

# Leaders continue to grow

■ The ContinUO leadership institute gathers this June to help people in charge strengthen their skills

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This summer, the College of Education will hold the second annual ContinUO, a leadership institute geared at helping representatives from the private and public sectors make strides at their respective institutions to improve performance.

About 150 leaders from as far away as Canada will gather June 26 to 30 and tackle problems such as low school attendance, teen violence and student drop-out rates. The program also aims to reinvigorate leaders and encourage them to think differently.

Nancy Golden, director of ContinUO, said the institute, which will meet at the Eugene Hilton, has three main goals, which, if achieved, can help leaders in business as well as education.

The institute's goals are to ignite passion for work, get participants to think creatively and teach leadership skills, Golden said.

Though most of the attendants will be educators, Golden said businesses with a youth emphasis will also benefit from training because many of the issues overlap.

The five-day event mixes small group discussions, led by coaches, with keynote presentations. The most distinctive aspect of the event is that it will in-

corporate the arts and artists' leadership processes into leadership skills.

Pete Helzer, an Oregon-based sculptor, will relate the process of creating a sculpture to the process of achieving long-term goals in education and business.

The artistic aspect, Golden said, is what touches people and causes them to think differently

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about leadership problems.

"It causes you to get inspired and set high goals," Golden said. "I think the artists really hit the spot."

Dan Jamison, principal of West Albany High School, participated last year and will go through training to coach new participants this year. He said the program helped him change how he thinks about problems.

Since Jamison set goals at the institute, the high school has undergone dramatic changes. His goal was to change the culture and atmosphere at the school, and he and other administrators began to achieve this by changing the school physically.

The inside and outside of the

building were painted, and in a school assembly, he stressed the importance of keeping the school free of litter.

They also converted three classrooms into a student center and began to focus on character and sportsmanship.

Jamison said the institute helped him sharpen his focus on the possibilities for his school and the efforts have gained the school recognition.

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Result: parents feel more supported, according to a survey, and editorials that were once negative have become positive in newspapers such as The Oregonian.

Jamison called the institute "a transformational experience in rethinking leadership."

The institute also includes follow-up work so groups that worked together during the summer meeting can reunite and discuss the progress they have made on their goals, Golden said.

For Jamison, the institute was also a part of his superintendent licensure process.

Philip McCullum, who is associate director of administrative licensure at the College of Education, said the conference helps individuals figure out who they are as leaders and carry out the required step in licensure for superintendent.

"They begin to look at stretching leadership to looking at what are the possibilities for the school," McCullum said.

# Mixed matters met in senate meeting

■ While this year's final Student Senate meeting featured a few frivolous issues such as T-shirt funding, the group also took into account allocation of the remaining surplus money

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Student Senate meetings this year have featured yelling, crying, heated debate, multiple resignations and four nonfulfillment-of-duty charges.

The last senate meeting of the year on Wednesday night lacked that seriousness as a majority of the senators ended their terms in office.

The main business of the night revolved around what to do with the remaining surplus money that they didn't allocate to ASUO programs throughout the year. A plan was drafted in previous meetings to purchase T-shirts

for each senator, and on Wednesday they voted.

While the T-shirts cost \$304, Sen. Scott Kolwitz couldn't exactly say how much production costs would be. To cover those costs, the senate allocated a total of \$420, a number Sen. Dave Sanchez called "symbolic of the Eugene community."

Before the vote was taken, however, senators decided who would vote for and against the motion to intentionally tie on the issue, allowing ASUO Vice President Mitra Anoushiravani to cast the tie-breaking vote, something she has not been able to do all year. She voted in favor, and the senate got its shirts.

Senators got more serious when deciding how to allocate the rest of surplus. A senate committee worked for the past weeks to decide what should be done with the money but had no answers for the senate Wednesday night. Members suggested letting the money roll over for next year's senate to allocate or placing

it in subsidies for student groups holding events at McArthur Court and the EMU Ballroom.

Sen. Bob Bohannon suggested the money be removed from each student's incidental fee because students originally paid for the money in surplus through the fee anyway.

But ASUO Accounting Coordinator Jennifer Creighton pointed out that the fee is approved through the University to the Chancellor of the Oregon University System and couldn't be changed by the senate.

Senators agreed to use \$7,500 of the surplus to buy and place five lampposts on campus and let the rest roll over. Kolwitz said the money would simultaneously be going to improve campus lighting, a major problem on campus.

Even though her term as vice president ended Wednesday also, the senate approved Anoushiravani as an at-large member to next year's EMU Board. Appointed to the EMU position by new ASUO President Jay Breslow, Anoushiravani will also serve in an unofficial vice president role during the summer when new vice president Holly Magner is off campus.

Finally, before adjourning, Sens. Sanchez and Helen Stocklin-Enright presented many of the senators with awards that included "most likely to be impeached," going to Senate President Jessica Timpany and Sens. Spencer Hamlin, C.J. Gabbe and Jereme Grzybowski, all of whom were convicted of nonfulfillment-of-duty charges last term by the ASUO Constitution Court.

A smaller body of the senate, still yet to be formed, will handle business during the summer. When the full senate reconvenes in the fall, members will vote on the president and vice president for the year.

# Public not told about killer

EUGENE — The brother of a murder victim is angry the public was not notified when the killer skipped out on his parole more than 3 1/2 years ago.

"My reaction, quite honestly, is fear," said Gary Ford. "I just cannot believe that he skipped parole three years ago, or whatever it is now, and nobody bothered to tell us."

Ford's older brother, Greg, was stabbed to death at age 25 after being confronted by Tony Charles and two friends at a downtown mall in 1979.

Charles was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison with a 25-year minimum term, although the state attorney general's office later ruled the minimum term was invalid because Charles was 17 at the time of the killing.

Charles disappeared from the Portland area less than 1 1/2 years after his April 1995 release from prison.

Just months after dropping out of sight, police also believe he played a role in a bizarre gunpoint kidnapping of two women from a Eugene shopping center in November 1996.

Federal and local law enforcement officials have been on the lookout for Charles since he fled, but until state corrections officials listed him on the "most wanted" list two weeks ago, no public notification of his status was given.

Lane County Assistant District Attorney Bob Gorham, who prosecuted Charles for Greg Ford's murder, said giving Charles parole was a mistake.

"It was an unbelievably bad release decision," Gorham said. "Essentially, [the Parole Board] just turned him loose to do whatever he wanted, and he almost immediately went on escape status."

In a 1987 interview with The Register-Guard, Charles mentioned an interest in leaving the United States.

"I would like to get out and disappear and never be heard from again," he said at the time. "That's what I would like to do. Go to another city, go to another country. Start over again where nobody's ever heard of Tony Charles."

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