

Meetings mix politics, agriculture, food

By Mara Stine
Higher Education Reporter

More than 30 social and natural scientists will present research at a two-day conference on the politics of sustainable agriculture Oct. 7 and 8.

Stuart Shulman, conference coordinator and third-year political science graduate student, said conference participants will benefit from presentations that will give different approaches to sustainable food systems issues.

"Food doesn't come from nowhere," he said. "Cheap food

isn't cheap. It has costs that aren't immediately visible."

Soil loss, water pollution and chemical poisoning are becoming more common as rural communities disappear and corporate farms displace family farms, Shulman said.

"These are all things not seen under the supermarket facade of cheap and clean food," he said.

Co-organizer and political science graduate student Paul Thiers said the conference will attempt to make a connection between political scientists and

natural and social scientists.

"This is not an issue that political science has been involved with in the past but there's a lot of politics to it," Thiers said. "So a lot of political scientists and other social scientists are getting interested in sustainable agriculture."

The conference is open to the public and begins at 9 a.m. in the EMU. Registration is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door but seating is limited.

For more information, contact Shulman at 346-4868.

Freshman interest groups help new students adapt

■ **CAMPUS:** 38 sections offer students social group and academic support

By Cindy Long
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With questions on how to study for a chemistry quiz and what a Writing 121 professor wants in an essay, a pre-health sciences freshman interest group met for the first time Monday to discuss these and other new student jitters.

Welcome to a typical freshman interest group at the University. Eleven years ago these groups were formed at the University with only two sections. This fall that number expanded to 38.

Jack Bennett, freshman interest group program director, said he created the program, which has been adopted by at least 20 other colleges and universities over the past 11 years. The University of Washington, for instance, now has about 46 freshman interest group sections.

Bennett began creating freshman interest groups because he saw freshmen and new students with incoherent schedules that didn't meet group requirements.

He thought the groups would simplify scheduling and provide personal connections so students wouldn't feel socially isolated, he said.

"They provide a close connection to student mentors who know and like the university," Bennett said.

Each section is lead by two students and meets weekly during the first five weeks of

the term. Students who participate in the program have three-quarters of their schedule automatically designed for them.

"It's an academically based social group," he said.

Bennett also said some sections are not specific to a major, while others are designed for students who are focusing on a specific major such as pre-business, pre-architecture or pre-journalism.

Jodi Johnson, freshman interest group GTF, said many students are involved in the program already.

"We are serving 826 freshmen at this point," she said.

She said the program reserved five sections for new student week this year, so students who could not come during the summer Introduction program could still participate.

By having open sections during new student week, the program is open to a new population it wasn't able to serve before, such as students from foreign countries, Johnson said.

Some students who are involved in the program as freshmen continue with it throughout their college career.

Michele DeMoss, a freshman interest group student aid, said she became involved in the program as a freshman and was a group leader last year. The junior said her experiences in the program have shown her its value.

"I think it's a real worthwhile program," DeMoss said. "You see the results with freshmen right away."

You're Invited!!

We're having a celebration of the career and contributions of our mutual friend and colleague, John Schellman, and we hope that you will be able to come and join us in celebrating John at this very special event.

JOHN SCHELLMAN CELEBRATION
Saturday, October 7, 1995

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| 8:15 a.m.: | Continental breakfast in the Atrium |
| 8:50 a.m.: | Welcoming Remarks: Opening of Symposium (John Moseley) |
| Symposium, Part I
110 Willamette Hall | |
| Macromolecular Conformations, Interactions, and Mechanisms
(Rick Dahlquist, Chair) | |
| 9:00 a.m.: | Robert (Buzz) Baldwin: "Alpha Helix formation by Peptides and the Mechanism of Protein Folding" |
| 9:40 a.m.: | Pete von Hippel: "Origins of Specificity in Gene Expression" |
| 10:20 a.m.: | Coffee Break |
| 10:40 a.m.: | Carlos Bustamante: "Single-Molecule Studies of DNA Mechanics" |
| 11:20 a.m.: | Jim Hofrichter: "How Fast Do Proteins Fold? Rapid Events in the Folding of cryochrome C" |
| 12 Noon: | Box Lunch in the Atrium* |
| Symposium, Part II
110 Willamette Hall | |
| Spectroscopy: Waves and Particles
(Bruce Hudson, Chair) | |
| 1:30 p.m.: | Bengt Norden: "Flow Linear Dichroism Spectroscopy for Probing DNA-Complex Structure" |
| 2:10 p.m.: | Vince Madison: "Solution Structure of the Ras-Binding Domain of C-Raf-1 and Identification of its Ras Interaction Surface" |
| 2:50 p.m.: | Heidi Schellman: "Gluons and Quarks and Electronic Sparks" |
| 3:30 p.m.: | Coffee Break |
| Symposium, Part III
110 Willamette Hall | |
| History and Perspectives
(Tom Dyke, Chair) | |
| 3:50 p.m.: | Peter Jemsen: "History of the Development of Optical Activity" |
| 4:30 p.m.: | John Schellman: "The Wayward History of Thermodynamics" |

*If you haven't already done so, please let Debbie in the Institute Office (6-5154) know if you'd like a box lunch; we'd like to get an approximate count. Thanks!

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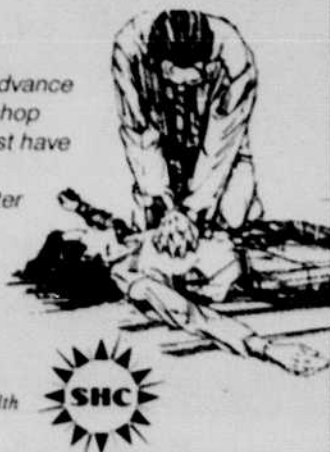
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| Tues., Oct. 17 | First Aid | 5:00pm-9:00pm |
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| Thurs., Oct. 19 | I/C CPR | 6:00pm-10:00pm |

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