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Connect week a must attend

The week before classes begin, known as CONNECT, offers many activities for new students to get to know OSU and the Corvallis community.

The events, put on by the office of Student Orientation and Retention (SOAR), are designed to get new students to interact with other new students and the surrounding area. Events like "Taste of OSU" and "Slice of Downtown Corvallis" are just a few of the activities that new students have to look forward to.

"Taste of OSU" gives students a chance to meet OSU faculty and staff as well as other new students, while "Slice of Downtown Corvallis" lets new students know exactly what there is to offer outside campus life.

Small businesses will have the opportunity to participate in the "Beaver Bingo" where students go around to different shops downtown to find certain items.

"We have CONNECT because it gets students out and meeting new people and seeing new places," Rick DeBellis, program coordinator for SOAR, said. "We want OSU to be more than just a place for classes, and we figure the best way to achieve that is to show all new students just what we have to offer."

A CONNECT week staple and student favorite is the Late Night at Fred Meyer event. The Fred Meyer on Kings Blvd. will close and then reopen just for OSU students. During the event there will be door prizes, student discounts and many other special offers.

Student IDs are required for the event, so be sure to bring them.

"It just seemed like a fun idea to do," DeBellis said. "It's something we started a few years back and now a lot of different universities are copying us because it has been such a success."

There are also educational sessions ranging from budgeting and credit card use to sessions on maintaining long distance relationships through the first year away at college.

Many colleges host their own orientation events during the week as well. These programs give new students the chance to ask any last-minute questions they might have as well as a chance to get to know other students within their major.

Many other events will be offered during the week and a full and up-to-date schedule of all CONNECT week activities will be available during CONNECT week.

OSU Bookstore puts students first

By Melanie Sander

OSU Bookstore

OSU is one of the few universities that has a bookstore owned by its students. What does having a non-profit, student-owned bookstore mean for you? It means lower textbook prices than other university bookstores, lots of used textbooks, and a variety of products and services tailored to meet your individual needs.

The OSU Bookstore is a student-governed nonprofit organization, and its mission is to provide the educational materials you need at the

lowest possible prices. We understand that with the rising costs of education, keeping the price of your course materials down is more important than ever.

Getting to know your Bookstore has a number of benefits. The Bookstore's website, osubookstore.com, is your resource for a personalized list of the required and optional textbooks your professors will be using in class. You can buy your books through the website, or simply use the book list to find what you need at the Bookstore. If you order

online, we can box and hold your books until you arrive on campus. Just pick them up at our convenient location in the MU Ballroom.

In addition to our student discount, the Bookstore keeps prices down by having a lot of current-edition used textbooks. About 40 percent of the textbooks we sell are the lower-priced used copies. Because we're always looking for used textbooks, we'll buy your used books back from you after each term, paying up to half of the new book price. You can check out the price we're paying for

your used textbooks online.

The OSU Bookstore is your authorized campus retailer for Apple computer products, offering you Apple's lowest educational pricing on hardware and software. From iPods to laptops, you'll find the best prices on technology products.

The Bookstore also has a great selection of school supplies, general interest books and gifts, and simply the best selection of Beaver apparel anywhere. Get to know your nonprofit OSU Bookstore, and you'll see that we put students first!

Career Services offers more than job placement

By Miranda Smith

Career Services

OSU students who only visit Career Services when they're ready to graduate are cheating themselves of tremendous learning opportunities available to students of any class standing. Students new to OSU are often unsure of what major to declare or how a major of interest to them might translate into future career opportunities.

Carrie Coplan, a career counselor in Career Services, recommends that students visit Career Services to see what options are available to them. "I think Career Services is a great resource to help students sort through what can seem like an overwhelming number of programs and majors at OSU," says Coplan.

Students weighing specific majors, as well as students who have already declared a major, can discuss with a counselor what career opportunities are related to that major. Counselors in Career Services also can help students sort through their values, interests and goals to discover what majors inspire them. Regardless of a student's field of interest, career counselors can provide guidance on how to develop marketable skills that will make a student a viable job candidate in the future.

Career Services partners closely with student organizations, OSU academic departments, alumni, employers, and the community to provide a wide variety of experiences to students. The most visible



David Rodela, of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency, explains the duties and requirements of his job to Ammara Tan, a sophomore in public health, at the winter Career Fair.

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examples of this commitment to collaboration are the OSU University-Wide and Engineering Career Fairs.

Quarterly Career Fairs offer students a way to meet and learn about employers from across the state and nation. In a matter of hours students can interact with up to 100 employers without leaving campus. For students who aren't yet ready to apply for a job or internship, the Career Fairs provide a chance for students to gain perspective on future job opportunities, as well as practice networking with employers.

"Students can ask what employers want and start getting experience like that to put on their resumes," Coplan adds. "Students need to do well in class and on tests, but employers often are

looking for more [in an employee], like leadership experience."

The National Student Exchange program (NSE) offers students a year at another university. Those who apply and are accepted into the NSE program may choose from hundreds of partner institutions to which they can transfer for up to one school year. Participation in the NSE program allows OSU students to spend time in a different part of the country or take classes that are only available at a handful of institutions. Coursework taken at an NSE partner institution is transferable to OSU, and students can often attend partner institutions at rates at or below OSU in-state tuition.

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Memorial Union: Relax, study, eat and attend events



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Students study and relax in the Memorial Union Lounge, OSU's campus living room.

By Malem Gutema

Memorial Union student employee

The first time I walked into the Memorial Union (MU) was the first time I spent a day in Corvallis. My parents and I were becoming acquainted with the campus, when we found the MU. It was different from many of the other buildings I saw on campus with its great elegance and artistic features.

I soon became familiarized with what the building had to offer. The building became a place where I could go to relax, study and often times grab something to eat in between classes. I often found myself sleeping on the couches in the main lounge or just enjoying the piano music played while I studied.

I applied to work at the information desk and was grateful for the job. I love my work because it gives me a chance to interact with people. I enjoy the fact that our goal as an organization is to serve people the best we can. In some instances,

I am the first contact person for the university since the MU is the first place many visitors and prospective students find.

Since I joined the info desk staff at the business office, I know lots about what the MU and campus have to offer. I have had a chance to attend many cultural events that happen throughout the year.

I remember a time when my friend and I were sitting on one of the couches in the main lounge and wondering how many people might have sat in the same place more than 75 years ago. How many students have enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the quad over the years? The building has a sense of history and classic beauty. I know that students who work in the MU or just spend hours hanging out there are part of the history making. After I graduate I will come back to the building and appreciate what it contributed to my college experience and what I contributed to making it an even better place.

Assistance offered by writing and math centers

By Lawrence Eng
CONNECTIONS staff writer

Writing & Math Centers

The Writing Center and the Math Learning Center (MLC) are two of Oregon State University's richest resources. Specialized, one-on-one student meetings make the centers the place to go for academic tutoring, curricular advice and a host of other concerns.

"There is no reason to sit at home if you are having problems," said Michael Smith, a Business major uses the Writing Center. "There are people here who can help you. Why not utilize it? It's free. Your tuition

pays for it."

When material in his writing class became too complicated, Smith sought help. The Center offers more than help with class work. According to Wayne Robertson, the 2004 Writing Center Coordinator, "One of the most popular uses of the center is for students working on resumes, cover letters, scholarship letters and personal statements for graduate school."

Other tutorial services provided at the Writing Center include:

- Overcoming writer's block, preparing for class presentations, and organizing, developing and revising your own

papers.

- Assistance with paragraphing, sentence structure, grammar, punctuation and spelling

- Teaching how to revise, edit and proofread your own work

Writing assistants won't proofread your papers, but they will make suggestions on the content, structure and style of your writing and point you to materials in the Writing Center that may help you write more effectively.

Computer Science major, David Nguyen became a regular visitor to the MLC when he was a student. He dropped by Monday through Wednesday for help with college algebra. The

time he spent at the center paid off. "If I didn't have a tutor, I don't know what I would do," he said. "I would probably end up with an F."

Nguyen had to balance work and school. The MLC made it possible for him to get his math questions answered quickly. "The tutor walks me through it step by step until I understand the concept," he said. "They're also really good about letting you know what your strengths and weaknesses are."

The services offered by the Math Learning Center include:

- Well-lit study area with tables and a coin-operated pho-

tocopy machine

- Free drop-in tutoring provided by graduate teaching assistants, faculty volunteers and a few hired undergraduate tutors.

- A mathematics education resource room and a computer lab open to students with an Onid account.

For more information about the Writing Center, call 737-5640 or 737-4946 for the Math Learning Center. Students are also encouraged to visit the Writing Center's website at <http://cwl.oregonstate.edu/twc.html> and <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/mlcexcel/index.html> for the MLC.

Strive for academic success

The Academic Success Center (102 Waldo Hall) supports the university's learning environment and promotes student success through graduation and beyond. Essential functions include advising undeclared majors (University Exploratory Studies Program), providing information and referral, coordinating supplemental instruction, offering success courses, and coordinating the development of Transitional Learning Communities. The Center serves as the hub for efficient and vital connections to advisors, the learning centers, the colleges, and the campus-wide student success effort. Call 737-2272 for more information.

The Center encourages students to tackle school with a plan. The time budget sheet is one tool suggested for improving time management and decreasing stress.

Time Budget Sheet

Total number of hours available	168
Minus hours in class per week	_____
Minus hours of study time per week	_____
Minus hours of sleep time/ personal hygiene per week	_____
Minus hours of committed time per week (e.g. job, church, meetings)	_____
Minus hours of meal time per week (include coffee stops!)	_____
Minus hours of exercise per week	_____
Minus hours of family time per week	_____
Minus hours of laundry, shopping, personal errands per week	_____
Minus hours of television per week	_____
Minus hours of email, video games, etc.	_____
Minus hours of other recreation per week (movies, parties, etc.)	_____
Minus other (miscellaneous)	_____
Final Balance (+ or -)	_____

For more helpful tips on becoming a successful OSU student visit:
success.oregonstate.edu

ROTC: Take a class and try it

Parachuting from a thousand feet five times in the course of a week is not a typical OSU experience. Business major Brian Peterson, who made those jumps last year, says the major difference between him and most OSU seniors is, "I have a bed time. Three days a week there's Physical Training from six to seven in the morning." Peterson, a member of the National Guard from Bend, OR, is a cadet in the OSU Army Reserved Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.

He thinks that moving from Central Oregon Community College and joining ROTC at OSU, "Got me more focused. I changed my major from computer science." He decided to sign onto the program because his little brother was doing it and for both Petersons the commitment made sense.

Peterson says he gets mixed reactions when he wears his uniform on campus, but that he often here's people say, "Thank you for serving our country." That makes him feel good because, "When you are in ROTC, you are really proud of it."

Of the 75 to 80 Army ROTC cadets each year only about 20 percent are on scholarship. An even higher number are like Peterson, signed to the National Guard. Major Joseph Hoffman, the OSU Army recruitment officer, says only those on ROTC schol-

arships are committed to the program from the start. Other participants can take a class as an elective to see if they are interested. National Guard soldiers cannot be mobilized into active duty while studying in the ROTC program. They are guaranteed to be able to finish their degrees before moving to active duty.

Hoffman tells non-scholarship ROTC recruits, "The first two years are elective for students. Take a class and try it on." The classes are active and fun and Hoffman finds his cadets are the best recruiters he could have, "If you are in a club, you invite your friends to join—unless you don't like what you're doing."

The only woman cadet in the senior class this year will be Kyla Johnson. Johnson hasn't minded being the lone female. Johnson says, since there are over a dozen women in the Army cadet program's lower classes, she tends to exercise with them, "Working out is probably the biggest thing. It's good to have other females to work out with."

Johnson from Port Townsend, Washington came to OSU as a member of the National Guard. Last year, she added to that commitment by serving as student body vice president where she, "Worked 20 plus hours

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ASOSU more than your average government

By Katrina R. Machorro

Executive Director of Public Relations, ASOSU

Becoming a student at OSU not only means becoming a community member of Corvallis, it also means becoming part of an organization that is driven by self-representation.

The Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU) is the governing body for students on campus — this alliance encompasses all 19,000 plus students at OSU. However, the ASOSU is not merely the student government. The student organization is a way to get your voice heard; it is a way to get your passion to work for you and for the betterment of your peers.

The ASOSU President Michael F. Olson, Vice President Lindsey Johnson and the executive directors are working on building strong relationships

with other student organizations and student resources. "I really think (the ASOSU) has a good team this summer. Everyone has a lot of energy in the field they are working in and a lot of energy in ASOSU as a whole," Johnson said, referring to the executive directors.

Throughout the year the ASOSU works on several campaigns to benefit students and the ASOSU staff is working hard to reach out to all students through services, campaigns and events. Through these campaigns the ASOSU hopes to engage and unify the student body. By becoming involved with ASOSU as either a volunteer or intern, any student can create a campaign of their own and assist the ASOSU with the goal of unifying campus.

The internship class — for which graded credit is given — provides the

opportunity for students from diverse backgrounds to come together and work on student issues.

"(The internship class) gives students an area to get involved in that will help benefit their peers while working alongside other students from the university who share the same interests," said Trever Palin, ASOSU Executive Director of Committees.

"The internship class offers the opportunity for students to get involved — being involved with anything on campus contributes to a great university experience," Palin said.

For more information about the internship class (ALS 410) and making a difference, contact Trever Palin, ASOSU Executive Director of Committees, at asosu.committees@oregonstate.edu or 541-737-6352.

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2006 Connect Schedule

Welcome to Oregon State University!

CONNECT week is a time for new students to become part of OSU's Community of Scholars. Your participation in CONNECT will play an instrumental role in your academic success. Should you choose to participate in other university-recognized activities and events (such as FOOTSTEPS, athletics, marching band, military orientations, Greek recruitment, etc.), please be assured that these groups will recognize and support your academic success by working with you to participate in both activities.

For questions or additional information, contact Student Orientation and Retention (SOAR) Programs at 541-737-7627.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8am - 8pm — FOOTSTEPS Trips
FOOTSTEPS (Fall Outdoor Orientation Trips) in support of ALS112 Odyssey classes.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10am - 5pm — Graduate School Orientation

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

3:30pm - 5pm — English Language Institute New Student Welcome Party
5pm - 9pm — Black CONNECT Welcome Dinner
9am - 11pm — Conexiones 2006
9am - 5pm — Student Check-in
5pm - 6pm — Welcome-Parent Session
6pm - 8pm — Dinner
8pm - 11pm — Activities Night

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8am — Orientation, Advising and registration events for first year students who did not register for classes at START. Required for all non-registered first year students.
8am - 8:30am — Arrival and Check-in
8:30am — General Session
9am — Small Group Meeting
10am — Academic Presentations
11am — Math Placement Assessment
Noon — Foreign Language Assessment
International Student Orientation and Registration
9am - 2pm — International student session (required for all new international students on an F-1 visa). Does NOT include exchange students or J-1 students.
2pm - 3:30pm — Orientation, Advising and registration events for new undergraduate International students. Required for all non-registered undergraduate International students
2pm — Check-in and general session
2:30pm - 3:30pm — Academic Presentations
8:30am - 5pm — Black CONNECT
8:30am - 9:30am — Breakfast
9:30am - 10am — Ice Breaker
10:15am - 11am — Transitioning from High School to College
• Words of Encouragement
11:15am - Noon — Dealing with Homesickness
• Being Black & Living in Corvallis
Noon - 1pm — Lunch
1pm - 1:30pm — Importance of Math Knowing Your Advisor
1:30pm - 3:30pm — Cultural Centers Tour
4pm - 5pm — Ice Cream Social
9am - 10pm — Conexiones 2006 Continued
9am - 10am — Breakfast/Icebreakers
10am - 11am — Casa Educacional
11am - Noon — Spanish Department
Noon - 1:30pm — Lunch
1:30pm - 4:30pm — Tours and Presentations
5pm - 6pm — Dinner
6pm - 7pm — Student Panel
7pm - 11pm — Dixon Rec
8:30am - 10:30am & 1pm - 3pm — Assisted Self-Service for Student Online Services and Ford Loan Entrance Counseling & Master Promissory Notes (Continues daily through September 28)
9am - Noon — Services for Students with Disabilities Open House
Noon - Saturday, Sept 23, Fraternity Recruitment Week

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For questions or comments, please contact Rick DeBellis at soar@oregonstate.edu or (541) 737-7627

1:30pm - 4:30pm — English Language Institute (ELI) New Student Orientation and Welcome Reception
4:30pm - 5:30pm — ELI New Student Welcome Reception

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30am - 10:30am & 1pm - 3pm — Assisted Self-Service for Student Online Services and Ford Loan Entrance Counseling & Master Promissory Notes (Continues daily through September 21)
8:45am - Noon — ELI Student Health Services Orientation
Plageman Student Health Services
9am - 10am — Students' Right to Privacy of Records
9am - 11pm — Black CONNECT continued
9am - 10am — Slammin' Breakfast
10:15am - 10:45am — Ice Breaker Activity
10:45am - 11:45am — Faculty Panel/Info about Odyssey Courses
11:45am - 12:45pm — Budgeting Strategies
12:45pm - 1:45pm — Lunch
2pm - 3:30pm — Ropes Course
3:30pm - 4pm — New Student Walk
4pm - 5pm — New Student Convocation
Conexiones 2006 Continued
9am - 10am — Breakfast/Icebreakers
10am - 11am — Buy Now, Pay Forever
11am - Noon — Community and Diversity
Noon - 1pm — Lunch
1pm - 2pm — Diversity Development
2pm - 4pm — Ropes Course
4pm - 5pm — New Student Convocation
5pm - 6:15pm — Dinner
6:15pm - 6:30pm — Resource Guide Overlook
6:30pm - 8pm — Poetry Night
8pm - 11pm — Carnival/Concert
Noon - 1pm — Panhellenic Sorority Q&A
1pm - 3pm — ELI New and Returning Student Registration
1pm - 4pm — Services for Students with Disabilities Open House
8am - 5pm — Advising Appointments and web registration. For first-year non-registered students who did not attend START Continued from 9/19
8:30am - 1:30pm — Web Registration Assistance
9:30am - 1:30pm — Exchange student session (required for all incoming exchange students and J-1 visa holders)
1:30pm - 3:30pm — Fraternity Recruitment Information Session
3:30pm - 4pm — New Student Walk
4pm - 5pm — New Student Convocation
5pm - 6:30pm — Taste of OSU - Post-Convocation Welcome
8pm - 11pm — Carnival and Concert on the Quad

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30am - 10:30am & 1pm - 3pm Assisted Self-Service for Student Online Services and Ford Loan Entrance Counseling & Master Promissory Notes (Continues daily through September 21)
8:30am — Orientation, Advising and registration events for TRANSFER students who did not register for classes at START. Required for all non-registered TRANSFER students
Arrival and Check-in, Milam Auditorium
9am — General Session
9:45am — Academic Presentations
11am — Math Placement Assessment
11am - 3pm — Web Registration Assistance
Conexiones 2006 Continued
9am - 10am — Breakfast/Icebreakers
10am - 11am — Dean of Student Life
11am - Noon — Public Safety
Noon - 1:30pm — Lunch
1pm - 2pm — Maintaining Your Health
2pm - 3pm — Alumni Panel
3pm - 4pm — Financial Aid/Scholarship
4pm - 6pm — Slice of Downtown
6pm - 7pm — Dinner
7pm - 8pm Raices Indigenas (Native Roots)
11pm - 1am — Late Night @ Fred Meyer's
9am - 10am — Students' Right to Privacy of Records
9am - Noon — Brushing Up on Math 111
Session repeated on 9/21, 9/22, & 9/23; 9am - Noon & 1 pm - 4 pm.
9am - Noon — Services for Students with Disabilities Open House
10am - 4pm — CONNECT Information Table
10am - Noon — ELI New Student Orientation - Session II
10am - 2pm — Immigration document check-in (required for all incoming international and exchange students)

11am - 1:30am — Black CONNECT Continued
11 am - Noon — Lunch
Noon - 1:30pm — Campus Tour
2 pm - 2:45pm — Psych Services
3 pm - 4pm — Getting Involved: Black Organization Showcase
4pm - 6pm — Slice of Downtown Corvallis
8pm - 11pm — Skating @ Lake Park Entertainment
11pm - 1:30am — Late Night Run to Fred Meyer's
Noon - 1pm — ELI New Students no host lunch
Noon - 1pm — Panhellenic Sorority Q&A
Noon - 2pm — Faces of Success: Academic Success Center Open House
1pm - 3pm — New ELI Students - OSU Campus Tour
1pm - 2pm — Show Me the Money
1pm - 5pm — New Professional Pharmacy Student Orientation
1pm - 4pm — Brushing Up on Math 111
2pm - 3pm — Buy Now, Pay Forever - Learning to Manage Credit Before it Manages You!
3pm - 4pm — The Inside Story on College Writing
3:30pm - 5pm — College of Business Dessert Social
3pm - 6pm — A Slice of Downtown Corvallis
6:30pm - 8pm — OSU ALOHA Pizza Reception
7pm - 9:30pm — Residence Hall Orientation (Mandatory for all residence hall students)
11pm - 1:30am — Late Night at Fred Meyer

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:30am - 4pm — New Professional Pharmacy Student Orientation
8:30am - 10:30am & 1pm - 3 pm — Assisted Self-Service for Student Online Services and Ford Loan Entrance Counseling & Master Promissory Notes (Continues daily through September 21)
Conexiones 2006 Continued
9 am. - 10 a.m. — Breakfast/Icebreakers
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. — Minority Education Office
11am - Noon — International Programs
Noon - 1:30pm — Get Involved Fair
1pm - 2pm — Lunch
2pm - 3pm — Student Organizations
3pm - 4pm — Relaxation Workshop
4pm - 5pm — Salsa Lesson
6pm - 8pm — MEO BBQ
9pm - Midnight, Dixon Rec Night
9am - 10am — Students' Right to Privacy of Records
9am - Noon — Brushing Up on Math 111
10am - 11am — Buy Now, Pay Forever - Learning to Manage Credit Before it Manages You!
10am - 11am — Employment Information Session (for international students)
10am - 4pm — CONNECT Information Table
10am - 6pm — Library?! Who Needs a Library?
10:30am - 12:30pm — Panhellenic Fair
11am - Noon — College of Business Computer Lab Information Session
11am - 3pm — Get Involved @ OSU Info Fair
Noon - Midnight — Black CONNECT Continued
11:45am - 12:45pm — Lunch
1pm - 1:30pm — Oregon State Police
2 pm - 3pm — Financial Aid Tips r
9pm - Midnight — Dixon Rec Night
1pm - 4pm — Services for Students with Disabilities Open House
1pm - 4pm — College of Engineering New Student Orientation
1pm - 4pm — Brushing Up on Math 111
2pm - 3pm — Get Involved @ OSU!
2pm - 3pm — The Inside Story on College Writing
2:30pm - 4:30pm — College of Health and Human Sciences Welcome Event
3pm - 4pm — Show Me the Money
3pm - 4:30pm — College of Business New Student Dessert Social
3pm - 5pm — National Student Exchange Orientation
3:30pm - 5pm — College of Engineering students: Construct a Sundae, Build New Friendships!
5pm - 6:30pm — Weatherford Residential College Orientation BBQ
6pm - 8:30pm — Minority Education Office (MEO) Welcome BBQ and Block Party
6pm - 8pm — Greek Community Open House

7pm - 9pm — International Student Welcome Reception
7pm - 9pm — Women's Volleyball against USC
9pm - 9:30pm — CONNECT with SPIRITUAL LIFE at OSU
9pm - Midnight — Dixon Rec Night

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30am - 4pm — New Professional Pharmacy Student Orientation
8am - 9am — Conexiones 2006 continued: Breakfast/Icebreakers
8:30am - 10:30am & 1pm - 3pm — Assisted Self-Service for Student Online Services and Ford Loan Entrance Counseling & Master Promissory Notes (Continues daily through September 21)
9am - 10am — Students' Right to Privacy of Records
9am - Noon — Services for Students with Disabilities Open House
9am - Noon — Brushing Up on Math 111
9am - 10am — Bringing Dependents to the U.S.
9:30am - 11am — Older-Than-Average Open House & Discussion "Juggling Multiple Roles"
9am - 4pm — College of Forestry Orientation & Annual Ring
10am - 11:30am — Make-up visa session (for international students unable to attend the main international session on 9/18/06 or the exchange student session on 9/19/06)
10am - 4pm — Educational Opportunities Program (EOP) New Student Retreat
10 am - 6pm — Library?! Who Needs a Library?
11 am - 12:30pm — Fraternity Jump
Noon - 1pm — Panhellenic Sorority Q&A
Noon - 1:30pm — Agricultural Sciences Fall Kick-off BBQ
Noon - 3pm — Create Your Own Silk Screen T-Shirt
12:30pm - 2pm — New Life Science Majors Luncheon & Orientation
1pm - 4pm — Brushing Up on Math 111
1pm - 5pm — Physics All Dept. Picnic
2pm - 3pm — University Honors College Fall Orientation and Dessert
2pm - 4pm — ELI Volunteer Conversant Recruitment/Open House
4:30pm - 7:30pm — Weatherford Residential College Orientation
5 pm - 6:30pm — Weatherford Residential College Orientation BBQ
7pm - 9pm — Friday Night Live -
7pm - 9pm — Women's Volleyball against UCLA
9 pm - 11pm — The Basement Rec Night

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:45am - 2pm — ELI New Student Orientation - Corvallis Downtown Tour
10am - 10pm — Corvallis Fall Festival
2pm — Hui O' Hawaii Welcome Barbecue -
3pm - 6pm — Black CONNECT Tailgater BBQ
7pm — OSU Home Football Game vs. Idaho

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10am - 5pm — Corvallis Fall Festival
9:30am or 1:30pm — CONNECT with LDS STUDENTS at OSU
1pm - 3pm — O* in the Afternoon
5pm — Asian Pacific American CONNECT Dinner
8pm — Movie on the Green

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

First Day of Classes

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

5:30pm - 7:30pm — UHC Orientation & McNary Triplex Welcome BBQ

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

3pm - 4pm — Get Involved @ OSU!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5pm - 7pm — ISOSU Presents: Mystery Mix & Mingle
7pm - 8:30pm — Gail Stern Rants
Sexual Assault Presentation

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

11am - 3pm — Where It's @ Beaver Community Fair

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Dialogue on diversity

By Dennis Dugan

Team Liberation

For many incoming students, college is the first time that they experience diverse groups of people on a day-to-day basis. Even so, many have already formed ideas about what other groups are like — what they say, how they dress, and even how they behave. Sometimes, individuals can treat those assumptions as being more 'real' than their actual experiences with those different from themselves.

At Oregon State University, a group of students working under the name Team Liberation works to build community and honor diversity by facilitating dialogues and workshops to help people understand more about the assumptions they make about themselves and others. The experience is also designed to increase communications skills and leadership abilities, especially as they pertain to the OSU community.

Team Liberation formed roughly four years ago under Diversity Development. The organization uses facilitated dialogues, experiential exercises, and human relations workshops as a way to get at issues of racism, sexism, heterosexism, ageism, ableism, religious intolerance and other forms of discrimination. Since 2002 Team Liberation has facilitated workshops and dialogues for over 1,300 students, staff, faculty and community members as well as held nine biannual workshops to train new facilitators.

Requests come in from around the campus and community for interactive work-

shops or facilitations and Team Liberation volunteers work with the requesting group to develop a unique agenda for each training based on the group's demographics, goals, and needs.

The agendas are constructed from a file full of dozens of exercises the organization has collected that cover everything from how it feels to be told to act like a lady or a man to one that asks participants to think about how they define their own identity.

The organization evaluates its facilitations on a regular basis and often modifies its exercises and practices in response to comments from participants. In this way, the exercises can become even more effective and specific to the OSU community.

One of the main reasons for using experiential exercises is that it helps participants manifest the change they seek in the world — the idea being that everyone, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation and the like should be given the opportunity to grow, thrive, and live with dignity and respect.

Other goals of the organization include raising awareness of the impact of social circumstances on particular individuals or groups, encouraging participants to recognize the contributions of others around them, and helping people develop new strategies for care in their daily interactions.

Team Liberation is available year-round to hold facilitations and workshops for students and staff. To get in contact with the organization, send an email to team.liberation@oregonstate.edu or call 737-9857.

CAREER SERVICES:

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Another Career Services offering comes through the internship program. Working as an intern is an excellent way to test the waters of a career field and determine whether it is worth pursuing long-term. Internships can also help students fill their resumes with marketable skills and knowledge that will assist them in securing jobs after graduation. Career Services can help students determine what types of internships might be of interest to them, as well as help pinpoint specific opportunities.

Once students are ready to apply for internships or jobs, Career Services has a host of opportunities from which they can benefit. Students seeking up-to-date job or internship postings can access Beaver Recruiting, a database system where employers can list position openings or search through resumes posted by students. Drop-in hours are hosted in Career Services between 1 and 4 p.m. every weekday and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. During this time, students can stop by to have Career Services staff critique resumes

or cover letters. Career counselors are available by appointment to conduct mock interviews with students. Participating in mock interviews can help students gain experience and confidence in their interviewing skills before sitting before a potential employer's hiring committee.

Career Services has much to offer OSU students, no matter where they are in the career decision-making process. Coplan encourages students to visit Career Services to "gather information

... learn what careers are out there and gain real-world information about what employers are looking for".

Students may visit Career Services on the lower level of the Kerr Administration building; a wealth of career-related resources are also available on the Career Services website, oregonstate.edu/career/. To schedule an appointment with a career counselor or learn more about Career Services programs, please call 737-4085.

ROTC:

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a week. I was on campus from six in the morning to nine o'clock at night."

Having two obligations tested Johnson's limits, but she feels that is what the Army does on a regular basis, "It helped me prepare. You don't quit. You keep going."

Even when she was totally exhausted, Johnson fulfilled both of the jobs, "It gave me a lot of life experience and it will make me a better officer."

When Johnson graduates winter term, she will not go into active duty. She will continue to serve in the National Guard and plans to go to Washington, D.C. as an intern to add more experience to enhance her political science degree. From there she anticipates graduate school.

Peterson and Johnson feel secure about their future careers. Hoffman says they should. According to the head of recruitment, ROTC offers options and direction that help students find a career for life.

Athletic tickets

To get free student tickets for OSU football, men's basketball and men's baseball, some preplanning is required. Six thousand student tickets are available for every home football game. Student tickets are available for pick up at the front Box Office Windows at Gill Coliseum a week in advance. When the Beavers have an average season that means, tickets to the Civil War game against UO are the only ones that are really hard to get, however, when the Beavers are on a roll, picking up tickets could mean waiting in long lines.

Tickets to the Civil War game traditionally go first to students who have gone to all the other home games, so save your ticket stubs to guarantee a seat.

Dads can join their students for the USC football game on October 28, 2006. Students need to call the Beaver ticket office, give their student ID number and request to purchase a ticket for dad. Two tickets will be issued, a free student ticket and a for purchase parent ticket. The seats will not necessarily be in the student section but will be together.

Men's basketball and baseball tickets should also be picked up in advance. Since the rush has traditionally been far smaller than for football, students can pick up their tickets inside Gill Coliseum at the main ticket window the week of the game.

OSU students can get in free to all OSU athletic events. For the other sports that means walking up to the door and showing student ID at game time. Of course, two years ago students could do that to get into baseball. Now that OSU's baseball team owns the National Championship title, tickets in the spring may be considered gold.

Minority Education Office

Cha Yong Mayner

MEO student intern

The Minority Education Office (MEO) is a place where students of color can come for many services. The MEO assists students of color with their academic, professional and personal growth through educational, cultural programs and advocacy. We are here to maximize the student experience at OSU through student advising and information on internships, scholarships, jobs, and graduate school opportunities.

Other services that MEO provides are computers with free printing, free faxing, use of typewriters and more. There is also a lounge area in the MEO for students to come between classes to relax, socialize with other students, and sometimes enjoy some great food.

Students enjoy coming to MEO because as one student said, "the staff actually cares about the students." The staff tends to go above and beyond to help ensure the students are successful here at Oregon State University. Some have called MEO their "home away from home."

There are four different offices that cater to the different ethnic groups. Their offices are:

Ujima Education Office (African/African American) 737-9032

Indian Education Office (American Indian/Alaskan Native) 737-4383


CASA Educacional (Latino-a/Chicano-a/Hispanic) 737-9031

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The Minority Education Office is not limited to students of color; all students are welcome to use the services offered and to socialize with other students.


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