

## BRIEFS

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Magana has said that he will appeal his conviction and his family has vowed to fight until he is set free.

— Ben Brown

### First recipient of doctorate in economics starts endowment

A 1952 University of Oregon graduate has given a half million dollars to the University to create an endowment for economics department faculty.

Walter Mead — the first student to receive a University doctorate in economics — has funded the Walter J. Mead Faculty Endowment Fund in Economics, which aims to attract and retain top faculty members to the economics department, according to a University press release.

"I really appreciated having the opportunity to get to know my professors well at the University of Oregon and the personal attention they gave me," said Mead, a retired University of California, Santa Barbara professor. "I received an excellent broad liberal arts education that has served me well in everything I've undertaken. I'm indebted to UO for helping me lay the groundwork for a richly rewarding life and career, and I'm so pleased to be able to make this gift that can help ensure the continuing high quality of the faculty."

The University honored Mead in 1989 with the Dean's Annual Achievement Award in the College of Arts and Sciences and The International Association of Energy Economists honored him for his "outstanding contribution to the profession of energy economics and its literature" at the group's 1993 Norway conference.

— Jared Paben

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## UNIVERSITY

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neighborhood when he received a small grant from the Northwest Academic Computing Consortium, which works to make advanced information technologies like the mapping devices available to students.

Meanwhile, Drix Rixmann, chairman of the West University Neighborhood Association, contacted the University, seeking help to improving the neighborhood.

"It so happened that Drix's timing of wanting help for the community in visualizing a neighborhood coincided with me thinking about the GIS class and how to help the communities do just that," Schlossberg said.

Rixmann, a 1975 graduate of the University and a nine-year neighborhood resident, said he hopes the mapping project will help the neighborhood become the vibrant community he knows it can be.

"This neighborhood is full of interesting people, but there's just no sense of community that brings everyone together," he said.

Rixmann and Healy discussed the project with board members and neighborhood residents at the neighborhood meeting July 1 and addressed an array of concerns from many people, Rixmann said.

At the meeting, neighbors expressed concerns about having details of their properties mapped.

"It's not going to do any more than the people let it do," Healy said. "Even with technology, it's not magic; it takes money."

Concerns over University involvement in neighborhood issues are not surprising, Schlossberg said, given the tradition of universities treating neighborhoods as merely data samples.

"Communities having these types of healthy skepticism is legitimate and not something I intend to ignore," he said.

Because the project is intended to benefit the West University neighborhood, the decision of what to include on the map will not be made until neighborhood meeting in October, so that all students are available to participate, Rixmann said, noting that neighborhood leaders and residents will continue to discuss the project until then.

Named as possibilities for a spot on the map include historical sites, sidewalk hazards, the various fruit trees scattered throughout the neighborhood, as well as the areas with poor lighting or other potential hazards, Healy said.

"I think what we're looking at is to make the neighborhood a place where we feel safe and can enjoy the diversity," Healy said. "It's a first step toward understanding the neighborhood and being able to do something about it."

Meghann M. Cuniff is a freelance reporter for the Emerald.

## BASTILLE

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the Bush Administration.

Wednesday's Bastille Day celebration was a benefit for the Committee for Countering Military Recruitment and Justice Not War Coalition, two local organizations against the war in Iraq. The celebration mixed quiche with calls for a 'regime change' in the United States. It mixed performers and artwork with the storming of a mini Bastille. It mixed cake decorating with a masquerade in late 1700s French attire.

With the celebration, Berg wanted to honor French opposition to the war in Iraq, saying the war never should have happened.

"My goal is to invite the community here to let the people of France know we are in solidarity with them," Berg said.

Berg said that 90 percent of the French opposed the Bush administration's preemptive attack on the people of Iraq in Spring 2003.

"Right wing TV/radio talking heads viciously urged a boycott of French products, blithely forgetting that without the support of French General Lafayette during our own American Revolution, we would likely still be singing 'God Save the Queen'," she said.

Berg said the storming of the Bastille in 1789 parallels the current situation in the United States. During both times, the people dealt with cruel, oppressive prison systems and the widening gap between rich and poor.

When the French people stormed the Bastille to rescue the prisoners, many of the guards refused to fight because they agreed with the people, Berg said. She said today many soldiers in Iraq oppose the war after experiencing it firsthand.

Although Berg feels it's important to make money for CCMR and JNWC, raising awareness about the Bush administration and the war is more important. In fact, it is all the more important because this year is an election year, she said.

A performance at the event by the group Urban Carnival used humor to get their message across. Their performance was a spoof on the Wizard of Oz, featuring President Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld singing their own versions of "If I Only Had a Brain."

Those at the event appreciated Berg's efforts.

"This is wonderful," said Karla Cohen of JNWC. (It is) a great moral booster in the midst of hard times."

Phil Weaver of CCMR said the Bastille Day Celebration shows a strong symbol of resistance; the people are taking power into their own hands.

Berg said during the French revolution, when Marie Antoinette was told the people did not have enough bread to eat, she said, "let them eat cake."

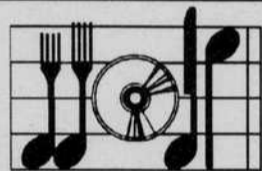
"This is indicative both in 1789 and today that the extremely wealthy are clueless to what everyone else is dealing with," Berg said.

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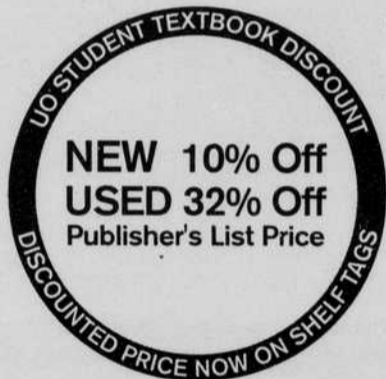
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