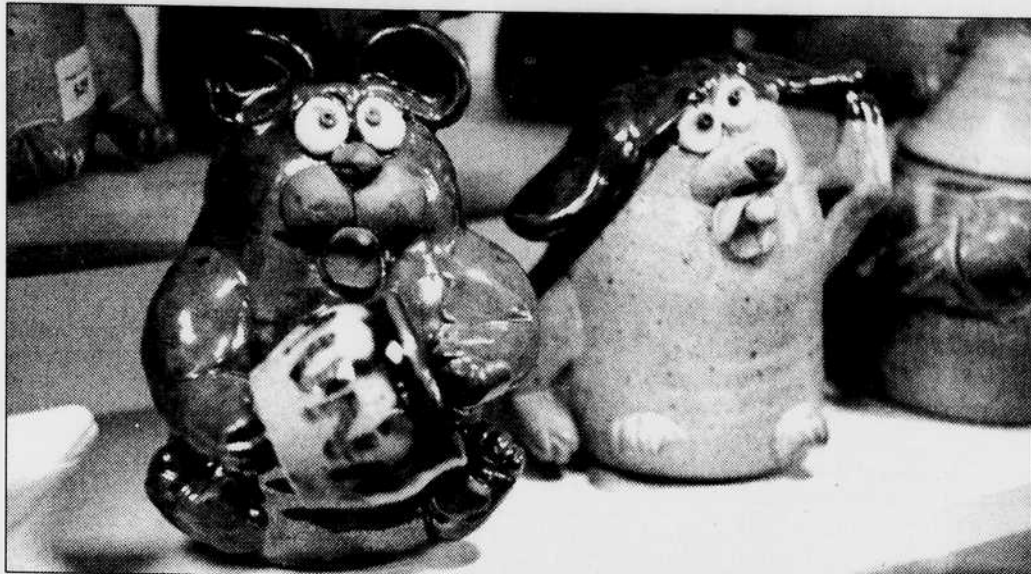


Serious ceramics



Frank A. Gosar, owner of Off-Center Ceramics, sells these "whimsical and functional ceramic" animals at Tuesday's Winter Craft Fair in the EMU Fir Room.

WENDY FULLER/Emerald

OSSHE establishes D.C. office

The Office of Federal Affairs will represent the interests of the state at the national level

By Kari Thorene
Higher Education Reporter

The Oregon State System of Higher Education established an Office of Federal Affairs in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 1 to act as a guide and advocate for Oregon higher education interests at the federal level in 1998. The senior associate director of government relations for OSSHE, Andy Clark, will staff the office.

"The mission and goals we have for Mr. Clark is to look out for the interests of the state system and its constituent institutions," said Grattan Kerans, OSSHE's director of government relations.

Clark worked in Salem for OSSHE's government relations branch from 1993 to October of this year. Prior to that he worked

for Rep. Peter DeFazio for two years.

The Office of Federal Affairs shares space with Gov. John Kitzhaber's federal liaison. The cost to OSSHE is \$16,000 for their half of the two-year lease and \$11,000 for capital outlay.

The decision to establish the Washington, D.C., office came in the wake of decreased representation for Oregon in key federal legislative committees. Specifically, the loss of Sen. Mark Hatfield in 1996 and Rep. Les AuCoin in 1993 sharply decreased Oregon's presence, said Francesca Clifford, communications specialist for the chancellor's office.

"The whole ground has shifted. We no longer have titans on the Appropriations Committee," Kerans said. "We have zero representation. The governor in that environment thought we needed to be more proactive."

Kerans said student financial aid is one issue that OSSHE cares

about that the Appropriations Committee addresses. Financial aid on the federal level is important to Oregon students because 80 percent of aid is federally backed, he said.

Additionally, Kerans said 1998 will bring federal decisions on new Internet technology, which is important to OSSHE in relation to the technology plans they approved last month and their goal of increasing high-tech education in Oregon, he said.

The federal government will also be reauthorizing the Higher Education Act in 1998, which is the basic legislation that determines how the federal government will relate to higher education institutions in the United States, Kerans said.

"We need to make sure we are making the best headway we can and not going up blind alleys," Kerans said. "Having a live and active experienced person there will help us do that."

SOCKS & SLIPPERS

A great selection for all sizes... and all budgets!



Footwise
THE BIRKENSTOCK STORE

181 E. Broadway • 342-6107
Mon-Sat: 10-6, Sun: 11-5

Let Us Do Your Holiday Shopping!

Come to our Silent Auction

Sat. Dec. 6 & Sun. Dec. 7

@ the Holiday Market

*gift certificates

*massages

*bike accessories

*sunglasses

*movie passes

*clothing

Project SafeRide

A bright idea in disguise.

With only the flip of a light switch, you can make a daily impact on the environment.

Every day, Americans buy three acres worth of light bulbs. Turning off the lights when you leave a room is only one of several things you can do to help cut down on wasted energy.

Every time you brush your teeth, you can save 9 gallons of water by simply turning off the faucet.

By recycling a single glass jar, like the one your fruit juice or spaghetti sauce comes in, you'll save enough energy to power a 100-watt light bulb for 4 full hours. Start making a difference today.

All the more power to you. To learn more information on how you can participate in recycling, call:

346-1529.



University of Oregon
Environmental Issues Committee

Sponsored by the University of Oregon Student Recycling Program

Cash
for textbooks, paperbacks,
study aids, magazines

We buy books
at fair prices every day
throughout the year
at both locations...

Smith Family Bookstore
A campus alternative since 1974

Text & General Books
(One block from campus)
768 E. 13th Ave.
345-1651

Smith Family Bookstore

General Books
(across from the Post Office)
525 Willamette St.
343-4717

**Oregon's BEST College Students
Deserve Oregon's Best Sandwiches**



HOMEMADE BREAD

plus

• Soup • Salads
• Baked Goodies

made fresh daily!

Catering available for your special occasion.



**75¢ OFF
ANY 12" SUB**

Limit one per coupon. Expires 1/7/98
NOT GOOD WITH ANY OTHER OFFER

880 E. 13th • 344-1949 (Across From U of O Bookstore)



**50¢ OFF
ANY 8" SUB**

Limit one per coupon. Expires 1/7/98
NOT GOOD WITH ANY OTHER OFFER

880 E. 13th • 344-1949 (Across From U of O Bookstore)