

# Professor donates \$1 million to UO

Part of the gift will fund the Center for Environmental and Resource Studies

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Professor Emeritus Ray Mikesell has given the University \$1 million to be used to study the economics of environmental problems. His is the largest donation by a faculty or staff member since the University Foundation's Oregon Campaign began in July 1992.

Mikesell saved that much by putting aside a portion of his income every year, he said.

"I simply allowed my nest egg to grow and never touched it," he said.

Mikesell, 85, had made provisions in his will for a donation to the University's Department of Economics, but he decided he would rather have his dreams realized while he's still around to watch — and be involved.

"It's a vehicle for keeping me more active in the department," he said.

His gift will support the Raymond F. Mikesell Visiting Professor in Environmental Resource Economics and fund the Center for Environmental and Resource Studies, which will provide students and faculty members with special seminars, attract visiting professors and finance research.

"It's a wonderful gift from a person who has been a dedicated part of the University for a long time," said Joe Stone, dean of the

College of Arts and Sciences.

Donations of \$1 million or more are equaled by funds from Phil Knight's \$12 million grant to the University, said Ann Mack, director of communication for the University Foundation. Knight will match Mikesell's gift to establish another endowed, professorial position in a related field in the social sciences.

Since coming to the University more than 40 years ago, Mikesell has taught courses in economic development and international economics, but his passion is environmental economics, he said.

"In many ways, economics is the most important aspect of environmental policy," he said.

Every environmental problem, such as acid rain and global warming, has costs and benefits. Environmental policy is never made without looking at the potential financial benefits of a new plan, he said.

He hopes the gift will result in more extensive cost-benefit studies of solutions to environmental problems, he said.

"There is a very sophisticated body of economic thought out there," he said. "I have always wanted us to get a top person in this field."

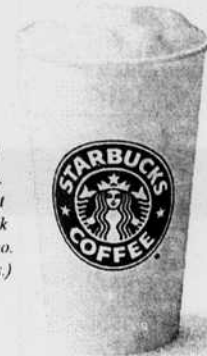
Although he no longer teaches, Mikesell continues to give occasional lectures, attend conferences and write. His 27th book will appear soon and his article about the International Monetary Fund's role in the Asian economic crisis will be published by the Milken Institute.

(something to ponder over your next cup of coffee)

## Why don't psychic hotlines call you right before you call them?

Why don't they? If you were even thinking about calling them, even if it just crossed your mind for a fleeting moment, why don't they call and say, "I sensed your thoughts. Can I answer any questions for you?" Now that would be impressive. Maybe the psychics on the hotline are just beginners. Why don't they just enter your thoughts from Buffalo or wherever they hang out? It probably would be tough to make a living that way.

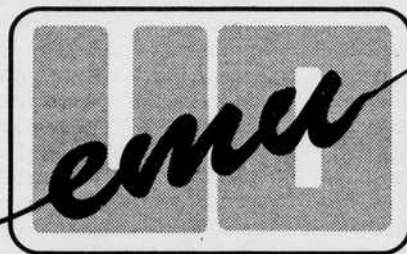
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4/3 WOW Hall

**Oregon Mozart Players**  
4/4 Hult Center  
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**Jonathan Richman**  
4/6 WOW Hall

**Eric Bogle**  
4/8 Agate Hall

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#### EMU Maintenance

Going abroad this summer? Need Work? The EMU Maintenance Department is taking applications for summer employment. Work will be geared toward completion of the renovation project (i.e. painting, polishing, cleaning, grounds work, etc.) \$7.00 per hour. If you are interested please call 346-3705, or come by the administration office at M101 in the EMU for an application.

## Banff Festival of Mountain Films

is finally coming to Eugene!

Presented by Eagle Creek Travel Gear and sponsored by the UO Outdoor Program, the "Best of the Festival" will be screened at 7:30pm on Tuesday, April 14 in 180 PLC. Tickets are \$5 students, \$7 others. Come early, as this will be a sell out. Contact Outdoor Program for details. 346-4365.



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### SEEKING STUDENT INPUT

#### U of O Process for Change

The Provost's Office has assembled several teams to identify what education should look like in the 21st Century — what changes are needed to provide high quality services to students, the people of Oregon, the nation and the world. How can we implement these changes rapidly? Team reports can be accessed on WEB:

<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~acadaff/change/process.html>

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Students can give input either through ASUO officers, e-mail to the Provost (provost@oregon), written comments to the Provost, contacting any of the conveners or team members listed on the web, or by contacting any of the deans.

**PLEASE HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND AID THE UofO POSITION ITSELF FOR THE FUTURE.**