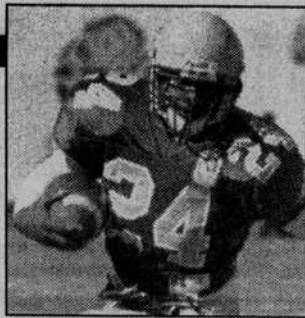


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Hyundai announces hiring plans

■ **EMPLOYMENT:** Entry-level employees will receive paid training, benefits and opportunities to advance within the company

By Kristin Bailey
Associate Editor

Despite the environmental controversies that have surrounded its entrance into Eugene, Hyundai is continuing full steam ahead in its plans to build semiconductors.

Hyundai Semiconductor America announced its plans earlier this week to hire as many as 350 manufacturing technicians for its computer chip plant. Entry-level job holders will earn \$9.50 an hour after completing a three-month, paid training program at Lane Community College. Some technicians will also be trained in South Korea.

Employees will receive a full benefit package, as well as up to \$5,000 a year in tuition reimbursement for approved course work.

"Hyundai is offering the opportunity to be hired at a company with limitless positions," public relations spokesman Dan Steinberg said. "There are quite a number of jobs in the semiconductor business, and the chances for advancement are wide open."

Job applicants only need to have completed high school. Hyundai has formed a curriculum at Lane Community College that will fulfill any other educational needs employees may require for their jobs.

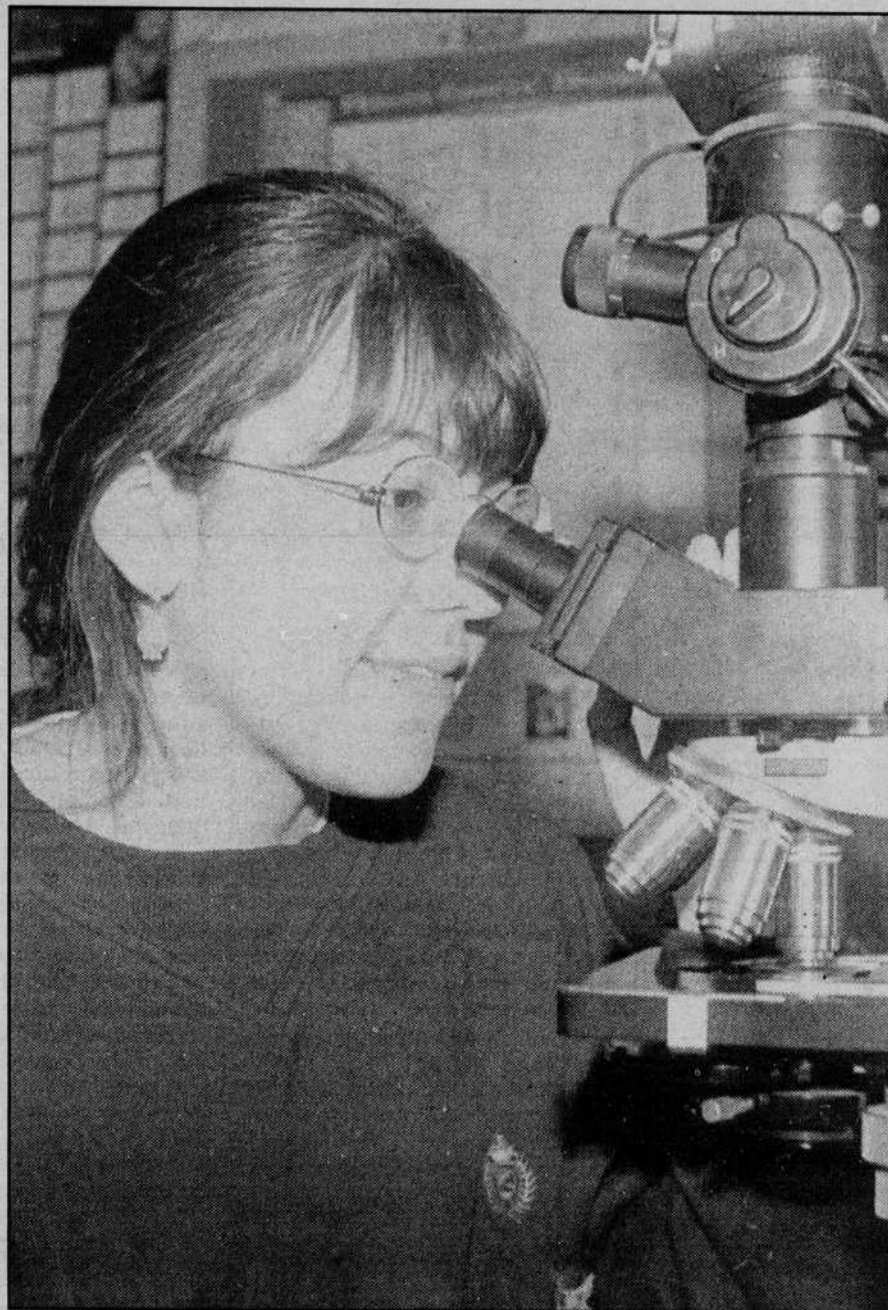
Courses in basic math and chemistry, as well as classes in the diffusion, etching and manufacturing processes will be required.

"With this proper training, the employees will be able to perform the proper functions," Steinberg said. "It is intensive, very specific training. But we want the employ-

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Given a Chance

Researching the Future



Catherine Losada, a high school junior from Astoria, studies forerunner cells in zebrafish embryos under a microscope.

Five minority high school students spent eight weeks doing research in the University's labs

By Carl Yeh
Freelance Reporter

Move over Mr. Wizard, these teens won't need your help setting up experiments.

Five teens who participated in the 1996 Minority High School Research Apprenticeship Program learned advanced scientific research methods while getting a taste of college life this summer at the University.

The program was first directed in 1987 by Professor Russel Fernald, now a professor at Stanford University. It was during this time that "the government finally realized that minorities did not have enough access to biomedical careers," said Paula Burkhardt, UO director of research.

The result of this realization was the National Institute of Health (NIH) providing the budget and guidelines for a minority apprenticeship program at this and other universities, said Burkhardt.

Participants of this program are minority teens from various racial backgrounds including two blacks, one Native American, one Hispanic and one Asian/Filipino.

For program participant Catherine Losada, a Hispanic high school junior from Astoria, this was a unique job opportunity.

"I think my job is kind of unusual because it deals with advanced biology and because I actually get to learn it," she said.



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Wildfires spread, hit reservation

The Associated Press

WARM SPRINGS — Fire swept through a 35-home subdivision Wednesday afternoon, 90 miles east of Portland, on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation as residents were evacuating their homes.

It was not immediately known how many structures were damaged or whether anybody was injured in the housing tract at the reservation.

The 24,000-acre fire on the reservation was one of dozens that have burned more than 350,000 acres throughout the West over the past week.

Firefighting forces have been stretched to the limit, with Nevada authorities summoning hand crews from New England and aerial tankers from Alaska.

Adaptive technology offers students independence

■ **LAB:** The University's Adaptive Technology Lab provides computers that are user-friendly for students with disabilities

By Tasha Eichenseher
Freelance Reporter

Janet Wentworth was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis during her first semester in college. By March of that same year, when she was 18, Wentworth was confined to a wheelchair and was legally blind.

Instead of dropping out of UCLA, as many people suggested, Wentworth worked to get a degree in English by listen-

ing to tapes of Shakespeare rather than reading books.

Now, 33 years later, Wentworth is the University of Oregon's ombuds officer and has been introduced to technology that is making her life a lot easier.

Wentworth uses the enlarged screen Macintosh computer in the University's Adaptive Technology Lab. The lab, which consists of two small rooms located on the first floor of the Knight Library, features computers that can talk to students, understand voice commands and magnify documents.

In addition, there is a scanner that can rapidly transfer printed material into com-

puter files and a braille printer.

"If this had been around when I first became disabled in 1963, I would have had so many more opportunities and resources," Wentworth said.

In the past, Wentworth took computer classes at other labs and was turned off by the fast pace and large class size.

"When this resource became available, it was at my pace and adapted to my needs."

Of the 24 students now trained to use the lab, those with lower than average vision get much assistance from the magnified screen, and the computers that can talk are

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