December 1998

Dr. Weber Receives Oregon Sea Grant Partnership Award

At the Sea Grant reception on November 9, Bob Malouf and Jay Rasmussen presented Lavern Weber with a beautiful Oregon Sea Grant Partnership Award, made of a nautilus shell cut in half to show its elaborate symmetry. (See photo above.)

Oregon Sea Grant Partnership Awards are presented annually to individuals, institutions and groups who have worked cooperatively with Sea Grant to help them fulfill their mission of supporting research, education and outreach leading to the rational utilization and conservation of marine resources. The primary intent of the award is to recognize individuals who are supportive of the Sea Grant mission and whose actions exemplify the spirit of partnership. Dr. Weber received this award because of the new alignment of the HMSC Public Wing under Sea Grant auspices, and his continuing support of this vital outreach.

Annual HMSC Holiday Feast

Noon, December 17

Mark your calendars for noon, Thursday, December 17, for the annual all-HMSC holiday feast and get-together. It will be held in the Public Meeting Room and you and your spouse are cordially invited to attend. The sign-up sheets will be in the mailroom, EPA, ODFW, Ship Support, NOAA, NMFS and USFWS. Please let us know what dish you will be bringing and the number of guests. This is your chance to find out who those good-looking strangers are in the halls.

We will feature Dr. Weber's BBQ tuna and roast ham, and beverages will be provided. Bring your decadent, delicious contributions and enjoy meeting some of the many new HMSC people.

It Was a Very Good Year for the Public Wing!

by Terri Nogler

Oregon Sea Grant is celebrating its one-year anniversary as the administrators of the HMSC Public Wing. The Public Wing staff is excited about both the exhibit updates and the program development that has occurred since then.
Since the assumption of administration in November 1997, a public wing brochure has been produced and distributed, strategic planning sessions have helped staff focus on what we are doing and for whom, initial marketing plans have been developed, and the public wing was designated a National Ecosystem Learning Center.

If you haven't visited the public wing in a while, Wednesday, December 2 would be a good time to do so. Graduate student Laura will present the results of the signage study conducted last summer at the December 2 Wednesday Seminar in the Auditorium. The Bookstore's annual Christmas Party and Sale will also take place on this day, following the seminar.

Public Wing exhibit updates include new panels added to the tops of the larger aquaria, dressing up the look of the tanks and hiding some of the mechanical components above the waterline. New racks to hold specimen identification cards are also being installed which will enable public wing staff to update the cards in house and in a timely manner.

The third section of the touch tank is now home to chitons, porcelain and kelp crabs, sculpin, clingfish, brittle crab, gunnels, snails, cockscombs, anemones and a California sea cucumber. The thousands of school children who visit love the touch tanks and the opening of this new addition will greatly expand the tanks' capacity for little fingers to experience new sensations.

Beautiful sculptures designed and fabricated by artist Alberto Ossa have been added to each of the large aquaria. A new 6-tank rack, built by HMSC volunteer Chet Stark, has been installed, featuring green crab, abalone, laminaria and dulse. And, Physical Plant (many thanks!) has begun replacing the plastic trench cover strips with aluminum strips which should improve the safety and appearance of the floor.

Not only have the exhibits been well received by the public, but since Bill Hanshumaker decided to open up our volunteer training sessions to the general public, attendance at these programs has skyrocketed. Robert Kamphouse's lecture on tsunamis practically filled the Auditorium, and seminars by Dr. Janet Voight of the Field Museum and Dr. John Delaney, University of Washington, were very well attended.

Future plans include quarterly "themed events," such as coastal hazards, resource management, etc., which would involve coordinated lectures, exhibits, activities, films, bookstore and websites. Details will be presented in future newsletters.

Attendance is up, donations are up, school group visits are up. If you haven't visited the Public Wing lately, you should!

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**Bookstore Christmas Party and Sale**

for the Staff and Volunteers

Wednesday, December 2nd from 4:00 to 7:00 pm

HMSC Public Wing
Family and friends welcome
 Receive 20% off in every department and even greater savings on selected items.
 We will be serving
 Punch and Hot Spiced Cider
 Homemade delicacies made by our Volunteer Staff
 Entertainment by Sue Lick, singer and guitarist
 Christmas videos and crafts for the kids
 Door prize: $40 gift certificate for the Starfish Grill at the Holiday Inn Resort

Charitable Drive Ends Soon!

The end of the charitable fund drive is near. Each pledge card returned to campus by December 2 will be put into a drawing for a free parking permit on campus (might save some quarters being fed into those pay parking lot meters!) That means Terri Nogler needs your pledge card by Monday, November 30.

As of last week OSU contributions totalled $85,000. Last year OSU employees pledged $142,000.

The Red Cross has been helping people survive after hurricanes and floods around the world. Has anyone in your department benefited from the Cancer Society, Arthritis Foundation, American Heart Association, Boys & Girls Club, Center Against Rape & Domestic Violence, Childcare Centers, Campfire for Boys & Girls, Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts?

We may beat the Ducks on the football field (Go, Beavs!), but we are trailing them in this campaign! Please help if you can.

Library News

NO MORE INTERLIBRARY LOAN FEES

As of December 1, the OSU Libraries will absorb all loan fees for borrowing books and photocopy fees for articles and papers obtained via ILL for current OSU faculty (including courtesy faculty), staff and students. This means that many patrons no longer will have to indicate willingness to pay when requesting an interlibrary loan. If you're in doubt as to whether you qualify or not, contact Janet or Susan in the Guin Library.

The OSU Libraries have decided to offer this service in part to help alleviate some of the pain of the journal cuts over the recent years.

NEW LIBRARY CATALOG
Just as you thought you had OASIS figured out, we are changing systems. The OSU Libraries have used the same integrated library systems since 1989. We are switching to new vendor and will join the University of Oregon and other OUS schools in the ORBIS consortium. The new system and ORBIS will allow users more options for searching and finding material within the region.

The main change in OASIS is that you will be able to search the catalog via the Web in addition to a telnet session (what you use now whether you know it or not). The telnet address will be the same (oasis.orst.edu), but the Web address is yet to be announced. It will be linked from the OSU Libraries homepage http://osu.orst.edu/dept/library/

The switch in systems means some changes and updating of procedures and policies. Faculty loan periods are changing to two six month periods rather than the academic year. So, material checked out by faculty will be due either June 1 or December 1. Undergraduates will see their loan periods increase from two weeks to three weeks. Graduate students and staff will still have three month checkout. HMSC faculty, staff and students will fall under the same rules. The grace period for overdues will shorten from ten days to three, so remember to return or renew your books.

We will have orientation sessions in the library during January and February. Come by for a demonstration or call up if you want Janet to make an office call.

INITIATING YOUR OWN INTERLIBRARY LOANS

Here's another new service that we are just offering. If you use FirstSearch from any OSU terminal, you may have the option to initiate an interlibrary loan request. Here's how it works:

1. Go to FirstSearch via the Libraries Electronic Reference Center http://osu.orst.edu/dept/library/fsaccess.htm

2. Select the index you want to search and do your search.

3. Once you have found an article (or book if you are searching Worldcat), click on the "Get/Display Item" button.

4. Click on the "Interlibrary Loan (ILL)" button.

5. Click on the "Continue" button.

6. Fill out the form using the HMSC street address, ignore the library id box, and you must put "HMSC" in the department box. Certain fields are required.

7. Click on the "ILL Item" button. If you filled everything out, you should get a message saying "Order sent. Your order request was successfully processed."

8. Exit from FirstSearch so your user information is cleared.
Missing Journals: Price of Replacement

Guin Library is still missing several bound and unbound journals. We're hoping that you will take a few moments to search your offices for these items. The library will have to purchase them again at the prices listed below. Having to purchase them again means there is less money to spend on new books!

Colonial Waterbirds v.20, no.4; 1997 - $45.00/year; $22.50/issue

Journal of Food Protection v.60, no.3; Mar. 1997 - $36.00/issue

Scientific American v.277, no.5; Nov. 1997 - $39.95/year; $3.33/issue

Nature v.357, no.6379; Jun. 18, 1992 - $595.00/year; $11.44/issue

Pacific Fishing v.18 (XVIII), no.8; Aug. 1997 - $24.00/year; $2.00/issue

The Progressive Fish-Culturist v.58, no.1; Jan. 1996 - $133.00/year; $35.00/issue

Austasia Aquaculture v.6, no.6; Nov./Dec. 1992 v.10, no.5,6; Nov./Dec. 1996, Jan./Feb.1997 v.11, no.6 - $90.00/year; $7.50/issue

Northwest Naturalist v.70, no.1; Spring 1989 v.71, no.3; Winter 1990 v.78, no.2; Autumn 1997 - $50.00/year; $3.50/issue

Marine Policy v.21, no.3; May 1997 - $594.00/year; $99.00/issue

Journal of Ichthyology v.37, no.8; Sep.-Oct. 1997 - $1596.00/year; $177.33/issue

Systematic Biology v.46, no.1-3; 1997 - $90.00/year; $22.50/issue

Freshwater and Marine Aquarium Magazine v.20, no.3; Mar. 1997 v.19, no.7; Jul. 1996 - $23.00/year; $2.00/issue

Tropical Fish Hobbyist v.45, no.7; Mar. 1997 - $40.00/year; $3.95/issue

Practical Fishkeeping- Aug. 1996 - $54.00/year; $4.50/issue

Ocean & Coastal Management v.36 (1-3) - $947.00/year; $239.25/issue
Yaquina Bay Lighted Boat Parade December 5

The fifth annual Yaquina Bay Lighted Boat Parade will be held on Saturday, December 5 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. The event, co-sponsored by Marine Discovery Tours and KYTE-FM, is a festive fund-raiser that will benefit the Pacific Communities Hospital Foundation "Festival of Trees" event. Passengers can purchase tickets for $10/adults, $5/children 6-16 and 5/under free. They will ride on various charter boats during the parade, while sipping hot cocoa and coffee provided by Mo's Annex. Free prizes will be raffled off to the passengers and will feature gift certificates for dinners, gifts and activities from the Bayfront neighborhood.

For information on the boat decorating contest or to reserve passenger tickets, call Marine Discovery Tours at 265-6200.

Graph of the November 23 Winds at the HMSC

Weather conditions at HMSC are available at the following URL

http://weather.hmsc.orst.edu and http://weather.hmsc.orst.edu/graph.htm

Personnel Notes

Congratulations to former grad students, Dan and Karen Kreeger, on the birth of their first child, a son, Austin William, born on Thanksgiving Day! He weighed in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and measured 20 1/2 inches long. Congratulatory notes can be sent to Dan Kreeger, who is now Assistant Curator of Wetlands Ecology at the Patrick Center for Environmental Research, Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Ben Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia PA 19103 (email is kreeger@say.acnatsci.org).

Congratulations also to Cliff Ryer and Andra Bobbitt, on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Alexa Marie! She was born on November 6 and weighed in at 7 pounds 6 ounces. Andra will be on maternity leave for three months before coming back half-time. Cliff works for the National Marine Fisheries Service Fisheries Behavioral Ecology Group and Andra works for the NOAA Vents Program.