the UO Libraries web site.

The faculty plagiarism pages offer practical advice to instructors who encounter plagiarism, including information on preventing and detecting it, an overview of university sanctions for academic dishonesty and additional resource lists.

Students who are confused and uncertain about what constitutes plagiarism will find extensive definitions, examples and resources on their pages.

Robin Paynter, the Knight Library Reference Librarian who authored the pages, says she hopes that faculty, instructors and GTFs across campus will raise awareness of plagiarism by weaving the web material into their courses and by including the student

plagiarism URL in their syllabi and Blackboard sites.

Paynter welcomes suggestions for additions to the pages; call her at 6-2689.

The UO Libraries plan to host a series of workshops and other events on the topic of plagiarism in the early spring.

UO Issues New Financial Irregularities Policy

To underline the seriousness with which the University of Oregon takes matters involving financial irregularities, a new policy on how to report known or suspected financial irregularities has been issued.

The policy was created in response to a recent Oregon University System requirement that each OUS institution develop one as a proactive measure to strengthen financial oversight and control, says Heidi Sann, Business Affairs auditing coordinator.

Financial irregularities are defined by OUS as "an intentional misstatement or omission of information related to financial transactions that are detrimental to the interests of the campuses or system."

According to the policy, all UO employees are "expected to report known or suspected financial irregularities within their Responsibility Unit at the time they become aware of the incident." Reporting and investigation of such incidents is confidential and objective.

The primary purpose of the new policy, Sann explains, is to define roles and responsibilities related to the reporting of financial irregularities, and to outline the proper protocol for communications among the relevant parties involved.

She urges all employees to read and follow the policy which can be found at <policies.uoregon.edu/Financial%20Irregularity.htm>. For information, call Sann, 6-1116.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Oregon Quarterly, edited by **Guy Maynard**, and Portland writer **Gary Thill**, a 1998 alumnus of Journalism and Communication's Literary Nonfiction master's degree program, won a Silver Award in the 2003 Council for Advancement and Support of Education District VIII Juried Awards Competition for the feature article "There Goes the Neighborhood," which appeared in the Autumn 2002 issue. The article addressed the issue of gentrification in Northeast Portland.

Jeffrey D. Mason, Theater Arts, and **Julie Novkov**, Political Science, are recipients of Oregon Humanities Center Teaching Fellowships for 2003-2004. Each will receive \$3,000 in salary this summer before Mason teaches "Multicultural Theatre" during Winter Term 2004 and Novkov teaches the Spring Term 2004 class, "The Concept of Race in Politics." In addition, Novkov has been awarded a 2003-2004 Sherl K. Coleman and Margaret E. Guitteau Professorship in the Humanities, while Mason has been awarded the 2003-2004 Robert F. and Evelyn Nelson Wulf Professorship in the Humanities. Each of these professorships represents up to \$4,000 in course enrichment funds.

ON THE PODIUM

James E. Hutchison, Chemistry, delivered the keynote address on "Green Chemistry" during the 61st annual meeting of the Oregon Academy of Science on Feb. 22 at Linfield College in McMinnville.

ON THE MOVE

Joining International Programs are **Erin Bevard** as Office Specialist 2/Records Specialist and **Peter Eberhardt** as Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) coordinator. To reach Bevard, call 6-1202 or send e-mail to <ebevard@darkwing>. Eberhardt's phone is 6-1422 and his e-mail is <peberhar@darkwing>.

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IN BRIEF

WOW 2003

Proposals Solicited

Student Orientation Programs seeks program proposals for Week of Welcome 2003, set Sept. 25–28. WOW programs for new student can be academic, educational or social. Complete the proposal form sent to all deans, department heads and directors for sharing with employees, or complete the form online at orientation.uoregon.edu/. Proposals are due by **5 p.m. on Friday, March 14**, at Student Orientation Programs, 465 Oregon Hall. For information, call JoAnn Gray, 6-1167; e-mail jlgray@uoregon.edu.

Savage Program Proposals Sought

The faculty committee overseeing the Carlton Raymond and Wilberta Ripley Savage Visiting Professorship in International Relations and Peace invites proposals to create new or enhanced two-year programs offering creative and innovative approaches to meeting the professorship's goals. The professorship brings distinguished individuals to campus to help students and others learn how to use reason as a substitute for violence and hate. Proposal applications are due by **5 p.m. on Monday, May 5**, at International Programs, 330 Oregon Hall. For information, call Tom Mills, 6-1208, or David Frank, 6-2520.

Center Treats Sports Injuries

The Athletic Training Service Center (ATSC) in the Bowerman Family Building treats UO faculty, staff and community members with sports-related injuries. Single visits cost \$20; monthly memberships are \$70. Hours are 11 a.m.–1 p.m. weekdays. For appointments and information, call 6-4114.

Fund Boosts Reimbursement Levels for Employees

By Julie Lauderbaugh

University employees who apply for reimbursement from the Employee Benefit Fund (EBF) now can take advantage of expanded guidelines that reflect an increase in costs.

In July, the EBF's guidelines were revised to include reimbursement for one-half the cost of the staff rate for a four credit hour class. Formerly, the fund reimbursed only one-half of a three credit hour class.

Allotments also were changed to reflect increased costs induced by greater participation in university programs, higher food prices and the addition of new recognition and training programs.

"Anywhere from 50 to 100 employees use the EBF for reimbursement for workshops and classes each year," says Helen Stoop, Human Resources benefits administrator. "However, many more employees benefit from the fund because the money also is available to pay for retirement receptions and recognition receptions."

Moreover, EBF funds cover a portion of the cost for about 100 employees who enroll in retirement workshops annually. The EBF also can be tapped to supplement additional training seminars, workshops or continuing education units that are work-related.

The intent of the fund, Stoop says, is to supplement state funding for staff development and employee recognition

Stamped-Mail Handling 'Canceled'

Campus Mail drivers are no longer collecting stamped mail during campus mail pick-ups. Rhonda Morgan, Copy and Mail Services, suggests taking pre-stamped or personal mail to the post office in the EMU or putting it in campus dropboxes.

purposes, not to replace it.

The fund, which is replenished with employee vending machine money, offers reimbursement of up to \$200 per employee each fiscal year. Applicants must be employed on at least half-time appointments to access the fund and may apply

once per term.

Request forms are available at hr.uoregon.edu/benefits/ebfpolicy.html. For more information, contact Nancy McKaughan, 6-2952.

Julie Lauderbaugh is a student reporter for *Inside Oregon*.



Grounds' Vehicles 'Hold the Fries' When Re-Fueling

Don't be surprised if you start feeling a craving for french fries the next time you pass one of the grounds crews hard at work on campus.

That's because the foul smell of diesel fumes that used to come from some of the vehicles and equipment has been replaced by the more welcome exhaust of biodiesel, a scent more akin to a deep fry than a traffic jam. Biodiesel is a much cleaner burning fuel as well.

"Facilities Services has always been proactive in finding ways to keep sustainability in everything we do," says Bill Kasper, purchasing supervisor. "One of the current projects is the use of alternative fuels."

Currently, biodiesel is available in two forms. There is a 100-percent concentration which costs about \$2 more per gallon than conventional diesel, according to Kasper, but eliminates all sulfur and NO₂ emissions. There is also a

20/80 blend that is made up of 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent low-sulfur diesel and can cost 25 cents to 50 cents more per gallon than regular diesel. Neither requires any change in the equipment in order to be used.

Kasper argues that "the higher cost [of using biodiesel] is justified in keeping our emission standards within our sustainability goals."

Roger Kerrigan, Facilities Services trades maintenance coordinator, points out that biodiesel is also safer for everybody. Speaking from personal experience, Kasper recalls feeling slightly dizzy from working with the diesel burning equipment after awhile.

"A lot of people used to complain about the smell and would feel sick," says Kerrigan. "Since the changeover to biodiesel, that hasn't been a problem."