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Precious metal



"Silver Man," who covered himself with silver paint for the occasion, grooves to the music near the main stage of the Oregon Country Fair as the annual event wound up its 25th year Sunday afternoon.

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Freshmen learn Duck essentials

By David Thorn
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IntroDUCKtion:
New students gear up for University life

Several hundred members of this fall's freshman class got a two-day taste of University life on Sunday and Monday, as participants in this summer's first session of IntroDUCKtion.

From housing arrangements to academic responsibilities and from bike safety to AIDS awareness, everything there is to know about living and learning at the University will be covered at IntroDUCKtion — a sort of crash course in the college experience for new students and their parents.

Roger Morris, University director of orientation, said that IntroDUCKtion is designed with multiple goals in mind. "First of all," he said, "we want to confirm for them (the students and their parents) that the University is a good choice."

"At the same time," Morris said, the program is intended to help students "learn more about campus," which includes everything from how to decipher the schedule of classes to where to find a good pizzeria.

Junie Abele, a University junior who serves as a member of IntroDUCKtion's student orientation staff, said that students who participate in the program "get really well saturated as to what the University of Oregon is all about."

Accomplishing that in just two days can be a tall order, as several incoming students and their parents attested on Monday afternoon. Rafe Hanahan, a new student from Santa Rosa, Calif., called his experience at IntroDUCKtion "overwhelming," but he also said that it was "exciting at the same time, getting ready to go to school."

"I arrived knowing very lit-

tle about the program (IntroDUCKtion)," said Sandy Fletcher of Ashland, who was waiting for her son Drew to return from an appointment with his academic adviser on Monday. "It was very informative — almost an overload, there was so much to learn. There was almost too much information."

Anna Weitzenberg, of Sacramento, Calif., said she also felt a little overwhelmed by the volume of information provided at IntroDUCKtion. "You have to decide what classes to take kinda early." But, she said, "I can't wait to start. I've got all my classes. Now I'm just waiting to begin."

"It's a good program," said Rebecca Farmer, a friend of Weitzenberg's, also from Sacramento. "I won't be so clueless when I come back (in the fall)."

Relieving such anxiety is a prime objective of IntroDUCKtion planners. "People really are overwhelmed and disoriented," said IntroDUCKtion student director Chris Labunetz. "We really do do a lot of — well, orientation."

"This is their (the students') first contact with the University of Oregon, so we try to put our best foot forward and make them feel welcome," Labunetz said.

Morris, who has been directing IntroDUCKtion for 10 years, said that 2,100 incoming freshmen and transfer students have registered for the program this year. Only a fraction of those attended the Sunday-Monday session; most will be attending one of the six remaining sessions, which will be conducted throughout the month of July. The first of those begins Thursday.

Although slightly fewer students are enrolled in IntroDUCKtion this year than last, the percentage of new students who choose to attend the voluntary sessions is still high. About 70 percent of freshmen come each year.

Deadline for reporting sexual harassment extended

Codes: Critic says law has improved, but is still confusing

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Revisions of University sexual harassment codes adopted in May have extend-

ed the timeline for reporting an harassment incident from 180 to 365 days. The University codes now comply with Oregon State System of Higher Education rules that were adopted earlier this year.

In addition, the revisions included language designed to clarify between sexual harassment and other forms of discrimi-

nation.

"I certainly think enlarging the time frame was the most significant change," said Pete Swan, assistant to the President for legal affairs at the University, although he said "some people felt it was misleadingly organized."

Marlene Drescher, director of the Office

of Student Advocacy, said "There are still some problems with the rule, although it's better." One of the main problems for Drescher is the lack of distinction between sexual and racial harassment. "It's confusing and unfortunate that (racial) dis-

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