

News & Views



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EMU services satisfy student patrons

According to the results of a study last spring, student patrons of the Erb Memorial Union are satisfied with the services and activities provided by the EMU.

The survey, which was conducted in April by the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) and Educational Benchmark, Inc. (EBI), offered feedback from about 400 students about what is working in the EMU and what needs to be improved.

"We learned a number of things from this survey, " says Lee LaTour, EMU marketing director. "Student patrons are pleased with the variety and quality of services we offer. But more importantly, students told us that the out-of-classroom opportunities offered throughout the EMU enhance their overall educational experience."

Students indicated that they consider the EMU to be a safe, welcoming and enjoyable place that fulfills its mission as the center of college community life.

The survey also revealed that the newly remodeled food service area is a big hit. Students gave the EMU high marks for the quality and variety of food available and for the dining areas' cleanliness and atmosphere.

Although the information from last spring's survey provided a lot of positive feedback, LaTour says the EMU staff will be looking forward to the results of the 2001 ACUI/EBI survey of EMU patrons this spring.

"Then, we will be able to evaluate our improvements and see what the trends are in students' perceptions of the union's services and activities," she says.

Examples of UO prominence sought

This fall, the University of Oregon celebrates its 125th anniversary. Looking back, many people, events, discoveries, amazing happenings and even bizarre occurrences have shaped our history.

As part of the anniversary celebration, organizers are identifying those things that have catapulted the university to prominence. Maybe it's the zebrafish, which changed how modern science studies genetics. Is it that a Duck was a coinventor of the transistor? Was it Steve Prefontaine? How about the now-famous pranks in the movie "Animal House"?

This is your opportunity to contribute to this project. What University of Oregon events, happenings, people or research discoveries do you believe have had the most far-reaching impact?

Submit your ideas--they don't have to be lengthy descriptions--by e-mail to Jim McChesney, President's Office, chesney@oregon.uoregon.edu, by **Feb 21**.

Energy conservation tip ...

- **TURN OFF ALL UNNEEDED LIGHTS.** Many campus areas remain lighted even though offices are closed and the staff is gone for the night or the weekend. Campus lighting probably accounts for 20 percent of the university's total electrical bill. Reductions here could be significant. Energy is money. Spend it wisely.

Career Center creates fresh atmosphere

When University of Oregon students enter the second floor of Hendricks Hall in search of the latest in great career opportunities, they'll find much more than a list of jobs.

Beautiful archways, friendly lighting and a comfortable atmosphere now await students serious about life after college. Recruiters looking for fresh minds and talent also find spruced up quarters.

ASUO contributed to the estimated \$350,000 renovation last summer that created a new and improved Career Center.

"I'm very appreciative of the university administration for supporting this project," says Larry Smith, Career Center director. "Also, without the support of the ASUO, this remodel would not have been possible."

In reconstructing the center, Facilities Services crews wanted to extend the architectural theme from the ground floor while bringing in some old-fashioned detail with a modern twist.

"The craft teams produced incredible work, and the details in craftsmanship add so much to the professional presentation," says Smith.

For recruiters, it offers a professional, updated space to interview and find their future employees. Smith says the new look lets recruiters see the high priority the school has in helping students find their dream career after college.

"Now, the look and professional manner of the Career Center is almost up to par with our students," says Smith.

--Jennifer Fields, Communications Student

Announcements ...

CIRCLE TUESDAY, MARCH 6, ON YOUR CALENDAR and plan to join other supporters at 10:30 a.m. in the State Capitol for a rally in support of higher education. Hundreds of UO alumni, faculty, staff and students are expected to turn out. More details about the Salem rally will be forthcoming. For information, call Advocacy Director Tim Black, Governmental Affairs, 6-5023.

THE GOVERNOR'S FOOD DRIVE IS UNDERWAY THROUGH MARCH 1. Food collection barrels are in place around campus, and everyone is encouraged to participate, with individual and departmental prizes to those who collect the most. All food gathered will go to Food for Lane County. Look for further details from departmental or office/building coordinators, or call Kim Mangun, Community Outreach, 6-5313; Karen Scheeland, Governmental Affairs, 6-5020; or Nita Nickell, Merchandise Marketing and Licensing, 6-6036.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE CHARLES E. JOHNSON MEMORIAL AWARD ARE DUE MARCH 1 at the President's Office. The award--a certificate presented at the June Commencement--honors a faculty member who by action and word as a teacher, scholar and citizen of the academic community has, over a period of years, exemplified commitment to principles affirmed by the life and career of Johnson, a UO professor and administrator from 1952 to 1969. For information, call Kathy Wagner, 6-3037.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE PREFERENCE CARDS, recently distributed to all full-time faculty members, must be returned **by March 1** to the President's Office. Committee on Committees Chair Nathan Tublitz, Biology, urges all to participate in campus governance by serving on one or more standing committees and administrative advisory groups during the 2001-2002 academic year. Information about each committee is posted on the web at darkwing.uoregon.edu/~committees/. For

information, call 6-3037.

STAFF ARE INVITED TO JOIN A MENTORING GROUP organized by the Classified Staff Training and Development Advisory Committee. Facilitated groups currently offer informal networking and assistance on such topics as career development, beginning web page design, dealing with stress, administrative support, advanced HTML and Access and Filemaker Pro database software. CSTDAC is seeking a facilitator for an Excel mentoring group, as well as highly motivated classified employees for service on the administrative advisory committee itself. For a mentoring group registration form and information sheet, as well as for a CSTDAC information packet and application, contact Jean Pickering, Admissions, 6-1289, <jpick@oregon.uoregon.edu> or Gale Fogelstrom, CATE, 6-2523, <gaf@oregon.uoregon.edu>.

REGISTRATIONS FOR SPRING TRAINING, A YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM, are being taken until available slots are filled. Scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon on March 26-28, the program offers training in the fundamental skills of soccer, tennis, baseball and softball for children in first through fifth grades. The cost is \$45 per child. For information, call Flo DeLaney, PARS, 6-2777, <fdelaney@oregon.uoregon.edu>.

Housing gains 'responsible vendor' status

University Housing has been awarded 'responsible vendor' status by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC), as part of a program established by the 1999 Oregon Legislature.

The program is designed to encourage vendors to have more stringent guidelines for their employees who are serving alcohol. The assumption is that vendors who receive this status are already dedicated to the responsible handling of alcohol by their employees.

In order to receive the status, vendors can not have any previous major violations. They also must meet several criteria for the way they train their employees. For instance, they must have their employees read and sign house policies that include a list of valid forms of acceptable ID, how to check ID for anyone who looks under 26 and the consequences for selling to a minor. These policies must be posted in a place visible to employees.

With this program, "responsible vendors" can be eligible for reduced sanctions and can avoid losing their license if an employee sells alcohol to a minor.

University Housing's OLCC liquor license allows them to cater events and receptions around campus. For information, call Food Services Catering, 6-4303.

--Stefani Blair, Communications Student

Our People

In the spotlight

Ibrahim Gassama, Law, is the third recipient of the prestigious Human Rights Award from the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT). Internationally renowned as a crusader for human rights, he received the award Jan. 6 for his contributions to humanitarianism and peacekeeping.

Joanne V. Halgren, head of the Interlibrary Loan Service, and **Sara Brownmiller**, head of Library Systems, are the first recipients of Library Faculty Fellowship Awards worth \$3,000 apiece and funded by David and Nancy Petrone. Nominated by UO Library faculty and other UO community members, Halgren and Brownmiller are being recognized for their outstanding contributions to the UO Library System and to the library and information technology profession. Beginning in fall 2001, an endowment created by Richard and Mary Corrigan Solari will fund two fellowship awards each year.

Helmuth Rilling and the Oregon Bach Festival Chorus and Orchestra have been nominated for a 2001 Grammy Award in the field of Best Choral Performance for the world premiere CD of Krzysztof Penderecki's "Credo." Soloists on the CD include alto **Milagro Vargas**, Music; soprano Juliane Banse; and bass-baritone Thomas Quasthoff. The Grammy Awards ceremony takes place Feb. 21.

On the move

Don Gerhart is the new director of Technology Transfer which oversees licensing and royalty income that has grown from about \$50,000 in 1992 to more than \$300,000 this year. Gerhart, 43, comes to the UO from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, where he served as associate director for technology transfer and industry research. A registered patent agent, Gerhart earned a Ph.D. in biology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He previously was a Duke University faculty member and was director of intellectual property at Cato Research Ltd. of Durham, N.C.

In print/On display

Richard Bear, Library, published Samuel Johnson's *The Vanity of Human Wishes* (1749), Michael Drayton's *Endimion and Phoebe* (1595) and Everard Guilpin's *Skialetheia* (1598) at Renaissance Editions website, darkwing.uoregon.edu/~rbear/ren.htm.

On the podium/stage

Kenneth Helphand, Landscape Architecture, delivered papers on "The Neighborhood Landscape on Film" and "Location & Set: Film and the Garden" at conferences in Berkeley this fall.

J.T. Sanders, Religious Studies emeritus, presented "Were Most Christians Jews (In the First One-

Hundred Years Outside Palestine)?" at the annual meeting of the Society for New Testament Studies in Tel Aviv in August.

In memoriam

Paul Olum, President and Mathematics emeritus, died Jan. 19 of Lewy-body disease in Natick, Mass. A theoretical physicist who worked on the Manhattan Project and later became an ardent anti-nuclear spokesman, Olum, 82, became the 13th UO president in April 1981 after serving nine months as acting president. Immensely popular, he joined with the faculty and staff in finding ways the university could withstand a series of major budget cuts, required by Oregon's economic recession of the 1980s, without losing quality. "From the time I first met Paul Olum, when he became provost in 1976, I was impressed by his keen intelligence, human openness and unflinching integrity," recalls President Dave Frohnmayer, then serving as special legal assistant to the president. "Those qualities continued to exemplify his character and his service throughout his years as university president and beyond. Oregon and the world mourn the loss of a truly great man." Olum, who retired in 1989, graduated *summa cum laude* from Harvard in 1940, and received his M.A. from Princeton in 1942. After the war, he returned to Harvard, receiving his Ph.D. in mathematics in 1947. Olum was professor of mathematics at Cornell University from 1949 until 1974, when he became dean of natural sciences at the University of Texas at Austin. Throughout his career, he retained his position as professor of mathematics. Olum held a number of postdoctoral fellowships at Harvard and Stanford, and in 1990, he received a Distinguished Service Award from Oregon. Funeral services were held Jan. 24 in Beall Concert Hall and a campus memorial service was held Jan. 25 in the Paul Olum Atrium of Willamette Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to Birth to Three or to the Paul Olum Endowment Fund of the UO Foundation. The fund was established by the Olum family to endow a faculty position in Mathematics.

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