

OSU Receives Grant for Cancer Study

Corvallis—An Oregon State university scientist has received a \$263,156 grant to investigate liver cancer in Rainbow trout.

R. O. Sinnhuber, who has been concerned with salmon nutrition and related problems for the past 15 years, will coordinate the four-year study. Sinnhuber is in the department of food science and technology at OSU.

Liver tumors have been unusually numerous in Rainbow trout reared in hatcheries in Oregon and across the U.S. A diet of fish and at scraps was exchanged a couple years ago for a new dry one consisting of fish and cottonseed

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Capitol Memo

Hard Working Press Corps in Capitol Keeps News Flowing

By ZAN STARK
United Press International
Salem - (UPI) - Oregon has a reputation as an open news state, and a dedicated corps of professional newsmen here work to keep it that way. There is such a strong tradition of the public's right to know in Oregon that closed executive sessions of legislative committees do not bar newsmen.

Oregon publishers and broadcasters are not content to take a public official's word for what is going on behind closed doors. They want their own reporters there.

As government keeps growing, it becomes more difficult for newsmen, but by virtue of hard work and dedication they have kept pace with the growth.

It is not a situation that is common in all the other 49 states.

Capitol newsmen are respected by officials here, and officials have the respect of most newsmen.

A deliberate move on the part of any official to halt or distort the free flow of news would result in a public uproar.

During the current legislative session a crew of 15 newsmen work full time to speed the flow of news to Oregon's newspapers, radio and television stations.

There are four wire service representatives, eight newspaper reporters, and three radio-television representatives.

This permanent staff is supplemented by newsmen from all media who gather to cover specific activities.

It is not unusual to see dozens of reporters, photographers and television cameramen on hand at an important meeting.

The permanent legislative staff includes Zan Stark and Ann H. Pearson of United Press International; Paul Harvey Jr., and Al (Den) Beste, Associated Press; Douglas McKeen and Tom Stimmel, Oregon Journal, Portland; Mervin Shoemaker and Harold Hughes, The Oregonian; Phil Hager, Portland Reporter; Dan Sellard, Eugene Register-Guard; Doug Seymour, Salem Capital Journal; and

Don Scarborough, Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Bob Richter and Don Dill represent the state-owned radio and television network, and Bob Bruce the Capitol News Service.

Their normal work day begins with a briefing at 7:45 a.m. in the office of House Speaker Clarence Barton. Newsmen enjoy coffee served by Barton at these informal - and sometimes newsworthy - conferences.

At 8 a.m. some newsmen leave to cover daily committee meetings, while others visit Senate President Ben

Musa for a similar informal briefing.

After this session more newsmen leave for committee hearings, while others gather information on bills being introduced in the legislature.

When the sessions convene at 10 a.m. most newsmen are on hand to record developments.

The staccato clicking of typewriters and teletype machines in the downstairs press room reaches a crescendo around 11 a.m. as newsmen rush to feed the morning's activities to that day's editions.

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Scholarships Are Available for Study in Italy

Portland - About \$3,300 in scholarship money will be available for state system of higher education students studying at the Italian Studies Center in Pavia next fall, according to Dr. George Carbone, director.

The Portland State college professor of history recently returned from Pavia where final arrangements for housing, faculty and coursework have been completed.

The Italian Studies Center, being established at PSC this year, will enable 30 juniors and seniors enrolled in state system institutions next fall to study in Italy in cooperation with the University of Pavia, near Milan.

Pavia city and university officials were so enthusiastic, Dr. Carbone said, that they plan to "open their arms" to some 30 students from Oregon who will make up the first overseas study group being administered by PSC.

Offer Scholarships

Chamber of Commerce officials in Pavia have offered \$2,500 in scholarship aid, they said. An additional \$750 will be available from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Carbone said.

Classes will be held from Monday through Thursday to provide long week ends for study and touring, he said.

The undergraduate program will offer a total of 56 quarter hours. Cost of a year's stay would be approximately \$2,300, comparable to costs at state institutions in Oregon, he said.

Interested students should contact Dr. George Carbone, department of history, Portland State college, box 751, Portland 7, Ore., before April 15.

100-Mile Hike Set for Students

Forest Grove - A 100-mile hike in commemoration of 100 years of continuous activity is scheduled for approximately 25 members of Pacific university's Gamma Sigma fraternity this week end.

Founded in 1883, as Pacific University Lyceum, the fraternity is celebrating its centennial year this spring. The group is one of the oldest college fraternal organizations in the west.

The men will leave from the Corvallis city limits at 2 a.m. Saturday, March 9, and plan to be in Forest Grove Sunday.

They will travel north on Highway 99W to Salem where they will stop at the capitol to extend an invitation to Gov. Mark O. Hatfield to attend the Centennial celebration April 27 at the Portland Sheraton hotel.

Leaving Salem, the group will continue north on Highway 99W to McMinnville, where they will travel Highway 47 into Forest Grove.

The group will carry banners identifying the procession and advertising the centennial celebration.

Waterloo, N. Y. - Seneca County Sheriff G. Kenneth Wayne reported he was unable to serve a summons on Mrs. Anna Sabatine when she failed for the third time to appear for jury duty. He said he learned she had been dead since 1941.

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