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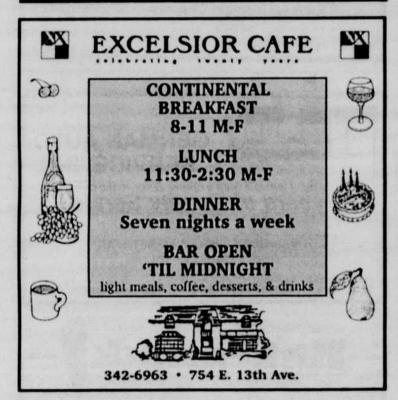
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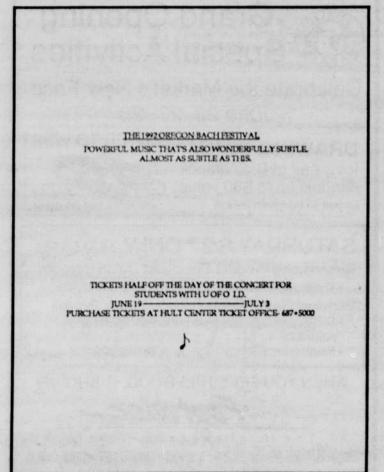


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### UNIVERSITY UPDATE

#### University film wins festival prize

A documentary film exploring the struggles and challenges of students of color at the University won the second-place award in a North Caro-lina film festival held May 29-31.

In Plain English, produced by Julia Lesage, a University associate professor of telecommunication and film, was awarded second prize in the documentary division. First place went to the makers of Mollye and Max, a film produced in Chicago

In Plain English was finished in April after more than two years of work. The film focuses on men and women of color and varying ethnic backgrounds as they comment individually on the many racial issues facing University students.

"Sometimes the students have a unified voice in the film and sometimes they have a varied voice," said Lesage in a press release. "I wanted to express the contrast of their experiences as well as the unity."

The film can be purchased for \$50 by calling Lesage at 346-4241 and is available for viewing at the Knight Library's Instructional Media Center. The film will also be distributed to the local cable access channel and to access channels in Portland and Salem.

#### New students urged to sign up early

Newly admitted University students need to sign up by Tuesday for this summer's IntroDUCKtion new-student orientation program, in order to reserve appointments with their advisers and register for fall term classes

Roger Morris, University orientation director,

said he expects more than 2,800 students and parents to participate in the summer program.

While on campus, IntroDUCKtion students can register completely for fall classes rather than waiting until the start of fall term in September.

Special sessions addressing parents' questions and concerns are included in the program, which will take place in July.

Five two-day programs are scheduled for July 12-13, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 and 27-28. A one-day program for transfer students is planned for July

The participation fee of \$60 for students and \$20 for parents includes a University catalog for students and an outdoor luncheon for students and parents.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Development at 346-1159.

#### Two students win Hairston Bell award

The University's Office of Multicultural Affairs awarded two students of color in May during the fifth annual Recognition Awards Reception.

Seniors Eric Ward, an African-American planning, public policy and management major, and Jon Motohiro, a Japanese-American marketing and management major, each received a \$500 Jewell Hairston Bell Award during the reception, which honors students of color who have made outstanding contributions to the University and

Bell, who died of cancer in August 1990, headed OMA from 1983 to 1986.

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out information, helping people decide if they want to go to U of O," Halstead said.

After that, students who have applied and been accepted are

given a call.
"They may have been accepted to several different schools and are trying to decide where to go," Halstead said, who added that it isn't just public relations work, but an honest attempt to help people plan their future.

"What we try to do is give out information that makes the U of O look attractive, but some of the information we give out could just as well be used to go somewhere else," Halstead

The "hard sell" approach doesn't work, he said, and callers give information to help choose the right school, which isn't necessarily the University.

Halstead said it doesn't do

the student any good to attend the University on false pretenses. They end up unhappy and would likely leave at the first opportunity. For that rea-son, it doesn't do the University any good either.

The students who make the calls answer questions about the dorms, life in Eugene, classes, sports and student programs. But what makes the project work is that students who've been through it all are the ones giving the answers.

"A lot of the people we call want to know how much harder college is than high school, how much time you have to spend studying," Halstead said.
"They really want to hear personal experiences. Each caller tries to figure out what's of concern to the student and it varies

with each person."
Halstead first began working for the Office of the Dean of Students through NSTP and one of last year's callers, Tara Carpenter, also landed a job

Campus

with the office after her graduation in 1991

Now an admissions counselor, Carpenter said in a press release that the experience with NSTP was as much a benefit to her as those she called.

"I realized how greatly I en-joyed letting students know what an incredible opportunity higher education is and how much the University of Oregon has to offer," Carpenter said. "As an admissions counselor, I have the same opportunity, except I get to do it full-time. NSTP is an extraordinarily helpful and rewarding experi-ence for both the staff and incoming students.'

Halstead said the positive feedback is a testament to that.

"We've had parents call and say how great this is, that they didn't know we did this. And a lot of students who end up working for us do it because they remember getting that call themselves," he said. "It's unusual for a college of our size to do this type of thing, but people have really expressed to us that they appreciate it."



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