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Steve Morozumi takes the reins as head of MCC

■ The new MCC Programs Adviser plans to work with students to focus on the issues they think are most important

By Kara Cogswell
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Steve Morozumi, the man chosen to fill the director of the Multicultural Center position, which opened when Erica Fuller resigned last year, said he will act only as an advocate for students, not as a director.

On Monday, Morozumi began his term in the position now known as the MCC Programs Adviser.

Before hiring him last spring, students on the MCC hiring committee revamped the position and changed the job title, said Dominique Beaumonté, the MCC's public relations coordinator last year.

Beaumonté said committee members looked for someone who would advocate student views without voicing personal opinions. They wanted someone who could provide a "support system" for students, he said.

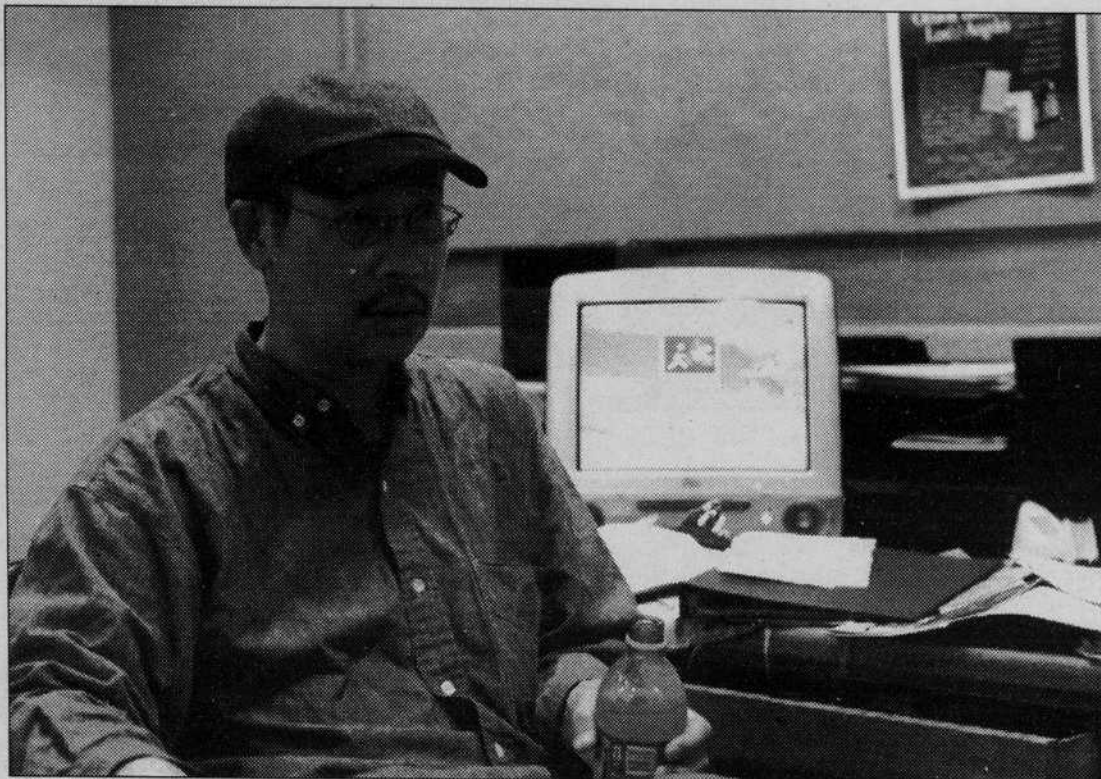
While Fuller was the director, Beaumonté said, she acted mostly as an administrator — someone who gave orders rather than taking direction from students.

One of the reasons committee members chose Morozumi was his experience working as a student advocate at the University of California at Santa Cruz, Beaumonté said.

The position "is going to an even higher level this year having Steve here," he said.

In addition to the 10 years he spent as a college programs adviser at UC Santa Cruz, Morozumi said he has been involved with many social movements over the years. Before moving to Eugene last year, he volunteered with the Rainbow Coalition, a political activist group.

His interest in civil rights issues formed early in his life, Morozumi said. Growing up in the San Francisco Bay Area, he was influ-



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Taking a moment to rest from organizing his office, Steve Morozumi, the new programs adviser of the Multicultural Center, enjoys his Mountain Dew, "the breakfast of champions."

enced by the emerging women's and gay and lesbian rights movements of the time, he said.

And, on a more personal level, he said, he learned about racism and discrimination early on in his life. During World War II, his father and grandfather were forced into American relocation camps because they were Japanese-Americans.

As a child, they told him stories of what it was like living under gun towers and behind barbed-wire fences in the camps, he said. Ironically, his grandfather, a lawyer, taught others in the camps about the Bill of Rights.

Now, Morozumi plans to use his own experience dealing with issues of discrimination and diversity to provide support for University students.

In the short time he has lived in Eugene, Morozumi has taken an

active interest in the University. Over the past year, he said, he has attended student union culture nights, athletic events, lectures and other campus events.

As the programs adviser, Morozumi said he sees his role as being "a collaborative relationship rather than a director-staff relationship." The issues that students decide are the most important to focus on are the ones he will concentrate on as well, he said.

"I don't have a blueprint for this year's programs," he said.

He said he is encouraged by the University administration's recent efforts to improve diversity on campus, including an outside review of various departments being conducted this week.

Now is a critical time for the University to mandate that departments adopt pro-advocacy agendas to attract students and

faculty members of color, he added.

"We're kind of at a dramatic turning point on campus," he said.

Despite efforts to improve diversity on campus, he said, there is still work to be done. While students and faculty may want a more tolerant and accepting University, issues of race, class, gender and sexual orientation are often ignored because people are not comfortable discussing them, he said.

The MCC can improve diversity on campus by creating a "safe space" for students to discuss these issues, Morozumi said. Another way the MCC can spark dialogue on these issues is by sponsoring guest speakers and collaborating with other academic units to improve diversity in

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Students unearth Oregon's origins

■ Two University graduate students may have discovered the roots of Oregon's name in their studies of Native American history

By Jeremy Lang
Oregon Daily Emerald

With watery inhabitants such as ducks, beavers and salmon already appearing as mascots or titles in the state, two University graduate students have proposed the name Oregon itself comes from a Native American term for a fish species — and they're gaining massive attention and credibility in the process.

Graduate anthropology students Scott Byram, 37, and David Lewis, 36, are working to debunk current theories that Oregon received its name from a mapmaker's error or European roots in an article appearing this week in the Oregon Historical Quarterly.

Using written documents and oral history, the pair have found "ooligan," a Cree Tribe reference to smelt, a small fish native to the Northwest that produces a nutritious grease. The Cree moved west to trade for ooligan and described it to English and French settlers when they made their way into the American and Canadian interior.

Lewis said many dialects switch or replace "l" and "r" sounds, and the Cree probably pronounced the word as "oorigan."

Although previous explanations of Oregon's birth have never been proven enough to satisfy historians, Lewis said the number of instances of ooligan found and the other Native American names in the area — like Willamette Valley — have convinced him of the name's native origins.

"You can never, ever say 'this is it,' but the preponderance of evidence says this is the case," he said.

Lewis and Byram teamed up last April after their individual work on Native American history began to converge, even though they previously knew each other from the anthropology department.

Byram said when the two started comparing notes, they both had instances of native words starting with "oor" or "ool."

"We noticed the patterns as we worked on other projects," Byram said. "It actually seemed pretty obvious once we looked at the evidence available."

Marianne Keddington-Lang, editor of the Quarterly, said after the two submitted their findings, she sent their work to experts in the field for analysis, and they gave the piece glowing remarks.

Since their article premiered, Lewis said they have become minor celebrities,

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EWEB will forge ahead with fiber-optic MetroNet

■ The system will provide high-speed Internet access to downtown businesses and schools

By Kara Winters
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The board of commissioners for the Eugene Water and Electric Board unanimously approved a high-speed Internet access service Tuesday night at City Hall after a public hearing on the plan. The \$10 million project, named MetroNet, will connect businesses and schools in downtown Eugene and some surrounding areas with a fiber-optic telecommunica-

tions infrastructure.

Commissioners said MetroNet will provide cost-effective telecommunication services in targeted areas of Eugene, where commissioners expect heavy use will generate enough revenue. EWEB plans to expand the system to less concentrated areas six years after installment.

Dennis Gabriel, a telecom consultant and trainer for TeleData Management Inc., said MetroNet would benefit local Internet businesses.

"MetroNet will spawn a new industry," Gabriel said. "It is a vital infrastructure." For the city of Eugene, the approval of MetroNet

will allow the metropolitan area to recruit effective businesses and develop a next-generation network, commissioners said. Tuesday's approval is the latest step in the utility's 10 years of telecommunication planning, said EWEB Risk Manager Debra Wright.

"For any new venture to be successful takes careful thought," she said.

David Klindt, an administrator with local network access provider Willamette.Net said he opposes the plan because there are some inconsistencies with it. In December 1999, EWEB tested an infrastructure, which consisted of a 70-mile fiber-optic sys-

tem that transmitted cable television, video teleconferencing and e-mail by means of light waves. In May 2000, Eugene adopted an amendment to the Eugene Charter, which approved EWEB's telecommunication activities. After EWEB installed the first infrastructure, however, the utility discovered it could not afford a larger system at that time. Engineers developed MetroNet as an alternative approach, using the existing test infrastructure already in place. Initial funding will come from the remaining \$3 million in bonds EWEB was given for the initial infrastructure. The rest will be paid with short-term loans.