

Brain studies earn award for professor

■ **TAKAHASHI:** Research on the brain's ability to filter background noise helped the instructor earn \$150,000 award

By Laura Cadiz
Higher Education Reporter

When biology professor Terry Takahashi received electronic-mail from a friend two weeks ago saying "congratulations," he didn't know what his friend was talking about.

But when Takahashi was notified he had received a three year, \$150,000 award to



TAKAHASHI

continue his research into the relationship between perception and attention, it became clear.

"I had written the proposal [for the award] and kind of forgot about it," Takahashi said. "It was exciting."

Since 1994, Takahashi has been delving into neurophysiology and studying attention and its effects on perception. This research earned him a McKnight Investigator Award presented by the McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience for "gifted mid-career scientists."

With the award, Takahashi

will work to discover how people can focus on one voice when mixed with background noise.

"We want to find out how ... the information is processed coming into the ears," he said.

Takahashi also said he is particularly interested in the elderly as he tries to understand how the brain locates certain sounds.

"[The research] is very important to understanding the human process," said Mike Posner, head of the University's psychology department.

Takahashi said his current research project is challenging because he's attempting to research it from a biological point of view.

"It's sort of a daunting task already," he said.

Takahashi said he has always been interested in how the brain works, but found an interesting inspiration in photography. The difference between what the human eye sees and what the camera captures on film intrigued and inspired Takahashi to research the brain, he said.

"The eye is much more selective," Takahashi said. "There's a whole bunch of detail that the eye misses."

In the past, Takahashi has studied how the brain computes the location of sound sources and how the brain sorts out various sounds. He originally started researching the auditory system when he was teaching at California Tech in 1982.

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Earthsaver will hold meeting about food

Earthsaver Eugene is having a general interest meeting tonight to discuss issues pertaining to food choice and its

impact on health, the environment and all life on earth.

The group is a local action group and part of Earthsave International, which supports the movement toward a plant-based diet. Tonight the group will show a short video followed by a discussion and information about involvement in the group. The meeting is in the EMU Walnut Room at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Darshan at 345-2414.

William Anslow picked for OSSHE finance job

■ **HIRED:** Anslow is leaving his position in New York to become a vice chancellor in Oregon higher education

By Tamyra Howser
Higher Education In-Depth Reporter

William H. Anslow is braving the winds and the rain of the Pacific Northwest to come work for the Oregon State System of Higher Education in Portland.

The newly-appointed Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration is leaving the State University of New York system. Anslow will start his new position in Oregon this January.

Anslow, who beat out 70 other applicants, was the Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Management at SUNY and has worked with finance and management there for 11 years. His duties included supervising a staff of 200 and being responsible for developing and maintaining financial management programs.

"Bill's knowledge and understanding of public higher education values and cutting-edge practices is first-rate," OSSHE

Chancellor Joseph Cox said. "He is a creative, outside-the-box thinker, and that is exactly what we sought."

In the Oregon state system, Anslow will be responsible for preparing, administering and monitoring the biennial budget, investment, payroll, telecommunications and computer-information systems. Other duties include facilities planning and administration and personnel and benefits management for state system employees.

"Bill Anslow's experience in and understanding of the financial requirements for academic and research needs of diverse institutions will be a great asset to OSSHE as we continue to seek cost-effective ways to deliver educational services to all Oregonians," said Herb Aschkenasy, state system president.

Anslow received a bachelor of arts degree in 1960 from Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass. He is replacing Weldon Ihrig, who left in August after being named Executive Vice President of the University of Washington.

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