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*"We're not here to tutor them — we're here to communicate a joy for reading."*  
 — Lisa Elliot, SMART School Coordinator



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Skye Lipson and University student Matt Henschen compare finger sizes. While reading about 'creepy crawlies,' they learned that the world's longest snake is 23 ft. long, but only a little thicker than 'your little finger.' Henschen started became involved with the SMART program because 'it's pretty fun and good for the kids.'

## The Most Beautiful Sound

University students get involved with local reading programs, for work study and volunteer

By Diane Huber  
 Oregon Daily Emerald

When first-grader Aidan Ziegler-Hansen mastered the pronunciation of chlorophyll, his reading partner, Sara Hoskinson, felt a sense of accomplishment.

Since October, Hoskinson has been reading to children three to ten hours a week at Patterson and Westmoreland elementary schools as part of

the Start Making A Reader Today (SMART) program.

Ziegler-Hansen is one of many children in kindergarten through third grade who have little access to books at home for a variety of reasons. Thanks to the SMART program, Ziegler-Hansen gets one-on-one time to practice sounding out words such as chlorophyll, and he gets to take a new book home every month.

This is also the first year University

students who apply for work study can get paid for reading to children in the SMART program.

But Hoskinson, an integrated teaching major, recommends that even students who don't qualify for work-study volunteer for SMART.

"I would encourage anyone with an hour free in (his or her) week to volunteer," she said. "You leave with a

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## Oregon continues to look for economic relief

■ With an unemployment rate of 7.5 percent, many are looking for ways to get through tough times

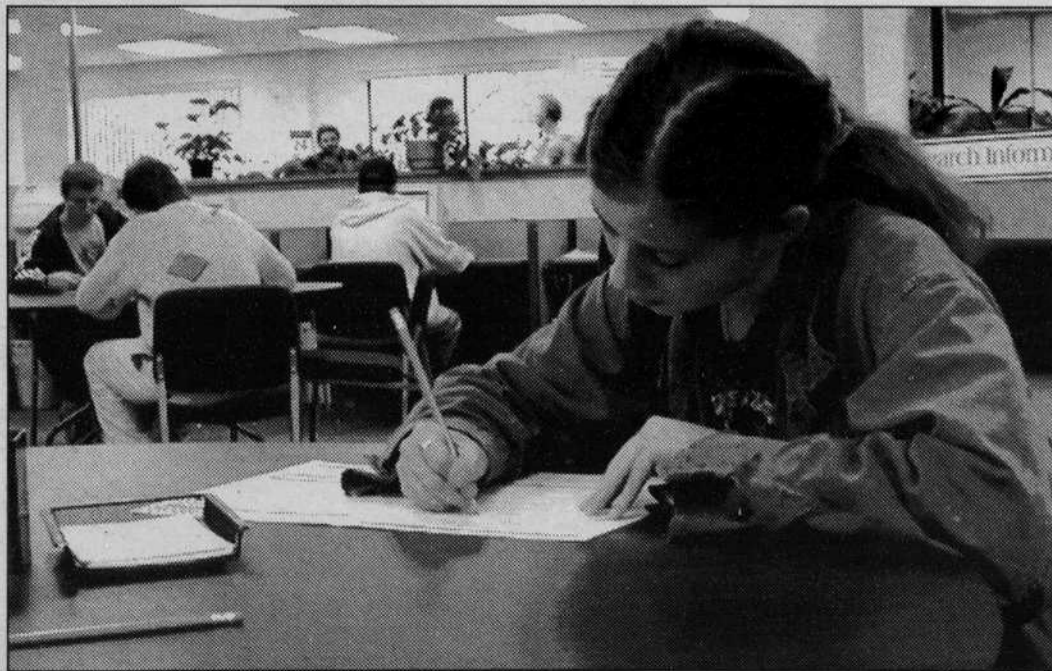
By Brook Reinhard  
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The U.S. Senate resumed heated discussion this week on an economic stimulus package designed to help businesses and the unemployed, but some Oregonians are skeptical whether relief will impact this state at all.

"The physical stimulus package is somewhat bent toward political ideology," Oregon regional economist Brian Rooney said. "By the time they get something together, it may be too late."

Oregon's economy has been in a nosedive for months. Local employers such as Sony Disc Manufacturing and Hynix Semiconductor have cut back operations. President George W. Bush recently stumped for his stimulus package in Oregon, the state with the highest unemployment rate in the nation at 7.5 percent.

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Shane Feinstein fills out paperwork at the Oregon Employment Department in Eugene. Feinstein is one of many students seeking work in Oregon, which has the highest unemployment rate in the nation at 7.5 percent.

## University users lack Internet protection

■ **PRIVACY POLICY:** Unlike other schools, the University has no policy protecting students from communication surveillance

By Michael J. Kleckner  
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Don't share University computer accounts. Don't use University computers to run a private business. Don't spam in newsgroups.

The University's Acceptable Use Policy is filled with rules, such as those above, restricting people who use the school's computer network. But missing from that policy — or any University policy — are rules protecting students, staff and faculty from having their hard drives and e-mails searched.

Other colleges have specific electronic communication privacy policies, but the University, ranked in 2000 as one of the "100 most wired" campuses in the nation by Yahoo! Internet Life magazine, does not, according to Joanne Hugi, associate vice president of information services.

Hugi said a draft version of a privacy policy is currently in front of University general counsel Melinda Grier. Grier did not return repeated calls seeking comment.

The absence of a privacy policy first came to light in October. University computing officials monitored heavy bandwidth use, which they said is a possible sign of uploading and downloading of copyrighted material, and looked at the files being transferred.

State laws and University policies exist to protect personal information, such as social security number and date of birth, from being accessed inappropriately or released without the owner's consent. But

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■ **PULLING THE PLUG:** Copyright violations leave some students without Internet connection

By Robin Weber  
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Recent surveillance of the University's computing system has left a number of students without Internet access and looking for answers on what to do next.

An investigation in October on copyright infringement, conducted by the University's Network Services, resulted in 136 students losing Internet privileges — at least temporarily — in a period of just one week. From that point on, many students have been left to wonder if they too are in danger of losing their Net access after sharing too many copyrighted files.

"We have the Internet on campus first for our education, and then for downloading other information as a bonus," said freshman David Metzger. "They're just

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