

Cemetery celebrates anniversary with walking tour

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Residents of the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery came alive this weekend as their lives and histories were shared with interested community members on the "Walking-Talking Tour Open House" at the cemetery Saturday.

The Pioneer Cemetery, located on the south end of campus between the Knight Library and McArthur Court, celebrated its 123rd anniversary this year.

The tour helped commemorate both the establishment of the cemetery as well as celebrate National Historic Preservation Week, which is May 13-21.

Pioneer Cemetery was established by the Oddfellow Lodge in 1872, and the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery Association, which sponsored the tour, was established 65 years ago to help care for and preserve the cemetery.

Histories of prominent members, founders and residents of the Eugene community were featured during the tour.

The stories of the cemetery residents tell of long treks to Oregon, great successes and failures and life's tragedies and comedies.

According to information provided by tour guide Ruth Lake Holmes, Harrison R. Kincaid, for whom Kincaid Street is named, died in 1920 after walking nearly the entire route from Indiana to Oregon. Kincaid worked for various Oregon and Lane County newspapers and founded the *Oregon State Journal*.

University Housing residents will recognize the name of J.J. Walton Jr., who, when the construction of Deady Hall fell on hard financial times, knocked on doors to beg for contributions to complete the construction. A county judge for many years, Walton drew up the bylaws for the University of Oregon Board of Regents.

Minnie Lockwood Washburn worked for women's suffrage in Oregon and president of the Fortnightly Club when they received a grant from Dale Carnegie to start the first Eugene Public Library. She was buried



Host John Sneed (center) guides Robert and Frida Miller through a tour of Eugene's history at the Pioneer Cemetery Walking Tour Saturday afternoon. The cemetery was established in 1872.

in the Pioneer Cemetery in 1920. A.V. Peters was the son of a sailing ship captain and a French mother. The front yard of the

owner of the A.V. Peters General Store, at the corner of Eighth and Willamette Streets, was a pet cemetery for his wife's cat.

More than 250 Oregon pioneers, most of whom helped build Eugene in its early years, rest in the 16-acre cemetery.

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MEETINGS

Oregon Ballroom Dance Club will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room D.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Alliance youth group will meet today from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. For more information, call 346-3360.

Sexual Assault Free Environment will meet tonight at 8:30 in EMU Cedar Rooms A and B. For more information, call 485-1027.

Mixed Heritage group will meet today from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Multicul-

tural Center. For more information, call 346-4207.

RELIGION

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship will meet tonight at 7:30 in Room 105 Esslinger. Pastor Steve Savalich of the Willamette Christian Center will speak at the meeting. For more information, call 346-0910.

MISCELLANEOUS

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Alliance will sponsor an informational workshop about

domestic partnerships and the law today from 3 to 5 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room. For more information, call 346-3360.

Muslim Student Association will sponsor a lecture today from noon to 1 p.m. in the EMU Walnut Room. For more information, call 346-3798.

Career Center will sponsor an office orientation today in Room 221 Hendricks from 4 to 5:15 p.m. Sign-ups for the orientation will be available in Room 244 Hendricks. For more information, call 346-3235.

Professor active in issues of environmental protection

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Ron Mitchell, an assistant professor in political science, says he wants to make a difference in the world.

"I want answers to the question of how do we make treaties that will cause people, companies and governments to treat the environment better," he said.

In his recent book, *International Oil Pollution at Sea: Environmental Policy and Treaty Compliance*, Mitchell sets out to do just that. The book discusses ways to make international treaties successful in protecting the environment. Released in fall 1994, his book won the 1995 Harold and Margaret Sprout Award for the best book on international environmental issues.

PROFESSOR PROFILE



Ron Mitchell

An occasional series

Mitchell said the motivation for the book came from a debate among international relations scholars about whether international law can influence people's behavior towards their environment. In his book, Mitchell not only claims it can influence behavior, but he sets out to explain what makes an environmental treaty successful or unsuccessful.

After spending his childhood in Hawaii, Mitchell received a bachelor's degree in American studies at Harvard University. Mitchell then earned a doctorate in public policy at Harvard University in 1992. He joined the University's political science faculty in fall 1993 and continues to teach courses on international environmental policy, international relations theory, international organizations and American foreign policy.

Mitchell enjoys surfing, snowboarding and rock climbing, but his activism in environmental politics is the driving passion in his life. He is currently working on a book about strategies for successful international regulation.

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Assistant political science professor

Mitchell praises the University's political science program for the diversity of intellectual interests and methodological approaches found among its faculty.

Mitchell said both his roles as an instructor and a researcher are vitally important to his occupation. As a teacher, he likes to challenge students to think critically about a problem.

"I feel good when I'm able to get a student excited about a topic," he said.

Mitchell said he finds doing research equally rewarding.

"I enjoy the opportunity to understand hard problems in hopes that my understanding can make the world a better place," he said.

Besides having published several articles on international environmental treaties, Mitchell has also worked in Vienna, Austria as a proposals' coordinator on a three-year research project conducted by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis.

Mitchell enjoys surfing, snowboarding and rock climbing, but his activism in environmental politics is the driving passion in his life. He is currently working on a book about strategies for successful international regulation.

"What motivates me is the notion that maybe some of my ideas will actually lead to better agreements ... the hope that people will adopt my proposals," he said.

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