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**Flu Vaccination** AT THE UO HEALTH CENTER

**For Students**

**Beginning October 15 • Cost \$10**  
 Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm  
 • All treatment areas in the University Health Center.

**For faculty/staff eligible dependents over 13 years of age**

• Clinics Saturday, October 18 and Saturday, November 15, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Beginning October 15**

• Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 - 9:00 am  
 • Area C in the University Health Center

**Cost: Vaccine free for those who present their UO ID and Blue Cross Insurance Card**

• Vaccine \$18.50 for UO faculty/staff/retirees who do not have Blue Cross Insurance

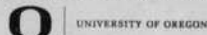
**Who should get the Flu Shot?**

- Persons 50 years and older
- Persons with any of the following conditions: Long term heart or lung condition, kidney disease, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, asthma, and conditions which compromise the immune system.
- Women who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season (Nov. - April).
- Physicians, nurses, staff, and anyone else coming into close contact with people at risk of serious influenza.

**Cost**

Students: \$10, All other faculty/staff: \$18.50  
 Faculty/Staff/Dependents 13 yrs. and older: free to those who present UO ID and Blue Cross Card

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the original 81 party members, and their final resort to cannibalism. To date, no physical evidence of cannibalism has ever been found.

After viewing the episode last week, Tasa said the Discovery Channel's sensational focus on cannibalism clearly aimed to attract audience members rather than educate them.

"In a lot of ways, you can't blame them for that," he said. "The audience probably wouldn't want to see all the technical details."

Considering the first 45 minutes of the episode were entirely on the dramatization of the Donner Party experience, Tasa said he was disappointed to see such a small amount of time spent on explaining the actual results of research on the excavated bone fragments.

"They tried to fit too much into an hourlong show," he said. "I was left wondering about a lot of things."

Squeezed into the last quarter of the show was the filming of a five-day archaeological dig in August that took place at the Alder Street campsite, one of many the Donner Party visited. With the help of instruments such as ground-penetrating radar, which were unavailable to earlier researchers, the crew found verifiable evidence of the party's campsite and eventually uncovered burnt and hacked bone fragments.

Oregon Department of Transportation archaeologist Julie Schablitsky identified the largest bone fragment found at the Alder Street site as coming from a large mammal, but not necessarily a human. After the bone fragment was found,

Tasa used the University's field emission scanning electron microscope to identify it as bone from either deer, bears or humans.

Because the episode made little time for analysis of the fragment, Schablitsky said she and her colleagues were left with more questions than answers after viewing the crammed information.

"(The special) was more entertainment than education," she said with a frown.

She added that due to extremely dramatic music and re-creations that surrounded the portrayal of cannibalism, she and Tasa are considering working with television stations that are more educational.

Anthropology major Victoria Reed — a student enrolled in Tasa's fall term osteology lab that focuses on the study and identification of bone fragments — said she was entertained by the episode but hardly impressed.

"It was interesting, but over-dramatized, as most things on the Discovery Channel are," the senior said in an e-mail.

Reed said she was happy to see that her professor didn't "cave in" at the end of the special by making inaccurate assumptions about the excavated evidence.

"(Tasa) confirmed that the non-diagnostic bone fragments were from a large mammal but wouldn't say absolutely that the fragments were human," she recounted. "I think the (Discovery Channel) producers were probably a little disappointed by that."

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