

Graduates learn to compete in 'real world'

Entrepreneurs: Robert Stephenson
Former students start their own pet grooming business

Two University graduates have opened their own pet grooming business in Eugene and are now finding out just how difficult life can be after college.

Dan and Trish Cole, who graduated from the University in 1988 and 1990 respectively, opened their store, Suds 'em Yourself, one year ago. Both have been working with animals in one capacity or another

since their graduation.

The idea for opening Suds 'em Yourself came while Trish Cole was employed by The Tropical Pet Center as an assistant to the groomer. Her idea was simple, logical, creative and was turned down by the esteemed groomer of the pet center.

Trish Cole proposed that during the groomer's days off, the public could come in and wash their pets in the groomer's tub with the groomer's supplies for a flat rate.

The convenience of such an idea is the pet owner's Rosetta Stone. No mess, no backache and no partially dried dog running rampant through the house rubbing its half-wet body across every piece of furniture in sight — leaving behind the stubbornly potent eau d' dank dog.

The death of her idea at The Tropical Pet Center was the catalyst for the opening of Suds 'em Yourself, which put the University graduates in business for themselves.

When asked how they would assess the idea's progression into reality and the business' progression in terms of finances, Trish Cole smiled and said, "Difficult. Business has been better than I expected, but the expenses have been greater than I expected as well."

It has been an eventful first year for the entrepreneurs. First the heater on the "as-is" leased proper-

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La Sirena Encantadora



These mermaids are typical of the designs carved in the Las Balsas region of Guerrero, Mexico. The mermaids are on loan from Susan Dearborn Jackson who collected them along with six contemporary mermaid legends from artists and craftspeople in the region. The exhibit is called La Sirena Encantadora: The Mermaid in Mexican Folk Art and Legend. It can be seen at the Museum of Natural History, Wednesday through Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. until March 12.

OSPIRG campaign helps homeless, threatened species

Activism: The student group will collect canned food and create an adopt-a-species program

Tasha Eichenseher
Oregon Daily Emerald

Feeding hungry people and protecting endangered species are top priority for students involved in a University program that prides itself on activism and affecting public policy.

The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group [OSPIRG] is sponsoring two campaigns this month. Its hunger and homelessness project group is working to collect at least 200 cans of food, which it will donate to Food for Lane County. And its endangered species project group is asking important people in the community to adopt a threatened species.

Hunger and Homelessness

The hunger and homelessness group will be collecting canned food this week in the main entrance of the EMU from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the hope of receiving enough donations to build a castle out of the cans.

Project leader Michael Talbott said he hopes the campaign will generate enough donations so the castle can be created by the end of this week. The group thought a castle would be a good idea because it's a visual that gives contributors a sense that they are doing something to help.

Despite the bad rap the homeless are getting from the press, Talbott said, the homeless problem is consistently one of the main concerns of students.

"It's all well and good to make fun of beggars, but this is doing something about it," he said. "It's putting your money where your mouth is."

He said hunger and homelessness problems in Eugene are getting worse.

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Seminar will teach self-esteem

Youth: This workshop will deal with the lack of self-esteem in youngsters

Jennifer Carr
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

A one-credit workshop on youth and self-esteem is being offered Saturday, which will try to teach students successful strategies for increasing the level of self-esteem in at-risk youths.

This seminar, taught by Jerry Conrath, who has more than 20 years of classroom teaching experience and specializes in drop-out prevention and discouraged kids, demonstrates positive ways to interact with youths and positive interventions to help youths become more respectful of themselves and others.

Conrath said simply providing positive feedback and encouragement no longer works with today's at-risk youths who grow up in poor neighborhoods, which tend to magnify the neg-

ative aspects of our society.

"We need to help youths earn self-esteem and this won't happen by simply giving them warm and fuzzy encouragement," Conrath said.

"They need to understand the cause and effect of their actions. Their behavior has effects and the effects are their responsibility."

Conrath tries to breakdown the association between self-esteem and monetary wealth and good looks by teaching youths that self-esteem can be gained only through positive behavior, respect and responsibility.

"We need to teach youths what they're responsible for and what they're not responsible for," Conrath said. "You are not responsible for beau-

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■ GOOD MORNING

► SPOKANE (AP) — Every dog has his day, and Bailey's day was Sunday.

The 2-year-old labrador-shepherd mix survived a fall from a 50-foot cliff in a downtown park only to become trapped on a rocky shoreline near the base of a waterfall called the Spokane Falls.

But all ended well after a rescue crew lowered a firefighter down the cliff using a rope. The firefighter persuaded the dog into a harness, and man and beast were hoisted back up the cliff to safety.

A crowd of onlookers witnessed the rescue in Riverfront Park.

The dog's owners, Lisa and Tim Devaney, said they were

taking Bailey for a walk when she bounded over a guard wall above the falls.

"She just jumped over, and we saw her land on some bushes and then that was it," Lisa Devaney said. "She was down over the edge."

Bailey, a former rescue dog that was adopted at a local shelter, didn't appear to be hurt, Lisa Devaney said.

► OLYMPIA (AP) — No one won the \$6 million Lotto jackpot or the \$800,000 Quinto top prize in Saturday's drawing.

The top prizes in Wednesday's drawings will be \$7 million in Lotto and \$900,000 in Quinto, said Washington State Lottery spokesman Richard Paulson.