

## NOTICES

### Native American Chamber Scholarships Available

The Oregon Native American Chamber of Commerce Scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to selected students at an awards ceremony in August.

**All applications must be postmarked by May 12, 2002.** Applicants are required to do the following:

- Be enrolled and attending an Oregon university/college
- Be in undergraduate study
- Be in good academic standing
- Attach a photocopy of some form of Native American identification. This can be in the form of a citizenship card, hunting card, letter from tribe, etc., and must include a roll number and/or degree of Native American blood.
- Provide a sealed official college transcript
- Attend the awards ceremony on Aug. 28, 2002, from 11:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Type the following form. The questions listed below should be typed/printed on separate sheets of paper.

#### Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Questions

1. How would receiving this scholarship benefit you and your educational needs?
2. How are you involved in your Native American community on or off campus?
3. What do you plan to do with your education to help "give back" to Native Americans after graduation?
4. Please add your own personal statement and specifically include how you view your Native American heritage and its importance to you.

Thank you for applying. You will receive a response as soon as the Oregon Native American Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Board has chosen the final recipients, which should be no later than July 1. Mail applications to:

Oregon Native American Chamber of Commerce  
c/o Kelly Anne Millican  
Scholarship Board  
P.O. Box 502  
Clackamas, OR 97015

For more information, contact Kelly Anne Millican at 503-654-2138 or by e-mail at [kellyanne@geojem.com](mailto:kellyanne@geojem.com).

### OSU Commits Support to Cultural Centers

Oregon State University officials joined students and faculty in January in signing a pledge to support the university's four student cultural centers in perpetuity.

The covenant – designed by both students and administrators – guarantees that the university will not move the cultural centers from their existing houses on campus without approval from affected students.

OSU is the only one of Oregon's seven public universities to have cultural centers dedicated to Asian Americans, African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans and is the only university to guarantee continued support for each center.

The Native American Longhouse was the first cultural center to open at OSU, nearly 30 years ago. That was followed by the Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center and Centro Cultural César Chávez. The Asian Cultural Center opened a decade ago.

The cultural centers serve as gathering places for students to socialize, study, and celebrate their distinct culture. Most centers are located in homes on campus, complete with kitchens, office space, televisions, furniture, and small libraries. They are financially supported by student fees.

Larry Roper, vice provost for student affairs, said the process for signing the agreement to support the student cultural centers began more than a year ago after the university released a long-range master plan that didn't specifically identify the location of certain cultural centers.

"As university administrators, we knew we needed to show our support for the cultural centers," Roper said. "We created a draft of the covenant, received input from the leaders of each cultural center, and proceeded with the signing ceremony. It was a collaborative creation and, as I understand it, something that is unique in higher education."

### Prospective Students Can Visit OSU

Oregon State University is hosting a series of spring and Saturday visits that give prospective students and their families the chance to learn the basics of university life.

Dates set aside for spring visits include March 25 and April 12. The March visit is scheduled at the same time that many high schools and community colleges are out for spring break.

Saturday tours are less formalized, but can offer opportunities to talk with OSU students and faculty, and learn about student organizations and involvement activities. Saturday tours are scheduled for March 9, April 20, May 18, and June 8.

Spring visits begin at noon with optional tours of OSU facilities. The events offer an opportunity to spend an afternoon meeting with OSU students, faculty, and staff. Activities include workshops for transfer students, academic college presentations and overviews of the OSU Honors College, international opportunities, housing and dining, financial aid, and multicultural opportunities. Sessions that encourage students, parents, and family members to ask questions about university life also will be held.

Students unable to attend the sessions can schedule weekday campus tours.

All programs are free. For information and registration, contact OSU Admission and Orientation at 1-800-291-4192 or 541-737-2626. Information also is available at <http://www.orst.edu/admissions/spring2002.html>.