

UNIVERSITY UPDATE

The following students have all received honors and awards within the last month:

- **Kaira Esgate**, a sophomore political science major, received the Barkhurst Award. This plaque is given to a sophomore for academic excellence and university service. Esgate is a member of two academic honor societies, works as a political science peer adviser and volunteers for KidSports.

- **Vanessa Pepe**, a junior Spanish major, was awarded the Cristman Award. This full-time tuition grant is awarded to a junior woman for leadership, service and scholarship. Pepe volunteers for Women-space, worked as an English teacher in Thailand and works with the blind.

- **Lisa Griggs**, a junior journalism major, was awarded the Gerlinger Cup. This award recognizes a junior woman for scholarship, leadership and service to the community. Griggs is a Presidential Scholarship recipient as well, and has done extensive work with the orientation program for new students.

- **Eric Bowen**, a senior political science major, received the Hawk Award. This award recognizes an outstanding senior student for leadership, scholastic achievement, service to students and the University and involvement in undergraduate activities. Bowen is the 1993-94 president of the ASUO, works with Oregon Student Lobby and has held leadership positions in Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

- **Donavan Dichter**, a junior recreation-tourism management and design major and business major, received the Hunter Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a junior man for leadership and making a notable contribution to the student body. Dichter, active as a leader in the Greek system, was a president of Wilcox residence hall, was a peer adviser and is a member of the Mortar Board Honor Society.

- **Mark Rhinard**, a junior political science major and an English major, also received a Hunter Scholarship. ASUO Vice President-elect Rhinard is a member of the Mortar Board honor society, was director of University Day 1994, is a mentor for the University High School Equivalency Program and is an Eagle Scout.

- **Joshua Thomas**, a junior journalism major, won the Koyle Cup. The Koyle Cup is given to the junior man who "has shown the best all-around progress in leadership, service and academic progress." Thomas is president of the chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, a forensics team member and a Student Senator.

- **Leslie Warren**, a senior psychology major, won the Wilson Cup. This award recognizes a senior student who shows leadership and willingness to challenge controversial thought. The student must also stimulate debate, awareness and educational efforts in areas of social and cultural thought. Warren is the 1993-94 ASUO vice president, former director of the Black Student Union and is a member of the *Oregon Daily Emerald* Board of Directors.

- **Kelly Blair**, a senior finance and management major, won the Emerald Athletic Award. This award recognized a University student-athlete with academic, athletic and scholarship achievements. Blair is a two-time All-American, and the defending NCAA heptathlon champion.

- **Sara Wilson**, a senior psychology major and a women's basketball team member, won the Jackson award for senior women with athletic ability and the gift of inspiring other athletes. Wilson led the Pacific-10 Conference in field goal accuracy, shooting 59.3 percent. She is also a two-time academic all-conference honoree.

- **Rick Cartwell**, a sophomore undeclared and cross country runner, was awarded the Doyle Higdon Memorial Trophy for student athletes. Cartwell was the Ducks' second finisher in the district meets and third finisher in the NCAA championships.

- **Jasmine Pittenger**, a senior Spanish major and international studies major, won the AAUW Senior Recognition Award. This award is presented to an outstanding senior woman by the Oregon division of the American Association of University Women. Pittenger is a resident assistant in the dorms, a member of the Golden Key national honor society and a Spanish interpreter for Sacred Heart Hospital.

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Yale University and spent a year as an equity researcher on Wall Street before deciding to pursue a career in writing. As an equity researcher, Lee tried to predict what stocks would do well in the future.

"It was crazy and exciting," Lee said. "I don't regret that I tried it. My parents were happy that I got a good job. But it wasn't what I was really interested in."

Lee credited the University with providing the support and creative atmosphere needed to create the book. He especially thanked Garrett Hongo, a 1989 Pulitzer Prize finalist who is a professor in the creative writing program, and his writing professor at Yale University, Henry Lewis Gates Jr.

Lee said that an exciting, diverse era is opening up in the world of literature.

"You go into any bookstore,

not just the one at the University, and they have a lot of writers from non-anglo backgrounds," he said.

Lee said he thinks writing markets are growing more diverse not only because there is more interest in non-anglo literature, but also because more immigrants are finding the time and place in America to write.

"People ask me why there aren't many Korean-American authors," Lee said. "It's because most Korean-Americans don't have the time to write. There were not many Koreans in America until after 1965. The new immigrants are busy feeding their families and finding jobs."

Lee said that as Koreans and other ethnic groups find a place in America, their artistic and social influences will grow.

Lee is currently working on another novel and a book of essays about the Korean-American community in the United States.

AWARDS

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Dickman immediately credited his fellow teachers for making the award possible.

"It's funny that we recognize a teacher or two or three," Dickman said. "This may sound trite, but teaching in the biology department I have really learned from my colleagues."

Dickman notes that the material he teaches helped him, too. He said his forest biology course and his global ecology classes are important to him and to many of his students.

"It makes my job a lot easier," he said.

Dickman was one of three teachers so honored with a surprise visit from the University's president.

The other two professors honored were Mary C. Wood, a professor at the Law School, who won the other Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching, and Henry M. Alley, a professor of literature at the Honors College who won the Faculty Achievement Award for Distinguished Teaching.

"I knew I had been nominated," Alley said, "but I had no idea that I would walk into my classroom on Monday morning."

Alley said that his students are what made the award possible.

"The Honors College stu-



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Myles Brand presents biology professor, Alan Dickman, the Ersted Award and a check for 2,000 dollars for his excellence in teaching.

dents are great," Alley said. "I love teaching the small classes of highly motivated students who are challenged to think."

Alley said the key to his teaching is the willingness to learn with his class.

"I always learn something in the process of teaching," Alley said. "I'm always prepared to change my mind, or learn a new adaptation of the great classics that I teach."

As a distinguished professor, Alley also credited the teachers who taught him and his colleagues in the Honors College.

Alley also received a crystal apple and will receive \$2,000, which will be added to his base

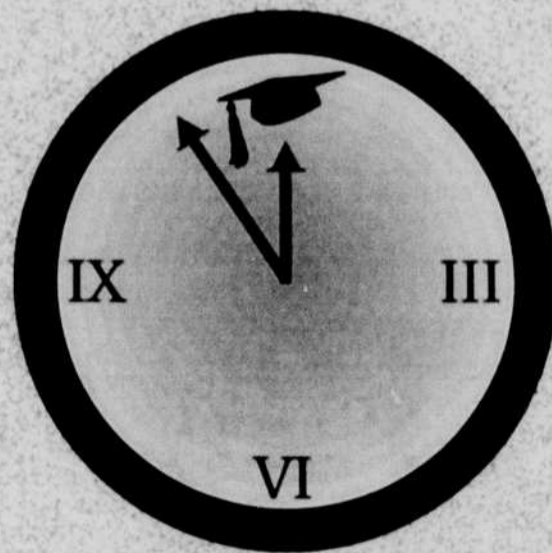
salary in subsequent years.

Professor Mary C. Wood, who could not be reached for comment, received her award May 15 during the Law School Commencement Ceremonies. These awards are given out annually.

The Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching was created by the late A.J. Ersted to encourage and reward exceptional teachers early in their careers.

The Faculty Achievement Award for Distinguished Teaching was started in 1984 with funds supplied by the Burlington Northern Foundation to honor senior faculty members.

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