

Retired professor receives high honor

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Last December, H. Royce Saltzman, a retired University professor and co-founder of the Oregon Bach Festival, received the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Saltzman was given the award for initiating "a cultural exchange that has brought together the musicians and musical heritage of Germany and America" with his involvement with the Oregon Bach Festival.

The festival is a summer musical event, made up of more than 40 concerts, workshops, and lectures. It operates largely under the jurisdiction of the University, although it is essentially a self-supported arts organization.

The award, which is Germany's highest honor, is only one of the items on the long list of Saltzman's accomplishments.

Saltzman was born in Abilene, Kan. He received a bachelor's degree from Goshen College, a master's from Northwestern Uni-

versity and a doctorate from USC. He came to Eugene in 1964 and has served the University as a music professor, teaching classes in choral literature, conducting and a now defunct master's program in church music, as well as directing the University Singers.

In the past several years, his work has been entirely in administration. He served the School of Music both as acting and associate dean from 1972 to 1983. He retired last year and now works at the Oregon Bach Festival on a part-time basis.

Saltzman co-founded the Oregon Bach Festival with artistic director Helmuth Rilling in 1960. Not only does the festival promote appreciation of classical music by providing concerts, but it has also given artists wonderful career opportunities by commissioning composers and musicians. It also brings internationally known performers to the Eugene area.

Saltzman said he thinks Eugene is a great home for the

Bach Festival for many reasons, including the access to the Hult Center and its facilities, the positive working relationship between the Eugene community and the University and the fact Eugene is small enough to have a warm, receptive atmosphere where a lot of support is found for such a festival.

"I don't think a festival like this could easily flourish in New York or L.A.," Saltzman said.

Outside of his commitments to the Oregon Bach Festival, Saltzman enjoys tennis, golf and traveling all over the world. He has served on juries for choir competitions in such locales as Italy, Germany and the Czech Republic.

His large family, including four daughters and seven grandchildren, is a very important part of his life. His oldest daughter, Kathy Romey, is a choral conductor at the University of Minnesota and worked on the Bach Festival's staff last June when it celebrated its 25th anniversary.

People who have worked with

Saltzman invariably say they feel lucky to know such an extraordinary man. The current director of University Singers, Professor Richard Clark, says he has benefited from knowing Saltzman ever since Clark was one of his graduate students in 1964. Since then, they have worked together on the same faculty and at the Oregon Bach Festival.

"He has been a real help and mentor, as well as a good friend," Clark said. "He's a remarkable guy, a superb administrator and teacher and he's great with people."

This testimony can be verified simply by talking to Saltzman, who clearly enjoys the contact with people his work brings to him. In fact, he says the involvement with students and Bach Festival audiences is what makes his work worth the time and energy.

"Without any question, the greatest reward of my work is being able to contribute to other people's lives," Saltzman said.



Forester, activist George Shook will speak about timber sale in Siskiyou

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Well-known forester and activist George Shook will speak tonight about an old-growth timber sale in the Siskiyou National forest.

The free lecture and slide show, sponsored by the University Outdoor Program, will begin at 7:30 in the EMU Ben Linder Room.

Shook, 53, earned his forestry degree from Syracuse University and has worked for the U.S. Forest Service and private corporations. During the last 10 years, he has served as an advocate for ancient forest protection, aligning himself with Earth First and recently with the Siskiyou Regional Education Project.

A project staff member, Kelpi Wilson, said Shook's lecture is a "hiking trip of what a typical backpacking trip in the Siskiyou is like. [Shook] takes you along the trail and shows you what's there as well as different threats" to the region.

Outdoor Program Environmental Coordinator Jon Raymond contacted the Siskiyou Education Project after reading about the sale of a plot of old-growth timber — known as the Sugarloaf Sale — in the Rogue River/Medford area.

The Sugarloaf sale is surrounded by controversy because the timber is the first to sell after President Clinton enacted a plan to protect old-growth while ensuring a timber harvest.

Critics have gnawed at the

Sugarloaf Sale, marking it as Clinton's environmental and public relations blunder. The sale of the 660-acre plot of old-growth, they say, is a valuable watershed, allied by an army of conservation activists.

So how did the Clinton Sugarloaf area sell if the Clinton plan guarantees the protection of old-growth timber?

According to the Fall 1994 issue of the *Headwaters Journal*, a last-minute clause was written into the President's Forest Plan allowing the harvest of 21 1990 timber sales.

Raymond said the Outdoor Program sponsored Shook's lecture to help wilderness enthusiasts and adventurers understand the environmental politics surrounding Northwest forests.

Pullman campus will increase housing

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Washington State University has released a plan to increase student housing on campus by more than 3,100 beds in the next decade.

The plan, intended to address expected enrollment increases, includes construction of four new apartment complexes and two residence halls by the year 2005. The projects would increase student housing capacity from the current 6,387 beds to 9,522.

The plan released Friday

includes a project currently under construction to build 130 apartments for families and graduate students near the southwestern corner of campus. The apartments are scheduled to open for the start of fall semester in August.

In addition, a 600-bed residence hall would be finished by 1997. Also planned are a single-student apartment complex in 1999, a second residence hall in 2000 and two more apartment complexes in 2001 and 2003.

The projects would be funded

by revenue from WSU's housing and dining system and would require no state money, said Sallie Giffen, vice president for business affairs. The apartment complex now under construction is projected to cost \$11 million, while the first residence hall is expected to cost \$20 million to \$25 million.

Enrollment at WSU is projected to increase to 24,000 by 2005, and high school graduations in the state are expected to increase by 50 percent to nearly 75,000 a year by 2010.

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but not without saying that we are opposed to the killing inside the clinics as well," said Right to Life executive director Linda Harrington.

Annabelle Kitzhaber, mother of Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber, read biographies of the those slain outside abortion clinics.

"We needed to do this," said Annabelle Kitzhaber. "We need to turn away from violence and I'm delighted this (service) is happening."

Also attending the service was State Representative Kitty Piercy, who commented on the need to acknowledge different opinions on the subject.

"It is very important, no matter how strong your belief, to have respect for different opinions," Piercy said.

The lives of Dr. David Gunn, Dr. John Bayard Britton, James H. Barrett, Shannon Lowney and Leannes Nichols, who were killed during anti-abortion protests, were remembered at the service Friday.

Sunday marked the 22nd anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade.

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