

## Sisters author ventures out on the frontier

Jim Cornelius will read from and discuss his book, "Warriors of the Wildlands: True Tales of the Frontier Partisans," at Paulina Springs Books on Saturday, February 25, at 6 p.m.

"Warriors of the Wildlands" is a collection of 12 biographies, focusing on an eclectic set of individuals who operated on the world's wild and dangerous frontiers. The book covers a broad spectrum in time, from the 1770s through World War I, exploring subjects such as Simon Kenton and Blue Jacket on the early Ohio frontier, to Al Sieber and Pancho Villa on the U.S./Mexico borderlands.

The book also explores the lives and legends of the African frontier experience, such as Deneys Reitz, a Boer commando, and Frederick Selous, a hunter and soldier in the African wilds. The book is an in-depth, gripping, and historically valuable look into the lives of some of those who lived on the edge of civilization, and in many ways helped shape the future.

The Frontier Partisans pioneered what we now think of as special-operations warfare.

"Most of the book's subjects were not professional soldiers," Jim says. "They were highly skilled guys who applied fieldcraft and hunting skills in warfare from the



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Canadian prairies to Mexico to Africa. When people think of the frontier they often think of North America, but the phenomenon was similar all around the globe."

Cornelius will read excerpts from "Warriors of the Wildlands" and discuss the similar character of the frontier experience around the world, including difficult issues such as race, colonization and conquest.

"I'll probably close with a tune or two — originals I've written inspired by frontier stories," Cornelius says.

Paulina Springs Books is located at 252 W. Hood Ave. There is a cover charge of \$5 per group at the door. If you buy the featured book, your \$5 will be refunded off the price of the book.

For more information contact Cornelius at 541-390-6973 or Paulina Springs Books at 541-549-0866.

## UO considers undergraduate tuition hike of 10.6 percent

EUGENE (AP) — The University of Oregon is considering raising in-state undergraduate tuition by 10.6 percent in the fall to pay for increased salaries, health care and retirement costs for school employees.

*The Register-Guard* reports that under a plan backed by UO President Michael Schill, annual tuition for full-time, in-state undergraduate students would increase \$945 as of the 2017-18 academic year. Mandatory fees would also increase \$186. Out-of-state tuition would also increase by \$945, or three percent.

An in-state undergraduate student taking 15 credits per term would pay \$9,855 for a three-term school year under the proposal. The student would also pay \$2,037 in fees. An out-of-state student would pay \$34,572 in tuition and fees.

Schill said in a letter to students and staff that the state's fiscal problems leave him little choice but to accept the major tuition increase. He said UO's operating expenses are rising steadily. In particular, retirement benefits under the state Public Employee Retirement System are requiring large contributions from the university.

"I wish it were not necessary for us to increase

tuition by these significant amounts," Schill wrote. "Yet the state's fiscal problems leave us no choice."

The proposed increase comes after years of steadily rising tuition and fees for both in- and out-of-state students. However, the proposed 10.6 percent tuition increase is above the 8.3 percent average annual tuition and fee increase for in-state students for the past decade.

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— Michael Schill

Last year, UO trustees raised tuition 4.8 percent for resident students and 4.5 percent for out-of-state students, sparking student protests.

The UO Board of Trustees must approve the tuition hike. They will consider the proposal March 2-3.

## Study finds state needs revenue for pension costs

PORTLAND (AP) — A new study from Portland State University suggests that a rise in compensation costs for Oregon's public employees could lead to a reduction in the number of people providing key public services.

*The Oregonian/OregonLive* reports that according to a study from PSU's Center for Public Service, compensation costs are outpacing projected revenue growth. Without new revenue from somewhere like new taxes, state government employers will have few options other than reducing their workforce by as much as 10 percent.

The study found that the cost increases are largely driven by the spike in employers' required contributions to the state's underfunded pension system, which are expected to double as a percentage of payroll over the next five years.

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Dr. Robert Beschta is Professor Emeritus, Forest Ecosystems and Society, College of Forestry at Oregon State University. He will be speaking about how the removal and recovery of wolves can have a major role in shaping an ecosystem via trophic cascades. Most of his presentation will focus on what has happened in Yellowstone over the last century, but he will include studies from other areas across the American West.

**Tuesday, February 28**  
**At The Belfry, 302 E. Main Ave., Sisters**  
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