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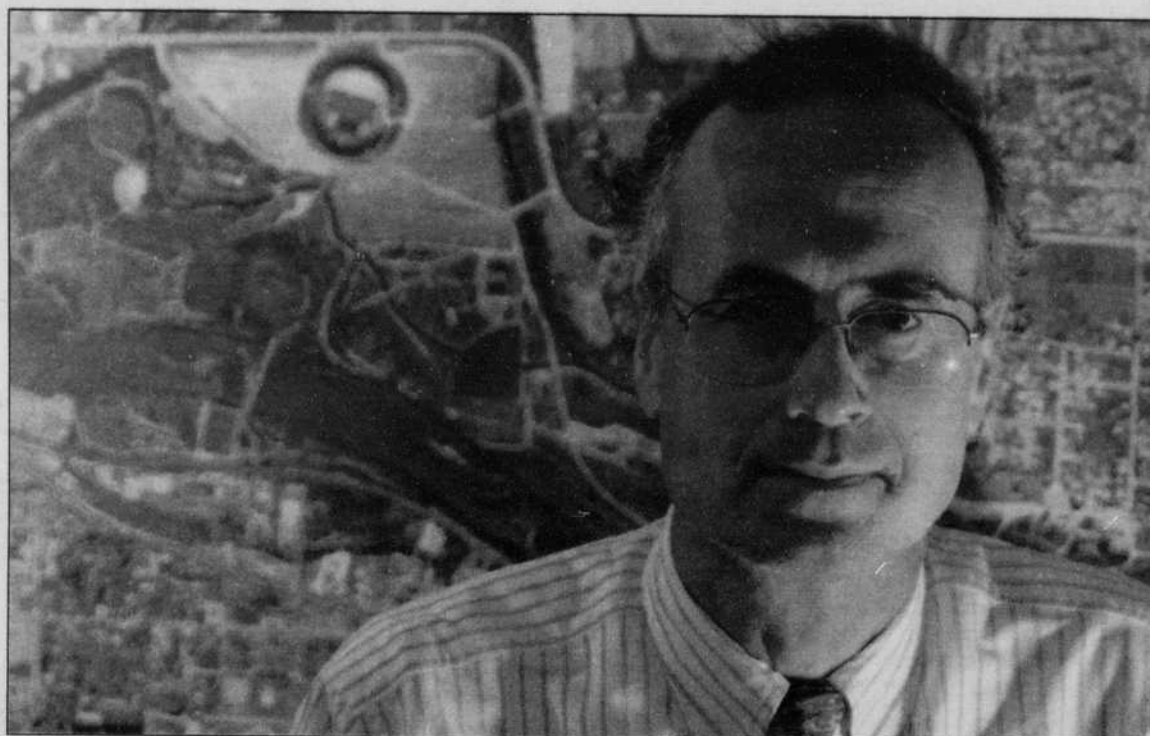
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY WEEK

This week is National Geography Awareness Week. The U.S. Congress first designated the week a several years ago to combat the nation's "geographical ignorance," Geography Professor Alec Murphy explained, adding that compared to other nationalities, Americans are relatively uneducated in geography.

In celebration of National Geography Awareness Week, Professor Emeritus Bill Loy has created a new Web site examining Eugene and its surrounding topography that can be found at <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~loy/atlas/index.htm>.

On Thursday, geography Professor Ronald Wixman will deliver a speech entitled "The U.S. in the Middle East: A Geographic Perspective" at 7 p.m. in 150 Columbia.

More information about next week's events can be found at <http://www.uoregon.edu/newscenter/geogweek.html>



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Geography Professor Alec Murphy has taught geography at the University for 16 years, and he recently became the president of the Association of American Geographers. "I was able to develop a body of scholarship that was somewhat recognized," he said.

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visibility," he said.

However, Murphy is not the only success story to come from the University's geography department, he explained.

Jim Meacham, current director of the University InfoGraphics Laboratory, is

a former president of the North American Cartographic Information Society. Also, geography Professor Susan Hardwick is president of the National Council for Geographic Education.

Hardwick and Murphy are also on a national council for the American Geographical Society, which requires that they travel to New York at least three times per year, Hardwick said in a

phone interview from New York City.

"We're elected officers in these leading professional societies, and that ensures that our voice is heard at the highest levels," Whitlock said. "We only have 11 faculty, and the fact that four of us are serving national offices is pretty impressive."

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college-age crowd exploded as Guster took the stage. The band played many songs from its latest album, "Keep It

Together," but dug into its past albums as well. The crowd was

obviously delighted in many of the songs, singing along with a volume that matched and sometimes overwhelmed the sound coming from the stage speakers.

One of the most impressive things about Guster was its musical proficiency. Ryan Miller and Adam Gardner — both vocalists for the band — switched instruments practically every song. The

arsenal of instruments played included guitars, basses, keyboards and harmonicas. Even percussionist Brian Rosenworcel played two different drum sets.

Rosenworcel is an interesting drummer, preferring a percussion setup of bongos, djembes, shakers and cymbals to the standard trap-kit that drummers typically play. He did have a trap-kit for a few of the songs, but he primarily played percussion. His abilities transcend those of most rock drummers today.

A fine example of these abilities manifested during the band's cover of the Talking Heads classic, "(Nothing But) Flowers." His assault on the set sounded more like a complete African drum ensemble rather than a single person.

This is not to say that Miller and Gardner are slackers; they command respect as well. Their matching harmonies complement each other perfectly. While their eclectic guitar hooks

seem subtle at first, they reveal themselves as complex and well thought out with closer listening.

Guster has a way of making these dynamic song arrangements and vocals come off simple as cereal. Beneath it all are great songs that can make people feel better about life. A relaxed attitude, easy sense of humor and appreciation of the crowd only complement the well-written songs.

Watching Guster play is like swinging on a porch swing, watching the sunrise and drinking good coffee. It's an experience that shouldn't be taken for granted. This is most certainly a band to look out for the next time it comes gusting through town.

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CONCERT REVIEW



Vocalists Ryan Miller and Adam Gardner, and percussionist Brian Rosenworcel performed at the McDonald Theatre on Thursday. Guster primarily played songs from its latest album, "Keep It Together," but also covered songs such as "(Nothing But) Flowers" by the Talking Heads.

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