

## For Oregon, at last Atlas nears completion

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There are road atlases, of course. And atlases of agriculture, atlases of weather maps, even an atlas to the Bible. Now, Oregon is getting into the act as a six-pound, 224-page volume full of the state's features nears completion.

The "Atlas of Oregon" compiled by faculty and staff in the geography department under the direction of William Loy, associate professor of geography, will soon make its way to Portland. The state printer has awarded a bid of \$96,850 to the Portland printing firm of Durham and Downey. Target date for publication of the atlas is Oct. 16, in time for the University's centennial commemoration.

There are, however, some long summer nights left between the pages, Loy acknowledges. He and his staff will be working with the printers checking and rechecking facts.

"The atlas is for everyone," says Loy, who has shunned the common practice of using experts to write the text. "Our text is written by the 'Atlas' staff to keep it from being too technical. It is designed for the average person interested in Oregon."

Some of the compilations listed include:

- There are only an average of 120-140 days of rain per year in Oregon (contrary to what the Blaine Society might lead one to believe).
- If you are between the ages of 1 and 44 be forewarned, though it may be of little use, that the number one killer in the state is accidents.
- An average of 60.9 people take the bus from Eugene to Portland every day. Similarly, one person heads for Idaho.
- Oregon voted in its democratic primary for Adlai Steven-

son in the 1952 Presidential elections.

Indeed, the "Atlas of Oregon" includes a few million facts about population statistics, voting patterns, weather maps, solar radiation, tribal lands, bicycle trails, coastal marine life, bird breeding ranges, wild berry patches, abandoned places, pollution, taxation — you name it, the atlas should satisfy the person occupied, if not preoccupied, with information about the state.

"Accuracy," says Loy, "is the key to an atlas. We are aiming for perfection."

"We have gone back to



primary sources whenever we could. On a topic like electric utilities we went back to the state experts, the Public Utility Commission offices. Even now, we're sending information back to experts to okay it," he says.

The atlas is divided into four major sections: human geography, economic systems, natural environment and a section containing a gazetteer. Each topic has a bibliography for further research.

Unfortunately, there is a line that must be drawn; limits to how much of Oregon will fit between the covers of one book. Loy points out that data was looked at critically, often in light of the rate of change involved in the specific map.

"We know some of these maps will change," he states, "but if we only mapped things that didn't change we'd have a map of bedrock geology."

Loy, who spent one year alone collecting ideas for the atlas, claims that Oregon's atlas will be heads and shoulders above other state's books. And it will be unique.

"The atlas of Kansas will never have razor clam beaches in its table of contents," he notes wryly.

The "Atlas of Oregon" will be different in yet another way. The page most likely to become dog-eared could be the metric conversion table at the front of the book.

"The entire atlas is in the metric system," says Loy. "It makes it hard, but we have to be modern. The metric system should be here in full force within three or four years."

Based on the printing bid, the price of the atlas has been set at a special \$22.50 pre-publication offer. If buyers wait to order their copy after Oct. 16, the cost will be \$29.95.

Loy calls it a "tremendous bargain." Cost of paper, printing and binding alone without the labor for compiling and designing the atlas would run more than that, he says. Federal, state and university monies plus a good deal of volunteer labor have all contributed to the low price.

"It took a special occasion to produce this atlas," says Loy, who plans to present the atlas to the University as part of centennial commemoration ceremonies. "The University will be getting a tangible product from the centennial."

## Forum on discrimination to air student comments

University students can express their evaluations of the University's compliance with state law prohibiting discrimination in educational programs at a forum scheduled Wednesday in the EMU.

The law forbids discrimination on the basis of race, sex, handicap, age, religion, national origin, marital and or parental status. Students' comments will be used in a self-evaluation being conducted by the University at the direction of the Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education. Oral testimony will be received throughout the day.

Myra Willard, University affirmative action director, is conducting the self-evaluation with the assistance of an eight-member faculty-student task force.

Written testimony may be presented at the forum or submitted to the Office of Affirmative Action, 465 Oregon Hall, anytime before June 14.

During Wednesday's hearing, five minutes will be allowed to each person requesting an opportunity to testify orally. The testimony will be received according

to the following schedule:

Comments on classes, academic and career counseling and advising in the College of Liberal Arts will be heard from 8 to 9:45 a.m.

Testimony on classes, academic and career counseling and advising in the professional schools and colleges will be received from 10 to 11:45 a.m.

Admissions and financial aid comments will be heard from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and housing comments from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

Persons wishing to comment on career planning, employment assistance, personal counseling and grievance resolution will be heard from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Access to education programs, activities and course offerings (including facilities) will be considered from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.

Health and insurance benefits comments will be received from 3:30 to 4 p.m. and comments on publications from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

If testimony on the specified subject does not fill the time allotted, the task force will accept testimony on any of the indicated subjects during the remaining time.

## Library group elects Malarkey

Stoddard Malarkey recently has been elected chairer of the Friends of the Library at the University.

Mrs. Vinton Hall was elected vice-chairer and chairer

elect.

The five new members of the board of directors are Mrs. Jack Brinkman, Robert Frazier, Mrs. Dean Linder, Richard McDuffie, Jr., and Mrs. Stanley Pierson.

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