

# University ranks high in 'citation' research

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The University ranks third in the Pacific-10 Conference in research works cited, according to a newly published article in the April 1990 issue *Science Watch* magazine.

The report ranks the "citation impact" of the faculties in the Pac-10. It refers to the number of times articles in research journals were referred to or cited in other science publications.

"Citation impact is a way to measure how often research out of institutions is used," said John Mosely, University vice-president for research.

"It is a very logical way of measuring who cares about the research that is being done and the impact research has on the world of science," he said.

The University is ranked behind only Stanford University and the University of Washington. The research rich University of California, Berkeley is ranked fourth.

Brian Matthews, of the University's Institute of Molecular Biology department, said he was surprised by the report's findings.

"The results were news to us," he said. "We felt for some time that the quality of science has been very high. It is very pleasing to be ranked ahead of Berkeley."

On a national level, the report placed the University 19th. Mosely said he had felt for some time that the University is one of the top 25 research universities in the nation and that the report supports this contention.

The high ranking comes as a result of working hard and concentrating on it as a goal, Mosely said. The University has hired a number of quality faculty and gained in stature, he

said.

The key to staying near the top involves keeping the current faculty and being able to hire comparable faculty when people retire, Mosely said.

This may not be as easy as it sounds, however, as the University ranks 95th in terms of salary among research Universities nationally.

"The people that brought us the distinction are retiring, but we have brought in good people of similar quality and potential," Mosely said. "We are constantly recruiting."

Mosely said that there are other difficulties and problems involving recruiting, but that with no salaries, the University would not be in the game. Mosely pointed out that the University can still recruit top people in the country with salaries lower than the competition.

The University has fallen so far behind in faculty salaries that it needs a 20 to 25 percent increase in salaries just to get caught up with the competition, Mosely said.

Matthews said one of the benefits of the University is its location.

"We've benefited from the fact that Eugene and the state is a pleasant place to live," he said. "This advantage has helped us attract a larger quality faculty."

Matthews said he has been very pleased to note the awareness of the governor and the State Board of Higher Education of the need to address the faculty salary problem.

Mosely believes that a strong sense of community exists at the university, and that it is this sense that keeps people at the University.

"If not for this sense of community and pride, people would leave," he said.


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Another roommate in the quad, Geoff Guiger, was quoted in *The Register-Guard* as saying McIntyre already owned a rifle that he used for weekend shooting

outings and bought the pistol for personal protection. Guns were a hobby for McIntyre, said Guiger, who was not present when the shooting occurred.

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