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Knight Library gets a million dollar present

By Chris Bouneff
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PORTLAND — A Japanese trading company is donating \$1 million to the University's Knight Library expansion project in an effort to improve relations between Japan and the Pacific Northwest.

Nissho Iwai American Corp., a subsidiary of Nissho Iwai of Japan, made the donation during a reception Wednesday morning that included speeches from Gov. Neil Goldschmidt and University President Myles Brand.

Shusaku Miyake, senior vice president of the American-based subsidiary and general manager of the Portland office, said the company made the donation to contribute to the region and honor University alumnus Philip Knight, president and co-founder of Nike, Inc.

"We want to demonstrate our long-term commitment to the people of Portland, of Oregon and of the Pacific Northwest in the best way we know how, and this is by making a significant contribution to higher education in the region," Miyake said.

"The second reason for our contribution is to honor Mr. Knight," he said. "We hope that by our giving \$1 million, people everywhere will understand the high esteem in which we hold him."

The \$1 million is the largest gift ever given by Nissho Iwai, Miyake said.

Ties between Nissho Iwai America and Nike go back 20 years when the Japanese trading company helped the Beaverton-based Nike develop into the



Photo by Chris Bouneff

University President Myles Brand accepts a \$1 million check for the Knight Library from Shusaku Miyake, senior vice president of Japan's Nissho Iwai American Corporation.

industry leader it is today, Knight said.

"This gift is a model of the kind of collaboration between the University and the business community that is necessary if Oregon is to make significant advances in higher education," Brand said.

In recognition of the donation, the University will name the second level of the expanded Knight Library the Nissho Iwai Floor, Brand said.

"I think it is a critical benefit for the University," Brand said. "Students in humanities, as well as faculty, in social sciences, in business and other areas will be favorably affected by

this."

This spring the University also will award its first-ever President's Medal to Masaru Hayami, chairman and president of the Japanese parent company. The medal is the highest honor that can be given in recognition for supporting the University.

Moreover, Ryo Nishiura, president of Nissho Iwai American Corp. in New York, was named honorary distinguished professor in business management.

"A corporate gift of this scale is a first for this University," Brand said.

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Senate reviews proposed new course changes

By June Russell
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University Senate members met Wednesday to review proposed curriculum changes that would overhaul University course offerings and alter graduation requirements for entering freshmen of fall 1990.

Additions, deletions and other changes in courses and degree programs listed in the 284-page preliminary report by the Committee on the Curriculum for the 1990-91 academic year result from faculty and department efforts to revitalize the curriculum.

The renumbering of courses, replacing outdated courses with newly developed classes and the addition of three credits of race, ethnic and non-European American studies to graduation requirements were among the revisions addressed by the Senate meeting.

A recurring concern of student senators was the new requirement of a course dealing with race, ethnic and non-European-American cultures for graduation of students enrolling next fall. Senators discussed which courses in the curriculum fulfill the requirements, and the possibility of identifying other similar courses.

English literature, anthropology, history, international studies and East Asian languages and literature were listed among the departments offering courses that fulfill the new requirement.

"Every undergraduate graduating from the U of O must have had at least one course dealing with race or culture of non-European-Americans," said Paul Holbo, vice provost for academic affairs. "It's for breadth of culture. Actually, I

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Second annual peace conference starts Friday Policy making to be examined

By Catherine Hawley
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Peace scholars will be examining their roles as policy makers at the second annual national peace studies association conference taking place on campus this weekend, said Leslie Scott, conference events coordinator.

Three days of workshops, panel discussions and speeches on the theme "Challenges for Peace Studies in a Dramatically Changing World" are planned for about 150 conference-goers arriving from across the nation, Scott said.

"Peace studies is one of the newer areas of study for students of all ages," Scott said in a press release. "The field is having to make rapid adjustments because of the dramatically changing social, environmental and political realities of the world. That's what gives a special level of excitement and potential to the Eugene confer-

ence, as we study the role of Peace Studies in the post-Cold War world."

The keynote speech at the conference, "Criteria for a Transnational Curriculum in the 21st Century," will be given by Nobel Peace Prize nominee Elise Boulding. Boulding is founder and secretary-general of the International Peace Research Association, which was awarded the 1989 UNESCO Prize for Peace Education.

"She is the patron saint of peace studies," philosophy professor Cheyney Ryan said of Boulding. "Internationally, she is one of the most, if not the most, prominent people in the field."

Ryan, who also chairs the University's peace studies program, will participate in a panel discussion Saturday. Another University professor, Rob Proudfoot, will discuss his recent trip to Vietnam and the ties that link peace and the environment, at the conference opening ceremonies Friday at 1

p.m.

Other conference guests include George Katsiaficas, professor and author of *The Imagination of the New Left*, Gloria Duffy from Stanford University, and Betty Reardon, director of Peace Education at Columbia University, who will be a visiting professor for the University's Peace Studies Program spring term.

Scheduled workshops include sessions on the relationship between human needs and conflict, the link between peace and environmental issues, and the changing influence of nuclear war.

"Unquestionably, the nuclear arms race is not occupying as much attention as it has in the past," Cheney said. Ethnic conflicts, economic disparity and other issues are now becoming the focus of attention as obstacles to peace, Cheney added.

Although many of the people attending the conference will be faculty members and admin-

istrators interested in introducing or improving peace studies programs at their universities, the conference workshops are open to anyone interested, Scott said.

One series of workshops, designed especially by and for students, includes a session on career opportunities and graduate programs in the field of peace studies and another on developing internships.

"Students in any discipline can become involved in the local grassroots peace movement and can move into local and national work," said Shannon Oliver, a peace studies student who helped plan the workshops.

Also part of the student issues series is a workshop on the tension between academics and activism and a session titled "Engaging the Disengaged."

"That will be a round table discussion of why the peace movement seems to be such an Anglo issue," Scott said, adding that peace studies programs are trying to attract more minorities and women.



Elise Boulding

The cost of attending conference events both Friday and Saturday is \$30 for students and \$50 for non-students. Students can purchase a one-day ticket for either day for \$15.

Eric Ward, a member of Students Against Apartheid and the Black Student Union, will host the discussion.

A separate admission is required for Saturday's banquet and keynote address by Boulding.