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OPS officers take off the brown uniforms

The officers in the University of Oregon Public Office Safety are now donning new uniforms. All University public safety officers will wear white shirts with dark blue pants and short, dark blue jackets in cooler months. The new uniforms will replace existing brown garments — official badges and insignias will be similar to those on the older apparel. The new sleeve patches are identical to those worn by public safety personnel at other Oregon State System of Higher Education institutions.

State approves bonus grants for students

The State Scholarship Commission voted Friday to continue awarding bonus grants to some private college students while thousands of their peers at both private and public schools do not even receive the basic state grant. The recommendation will be included in the SSC budget proposal to Governor Kitzhaber.

Currently, needy students at all post-secondary schools are eligible for the basic Oregon Need Grant. Grant sizes are smallest at community colleges (\$858) and largest at private colleges (\$1,518). Grants at Oregon State System of Higher Education schools fall near the middle (\$1,056).

However, only private school students are eligible for an additional supplemental grant, increasing their total state grant amount to as high as \$3,228.

Commencement to feature top conductor

Marin Alsop, one of the world's leading female classical music conductors, will deliver the 1996 University of Oregon summer commencement address at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, at the Memorial Quadrangle on the west edge of the campus.

More than 900 degree candidates are eligible to participate in commencement, which will be held outdoors, rain or shine. Tickets are not needed for the free public event.

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Briefly

During the ceremony, Alsop will receive one of the University's highest honors, the Distinguished Service Award. The faculty chose Alsop for the award because of her enormous impact on the cultural enrichment of all Oregonians through her leadership in developing music programs for people of all ages in the community and in establishing a world-class summer music festival showcasing American music in Eugene.

An internationally honored conductor, performer and educator, Alsop assumed the music director's post at the Eugene Symphony Orchestra in 1989, which was the highest conducting position any woman held in the world at that time. Five years ago, she helped found the Oregon Festival of American Music and became its founding artistic director and conductor.

Flux receives more national recognition

Already honored with more than a dozen awards, Volume 3 of *Flux*, the annual magazine produced by students in the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication, recently earned five more honors.

The 48-page issue, with the theme "Voices of the World," earned first place in the student magazine division for the best single issue of an ongoing magazine from the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

The magazine also earned the Society of Professional Journalists' Mark of Excellence Award for the best student magazine among the annual publications.

Sean Smith and Colleen Pohlig both won awards for stories they wrote for the issue of *Flux*. Lori Hinton earned an award for an individual magazine project.

Flux has won more than 65 awards since the first issue came off the presses in 1993.

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