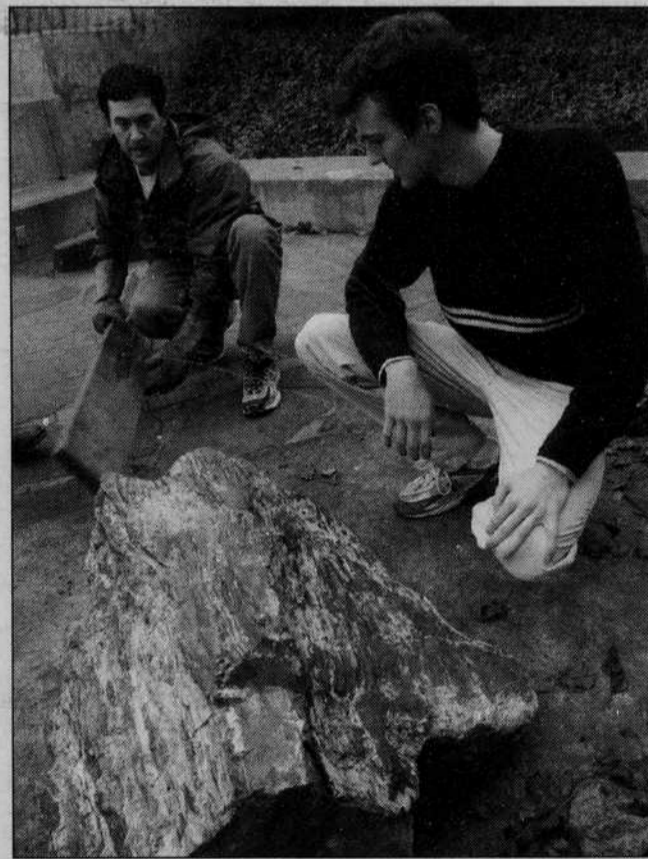


25 million years in the making



Volunteer donates fossil find to geology department collection

Andrew VanAtta found this giant chunk of petrified wood in June. He discovered the geological specimen, believed to be a tree stump about 25 million years old, while looking for fossil flora in Goshen, Ore., about five miles south of Eugene.

VanAtta, who is a plant specialist volunteer at the Condon Museum in Cascade Hall, said he is not sure if the piece can be identified because it looks like it was rotted and infested with insects when petrification began. VanAtta said, however, if he had to guess the tree's species, he would suspect it to be a Sequoia.

VanAtta has been cleaning the piece since June, and on Tuesday, he donated it to the Cascade Courtyard outside the geology building. No immediate plans have been made to move it, and staff at The Condon Museum think it will be a permanent addition to the courtyard.

The Condon Museum is part of the Department of Geological Sciences and is named after the Rev. Thomas Condon, who was Oregon's first state geologist and in 1876, became a professor of natural history at the University. Condon's personal collection of geological specimens became a permanent part of the University after his death.

Thanks to many donations like VanAtta's, the collection has increased in size over the years. Today it is Oregon's only professionally curated collection, and nationwide, it is the 12th-largest collection of curated fossil vertebrates.

— Photos and text by Adam Amato

Winter jobs may be hard to come by

As the holiday season approaches, students are competing to find seasonal jobs partly due to the lack of availability and the quantity of job hunters

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With winter holidays fast approaching, many University students are scrambling in search of jobs in their home towns or the Eugene area, hoping to make some extra cash.

Jobs may be harder to come by this year, as more students than ever will be competing for jobs. The University reached an all-time high enrollment of 20,044 students this year, compared with last fall term's 19,091. Oregon Employment Department estimates that there will be only 900 seasonal jobs this winter, down from 2,700 last year.

University senior Christina Hur is looking for work this winter break in her hometown, Portland, or in Eugene because she wants to earn money so she can travel to the East Coast next summer to look at graduate schools.

Hur said she has been perusing the classified sections but hasn't decided where she might work. Last winter break, she worked at Toys "R" Us and said she might return.

"They were really desperate for people for the holidays, and they hired me on the spot," she said.

However, department stores haven't been recruiting students at the University this year, Career Center Employment Services Specialist Pat Ferris said.

"It could be a combination of the current economy or that they don't really need to advertise because they get so many inquiries around this time of year," she said.

Sales company Vector Marketing Corp. and the United Parcel Service, however, have been on campus recruiting students to work over the holidays, and they still have positions available.

Representatives for Vector sell Cutco Cutlery, a line of kitchen knives and outdoor accessories through pre-scheduled in-home appointments. They are paid a base rate of \$12.15 per appointment regardless of whether they sell the product, but can earn more depending on how much cutlery they sell.

To work for Vector, representatives are required to attend a three-day training session and purchase a \$135 start-up kit which contains a few knives and demonstration supplies. The representative can sell the kit back to the company at any time, Bardell said.

"A lot of people are home during the holidays and most people will agree to an appointment even if they don't buy anything," she said. "They may even give names of other people who might be interested in meeting with the representative."

UPS, which sees business pick up over the holidays, has several short-term employment opportunities during winter break as well, UPS Universal Agent Marvin Alexander said.

"We have a lot of packages, and we bring on a lot of help during the holiday season," he said.

Students interested in working for UPS will most likely work as part-time package handlers or as driver helpers, Alexander said. Part-time package handlers can work one of four shifts; the morning, day, evening or night shift. Handlers

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WEATHER

Today: High 47, Low 38, rain likely after morning fog

Thursday: High 50, Low 33, sunny after partial clouds, fog

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday

See odd, cool historical art on display - miniature nun habits

Friday

Oregon slopes ramp up for skiers with tempting offers

Deadline approaches for 'No Call' list

Telemarketers will be fined if they call consumers who sign up for the 'No Call' list, which was started in 1999

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Consumers who want to stop telemarketers from calling them can turn to the state for help, but they must do so quickly.

Oregon's "No Call" list, established in 1999, is a registry of state residential and cellular telephone numbers belonging to people who do not wish to receive calls from telemarketers. Companies that make solicitation calls to a number on the list can be fined up to \$25,000.

So far, more than 90,000 people have signed

up on the list, which is published quarterly and sent to more than 1,000 telemarketers in the United States, Canada and the Dominican Republic.

The deadline to sign up for the winter edition of the list is Dec. 15. There is a fee of \$6.50 per telephone number for the first year, with an annual renewal charge of \$3 after that. People who miss the deadline will still be included in the spring edition, which will be released in April.

Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers has fined 120 companies a total of \$450,000 for calling consumers on the list, according to Richard Meyer of Oregon No Call. One of those companies, Emerald City Tours of Kent, Wash., was fined more than \$50,000 for multiple violations of the law. The money from the fines goes to the states' Consumer Protection Fund.

Joining the "No Call" list

Online: <http://www.ornocall.com/>

Phone: (877) 700-6622

Cost: \$6.50 per residential or cellular telephone number

Deadline: Dec. 15 for the January list

SOURCE: Oregon Attorney General's office

Jan Margosian, spokeswoman for the Attorney General's office, said Oregon's ability to enforce its own laws on companies based outside the state is key to the list's success.

"Oregon has jurisdiction all over the world if

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