

It happened this summer

According to a time-honored adage, there's nothing older than yesterday's news. Perhaps, but we have decided to challenge that and provide a review of some of what happened on campus this summer for everyone who was away, who is new, or who spent the summer soaking up sunshine.

Approximately 17,000 visitors flocked to Eugene to attend a series of congresses and conferences with the most notable being the University's hosting of the Olympic Scientific Congress in July.

Like the Olympics, the congress is held every four years and attracts representatives from the nations of the world. This year's congress may even have outdone the Olympics in attendance as fewer nations boycotted it than the L.A. Games.

Bringing hundreds of the world's top scientists to campus enhanced both the University's reputation and the community's coffers.

Another congress brought students to the University — hundreds of them — as

the ASUO hosted the 37th annual United States Students Association national congress.

Student leaders from around the country attended a plethora of workshops and meetings during the August event.

While much of the USSA congress focused on political practices such as lobbying and voter registration, some high-powered politicking of a national level hit Eugene in September when Democratic vice presidential hopeful Geraldine Ferraro spoke at the downtown mall.

Contrasting the many visitors to campus was the threat of eviction to a group of long-time businesses at the edge of campus. Residents of The Courtyard, a small business area on 13th Avenue across from Sacred Heart Hospital that features flowers, trees and attracts students, received notice to vacate in May.

The hospital had acquired the lease to the land and decided to construct a parking area where the businesses are.

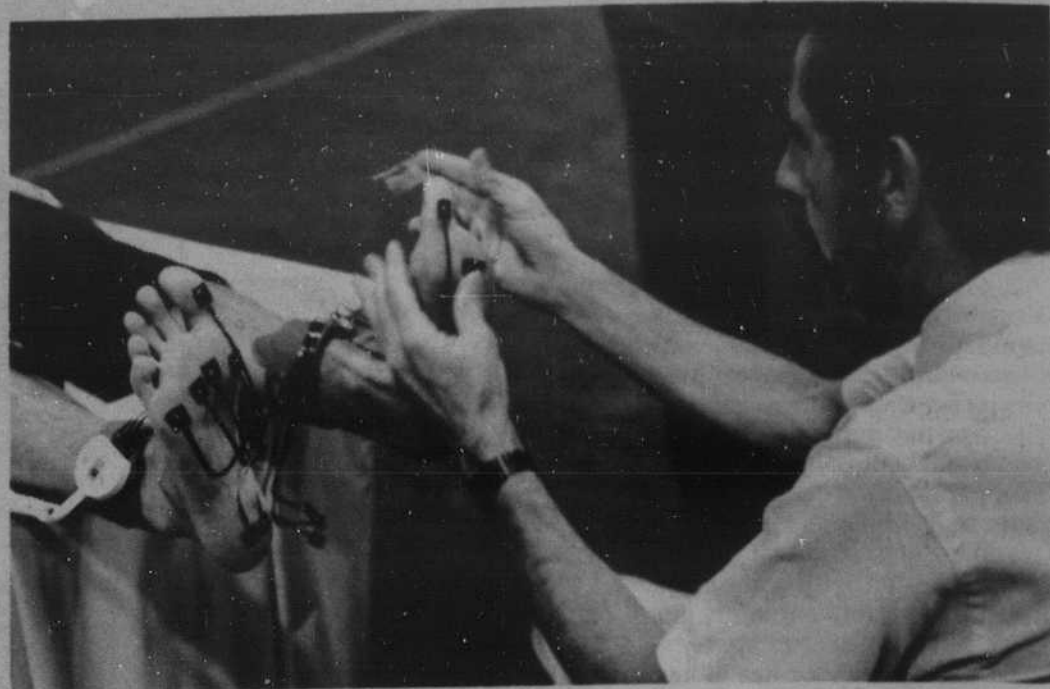
But in July, the hospital notified the businesses that it had found alternative parking and extended the lease to March 31, 1986 on all businesses except Sahalie's Natural Foods and The Eugene Trading Co., they are still required to vacate.

A third confab that attracted visitors was the World Conference of the International Society for Music Education, held in July. The University was the first American university to host the conference, which drew more than 3,000 people from more than 60 countries. It was the time in 18 years it has been held in the United States.

On a sadder note, sorrow struck the campus as two professors died this summer. The campus was shocked by the death of biology Prof. George Streisinger, 56, who died Aug. 11 while scuba diving in a lake near Florence. He died of severe coronary arteriosclerosis.

And on July 17, the University lost astronomy and physics Prof. Edwin Ebbighausen, 73, who was known as "the father of the modern physics department." Ebbighausen died of kidney failure at Sacred Heart Hospital after a three-year bout with cancer of the bone marrow.

In classroom related news, students should be happy with the August announcement that the University bookstore is making arrangements to sell microcomputer systems at reduced rates for students.



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Scientists from around the world came to Eugene to discuss advances in sports medicine at the Olympic Scientific Congress this summer.



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Two delegates express different opinions on an issue during the USSA national congress.

Other good news for students' pocket-books came in June when the Oregon State Board of Higher Education voted to continue tuition freezes, subject to gubernatorial and legislative approval, in the state system through the 1986-87 academic year.

And in July the board voted to establish an undergraduate degree program at the University in American studies. The program will enable students to focus on individual areas of American society. Students interested in entering the program when it kicks off in 1985 are encouraged to enroll in a preview class to be offered this year.

Also in July, the board approved overdue regulations regarding travel by Oregon colleges and universities. The action was prompted by the tragic deaths in January of University wrestlers Jed Kesey and Lorenzo West. Kesey's father, noted author Ken Kesey, suggested safety improvements to a Senate advisory committee in April that were included in the new policies.

Meanwhile, the University lost the services of economics Prof. Joseph Stone for one year with the July announcement of the 36-year-old's appointment to Pres. Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers. Stone and his family plan to return to Eugene after the stint in Washington, D.C.

A bit of controversy was stirred up

over a proposal to give student-athletes a head start at registering for classes. The proposal was an off-shoot of an NCAA requirement that athletes be enrolled in an average of 12 hours per term in courses from "a specific baccalaureate degree program."

Apparently, the flap hasn't been settled yet.

Two other bits of sports news took place in the world of running as the Olympic torch passed through Eugene on its way to Los Angeles and Mary Decker broke the world's record in a 3,000 meter race at Hayward Field in a tune-up before her ill-fated Olympic appearance.

In other sports-related events, the University announced that Bill Byrne, 39, would take over the reins of athletic director, replacing Rick Bay, who took the same position at Ohio State University. Byrne had been the assistant to Bay and had been acting as athletic director since July 1 when Bay resigned.

And the Duck football team received good news for this season as a \$363,500 rug was laid in Autzen Stadium.

In the world of student government, the attorney general ruled that incidental fee committee meetings were subject to Oregon's public meetings law but was less definite on a question of non-student members serving on fee committees.

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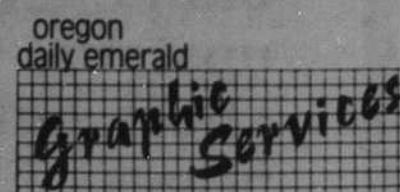
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