OSU President Ed Ray led a 10-person OSU delegation to China, Taiwan and Thailand in August where members forged new research and development agreements with leading Asian universities and opened the door to increased commerce with Oregon.

The OSU delegation also met with some 200 high-profile alumni – including five university presidents, all of whom earned doctorate degrees at Oregon State – as well as senior public officials, high-tech CEOs and other key leaders. Given the global attention being paid to China as that country continues to adopt democratic and marketplace reforms, the timing couldn’t have been better, participants say.

“Extraordinary opportunities exist for Oregon State in China, Taiwan and Thailand, and this trip played an important role in bringing some of them significantly closer to fruition,” said Ray. “The knowledge that is shared between OSU faculty and students and their counterparts overseas will not only advance the frontiers of science, but will build a solid foundation for further collaboration well into the future.”

Mark Lusk, OSU Director of International Education & Outreach, organized much of the trip and said it elevated the university’s profile in a way that will pay dividends for years to come. For instance, a new agreement with China Ocean University could allow faculty to share time on research ships owned by both institutions and collaborate on, among other things, research focusing on marine “dead zones” off the coasts of Oregon and Washington State, as well as at the mouth of China’s famed Yangtze River, the world’s third-largest river.

Another important aspect of the trip involved reconnecting with cooperators who have helped to increase the marketing of Oregon grass seed in China. David Hannaway, an OSU professor of crop and soil science, introduced team members to many long-time cooperators at several universities, agencies and commercial companies who have worked with the Oregon Seed Council, OSU and the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture.

Meetings during the August trip built on these relationships and will help maintain the annual sales of millions of dollars of Oregon-grown seed to China.

The trip reaffirmed OSU’s commitment to continued work with collaborators on appropriately using Oregon grasses for forage and livestock systems, soil erosion control and urban beautification. OSU has been working with Chinese scientists and students since the early 1980s. Professor Harold W. Youngberg initiated the outreach and initial work, and his efforts have been continued by professors Hannaway and William C. Young III with faculty from other OSU departments, as well as representatives from external agencies, organizations and companies.

“These long-term partnerships resulted earlier this year in publication of a groundbreaking atlas that focuses on climate, soil and crop suitability for all of China,” said Lusk. Oregon State University, International Alumni Newsletter
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OSU President Ray and Chinese Academy of Sciences Director General Guo Huadong sign a Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration on research and education projects.

OSU, Southwest University and the Chinese Academy of Sciences will jointly examine the Three Rivers Gorge Dam Project and its human and environmental impacts. The largest dam in the world, Three Rivers has already displaced at least 3 million Chinese and may result in the extinction of multiple animal species, including the Chinese freshwater dolphin.

Lusk said other signs of progress were numerous:

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- A new agreement will pave the way for OSU students to
study Chinese at Peking University.

- OSU Engineering Dean Ron Adams collaborated with leaders of Tsing Hua University – often referred to as “the MIT of China” – on an agreement that will foster joint research on graphic imaging, engineering physics and nanotechnology.

Just as impressive as the academic and research breakthroughs, said Lusk, were a pair of OSU alumni meetings. The first — in Taiwan — drew more than 80 attendees, including the presidents of five Taiwan universities, all of whom are OSU graduates. Multiple members of the Taiwan Congress also were there. The five presidents were awarded Outstanding Oregon State University Alumni Awards.

Award recipients are:

- Dr. Chiang Kao – President of National Cheng Kung University
- Dr Hu Cheng – Former President of Taipei Physical Education University
- Dr Huey-Por Chang – President of National Changhua University of Education
- Dr Jong-Her Yang – President of Taipei Physical Education University
- Dr We-Shu Hwang – President of National Dong Hwa University

Bangkok was the site of the second meeting where some 120 OSU alums – many of them CEOs of high-tech companies in Thailand – met President Ray and other members of the university delegation. OSU alumni from Thailand have long been extremely supportive of Oregon State.

“Here in Oregon, we already know the reach and impact that OSU has in the United States,” said Ray. “It’s tremendously encouraging to see that our impact doesn’t stop at U.S. borders, but is increasingly felt around the world.”

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President Ray started his summer international travel schedule by participating in Governor Ted Kulongoski’s trade mission called “Bridging the Pacific.” I was pleased to accompany President Ray and his wife Beth on this trip. The trade mission was an opportunity for the Governor and other Oregon leaders to market Oregon as a preferred place to do business, to pursue higher education, and to choose as a tourist destination.

One of the key strategies for the trade mission was to connect with influential alumni from Oregon Universities who are living in Japan, and ask them to be “ambassadors” for Oregon. The Governor invited these alumni to an evening reception, where President Ray and I were also able to meet with many of them, including Ichiro Ota (MBA, 1983), Pou Sothirak (BS, Engineering, 1981), Yoichi Kadono (BS, Economics, 1985), Takayuki Suzuki (BA, Accounting, 1989), and James Friedman (BA, History, 1986; MA, Adult Education, 1991). It was fun and fascinating to catch up with these alumni, and to hear their stories from their time as students at OSU. We also got to enjoy fantastic food that was representative of both Oregon and Japan. Personally, I thought the sushi was the highlight!

On the one free day we had in Tokyo, we were delighted to be hosted by the parents of a recent OSU graduate, Tomoko Okada (PhD, Food Science and Technology, 2006), and Ai Morita, who graduated from OSU in 2000 (BA, Business Administration). We visited the Tokyo Tower to get a view of the city, and then spent time at the Asakusa market. Afterward, we were treated to a traditional Japanese luncheon, where Mrs. Ray was able to pull the spine out of her fish on the first try! The rest of us were not so skilled. It was a great day, and again showed us how wonderful friendships can be made through our connections with OSU alumni.

While in Japan, we also took the opportunity to meet with Japanese university partners, OSU students studying in Japan, and OSU Japanese alumni. We had a wonderful meeting with Dr. Tomonori Matsuo, President of Toyo University. President Matsuo was particularly interested in our new research center, the Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI), and we discussed possible future research collaborations.

At Aoyama Gakuin University, we met with President Motoaki Muto and discussed our current student exchange program through the Oregon University System, as well as possibilities for faculty exchanges. We then braved Tokyo traffic to take a cab to Waseda University, where we met President Katsuhiko Shirai and other university officials. Throughout this day, we were fortunate to have Larry Kominz and Marie Sato, from the Oregon Japan Study Center, handle logistics for us.

A highlight of our trip was getting to have lunch with a group of OSU students who were studying abroad at either Aoyama Gakuin or Waseda. They entertained the President with stories of their experiences in Japan, and especially the differences between living in Corvallis and living in Tokyo.

In preparing for the trip, we tried to contact many OSU alumni living in Japan, to invite them to a reception with President Ray and his wife, Beth. Unfortunately, we no longer have current addresses for many of our Japanese alumni, and some of those we did contact were not available that week. Nevertheless, we were able to have dinner with a number of our Japanese alumni, and some of those we did contact were not available that week. Nevertheless, we were able to have dinner with a number of alumni, including Kazue Asoh (BS, Science, 1987), Hirotaka Hikoi (PhD, Health and Human Performance, 1999), Atshushi Sakakibara (MBA, 1983), Yoshitaka Kumagai (PhD, Forestry, 2002), Yoshiko Niibori (MS, Pharmacy, 2003), Maho Isono (MA, College of Liberal Arts, 2003), Misako Mataga (BA, Photography, 2002), Kumiko Enosawa (BS, College of Business, 2002), Yoshiyuki Shibata (BS, Natural Resources, 2000), and Natsuki Kokami (BA, College of Liberal Arts, 2005). At the end of the evening, we passed out OSU baseball caps to the alumni so that they could celebrate OSU’s recent win in the NCAA College World Series.

While the trip was a whirlwind of activity, it was a great start for us to get reconnected to our alumni in Japan. But it also made us realize how many of our alumni we have lost touch with. So this is a plea for ALL OSU alumni to send us an e-mail with your current contact information, and let us know what you’ve been doing since you left OSU. We would love to hear from you!
Until the Iraq war laid open the complexities and long-standing animosity between Shiite and Sunni sects of Islam, many Christian Americans had no idea that any differences existed.

For Saudi Arabian students attending Oregon State University, coming to the university meant facing outsider stereotypes against Muslim males, but it also meant facing their own internal stereotypes, about Americans and about each other.

In Rachel Powell’s “University Listening and Speaking” course, an intensive English course offered at OSU this summer, Powell had a chance to watch her students overcome misperceptions, learn to adjust to life in Oregon, and learn to come together as Saudis and Muslims.

That bonding crystallized when student Abdurahman Alhudaif, a Sunni, and his wife, Maha, had a baby in early August. Maha’s mother was unable to obtain a visa in time to help Maha through the birth, so Powell stepped in as a surrogate mother, even attending the birth at the hospital.

Back home in their Corvallis apartment, Abdurahman and Maha are spending all their time with baby Raed, who was born Aug. 4 and is their first child. Maha said that having Powell in the delivery room made a big difference.

“She is my American mother,” Maha said.

Back in her classroom, the other students, a mix of Sunni and Shiite, were also coming together to show their support. It was student Zakhriya Alhassan who first suggested that they pool their resources and give the family money for a baby gift.

“I’m the one who suggested the gift,” he said, “but I’m sure they were thinking about it, too. I’m just the one who said something.”

“This may be the best gift in my life,” Abdurahman said, because his classmates didn’t give the gift out of filial obligation but out of love.

Maha said she couldn’t speak when they first received the card and money, she was so touched.

“These are like my brothers,” Abdurahman said of his classmates. “We are like one family.”

Although generosity and support of families is something that comes as part of the Muslim faith, the bonds that had formed over the five week course between two groups who don’t normally mix in Saudi Arabia, profoundly affected the students, and it honored the Alhudaifs, who found that the support of classmates was helping them through a lonely time, far from home.

“This (class) has given us the opportunity to work together,” said Mohammed Almuzel, who said in Saudi Arabia, Sunnis and Shiites don’t normally study or work together.

Bader Aboalsaud said, as a child, he was taught that Sunnis were to be avoided. But as a young man, he learned that individuals needed to be judged on their own actions, not by stereotypes.

“We shouldn’t judge people before we see them and talk to them,” he said.

Before he came to the U.S., he also had

The English Language Institute has seen a steady increase in its student enrollment this past 2005-2006 academic year and a large shift in where students are coming from geographically. In fall term, 128 students were registered with 95 coming from Asia, 20 from the Middle East and a few of South America and Africa. By winter term, Middle Eastern students increased to 89 with a total enrollment of 151; spring term the numbers jumped to 147 from the Middle East with enrollment figures at 208, and summer saw a record enrollment of 161 Saudis with a total ELI enrollment of 212 students.

The large increase in Middle Eastern students is due in large part to the scholarships given by King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia. The scholarships pay for tuition, books, housing, and a cost of living stipend. Over 5,000 students received scholarships to study in the U.S. this past year. Oregon State/ELI has the largest number of Saudi students of any Oregon university. Many students have had family members or friends who have studied at OSU. Of particular interest is the second generation of ELI/OSU students currently attending. Also, with its majors in Business and Computer Engineering, OSU was high on the list for many of these students. Several Saudi women are scholarship recipients and have come in pursuit of both undergraduate and graduate degrees as well.

King Abdullah is promising another 21,000 scholarships this next year. Saudi students will travel to the U.S., England, Australia, Japan, and Indonesia for university studies. We anticipate another surge of students over the next three years and look forward to making their personal and academic stay at the ELI/OSU a highly successful experience.
a bad opinion of Americans. But when his cousin came to study in the U.S., and returned with stories of generosity and love that he’d found with his host family, Aboalsaud rethought his original opinion, and now that he has come to Oregon, he realized his old impressions were false ones.

Ali Almousasil agreed. “I’m going back home and share what I learned,” he said. “I’m going to tell people about the United States.”

Ramez Azab was most passionate, and most vocal, about looking beyond old conceptions of people, to find their true heart.

“We are all blood, skin and heart,” he said. As the world becomes smaller, he said, people need to learn to respect differences. “We were one world, we are now one village.”

As for the Alhudaifs, having a surrogate family while so far away from their relatives has made the birth of their first child an even more memorable one. “For me, they did something I can’t forget for my life,” Abdurahman said. “I promised them I will send them baby pictures.”

Alumni Profile -- Dilantha Fernando

Dilantha Fernando (PhD 1990 from OSU) is a Sri Lankan who now lives in Canada. Dilantha is professor of plant pathology at the University of Manitoba in Canada which is one of the premier academic institutions in Canada. Established in 1877 it presently has a student population of 28,000. Dr. Fernando is the recipient of the highly competitive and prestigious 2006 University of Manitoba Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award. This award is given to one academic member of the university in recognition of his/her commitment to excellence in mentoring graduate students in research and teaching. This is the first time a plant science professor at University of Manitoba has won this award since the award’s inception in 1974. The award recognizes Dr. Fernando’s dedication to teaching and training graduate students.

In 2006, Dilantha also received an award from the United States Department of Agriculture, Red River Valley Agricultural Research Center, for outstanding service to the US National Sclerotinia Research Initiative in support of continued development of management strategies to control white mold in multiple crops. In 2005, Dilantha was awarded the prestigious University of Manitoba Merit Award recognizing his contributions to excellence in research and service, another very competitive award given only to 8 academics each year. Dr. Fernando also received an Honorary Professorship in 2005 from China for his contributions to Chinese agriculture in Inner Mongolia.

Dilantha’s lab is well known nationally and internationally for its significant discoveries of new pathogens in Canada; in establishing phyllosphere biological control methods; molecular approaches to understanding the epidemiology and diversity in pathogen populations; and developing several canola varieties (world’s healthiest oil) with disease resistance that have helped shape the future of Canadian agriculture and its economy. In the last seven years Dilantha’s program has brought in more than $10 million to the university as the principal or co-investigator on projects.

At the present time, Dilantha mentors 5 PhD students, 3 Masters, 4 post docs, and 4 undergraduate research assistants in his lab. Dilantha sits on the boards of several national and international scientific organizations, and is the Workshops Chair of the Scientific Programs Board of the American Phytopathology Society (APS) in the USA, and Treasurer of the Canadian Phytopathology Society (CPS).

Dilantha received his PhD in Plant Pathology under the direction of Dr. Bob Linderman at Oregon State University, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology and his Masters in Microbiology from University of Kelaniya, and Bachelors degree in Botany from University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Dilantha joined the University of Manitoba in Canada as an assistant professor in August 1998, and was promoted to associate professor in January 2002 and to full professor in March 2006.

Other Alumni News...

Here are some OSU alums who would like to hear from you if you are an OSU alum in their part of the world!

Lawrence (Larry) Bocci, 1947 (BS) lives in Buenos Aires, Argentina. If you are in Buenos Aires and are interested in contacting an OSU alum, please email him at ljbocci@aol.com.

Gustavo Montero, 1985 (MBA, MSc) currently lives in Switzerland and would like to discuss the idea of an alumni association in Europe. If you are interested, please contact him at g.montero@bluewin.ch.
Dr. Yoshitaka Kumagai, a recent Ph.D. graduate from OSU’s School of Forestry, was instrumental in establishing linkages that will result in a new exchange program between the Oregon University System and Akita International University (AIU) in Akita, Japan. Akita will be one of the first Oregon exchange programs established outside of the Tokyo region. Dr. Kumagai initiated contact through Dr. Becky Johnson, OSU’s Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and International Programs, and former faculty advisor to Dr. Kumagai.

Akita is a unique university in Japan because its curriculum is taught entirely in English. While small in size, it is taking a giant leap forward in curricular innovation and in the expectations of its graduates. AIU requires its Japanese students to be able to study in English from the time they enter the university. It has a growing student body of approximately 250 students, a good portion of which are international students. Faculty members come from Japan’s top universities as well as other highly respected universities in Asia, Europe and the United States. AIU’s curriculum is divided into four major components: Global Studies, Global Business, Japanese Studies, and Japanese as a Foreign Language. OSU and other Oregon students will begin studying at Akita in April 2007.

Located on the Northwest corner of Japan’s main island, Honshu, Akita is set in a beautiful, rural area and has an almost “Oregon-like” feel to it. Surrounded by lush forests, the campus is modern and provides living accommodations, excellent computing facilities, comfortable classrooms and lots of peace and quiet. Students going to Akita will have a very different kind of experience than the “hustle and bustle” of Tokyo. Most importantly, students will have an excellent academic experience and many truly remarkable cultural opportunities.

Akita International University’s website is http://www.aiu.ac.jp

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OSU PhD Student Attends Forestry Meeting In Japan
by Susan Morre, OSU College of Forestry

I attended the 17th Meeting of the Montreal Process Working Group on Sustainable Forests in Sapporo, Japan as a member of the US delegation. The 12 Montreal Process member countries (Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of South Korea, Russian Federation, United States, and Uruguay) contain 90% of the world’s temperate forest land. They have agreed to develop and use this common framework to report on the condition of their forests as one step to improve international dialogue on sustainable development. The purpose of this meeting was to finalize refinements to the set of indicators used to track conditions of all the forest land in each member country. In 2003 each country released their first national-level report on the state of their forests, using 67 measures of sustainable forests. They will release a second report in 2010, using a refined set of indicators (with changes agreed upon by all 12 countries to improve their usefulness). My participation at this meeting was a great opportunity to observe and participate in the international forest policy dialogue and learn about the policy-making process first-hand. We spent an entire day touring research forests on the island of Hokkaido, including part of the national network of monitoring plots, the CO2 flux tower, and Tokyo University’s research nursery. In the course of this meeting I met five OSU College of Forestry alumni--Dr. Yoshitaka Kumagai, Dr. Takao Fujimori, Dr. Takuo Nagaie, Dr. Kaz Yamaguchi, and Dr. Yasushi Shoji--who are now working with forestry offices in Japan.
Borlaug Fellows Visit OSU

by Marion McNamara

OSU has been awarded a grant from USDA to host five Norman Borlaug Fellows from Tunisia and Algeria, for a five-week summer program. The Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellows Program honors Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, who has often been hailed as the father of the Green Revolution. The program helps developing countries strengthen sustainable agricultural practices by providing short-term scientific training and collaborative research opportunities to visiting researchers, policymakers and university faculty while they work with a mentor.

The five participants include Kacem Chammakhi, Head of the Plant Variety Registration and Protection Department of Tunisia, Souad Mahmoud, Head of Tunisia’s Quarantine Laboratory, Khalifa Agran, Head of Tunisia’s Official Service of Seeds and Nursery Plants Certification, Nadjia Zermane, a professor of plant pathology and weed science at the Algerian Institut National Agronomique, and Atika Benbernou, Chief of Office of Veterinary Services in Algeria.

While at OSU, the five scholars will have an opportunity to meet with some of the new leaders in agricultural science, and work with their colleagues on projects ranging from discussions on international treaties to preserve biodiversity to taking the fingerprints of plants with sophisticated gene mapping tools. The five participants include Kacem Chammakhi, Head of the Plant Variety Registration and Protection Department of Tunisia, Souad Mahmoud, Head of Tunisia’s Quarantine Laboratory, Khalifa Agran, Head of Tunisia’s Official Service of Seeds and Nursery Plants Certification, Nadjia Zermane, a professor of plant pathology and weed science at the Algerian Institut National Agronomique, and Atika Benbernou, Chief of Office of Veterinary Services in Algeria.

OSU has extensive experience in Tunisia and North Africa, dating back to 1980 and continuing today. OSU work has
Two OSU Students Receive Fulbright Award
by Marit Legler

Two Oregon State University students have been awarded the prestigious Senator J. William Fulbright grant for graduate research and study abroad.

Alison C. Hyde recently completed a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and a Bachelor of Arts in German at Oregon State University. She won a Fulbright scholarship to Germany for the 2006-07 academic year, where she will be studying innovation and diffusion of new, clean energy technologies.

Alison has previous experience living and studying in Germany; during the 2003-04 academic year, she studied in Freiburg, Germany through the Oregon University System exchange program with Baden-Württemberg.

Alison earned an International Degree from Oregon State University and has completed a thesis about photovoltaic sectors in the United States and Germany. Alison's research in comparing alternative fuels in Europe, the United States, and Japan will help prepare her for graduate studies or Law School upon returning to the United States.

Shannon B. Wanless has received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Anthropology at Denison University and has received a Masters of Arts in Early Childhood Education at the University of Michigan. Shannon is currently working toward her Ph.D. at Oregon State University in the department of Human Development and Family Sciences.

Shannon has been invited to conduct her dissertation research at Fu Jen University in Taiwan for the 2006-2007 academic year. She will be facilitating a project on learning-related skills with Taiwanese preschool-aged children. Results will clarify the relationship between learning-related skills and academic achievement in Taiwanese children, including how learning-related skills can be fostered by teaching as well as environmental influences. Upon returning to the U.S., Shannon will continue her research and hopes to collect more data with children in other international settings.

Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. The program’s purpose is to build mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and other countries. Fulbright currently operates in over 140 countries worldwide.

International Students Participate in International Degree Program
by Renee Stowell

There have been more than twenty students from throughout the world who have come to OSU and decided they wanted to take their international studies a step further. With OSU’s International Degree program, they have been able to do so in a completely unique and exciting way! The International Degree is OSU’s original dual degree program. Undergraduates may earn a second bachelor’s degree in the international studies of their primary majors.

In order to earn the International Degree, a student must study a foreign language through the equivalent of OSU’s fourth year language sequence (international students with English as a second language may use English), spend a minimum of 10 weeks abroad studying, researching or participating in an internship, take at least twelve credits of additional cultural coursework, and complete a senior thesis internationalizing his or her major.

Our international students have completed the degree program in a variety of majors, including Environmental Science, Foreign Languages, Exercise and Sport Science, Anthropology, Forest Recreation Resources and many more! Thesis topics have ranged from agricultural business with China to ecotourism in Costa Rica. Our most recent graduate was from Japan, majored in Environmental Science and Biology, participated in an IE3 Global Internship in the Cloud Forests of Costa Rica and wrote her thesis on the link between unique bird and plant species and ecotourism at her internship site. We’re proud to have so many international students succeed in this program!
In the Salvadoran villages of El Naranjito and Las Mercedes, women walk for miles each day to fetch water, carrying it back to their families in colorful jugs called canteros balanced atop their heads.

Often, this spring water is contaminated, leading to gastrointestinal problems, which are especially dangerous for young children. Also, a rainy season followed by six dry months creates an inconsistent water supply.

Some Oregon State University students, along with professional engineers from throughout the Northwest, are using the knowledge they’ve gained in the classroom to design water storage and treatment systems for these villages.

On Friday, the OSU chapter of Engineers Without Borders will host a benefit to raise money for the group’s El Salvador Water Project.

“I think it’s kind of a duty of all engineers to use our knowledge to help develop local and international infrastructures in a sustainable manner,” said Kelsey Edwardsen, project coordinator.

Edwardsen, a senior majoring in civil engineering, recently returned from El Salvador. She, along with four other OSU students and two professional engineers, spent 12 days in the Ahuachapan region of the country, assessing the community’s needs.

“It’s a beautiful country, very friendly and warm people,” Edwardsen said.

Engineers Without Borders is a non-profit humanitarian organization that sends engineers and students into developing communities worldwide to improve their quality of life and promote sustainability.

The OSU chapter has 200 students on its listserv and about 35 active members, Edwardsen said.

Most are engineers, but Edwardsen said the group needs students from a variety of majors, including public health, business and political science.

The local Engineers Without Borders participants hope to build two tanks to collect rainwater that can sustain families during the dry season. They’d also like to build a dam.

The group plans to return to El Salvador in the spring or early summer to oversee construction on the first tank. It will hold about 70,000 gallons and serve between 20 and 25 families.

First, the students must raise the $80,000 needed to build the tank and cover travel costs and geographical survey expenses.

They’d also like to partner with Potters for Peace, a group that uses local materials and labor to create inexpensive ceramic water filters.

It’s a simple design — a plastic bucket with a clay filter — but the colloidal silver lining kills bacteria and purifies the water for drinking, Edwardsen said. It costs about $20 to sponsor one of these devices for a family, and another $8 every two years to have the filter changed.

Prior to the September trip, OSU’s Engineers Without Borders traveled to El Salvador in March to launch the project.

Among those who went were Kelly Wilson, a sophomore studying chemical engineering, who serves as secretary for the group, and James Nusrala, an engineer with the state Department of Environmental Quality.

“It was a very productive and rewarding visit. We really got to meet the entire community,” Nusrala said.

“It was a chance to get to know the community and what they wanted for themselves and what we could do to help,” according to Wilson.

In addition to providing engineering students with field experience, the El Salvador Water Project helps promote social consciousness, Edwardsen said.

“We’re promoting culturally and internationally aware engineering students who will use their technical knowledge to address global development issues,” she said.

More information about the El Salvador Water Project is available at http://groups.engr.oregonstate.edu/.

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In Memorium

Marjorie Morray (1919-2006)

Marjorie K. Morray, a long-time member of the OSU and ELI faculty, passed away in May of this year. A specialist in training teachers of English as a Foreign Language and fluent in both Spanish and French, Dr. Morray lived and worked in Chile, Algeria, Mexico and Cuba as well as here in Oregon. ELI instructor Joyce Bryan remembers that “she had an infectious glow that touched everyone around her.” For instructor Rachel Powell, “Marjorie was a gifted teacher and a life long inspiration.” A tireless advocate for social justice, Dr. Morray leaves a legacy of students and colleagues around the world who were inspired by her unfailing energy and enthusiasm.

International Student Numbers: This Fall term 2006, international student enrollment at OSU increased to 929 from 911 in Fall term 2005. This is a 2% increase and is the first increase in four years. We are very excited to welcome all of our new and returning international students to Oregon State University and want to thank all of our alumni who continue to work with us in promoting our university. If you are interested in working at recruitment fairs or would like to be a contact for students interested in studying at OSU, please contact our International Admissions Director, Julie Walkin, at: julie.g.walkin@oregonstate.edu.

Correction: In our Spring 2006 issue, we published an article about OSU’s connection with the Rural Livelihood Consortium of Africa. One of our alert readers caught our error about English and Afrikaans being the two official languages in South Africa. South Africa has 11 official languages.

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