



Sunshine and swirls

The sun came out long enough Monday for photographer Greg Clark to catch a duck at the Millrace — amidst some shadowy swirls. The sunshine was somewhat short-lived, although the ducks didn't seem to mind.

City, UO share new 'sister'

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Katmandu is about as far from Eugene as one can get and still be on Earth. Half-way around the world, this little city is located in a hidden valley in Nepal. Trolley cars are the latest attractions—quite different from Eugene.

Oddly enough, Katmandu and Eugene are sisters. The two cities united last October when Eugene accepted Katmandu's invitation for a sister-city relationship.

Why Katmandu?

Believe it or not, Eugene—especially the University—has had a strong friendship with Katmandu for the past 20 years. It was only fitting that the two cities become sisters.

Relations between Katmandu and Eugene blossomed in 1955, when Oregon education professor Hugh Wood studied in India on a Fulbright Scholarship. In the midst of his Indian studies, he traveled to nearby Nepal and interested the local government in organizing a teachers' training program in Katmandu. Wood then returned to Oregon and set up a contract with the federal government for the organization.

The program split into two phases: 38 select Nepalese came to Eugene and studied at the Uni-

versity; and three Oregon professors worked in Katmandu for two years, organizing a university. Of these three professors, two still teach at the University and are members of a sister-city committee: Francis Dart in the physics department and Thomas Ballinger in art education. Ballinger is the committee chair.

Of the 38 Nepalese students who came to Oregon in 1955, 30 received advanced degrees and seven obtained Ph.D.'s at either Oregon, Oregon State or Berkeley.

Despite the involved friendship between the two cities, the idea of a sister-city relationship didn't evolve until last summer. At this time Robert Dodge, former Oregon professor and regional representative of Sister Cities International, visited Katmandu and discussed the idea with Juju Bhai Rajbhandari, the city's mayor. Rajbhandari then wrote to Eugene Mayor Les Anderson and proposed the relationship. The city council unanimously approved the proposal and appointed the sister-city committee.

Most of the committee members have had personal contact with Nepal; many are Oregon professors. Three Nepalese exchange students at Oregon are also on the committee. Of them, Deepak Nath Uprait is the son of

one of the original 38 students, now the Nepalese ambassador to France.

"The sister-city program is sort of a counter-balance to foreign policy," remarks Ballinger. "In foreign policy, statesmen make all the decisions and the citizens have little voice. The sister-city program, on the other hand, is a serious attempt to function a little more on a humanitarian basis, more eyeball-to-eyeball."

"The program is international, with about 500 American cities participating," Ballinger continues. "Its main purpose is to expand people's concept of other lifestyles in ways besides war."

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Bernau requests records decision

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The heat on University Pres. William Boyd to decide public access to official faculty-course evaluations has been turned up a notch.

In a Thursday letter to the president, ASUO Pres. Jim Bernau requested that Boyd begin action to make a finding on the issue. Bernau's memo said such action was necessary in order to comply with a State Board of Higher Education ruling of Nov. 25 requiring institutional executives to determine privacy rights to those materials.

During the November meeting, the board had adopted an ASUO proposal to provide student access to the official records with the condition that such access be allowed only "upon a finding by the institutional executive that privacy rights in an adequate educational environment would not suffer by disclosure of such personal records."

Bernau says the memo is not intended as a "threat" and he hopes the president doesn't per-

ceive it as such.

"This is just an introductory letter from the ASUO asking that he (Boyd) start the process of making a finding," he explains. "As a part of the University community we have a right to make such an official request."

Although he has not yet received any response from Boyd's office, Bernau says he "assumes" the president will be responsive.

"I'm expecting a definition of the process by which he will make a finding and an invitation to take part in that process," he said.

But Boyd says he is not yet ready to respond. When contacted by the *Emerald*, he said he would take no action until he has a chance to consult with an attorney. He refused any further comment.

Though he claims he is "making no stipulations on the time factor," Bernau says if Boyd fails to respond by Thursday he will draft another letter. Copies will be forwarded to both Boyd and the state board.

"And if he still fails to comply I'll just ask the State Board to request that he do so," says Bernau.

Housing office, student air contract dispute today

A dispute between a University student and the housing office will go before J. Edgar Hale, arbitrator of the state Employment Relations Board, today at 10 a.m. in the EMU, room to be posted.

The disagreement arose when Jack Condliffe, a sophomore in economics, was not rehired last fall when he returned to campus. He had worked the previous year in the Carson Hall dining room, and, according to Condliffe, he was not rehired because he moved from his dormitory to an apartment. The housing office has a policy of hiring only dorm dwellers.

According to the Article VII of the contract between the American Federation of State, County

and Municipal Employees and the University, "seniority may be broken only by quitting, justifiable discharge, absence from work for more than one term, or failure to return to work in accordance with the terms of a leave of absence."

The contract also contains a provision stating that "in the event work rules are in conflict with the provisions of this contract, the contract conditions will prevail."

In a letter to Condliffe, H.P. Barnhart, housing director, said in part: "The University does not believe that Article VII of the contract takes precedent over the long-standing practice of the housing department of giving employment preference to dormitory residents."

Catacombs underlie campus

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The wine sparkled in his eyes and the bells jingled. My own fancy grew warm with the Medoc. We had passed through walls of piled bones, with casks and puncheons intermingling, into the inmost recesses of the catacombs . . .

We passed through a range

of low arches, descended, passed on, and descending again, arrived at the deep crypt . . . "But is it not getting late? Will they not be awaiting us at the palazzo, the lady Fortunado and the rest? Let us be gone."

"Yes," I said, "Let us be gone."

"For the love of God, Montresor!"

The Cask of Amontillado
Edgar Allan Poe

Norm Craven, the University's inspector of new construction, squeezed his ample girth under an overhanging pipe and stood up. "Watch your head in here," he advised as we followed the beam of his flashlight down the long con-

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