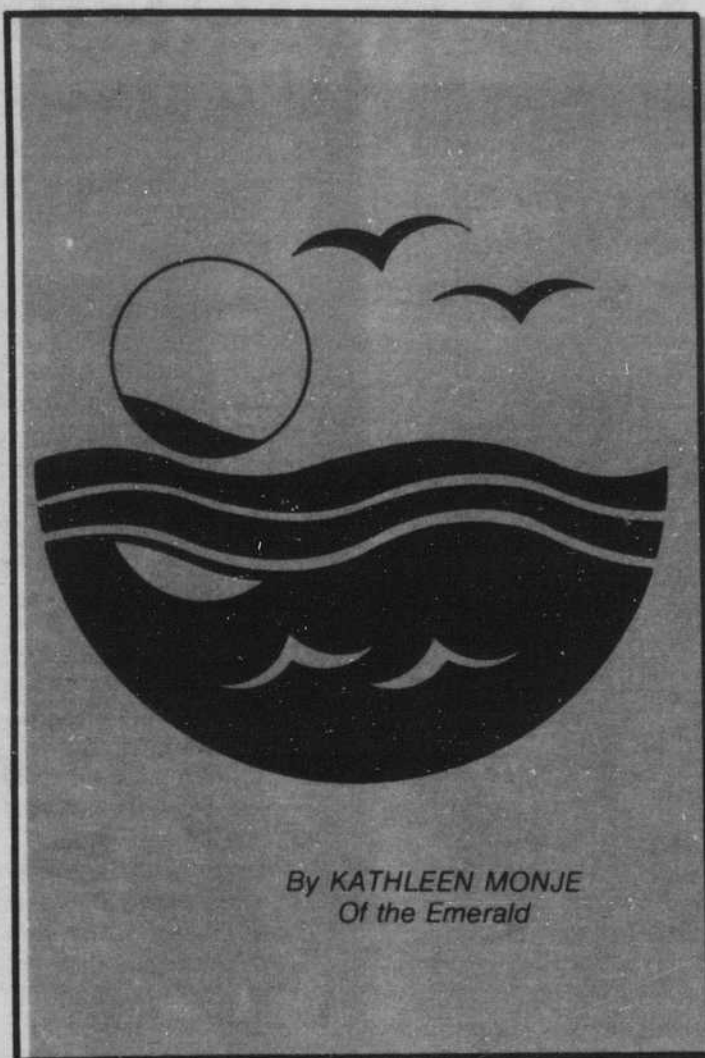




By KATHLEEN MONJE
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...of environmental concern

Whale watching along the Oregon coast is at its best now, as the gray mammals migrate north.

The U.S. Coast Guard reports the whales are coming closer to shore than usual, which is good for watchers but has given some whales trouble.

Two grays have entangled themselves in crab pot lines on the Oregon coast, according to a Coast Guard spokesman.

One freed himself, but a young 20-foot gray had to be rescued from the lines. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) asks anyone seeing a whale in distress to telephone its Coos Bay (269-1861) or Astoria (325-5934) offices so rescue crews can be sent.

George Harry of NMFS Northwest and Alaska Fishery Center has asked that whale watchers notify the center to help with research.

Harry is interested in observation of whales other than grays migrating, the observation of any whale in Puget Sound and whales that appear to be staying near the local coast after migration is over.

Sightings of the above can be reported to the Marine Mammal Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, Bldg. 32, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Seattle, Wash., 98115.

Personal income tax credit and property tax exemption are available to Oregon residents who have installed alternative energy devices in their homes.

The state also offers a personal income tax credit

for weatherization (insulation, etc.). More information can be obtained from the Oregon Department of Energy, 528 Cottage Northeast, Salem, phone 378-4040.

The Lane County Audubon Society plans a "Spring Bird Walk to Alton Baker Park" Saturday. The walk is free and the public is invited.

Chip Jobanek, an expert in bird identification by both sight and sound, will lead the walk. He recommends that walkers bring binoculars.

Participants can meet at the Mill Race restaurant, 1525 Franklin Blvd, at 8:30 a.m. or at the Willamette River footbridge at 9 a.m. The group will walk the bike path to Alton Baker Park.

The Bonneville Power Administration will hold its fifth Annual Energy Conservation Management Conference in Portland Wednesday and Thursday.

Pending federal energy legislation will be a major topic at the conference. Daniel Dreyfus, Deputy Director for Legislation for the U.S. Senate Energy Committee, will explain the proposed laws as they relate to utilities at the Wednesday luncheon.

The conference will also emphasize the latest information on home insulation, solar energy in the Northwest, waste heat recovery systems for commerce and industry and improvements in the wood stove market, according to conference director Don Davey.

OSA grant projects nearing completion

By MARK BUNNELL
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Recipients of Office of Student Advocacy grants for winter term research projects — a rental housing directory, a residency case treatise and a finance study for a new sports arena — are currently completing their projects.

Susan Bishop is wading through computer runs of Eugene-area rental units to put together the rental housing directory.

Bishop plans to organize the directory by geographical area. She will also include information about available bus transportation.

The original plan for the directory called for other information, such as monthly rental rates and deposit amounts, but because of legal roadblocks and the large number of landlords, Bishop says such information probably will not be included.

According to records from the local planning department, the

Eugene area has nearly 40,000 rental units. Even so, a major problem with local housing, says Bishop is the shortage of rental units. While studying local housing, she found the vacancy rate in Eugene is a mere 0.9 percent, one of the lowest in the nation.

She also discovered that the University owns extensive property in the Eugene area. Although she has not thoroughly researched the matter, Bishop believes the University could alleviate the housing shortage by allowing more intensive development on its property.

Bishop, who has received a \$500 grant for her work, plans to have the project completed by April 17.

A former student, Bishop is working as a free-lance writer and laborer in the Eugene area. She is also on several community committees, including the Metropolitan Area Planning Advisory Committee and the West Side Neighborhood Quality Group.

Steve McClain is studying the feasibility of student contributions for a new sports arena.

McClain has conducted telephone questionnaires of some 390 students concerning their attendance at concerts and sports events, opinions about financing a new facility and related matters. McClain is also using finance methods of other facilities such as McArthur Court, in his research.

His project, for which he has findings and recommendation for the most appropriate method of financing a new facility.

McClain's study will be used as a reference document for planning a new sports arena, if and when one is built.

McClain is a graduate instructor with a BA in finance. His experience is research for the ASUO includes a study of the EMU food service and a staff analysis of the ASUO. He has also served on the EMU Board of Directors.

John Minott, a third year law student, is preparing a treatise on

residency cases for his \$300 research grant.

According to Minott, the treatise will summarize Oregon interpretation of Supreme Court rulings, Oregon law and University policies concerning whether a person must pay in-state or out-of-state tuition.

He says the residency laws con-

tain many "gray areas" and contradictions and says many students get into conflicts with the school over tuition.

Minott believes his treatise "will not present anything earthshakingly new, but it will put all the residency information in one place and help students avoid tuition hassles."

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