

# Summer months keep professors operating

While summer usually implies time off, these instructors make the most of the extra season

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While most college students enjoy their summers relaxing with friends and family while holding a fun part-time job or an internship, professors often work on projects ranging from book-writing to lab research. During these summer months, professors commonly use their free time to advance their careers in creative — and usually time-consuming — ways.

Biology professor Judith Eisen said she uses extra time in the summer months for ongoing research projects.

Eisen, whose focus is cell and developmental biology, spent her summer at the University conducting complicated lab research. The purpose behind these labs was to learn more about embryonic development of the nervous system. Eisen said she likes continuing her work during the summer months because she has more available time than during the academic year.

While some University professors spent the summer break close to campus, others left town to pursue projects.

Ellen Campbell, an associate

professor as well as horn player at the University's School of Music, spent her summer months in Michigan performing in the Fontana Music Festival, a chamber ensemble group that meets annually at the Interlochen Center for the Arts.

Campbell said she feels that her personal time spent performing helps her in teaching throughout the academic year.

"Any time you perform it's a learning situation," she said.

Jane Dawson, an assistant professor in the political science department, used the summer to launch a book project after winning a University research award.

Dawson said she hopes the finished project will show how environmentalism and certain ethnic, racial and religious identities go together.

"Everyone has their own identity," Dawson said.

She said her work shows that people do not have to have the same ideas in order to create a better global environment.

Dawson, who is the author of "Eco-Nationalism," finished her research during the summer and is currently writing about her findings. She is taking this fall term off to write the first three chapters of what will eventually be a six-chapter book, and plans to complete the project during the summer and fall of 2001.

# Meeting maps out region's future

City leaders from around the Northwest visit Eugene for the Cascadia Project conference

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City planners, mayors, business leaders and transportation experts from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia came together Tuesday afternoon for the annual Cascadia conference and discussed the major economic and planning issues for the two states and province and how to best deal with them.

The Discovery Institute, a non-profit and non-partisan think tank based in Seattle, started the Cascadia Project in 1993 to coordinate efforts for the mutual benefit of the entire region.

The conference will continue through today at the Eugene Hilton and is open to the public for a registration fee of \$35.

Mayor Jim Torrey participated in a panel discussion on the state of the Cascadia Project region. Torrey said Eugene owes much of its prosperity to being at the terminus of the vital Interstate 5 and rail corridors that link the Cascadia region.

"I'm a manager of a city that prides itself on retaining the quality of life," he said. "The Cascadia group is one of the major reasons why we'll retain the quality in the future."

While acknowledging the benefits of being linked to the region by rail, Torrey said area leaders need to ensure that younger generations

begin to look at railroads as a travel option.

"Young people do not have the connection to the heritage of railroads," he said. "Think about my grandchildren, all four of them. Only one has been on a train."

Not only did Torrey remark on the vital connection between north and south, he added that Oregon needs to ensure that its eastern and southern counties receive the benefits of the region as well. He said the best option for this would be to initiate stronger relations with Idaho.

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Mike Burton  
Metro executive officer

"We should make an initial connection between Salem and Boise," he said.

Railroads are an issue for the region. During the conference, many leaders said it's hard for civic leaders to convince the region's environmentally conscious voters of the need for new multi-lane highways.

Jim RePass, president of the National Corridor Initiative, a Washington, D.C., railroad lobbying group, said cities need to realize "highways may be a wonderful thing, but they're not the only thing."

He said the Cascadia areas have "helped pull together the greatest regional railroad success" he had

seen in the nation, but needed to press harder for more railroad funds.

University President Dave Frohnmayer will give a talk about the High Speed Rail Act during the morning session of the conference Wednesday, which runs from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. The act, currently before the U.S. House of Representatives, would give tax credits for the expansion of rail service.

Mike Burton, Metro executive officer for Portland, talked about transportation issues for major cities. He said that city planners and elected officials need to talk to residents like they were "sitting down to breakfast," so the complex issues of city transportation models could be clearly conveyed to them. He used how city residents view traffic as an example.


"No one wakes up in the morning and says 'we have a growth problem, we need to solve the growth problem,' they say 'How much time do I need to take the kids to soccer practice,'" Burton said.

He said that cities need to focus on "non-road improvements" like streetcars and light-rail systems to avoid congestion and auto pollution.

Participants spoke at length about environmental issues that affect the region. On Tuesday afternoon, speakers held a discussion on the "greening" of Eugene and Lane County that was moderated by John Baldwin of the University Institute for Sustainable Environment. Karyn Kaplan, recycling program manager for the University, gave a speech on adding sustainability to recycling efforts.

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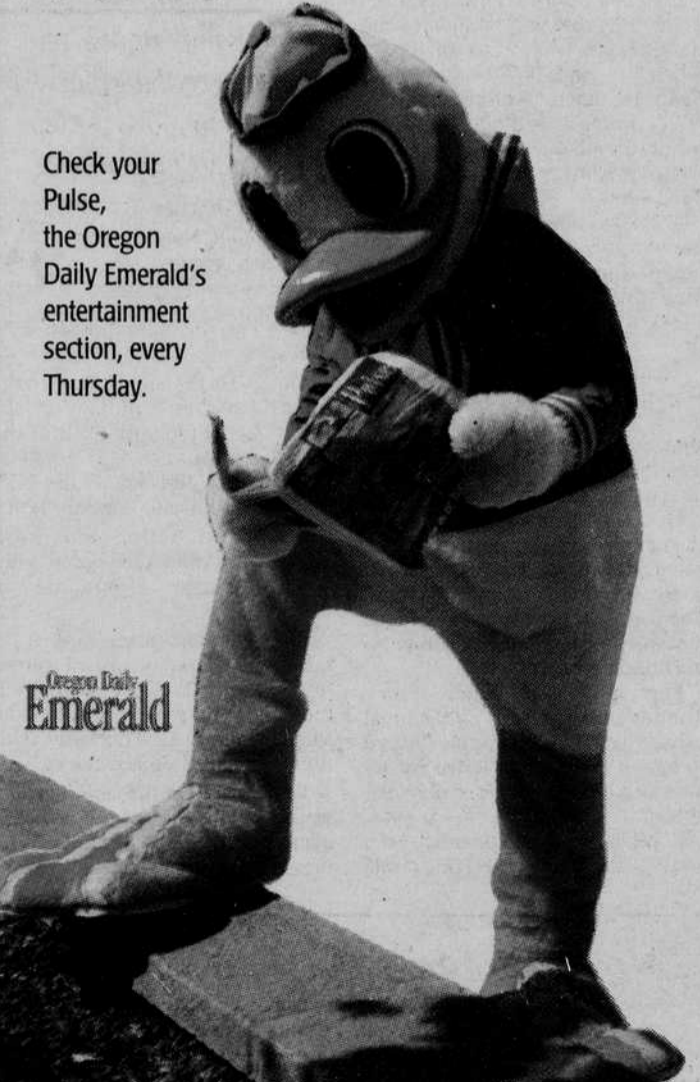


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