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President Ed Ray to Address Annual Meeting

OSU President Ed Ray will discuss the state of the University when he addresses the annual meeting of the Oregon State Retirement Association on Wednesday, May 12. The meeting, scheduled from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., will be held in the OSU Foundation Building in Corvallis. There is ample parking adjacent to the building.

"The annual meeting will provide a great way for OSU retirees to hear from President Ray and greet one another," says Jean Peters, OSURA president.

OSURA was founded three years ago as a way for retired staff and faculty to continue collegial ties and serve the University.

Before the Ray talk, University Theatre Director Charlotte Headrick will introduce a group of her students who will perform selections from the Spring Term production of *Three Penny Opera*.

The meeting will also include a report on the year's activities and the election of new board members. Refreshments and a drawing for door prizes will round out the event.

The academic year has been a busy one for OSURA. Highlights include tours of the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine in October and the School of Education in November. In February, members were shown around the new Hilton Garden Inn. Later this month,

a tour of the newly refurbished Weatherford Hall is scheduled, as noted elsewhere in this newsletter. A September Golf Tourney and Party at Trysting Tree is

planned for September (see related story for details).

An important initial goal of OSURA since its inception has been the opportunity for members to volunteer at various student events, both to assist and to stay connected to OSU. To that end, members helped out during Fall Term registration events and at the Winter Term Career Fair.

In early February, OSURA and the OSU Office of Human Resources sponsored "Retirement and Change: the Emotional Aspects." This series of workshops, highly successful to members and non-members alike, is described elsewhere in this issue.

OSURA is also in the process of exploring the publication of a Directory of University Retirees. And, it has recently updated and expanded its Web site (oregonstate.edu/osura).

More important to the long-term stability of OSURA, however, was the granting of



President Ed Ray

\$6,000 from the Provost's Office. These funds, for the years 2003-2005, will help fund this newsletter and other activities.

The board is preparing a request to "institutionalize" OSURA as an integral part of the university. "The goal of institutionalizing is to secure support on a regular, recurring, and continuing basis," says Bill Brennan, president-elect, "as an on-going budget item. Potentially, this could give us such things as office space, formal attachment to an existing OSU department or office, use of the OSU mailing permit, and official recognition as a part of Oregon State.

Concludes Brennan: "Because many OSU retirees are alumni, the maintenance of these ties with the university through OSURA may bring greater financial support to the OSU Alumni Association and the OSU Foundation."

Spring Term 2004

May 2

OSURA Day at OSU's softball complex on Western Blvd (next to the Hilton Garden Inn). Come watch the lady Beavers defeat UCLA. Admission is free.

May 12

OSURA Annual Meeting, 3:00 p.m., OSU Foundation, 35th and Western
(See article front page)

May 21

Weatherford Hall Tour, 3:00 p.m.
(See article page 2)

June 13

OSU Commencement, volunteer ushers are needed. Contact Jackie Balzer at 541-737-2382 or Jackie.Balzer@oregonstate.edu.

Coming in September

September 8

OSURA Golf Tournament, Trysting Tree Golf Course
(See article page 3)

President's Message

Hello retirees. My name is Bill Brennan (I retired January 1, 1995 from the Dean of Students Office after 27 years at OSU and 31 in PERS). I am presently president-elect of the Oregon State University Retirement Association (OSURA), and god willing and the creeks don't rise, I'll become your third president following OSURA's Third Annual Meeting, May 12, 3 p.m. at the OSU Foundation building, 35th and Western. OSURA's constitution requires us to meet at least once a year to conduct any business, have the opportunity for the OSU president to address us, enjoy refreshments, be entertained, thank OSURA volunteers, and above all else, have fun. For if OSURA is nothing else, it's fun.

This is a special invitation to all retirees, academic and classified, whether members or not, from your board of directors, to come check us out. If you like what you see, hear

and feel, we hope you will join. Not that we will pressure you to join. If you do, the \$10 annual dues could end up being the best investment you've made since you retired!

Time flies when you're having fun and it's hard to believe OSURA will be beginning its fourth year of existence. Much has been accomplished during that time thanks to the leadership of some very special people who I would like to thank for their service to OSURA. Each is a founding member of the organization: Les Dunnington is immediate past president; Bill Wilkins, treasurer these past three years; Jean Peters, current president. All have been indispensable to OSURA and to me. I'd also like to thank the remaining board members for all they've done.

Respectfully and appreciatively, your fellow retiree,

--Bill Brennan, President Elect

OSURA Sponsors May 21st Weatherford Hall Tour



On Friday, May 21, OSU University Housing and Dining Services will conduct a tour of Weatherford Hall for members of OSURA. It will begin at 3 p.m.

Built in 1928, Weatherford stands on the west side of campus as the "crown jewel" of Oregon State University because of its unique tower and archway design out of which two main wings radiate. Although the building went up in six months, at slightly more than \$450,000, its renovation will cost over \$18 million. The hall, home to thousands of Oregon State students over the year, was closed in 1994.

In Fall 2004, the venerable residence hall will reopen as the home of the Weatherford Residential College, site of the College of Business-Austin Entrepreneurship. Beginning then, students from a variety of disciplines will live and learn in the hall by working with visiting professionals and live-in faculty.

Tour members will gather at the construction site entrance about one-half block west of the Weatherford corner on Jefferson Street (across the street from the Fairbanks Hall parking lot). Guides will meet the group there. Comfortable shoes are a must, as well as clothing appropriate to a construction site. There are no elevators and construction debris can be expected. Hard hats, to be furnished by University Housing, must be worn at all times.

Those wanting to attend should contact Bill Wilkins by e-mail (bwilkins@orst.edu) or phone 541-737-7487. The tour is limited to the number of hard hats available—about 20.



Observations on Retirement and Change

"I have not made any decisions about retirement and have been keeping my head in the sand. [The OSURA workshop] helped me begin to hear some of the practical details and personal tales of people in the room."

"I've been to a few [workshops] in the past five years and this is the first one that was useful on those non-financial aspects of retirement. I focused on the panel's comments and came away with a bulleted list of things important in my situation."

These two unsolicited comments picked from many others exemplify the positive reaction to the workshops on "Retirement and Change: the Emotional Aspects," sponsored by OSURA and the OSU Office of Human Resources.

On February 4, 10, and 25, over 75 people attended the events, which included an opening presentation by Paul Biwan, training and professional development manager in human resources, and a panel discussion by retirees. "It's about story telling, it's about you," Biwan told attendees. "We need to ask questions of each other. There are emotional aspects in retiring. It is a huge transition from the world of work into an entirely different world."

A sampling of panelist observations:

Irma Delson, Oceanic & Atmospheric Sciences: "In addition to financial ambiguities, there are life ambiguities. You have to be fearless and listen to your gut and just go with it."



Kathy Meddaugh, Human Resources: "I realized I was too tied up with what I do. My job was part of my identity. When

someone retires, they have to work at something beyond work."

Meg Swan, Facilities Services: "I had a sense of loss. I went through a grieving process. I live alone and found I was easily distracted. I felt I accomplished nothing. So I made a list of what I wanted to do. But I realized that it was OK to stop what I was doing in the middle of the day and read a book or go out for a cup of coffee."

Gary Tiedeman, Sociology: "I did not miss what I had been doing at OSU for 33 years. What I discovered was while I always identified with being a sociologist, that was what I did for a living. But I am interested in other things as well: theater, music, my dogs. There are adjustments to be made. You need to think of things you've always wanted to do and target these. But you don't need to get locked into continuing anything you are invited to do. You are free to do things that give you pleasure. We've earned our keep."

OSURA To Host Golf and Hors d'oeuvres Party at Trysting Tree

OSU's Trysting Tree Golf Course will be the site of the First Annual OSURA Golf Tournament and Hors d'oeuvres Party on Wednesday, September 8, 2004.

The golf tournament will begin at 3 p.m., nine holes, scramble, shotgun start. "Foursomes are encouraged to register together," says Bill Brennan, chair of the event. "Duffers are welcome." Cost is \$30 per person, including the party.

For non-golfers, the party will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. "There will be an opportunity to hit golf balls in the driving range and practice on the putting green," continues Brennan. "Everyone is welcome to walk along with the golfers and see what a great golf course the OSU Foundation has provided for the Corvallis area." Cost for the party is \$10 per per-

son, not including drinks.

During the party, Sean Arey, Trysting Tree manager and golf professional, will talk about the history, development, and operation of the only university-owned golf course in Oregon.

Assisting Brennan on the committee are: OSU retirees Harold Hunter and Irwin Harris, OSURA special events coordinator Marilyn Sarff, Arey, and OSURA board members Bill Wilkins and Ron Lovell.

Information, includ-

ing registration forms will be sent out in July. In the meantime, people with questions should contact Bill Wilkins at: bwilkins@orst.edu or 541-737-7487.





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