

OSU THIS WEEK

FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER ♦ OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY



Cherri Pancake
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Dwaine Plaza
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

OSU BANNERS: The new Faces of OSU banners that celebrate faculty, staff, students and alums of OSU have gone up along Jefferson Avenue from 15th Street to the Memorial Union. The banners, which feature 14 people, were put up in late January. A photo of each person on the banners will be featured in upcoming issues of OSU This Week. This week's featured people are Cherri Pancake and Dwaine Plaza. Pancake is a professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Her research focus is usability engineering, or the study of how to engineer software to be more usable. The particular target audience she focuses on is practicing scientists and engineers and the problems they have when they access large databases across the Internet. Over the past 15 years, she has served as PI or co-PI on research grants totaling over \$125 million. Plaza is an associate professor in the Department of Sociology. His areas of interest include Caribbean studies, migration and settlement and race and ethnic relations. His current research includes "Caribbean Return Migration: Transnational Lifestyles and Practices, Caribbean Migrations" and "Transnational Families and Remittances: A Study of Haitian and Jamaican Origin Communities in Canada."

OSU collaborates on global open source health project

Building on its worldwide leadership in the open source software movement, Oregon State University has announced a new global collaborative effort to develop open source software solutions for the health information community.

The collaboration, called Open Health Information Project, underscores the commitment of OSU's Open Source Lab to the successful adoption and use of open source soft-

ware methodologies in the public sector. The university will partner with a half dozen leading public and private institutions, with a project goal to provide open source solutions to healthcare providers, including secure means to share patient information.

"Today, open source offers the possibility – and increasingly the reality – of having multiple widely dis-

(See "Open Source" p. 4)

Communication equals \$700,000 in savings

People often talk about the importance of communication. However, Facilities Services officials found that better communication can lead to a savings of more than \$700,000 for the university.

Last fall, Les Walton, OSU's heat plant supervisor, talked with OSU's account representative at NW Natural about what OSU could do to avoid a penalty during any possible gas curtailment.

When the weather gets below freezing, NW Natural sometimes curtails large users, such as OSU. A year ago, when faced with a gas curtailment during cold weather, university officials made the decision to go over the natural gas allotment to keep the campus heated and paid a \$60,000 fine. This year, OSU wanted to avoid that.

"We've been able to take the talks with NW Natural from the bureau-

cracy level down to the key parties," said Gary Hanson, manager for energy operations and maintenance at Facilities Services. "It's person-to-person talks, instead of institution-to-institution talks. We now know where each other is coming from."

OSU was allowed to run 5,000 therms a day during the curtailment without penalty. One therm is approximately the energy equivalent of
(See "Gas curtailment" p. 3)

Veterinarian to study Iditarod dogs for endurance clues

Sled dogs racing at the annual Iditarod in Alaska expend an extraordinary amount of energy during the 1,150-mile race and an Oregon State University researcher is part of a team that will study whether the dogs tap into a hidden reservoir of fuel.

Erica McKenzie, an assistant professor in OSU's College of Veterinary Medicine, will study the dogs' blood globulin levels to determine how depleted they become during the race.

"Sled dogs have comparatively low globulin levels during training, and those levels fall considerably during racing," said McKenzie, a veterinarian who specializes in internal medicine. "The dogs stop using muscle glycogen after the first day, and our theory is that they tap into blood globulin as an additional energy source."

"When human marathoners run out of glycogen, they hit the wall," she added. "When racing dogs run out, they seem to find another source and we think blood globulins may comprise part of that source."

The research is funded by the American Kennel Club's Canine Health Foundation as part of an ongoing effort to promote the health of dogs.

McKenzie has worked with racing sled dogs for the past four years, including teams run by five-time Iditarod winner Rick Swenson. During the race from Anchorage to Nome, dogs burn an enormous amount of en-



Erica McKenzie will study dogs' blood globulin levels at the Iditarod.

ergy, requiring 4,000 to 6,000 calories a day. And some of the dogs weigh as little as 30 pounds, she pointed out.

"Pound for pound, their energy requirements are several times that re-

quired by Tour de France (bicycle) riders," McKenzie said.

Contrary to popular belief, the majority of the sled dogs aren't purebred
(See "Iditarod" p. 4)

CAMPUS CALENDAR

MARCH 8-15

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Daily-Exhibit: Cherish the Past, Celebrate the Future, Memorial Union.

Daily-Exhibit: The Cycle of Light - Three Oregon Photographers, Autzen House, 8:30 a.m.

Daily starting March 12-Exhibit: Bill Viola - Video Installations: The Reflecting Pool & Observance, Fairbanks Hall.

March 15-Bill Viola public lecture, LaSells Stewart Center, 7 p.m.

March 8-Music a La Carte: Bella Voce and Meistersingers, MU Lounge, noon.

March 9-OSU Student Recital: Rebecca Stager, soprano, Benton 303, 7 p.m.

March 10-OSU Opera Workshop Scenes Performance, Benton 202, 7:30 p.m.

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March 14-Music: Emerson Drive Concert with Tyrone Wells and Andy Grammer, LaSells Stewart Center, 8 p.m.

March 15-Music a la Carte: OSU Concert Band, MU Lounge, noon.

March 15-Music: Symphonic Wind Ensemble, LaSells Stewart Center, 7:30 p.m.

EVENTS

March 13-Tuesday Market, MU Quad, noon.

March 15-Brown Bag Debate: Native Topics, MU 213, 1 p.m.

March 15-Crossroads International WORLDVIEW series: Cultures in Conflict, 128 S.W. Ninth St., 7 p.m.

DIVERSITY

March 8-International Women's Day 2007, MU Quad, 11 a.m.

March 8-Collusion, Grace & Privilege: Lunch & Learn Diversity Series - Grace: the Essential Gift, MU 208, noon.

March 8-Indigenous Gathering - Drumming & Dancing, MU Lounge, 5 p.m.

March 8-Craft Night, Native American Longhouse, 6 p.m.

March 9-Celebrate International Women's Month roundtable discussion, MU Lounge, noon.

March 9-Escape Winter - Cultural Fashion Dance, Club Escape, 10 p.m.

March 12-White Men Examining Their Racism, Education 129, 11:30 a.m.

SEMINARS

March 8-The Alkenone Paleosalinometer, Matthew Wolhowe, Burt 193,

noon.

March 8-Role of arginine metabolizing enzymes in statin-mediated breast cancer cell death, Balaraman Kalyanaraman, ALS 4001, 2 p.m.

March 8-The Deadly Meal: Pathogen Transmission to Rainbow Trout via Stonefly Prey, William Holben, Burt 193, 4 p.m.

March 9-Archaeological Databasing Systems, Brooke Boulware, Waldo 240, noon.

March 12-Closed Doors; Open Democracies? Webcast, Vallery Library 3622, 10 a.m.

March 12-Junipero Serra - California's Founding Father, Steve Hackel, Autzen House, 4 p.m.

March 13-NASA Shuttle Radar Topography Mission Visualization of Earth Landscapes, Bob Crippen, Gilfillan Auditorium, 4 p.m.

March 13-Horticulture Department Seminar, John Miller, ALS 4000, 4 p.m.

March 14-Wine, Jim Kennedy, Kidder 278, 4 p.m.

March 14-Integrating behavior into our understanding of habitat quality: examples from North Pacific flatfishes, Cliff Ryer, Nash 206, 4 p.m.

March 15-Interspecific Differences in Photoacclimation, Giorgio Dall'Olmo, Burt 193, noon.

March 15-Graduate Education and the U.S. Competitiveness Agenda, Debra Stewart, MU Leadership Center, 2 p.m.

March 15-Starker Lecture: Haida Gwaii's Forests: Sustaining Culture and Long-Term Islands-Stability, Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson, LaSells Stewart Center, 4 p.m.

VACANCIES

CLASSIFIED

Revenue Agent 1, Business Affairs, March 16.

ACADEMIC

Associate Dean, Graduate School, April 4.
Advisor, College of Business, March 15.

Department Head, Environmental and Molecular Toxicology, May 25.

Faculty Research Assistant/Postdoctoral Research Associate, Zoology, April 15.

Assistant Professor, Fisheries and Wildlife, March 30.

Interim Department Head, Rangeland Ecology and Management, March 15.

Resident Director for Japan, International Education, March 31.

Developer-Simulation Modeling, Forest Science, April 5.

Instructor, College of Business, Aug. 31.

Instructor, Veterinary Medicine, April 15.

Instructor, Extension-Jackson County, March 16.

Assistant Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences, May 30.

Faculty Research Assistant, Zoology, May 15.

Department Chair, Mathematics, June 15.

Country group Emerson Drive to perform at OSU March 14

Country music group Emerson Drive will be coming to Oregon State University on Wednesday, March 14, to perform a concert at the LaSells Stewart Center, located at 26th Street and Western Boulevard.

The concert, sponsored by the Memorial Union Program Council, starts at 8 p.m. with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets, which cost \$38 for the main floor or \$30 for the balcony, are on sale online at <http://www.osumu.org>. Prices include the handling fee. Tyrone Wells and Andy Grammer will be the opening acts.

Emerson Drive broke onto the country mu-

sic scene in 2002 with its self-titled debut album.

The band had two Top 5 hits - "Fall Into Me" and "I Should Be Sleeping" - from that album, and took home several awards, including the 2002 Academy of Country Music Top New Vocal Duet or Group of the Year and Billboard's No. 1 Top Country Artist of the Year in 2002.

The band's latest album, "Countrified," is available on Midas Records.

For information, contact the Memorial Union Programs Office by calling 541-737-6872.

ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Video installations at Fairbanks Gallery

"The Reflecting Pool" and "Observance," two video installations by Bill Viola, open Monday, March 12, in Fairbanks Gallery, Fairbanks Hall. A reception for the artist will start at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, in the LaSells Stewart Center, followed by a free public lecture by Viola "The Voyage of No Return."

In "Observance" (2002) a steady stream of people slowly moves forward toward us. One by one they pause at the head of the line, overcome with emotion. Their gazes are fixed on an unknown object just out of sight below the edge of the frame. An air of solemnity and sorrow pervades the scene. All are unified by their common desire to reach the front of the line and make contact with what is there.

In "The Reflecting Pool" (1977-79), a man emerges from the forest and stands before a pool of water. He leaps up and time suddenly stops. All movement and change in the otherwise still scene is limited to the reflections and undulations on the surface of the pond. The work describes the emergence of the individual into the natural world, a baptism into a world of virtual images and indirect perceptions.

Fairbanks Gallery is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Extended hours for the exhibit are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on March 13, 14, and 20-22; and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 17 and 24.

Opera workshop

Be sure to set your clocks one hour ahead on Saturday night so you don't miss the Oregon State University Opera Workshop-Opera Theater Corvallis presentation of "Daylight Saving Scenes" on Sunday, March 11, in Benton Hall Room 202. There will be two performances, one at 4:00 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m.

The program features student performers from the OSU music department, under the direction of Joseph "Joey" Prather. They will perform excerpts from "Don Giovanni" and "Die Zauberflöte" (The Magic Flute) by Mozart, "Don Pasquale" by Donizetti, and "Pelléas et Mélisande" by Debussy. While the scenes deal with themes of light and dark and with stark emotional contrasts, the main reason for the title of the show is to remind the audience that it takes place on the first day of daylight savings time and that they should set their clocks one hour ahead the preceding night.

Also featured is bluegrass duo The Severin Sisters.

Tickets are \$5 at door. Admission is free to children, all students with ID, and to Opera Theater Corvallis members. Donations are always welcome. Due to mild violence and sexual content, discretion is advised for young children.

Humanities lecture

Steven Hackel, an associate professor of history and a research fellow in the Center for the Humanities, will speak on "Fray Junipero Serra before he was Father Serra: The Man and the Inquisition" on Monday, March 12. The lecture will start at 4 p.m. at Autzen House.

No figure in the history of Spanish California has garnered more attention than Father Junipero Serra, who is widely associated with the establishment of the chain of Catholic missions that stretches from San Diego to just north of San Francisco. Scores of scholars have documented and described Serra's life from cradle to grave. However, one important event in Serra's life has yet to be fully told: his role in enforcing Catholic religious orthodoxy in the missions of the Sierra Gorda, where he worked as an agent of the Spanish Inquisition.

Music a la Carte

The final concert of the winter term Music à la Carte series will be on Thursday, March 15, featuring the OSU Concert Band, directed by Robert Brudvig. The free performance begins at noon in the Memorial Union Lounge.

In keeping with the band's performance tradition, this concert will feature a mix of band classics and contemporary works.

The OSU Concert Band numbers 45 student musicians and is open to all currently enrolled students who wish to continue playing their instrument while studying at OSU. For information, go to <http://oregonstate.edu/cla/music>.

Midday Music Interlude

The Keizer Elementary School Marimba Group will perform at the Memorial Union Midday Music Interlude on Wednesday, March 14, starting at noon in the MU Main Lounge.

The group is composed of 25-30 fourth- and fifth-graders under the direction of Mike Martin. Their repertoire includes Ostinati-based compositions by Northwest composer Walt Hampton and Australia-based Jon Madin. The event is free and open to the public. For information about the event or the Midday Music Interlude program, call MU Building Manager Gideon Alegado at 737-4674.



To see your event in OSU This Week:
OSU This Week receives its campus calendar information from the OSU Web calendar (calendar.oregonstate.edu). To see your event in OSU This Week, place it in the Web calendar, then go to the Publications box in the Event Submissions form and select OSU This Week. **Submission deadline is noon on Friday for the following Thursday's issue.** If you have questions about calendar listings, contact the Office of Conferences and Special Events at conferences@oregonstate.edu.

FOR DETAILED CALENDAR INFORMATION, VISIT [HTTP://CALENDAR.OREGONSTATE.EDU/](http://calendar.oregonstate.edu/)

Guests won't need tickets at OSU commencement

Family and friends of graduating students will no longer need a ticket to gain access to the OSU commencement, the university has announced.

The decision was made unanimously by the Commencement Committee.

"Now students won't have to worry about who should or should not be invited to the ceremony due to the limited number of tickets," said Kavinda Arthenayake, chair of the Commencement Committee. "We have never turned anyone away because someone did not have a ticket."

The old rule allocated eight tickets per student. Tickets were originally used when the annual ceremony was held in Gill Coli-

seum due to the limited number of seats in the coliseum, Arthenayake said.

"The new side of Reser Stadium can accommodate more than 18,000 people and last year we had about 14,000 guests," said Arthenayake, the director of OSU Conference Services and University Events.

"The committee also believes that security personnel can get guests through the gates faster," he said.

Mary Carlin Yates, an OSU graduate in English and Political Advisor to the Commander, United States European Command, will give the commencement address.

OSU commencement will be Sunday, June 17, starting at 2 p.m.

Public invited to observe annual spring lambing

New lambs will begin arriving at OSU's Sheep Center this month and the public is invited to view this annual rite of spring. More than 180 Polypay and Suffolk ewes are expected to give birth to several hundred lambs in the barn, located at 7565 N.W. Oak Creek Dr., said Thomas Nichols, sheep center manager.

Each year, the sheep center draws thousands of school children and other visitors. Lambing tours will start today and run through the April 6. The public can view the ewes and lambs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays and weekends.

Small groups may go on self-guided tours. Groups of more than 12 visitors should first arrange an appointment by sending an e-mail to Lambing.Barn@oregonstate.edu an out-of-office reply will be returned to you with further instructions. For information, call Nichols at

541-737-2903.

To reach the center from downtown Corvallis, go west on Harrison Boulevard to the 53rd Street intersection. Continue west through the intersection on NW Oak Creek Drive. A sign 1.8 miles from the intersection marks the road to the center. The one-lane road has turnouts to yield to oncoming traffic.

The ewes and lambs are part of ongoing research studies in animal health, breeding, feeding and grazing management conducted by the OSU Agricultural Experiment Station. The animals are also used in instructional programs in the OSU Animal Sciences Department and the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine.

People interested in purchasing orphan or "bummer" lambs should call 541-737-2903 and leave a message.

Gas curtailment

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Communication by Gary Hanson, left, and Les Walton with NW Natural saved more than \$700,000.

burning 100 cubic feet of natural gas at standard temperature and pressure.

"That was enough to keep the main boiler online enough to supplement heat with our other boilers," Hanson said. "We were able to run the plant at full capacity without penalty."

Of the four boilers that make heat for campus, the main boiler can only run natural gas, but the other three can run diesel. Anticipating the cold weather in January, heat plant workers switched those three to run on diesel. The equipment is so old the changeover had to be done manually and took about two hours per boiler.

"I can't ask for a better crew," Walton said. "They came in and made everything run smoothly so nobody on campus had to go without heat. The EMS shop contributed to our efforts by coming in early to give all the buildings the extra shot of heat which decreased the plant loads prior to the curtailment times."

Burning natural gas during a curtailment would mean a penalty of \$10 per therm. On a typical cold day, OSU uses up to 30,000 therms. During the 10-day curtailment period in January, OSU burned 73,840 therms. The

cooperation between OSU and NW Natural resulted in an avoidance of \$738,400 in penalties.

OSU saved between 15,000 and 20,000 therms a day, the equivalent of keeping 7,000 houses online per day, Hanson said. In fact, OSU even started burning diesel a day earlier, which helped alleviate NW Natural.

"That gave NW Natural a day to plan instead of crisis management," Walton said.

"They were thankful for what we did," Hanson said. "It's been a good partnership."

A new co-generation plant to be built at 35th Street and Jefferson Way, will help alleviate OSU's heat-related issues.

Hanson said a new boiler for the co-generation plant will be in place on the south side of the current heat plant by October. That boiler, which will be able to produce at least 85,000 pounds of steam per hour, can run on either natural gas or diesel and has an automatic changeover. The co-generation plant is scheduled to be online by fall 2008.

"Once we have all that done, instead of crisis mode, we'll just be running our plant regularly," Hanson said.

Linus Pauling's 106th birthday marked with release of catalog

Wednesday, Feb. 28, marked the 106th anniversary of the birth date of Linus Pauling – the only individual to win two unshared Nobel Prizes – and Oregon State University commemorated the birthday of its most famous graduate with the release of a full catalog of the items marking his extraordinary career.

Pauling left his papers, research notebooks, correspondence and other memorabilia – and that of his wife, peace activist Ava Helen Pauling – to OSU. He died in 1994 at the age of 93.

The OSU Libraries Special Collections has released the completed "Pauling Catalogue," a huge six-volume reference work of nearly 1,800 pages. The product of nearly 20 years of work, the catalog describes in detail the 500,000 items that comprise the Ava Helen and Linus Pauling Papers.

Richly illustrated, with more than 1,200 images, the catalog includes several introduc-

tions written by historians of science and members of the Pauling family.

A 45-page illustrated timeline provides background information on both Linus Pauling and his wife of nearly 60 years, Ava Helen Pauling.

The catalog also includes a reproduction of Linus Pauling's 1917 personal diary, which affords a revealing glimpse into the personality of a scientific genius as he began his higher education.

More information on the Ava Helen and Linus Pauling Papers is available at: <http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/specialcollections/coll/pauling/index.html>

The new catalog is available for \$125, plus \$15 shipping and handling. Sample pages, ordering information, and additional details are available at: <http://paulingcatalogue.org/>

For information, contact the OSU Libraries Special Collections offices at 541-737-2075.

Event will explore government openness

Oregon State University Libraries, in partnership with the League of Women Voters-Corvallis, are hosting a Web cast of the second annual national Sunshine Week event "Closed Doors; Open Democracies? A national dialogue with government openness experts." It will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, March 12, in the Willamette Industries Seminar room, 3rd floor of The Valley Library. It is free and open to the public.

Join Ira Flatow, host and executive producer of NPR's Science Friday, and two panels of government and other experts from the

National Press Club in Washington D.C., will participate in a national dialogue. The panels will address issues of access to government information, including the impact of government suppression and manipulation of scientific information on public health and safety – and accountability at the federal and the state and local levels. The event will begin with a lively discussion of the issues and end with ideas for action.

For information on the local event, contact Valery King at valery.king@oregonstate.edu or at 737-7318.

Monthly Faculty Senate meeting today

Kate Peterson, assistant provost for Enrollment Management will discuss the implications of raising the minimum high school GPA expected for admission to OSU at today's March Faculty Senate meeting.

The meeting starts at 3 p.m. in LaSells Stewart Center. In other business, Larry Curtis will report on the Feb. 27 faculty forum and there will be a report on the promotion and tenure process review.

Open Source

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persed organizations and agencies collaborate on a world-wide project, generating constant improvement for the good of their communities in a cost effective way," said OSU President Ed Ray. "I am convinced that OSU's work in open source software holds the potential for some of our greatest contributions to our state, our nation and the world, and this project is a perfect example."

The growing complexity of health information and the challenges posed by exchanging health information among hospitals, doctors, pharmacies and other care providers, creates a pressing need for information technology systems capable of supporting these providers in an efficient, cost-effective manner. By offering the timely delivery of relevant patient information and decision-support resources to the point of care, early OHIP pilot projects will aggregate major open source code sets (software) and demonstrate the value of the open source approach in resolving existing problems in the health information technology field.

This leading-edge open source collaboration, which includes the Mayo Clinic as the first of a

number of code contributors, is envisioned as an extension of the Eclipse Open Healthcare Framework. The Eclipse OHF works to improve the levels of interoperability between applications and systems within and across healthcare organizations and regions.

Key industry IT leaders and initial OHIP contributors of health information code (applications or tools) to the project include:

CollabNet – will manage the collaborative open source development process over the entire code base lifecycle, including contribution, access, revision control, bug management and release distribution.

Palamida – will process the code base to assure that intellectual property policies are enforced (this is essential when the code base is to be incorporated into commercial product offerings).

OSU Open Source Lab – will provide the aggregation, hosting and management of the code repository, including the CollabNet and Palamida servers, and overall data center management.

Innoopact – will contribute its experience

and technology in the space of bundling and integration of software components. Automation in assembly and management of deployments are further areas of Innoopact's expertise that will help to build solutions from a network of software from different manufacturers.

Mayo Clinic – will participate through its Division of Biomedical Informatics, where work is based on Lexical Grid (LexGrid) technologies. LexGrid provides support for a distributed network of lexical resources, such as terminologies and ontologies via standards-based tools, storage formats and access/update mechanisms. The Mayo Clinic's participation, in essence, will provide a "medical vocabulary search engine" for the project.

OSU joined Eclipse as an associate member in February of this year. "The Eclipse community's dedication to solving problems facing the healthcare industry and the patients it serves through open and effective use of information technology is admirable," said OSU Vice Provost for Information Services Curt Pederson. "We are pleased to join and support the community that is hard at work on the open

source infrastructure service components of healthcare information systems that offer little or no commercial competitive advantage. By collaborating, we hope to free resources for more valuable investments. This aligns with our non-profit public service mission and serves to strengthen the value of the OSU Open Source Lab to our citizens."

"Our public sector program was seeded by our commitment to the sector and rooted in the expertise and reputation earned through hosting important non-for-profit open source projects such as Firefox and the Linux kernel," said Deborah Bryant, OSU Public Sector Communities Manager and OHIP director for OSU. "We jumped at the opportunity to affect positive contributions to the public through this innovative health information project."

Bryant credits the unique, leading edge technical and community support expertise of the Lab, coupled with education and active outreach to public sector IT leadership through the university's successful Government Open Source Conference as key to attracting the project to Oregon.

OSU BRIEFS

WOMEN'S WEEK

The first campus-wide celebration of International Women's Week is taking place this week.

The Women's Center, the President's Commission on the Status of Women and International Programs are holding an event from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9, in the Memorial Union Lounge.

The event will include an open forum discussion, calligraphy demonstrations, traditional costumes and origami.

International Women's Week grew out of National Women's Day, first celebrated in the United States in 1909. Each year thousands of International Women's Week and International Women's Day (Thursday, March 8), events occur throughout the world.

MOVIE NIGHT

The Kalmekak Community Outreach Program & Meso American Student Association (MASA) are sponsoring a movie night on Friday, March 9.

The documentary "The Last Zapatistas, For-

gotten Heroes" by Francesco Taboada Tabone and Sarah Perrig will be shown starting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Lounge.

For information, call the Kalmekak office at 737-6712 or 818-671-7479 (ask for Juana).

CTL WORKSHOP

The Center for Teaching and Learning is hosting a "Course Portfolio" workshop on Friday, March 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Milam Hall Room 215.

Course portfolios are powerful tools for capturing and making visible the intellectual work that faculty engage in as they plan their learning outcomes and teach to these outcomes. This workshop will introduce the course portfolio, discuss its purpose and illustrate sample faculty portfolios. It will also explore ways that the portfolio can be used to advance the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Registration is required and can be found at <http://oregonstate.edu/ctl> or call 737-2809.

FACULTY/STAFF FITNESS

Registration for the Faculty/Staff Fitness program's spring term of classes begins Monday, March 12, starting at 8 a.m. The schedule of classes is at <http://www.hhs.oregonstate.edu/outreach/fsf/class-schedule-S07.html>. For information, call 737-3222.

OSU FOLK CLUB

The OSU Folk Club and OSU's First Lady Beth Ray will be hosting retired women faculty and the spouses of OSU retired faculty at the annual Retirees' Coffee on Monday, March 12. The event starts at 10 a.m. at the Stoneybrook Clubhouse, 4710 S.W. Stoneybrook St. Pre-registration is not required.

LIBRARY TRAVEL GRANTS

Applications are being accepted for Library Research Travel Grants for travel during April to September 2007. Deadline is March 31.

The grants are awarded to faculty nearing completion of research for publication to travel to collections of materials that can not be accessed through library loans. Evaluation criteria and application instructions are at <http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/travelgrant.htm>. For information, contact John Pollitz at John.Pollitz@oregonstate.edu or 737-8527.

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KIDSPIRIT YOUTH LACROSSE

KidSpirit is starting a youth lacrosse program, which will run from March 19 to May 24.

The program will be for both boys and girls in sixth through eighth grades. Cost is \$89 per player (additional equipment is needed).

An informational meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. today in the Corvallis High School staff dining room. The program will kick off spring term on the fields outside of Dixon Recreation Center. For information, contact KidSpirit at 541-737-5437 or kidspirit@oregonstate.edu.

DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Nominations are being accepted for the 2007 University Professional Development Award. Deadline is 5 p.m. on April 16.

This award recognizes any classified, professional faculty or faculty member who excels in supporting and encouraging OSU employees to participate in professional and/or educational development opportunities. The award is presented at University Day and includes a check for personal use from the Office of the President for \$500; and a development fund of \$500 contributed by Association of Office Professionals (AOP) and PCOSW to support staff training costs. Criteria and a nomination form are at <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/senate/awards/nom/profdevelop/>.

TRIAD FACULTY CLUB

Corvallis Mayor Charlie Tomlinson will speak at the Triad Faculty Club meeting on March 15. The meeting starts at noon in the Arnold Dining Hall's Gold Room. RSVP to the meeting by e-mailing Christine.Crabtree@oregonstate.edu by noon Monday, March 12.

OSU THIS WEEK

The March 15 issue of OSU This Week will be the final issue of winter term. Submission deadline is Friday, March 9. The first issue of spring term is April 5. Submission deadline for that issue is Friday, March 30.

Iditarod

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huskies. They often are mixed breeds that include hounds, pointers and other breeds. One musher even ran a team of standard poodles in previous years of the race.

Blood globulin is produced by the body to protect against infectious diseases, though most racing dogs don't appear to suffer from any adverse effects because of low levels, McKenzie said. Different "fractions" of the globulin have different characteristics, she added. One portion protects the respiratory system, another helps fight parasites, while at least two others primarily protect against infectious diseases.

The research goals include documenting the dogs' blood globulin levels, checking for any adverse effects of low globulin, and determining if blood globulin is used as an extra energy source.

McKenzie will work with OSU veterinary medicine colleague Manoj Pастey, an immunologist; Stuart Nelson, head veterinarian for the Iditarod; and Kenneth Hinchcliff, a veterinary professor at Ohio State University who recently was named dean of veterinary medicine at the University of Melbourne in Australia.

More information on the Iditarod is available at: <http://www.iditarod.com/>

Starker Lecture Series continues March 15

The Starker Lecture Series continues on Thursday, March 15, with a presentation by Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson. She will speak on "Haida Gwaii's Forests: Sustaining Culture and Long-Term Islands-Stability" starting at 4 p.m. in LaSells Stewart Center.

It is free and open to the public. She will speak about the journey of the Haida Nation to develop a new model for forestry in Haida Gwaii (the Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C.) for long-term islands-community stability. For information, go to www.cof.orst.edu/starkerlectures

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