

# Conference examines literature

Speakers from various universities gathered for the three-day program

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The Comparative Literature Department held its largest conference this past weekend called "The Nature of the Literary." The program was a three-day affair that included keynote speakers and faculty and undergraduate round table discussions.

Camilla Mortensen, a doctoral candidate and presenter said the round tables were a great way for students to get feedback from professors on their thesis papers.

Chandler Beall founded the department at the University in 1962 — the first of its kind on the West Coast. According to its Web page, comparative literature is "the meeting place not only of the humanities but of many other disciplines that involve interpretation, cross-cultural exchange and theoretical reflection on their own premises."

In comparison with other University departments, the Comparative Literature Department is diminutive with approximately 50 undergraduates pursuing this major.

Comparative literature combines several different fields of study like folklore and East Asian languages into one interdisciplinary major.

Professors came from as far away as the University of Oran, Algeria and the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil for the conference. Additionally, several professors from University departments including the Women's Studies Program and East Asian Language Department were present. This breadth of studies represented ties in with the department's interdisciplinary theme.

This is the biggest event the department has ever put on, said Roland Greene, the event organizer and University professor-on-leave.

"In the past four years, we have had several programs a year, but this year we decided to combine

our funds and put on one event," Greene said.

He stressed that the program was organized and produced by the graduate students but added that the program was a great way for the undergraduate students to become aware of the possibilities in the field.

Tomo Hattori from the University of Utah gave an address titled, "Revolution on Ice: Eldridge Cleaver and the Model Minority Discourse."

Cleaver was a founding member of the Black Panther Party. After Hattori spoke, members of the audience engaged in discussion.

"The lecture was an interesting interpretation of Cleaver's experiences," said student Sanjay Schmidt. "It sparked a rich conversation with a friend of mine."

Hattori said he felt the conference was effective.

"It is good to have a graduate school conference, a pre-graduating conference," he said. "It is a great way to interact since graduates are sometimes confined to themselves and their work."

## News Briefs

### Students to meet, discuss racial issues

An opportunity to discuss views on black advocacy will be offered at a student panel discussion tonight.

The meeting, titled "Black History: Past and Present," is sponsored by the Black Student Union and will focus on the issues of education, the Black Panthers and women in black history.

Students will also discuss issues relating to race and racial barriers on campus.

The meeting will be in the EMU Gumwood Room from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information regarding the event, contact

Jamila Singleton at the BSU at 346-4379.

### Frohnmayr to speak on new funding model

University President Dave Frohnmayr, students, faculty and community members will discuss what's in store for the University over the next biennium as the Oregon Legislature takes up the call for increased state support for higher education and considers the Oregon University System's new resource allocation model.

The town hall meeting is today from 3 to 4 p.m. in 100 Willamette.

The new funding model is considered to be more student-

centered, allows universities to keep the tuition paid by their students and is supported throughout the OUS.

The meeting will also include discussion of the University's Process for Change effort. In its second year, this campus-wide, interactive process engages the University community in thinking about ways to bring about important changes in the delivery of education as we enter the 21st century.

It already helped produce new initiatives, including the Dean's Scholarship program that automatically awards scholarships to entering Oregon freshmen with GPAs of 3.6 or above.

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**Jessica Loewen** EMU Child Care & Development Centers

**Laura Wallace** EMU Recreation Center

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Staci Hamacher EMU Child Care & Development Centers  
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Mary Ann Partridge EMU Accounting  
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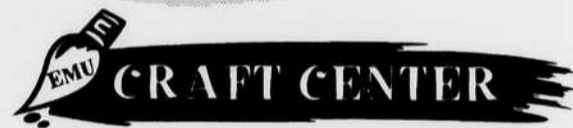
Wednesday • February 3 • 6-9pm • EMU Fir Room

## Women's Rugby Game

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