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## A NUTTY *pastime*

*'Squirrel fishermen' on campus seek Club Sports recognition for their pursuit*

By Chelsea Duncan  
Senior News Reporter

The skilled angler cast his fly fishing line into the sea of green grass and waited for a nibble. Moments later, the line started to jerk, and he began to reel. Instead of a hook, he used a peanut, and he didn't catch a fish — he caught a squirrel.

A group of University students has brought the art of squirrel

fishing to campus, and now they're trying to make it an official Club sport. The sport involves using fly fishing rods with peanuts tied to the line to attract squirrels. Once the squirrel latches on, the "fisherman" tugs on the line until the squirrel lets go or scurries away with the peanut.

"The reactions we get around campus are usually really enthusiastic or really upset," said Jason McIlhane, the club's co-president, adding that people who get upset don't understand the sport.

"The best analogy really is like playing tug of war with your dog," McIlhane said.

And the sport has definitely raised a few eyebrows around campus.

The University Club Sports executive committee, made up of five students, met to determine the club's fate Friday, but the members decided they needed to learn more about the sport before making a final decision.

Executive committee member Lauren Anas said none of the members were familiar with the concept of squirrel fishing.

"I just want to make sure that we're not doing anything offensive to squirrels," she said, adding that with any proposed sport, the committee members try to familiarize themselves with the activity before making a decision.

Students proposing a new sport need at least 10 initial members, and they also need to show they can represent the University competitively, Anas said.

McIlhane said there are plenty of ways to make it a competitive sport, which generally involves performing skillful fly fishing

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Left: Architecture Professor Christine Theodoropoulos' son Charlie Henry squirrel-fishes in front of the Pioneer Mother statue Saturday evening.  
Right: Students want to make squirrel fishing an official University sport.

## Overseas study offers ample aid

A variety of sources of financial aid are available to students who wish to pursue a portion of their education internationally

By Moriah Balingit  
News Reporter

Students considering going abroad who are concerned about finances have various options for paying for their programs.

Senior German major Stephanie Schwenger said her trip to Germany actually ended up costing less than what she pays at the University because her scholarships and financial aid could be applied to overseas study. In addition, she received the DAAD, a grant for students studying abroad in Germany.

Schwenger said it was no trouble getting her financial aid to transfer.

"I just had to call the financial aid office to verify," she said.

The DAAD is one of many scholarships and grants available to students who plan to study abroad. Other scholarships include the Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship, which is available to Pell Grant recipients; the Opportunities Abroad scholarship available through the Office of International Programs, and the extremely generous Rotary International Scholarship.

Students can also apply for many regional scholarships. The Freeman International Scholarship is an good resource for students who plan to participate in the University-sponsored programs in Asia. A number of regional scholarships also are offered through the Romance Languages department for romance language majors and minors; for example, the Emmanuel Hatzantonis Scholarship is available for students planning to study in a University-sponsored program in Italy, and the Helen Fe Jones scholarship is offered to students planning to study in a Spanish-speaking country.

Another resource for students is the short-term study abroad loan fund, available through the University's Office of International Programs for students planning to study abroad through a University-sponsored program. The loans range from \$300-\$2,000 and are available to help pay for up-front costs such as airline tickets.

As the process to find funding for studying abroad can be long and tedious, OIP graduate teaching fellow Terri Monk said students should come in as soon as they decide they want to study abroad.

"You should always apply for every grant or scholarship

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## Campus security team greets new boss

Sergeant Mark Montes of the Eugene Police Department aims to improve and encourage communication

By Lisa Catto  
News Reporter

Students may spot a smiling new face from the Eugene Police Department on campus.

Sgt. Mark Montes took the reigns of the EPD campus security team — which serves as the liaison between EPD and the Department of Public Safety — at the end of March.

The 20-year law enforcement veteran has spent half of his career working in Los Angeles and the other half working for the Springfield Police Department and EPD. Currently, he supervises a

team of three EPD officers in the DPS office.

DPS Interim Director Thomas Hicks said that Montes' transition to leading the campus EPD team is going well.

"We're really happy with Sgt. Montes," Hicks said. "He continues the cooperative arrangement between EPD and DPS. We appreciate (his) experience and look forward to being able to take advantage of it. I would expect to see a continuing improvement in the working relationship (between DPS and EPD)."

After 10 years of working in L.A., Montes said he decided to move somewhere safer to raise his children. He said the L.A. lifestyle was too fast-paced and hectic.

He was hired by SPD and worked there for six years, but he was eventually transferred to EPD because there were more opportunities for pro-

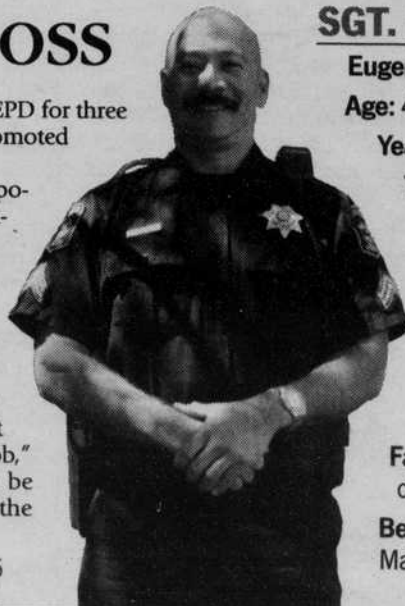
motion. After working for EPD for three months in 2000, he was promoted to sergeant.

Montes said his current position primarily involves supervising patrol teams.

He also serves on a variety of committees, including a diversity committee, a racial profiling committee and a crowd-control team.

"(The committees) don't take a lot from my regular job," Montes said. "But it can be busy, especially when the weather gets nice."

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### SGT. MARK MONTES

Eugene Police Department

Age: 43

Years on the job: 20

Training: Various law enforcement classes and completion of two police academy programs

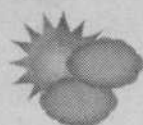
Hometown: LaVerne, Calif., 30 minutes east of Los Angeles

Family: Married, with three children

Began working on campus: March 2004

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