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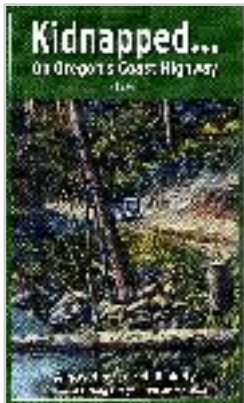
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among the university and current and prospective students, alumni, benefactors and the community.

"Some very generous donors have stepped forward to make this long-held dream a reality, and now all our alumni and friends have a chance to contribute," said Frohnmayer, in launching the public phase of the Alumni Center fundraising campaign.

The center has been officially named the Cheryl Ramberg Ford and Allyn Ford Alumni Center after the Roseburg couple who gave \$5 million to launch the \$25 million campaign.

Frohnmayer introduced three architects with the Portland firm selected to design the facility, Opsis Architecture of Portland. The principals of the firm, Alec Holser, James Kalvelage and James Meyer, all graduated from the University of Oregon's School of Architecture and Allied Arts in 1981 and together founded Opsis in 1999.

"We have spoken to many of the people who will occupy this building, to our fellow alumni, to university officials and to future users of the Alumni Center, and we are excited about the possibilities that the space will offer and how it will provide for the university's future," said Hosler, who was also a principal architect on the UO's William W. Knight Law School.

"A featured building at the gateway to the University of Oregon is such a distinguished project to professionally be involved in for our firm, and as alumni, for each of us personally," Hosler added.

The Alumni Center, which will be across the street from the site of the new UO basketball arena, will also serve a broad campus need for additional conference and event space. The public areas of

the estimated 50,000-to-60,000-square-foot facility will include a reception and lobby area, a banquet room and catering facilities, conference and meeting space, and innovative and interactive space to present the university story and accomplishments of its alumni. The center will also include offices for the UO Alumni Association, the UO Foundation, and the UO Office of Development.

In addition, the university is taking an innovative step and including the UO Career Center in the building, something that few universities have done.

"Your relationship with the university doesn't end when you graduate," said Alumni Center campaign committee co-chair George Glass. "In fact, it's only beginning. My grandfather, father, and I were all presidents of the Alumni Board. As an alum, I depend on the Alumni Association to help keep me connected. And with the addition of the Career Center in the building, the Alumni Center will be more than a place for alumni to call home -- it will be a place that will offer young alumni support and guidance throughout their professional careers."

Identified as a top priority of the \$600 million Campaign Oregon: Transforming Lives, the Alumni Center project is expected to break ground in the spring of 2009, with occupancy in the first half of 2010.

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The ceremony is set to take place at 3 p.m. on Oct. 27, 2007, at the Many Nations Longhouse. Traditional Native American practice is to hold a one year memorial for one who has crossed over. There will be a potluck dinner following the ceremony.

For more information please contact Gordon Bettles, Steward; Many Nations Longhouse at 346-6262, 206-2202, or gbettles@uoregon.edu.

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"It's no longer time to debate global warming; it's time to fight it," McKibben said.

McKibben will discuss the need to build a climate

movement and precisely what is at stake. He will also touch upon some of the moral and spiritual dimensions of the problem, and will offer some practical advice about what each of us can do right now to help fight global warming.

McKibben is known by many people for his work in organizing a series of rallies held in April 2007 across the nation called "Step It Up '07," in which citizen-activists demanded that Congress and the president take serious action to reduce carbon emissions by "80 percent by 2050."

McKibben is a scholar in residence at Middlebury College and the author of ten books about the environment and related issues, including the 2007 best-seller "Deep Economy." His newest book, "Fight Global Warming Now," which will be available at the lecture, is the first hands-on guidebook to stopping climate change.

This lecture, which is co-sponsored by environmental studies and the Institute for a Sustainable Environment, is free and open to the public. For more information, or for disability accommodations, call 541-346-3934. Seating is limited.

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In addition to its up-to-date and extensive collection of international newspapers, the Mills International Center also offers travel and guide books. The renovation includes a state-of-the-art sound system and a large flat screen television for visitors to watch films and international news.

"Tom's career-long efforts helped make the University of Oregon a home away from home for thousands of international students. The center he helped create has become a meeting place for the world right here on campus," said Chunsheng Zhang, vice provost for international affairs and outreach. "I can think of no better tribute to Tom's career than the Mills International Center."

During Mills' time at the university, the large reading room evolved into a gathering place for both international students and those from the U.S. curious about traveling and the world. Once just an international lounge, the reading room was formally recognized as an international center by the UO in 2001.

The center, which is overseen by coordinator Sonja Rasmussen, hosts more than 200 internationally focused gatherings each year, such as a film series and poetry night, as well as Friday afternoon coffee hours. Since its formal establishment as an international resource center in 2001, it has received about 15,000 visits each year from students, faculty and community members.

"It's a place for students to come and meet the world," said Rasmussen.

Over the years, Mills talked with a number of people in the UO community who thought the UO could use a place to focus on cultural exchange. Several years ago, Mills and a handful of colleagues from around campus began raising funds to revamp and modernize the center, which has long offered newspapers and magazines from around the globe.

Mills spearheaded a campaign to raise more than \$800,000 from the Associated Students of the University of Oregon, as well as private gifts and other funding sources, to renovate the center, giving the UO one of the premier international centers in the country. Included in the renovation are offices for international-student groups. The UO hosts more than 1,200 international students from close to 90 countries and offers more than 140 study internship abroad opportunities for students.

While other universities offer similar places, few if any boast a location in the heart of campus, Mills said.

"It really has become a focal point for the international community," Mills said. "The University of Oregon boasts such a strong commitment to international programs, from [UO President] Dave Frohnmayr to many of the students."

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The Friendship Foundation for International Students works closely with International Affairs at the University of Oregon to match up community volunteers with international students seeking conversational partners.

The Conversation Friend program pairs students, scholars and their spouses with same gender volunteers for one-on-one English conversation practice. Conversation Friends are expected to meet weekly for an hour.

For more information, contact Becky Megerssa, international student adviser at 346-1436 or becky@uoregon.edu. You can also sign up to be a Conversation Friend by going to the Friendship Foundation to <http://oip.uoregon.edu/ff/>.

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Since moving to New York City in 2003, Canniere, a trumpeter and composer, has performed with some of New York's most respected jazz musicians, including Maria Schneider, Donny McCaslin, Mike Holober, Ingrid Jensen, Ben Monder, Rich Perry, Jeff Ballard and Jim McNeely. Canniere is a regular member of several groups, including Darcy James Argue's Secret Society, the Astoria Symphony, and the Westchester Chamber Orchestra. Canniere also maintains an active freelance career as a trumpet player, and performs extensively throughout the U. S. and Europe. Canniere earned his master's in jazz performance from the Eastman School of Music.

Toby Koenigsberg is assistant professor of jazz piano and associate director of jazz studies at the University of Oregon. He has played with such jazz musicians and ensemble leaders as Marian McPartland, Rich Perry, Ben Monder and Bill Holman. He tours regularly with the Toby Koenigsberg Trio, performing at the Rochester International Jazz Festival, Jazz Festival Calgary, the Tony Williams Jazz Festival, and elsewhere. His most recent CD, "Sense" (Origin Records), has been favorably reviewed in a number of publications, and is receiving airplay across the United States. While attending the Eastman School of Music, Koenigsberg received the Schirmer Award, given to the most outstanding graduate jazz performer in a graduating class.

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Proposals are reviewed by senior faculty in relevant fields who recommend three researchers to the vice president for research as recipients for the following academic year.

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Paul Allen, of Seattle, taught multiple terms of calculus I and II, calculus for biological sciences I and II, intro to statistics, elementary functions and college algebra. He graduated in spring, 2007, with a doctorate in mathematics.

Max Gimbel of Philadelphia, PA, also graduated last spring, with a master's degree in Romance languages. He taught four terms of first-year Spanish and two terms of second-year Spanish

while maintaining a GPA of more than 4.0 throughout his graduate career.

As a doctoral student in the College of Education's Counseling Psychology program, Gerald Gonzales of San Jose, Calif., served as the sole instructor in 2006-2007 for two undergraduate courses on majors and career development in counseling psychology.

Aaron Montgomery of Nampa, Idaho, a doctoral student in mathematics was the sole instructor for all three terms of 2006-2007 college algebra. Mr. Montgomery also gave advice to new teaching GTFs, focusing on the importance of balancing one's life as a graduate student with one's work as an instructor.

Donald Stein, who received his doctorate from the University of Oregon in 1965, is currently the Asa G. Candler Professor of psychology, emergency medicine and neurology at Emory University.

The Donald and Darel Stein Graduate Student Teaching Award is designed to recognize outstanding teaching performances by experienced GTFs who have demonstrated a commitment to developing their instructional skills, while at the same time excelling in their academic degree program. Nominees for this award need to have at least 5 terms of experience as an instructor, a record of excellence in their instructional duties, and an exemplary academic record. An award of \$1000 each was presented to Mr. Gimbel and Mr. Allen in May 2007.

The 2006-07 Dan Kimble First-Year Teaching Award is jointly sponsored by the Graduate School and the Teaching Effectiveness Program (TEP). This award is designed to recognize

outstanding teaching performances by GTFs who have completed their first year leading a discussion section or lab, or serving as the sole instructor for a course. This award also acknowledges a GTF's investment in professional development. Recipients of this award must demonstrate their commitment to excellence in undergraduate education through participation in UO faculty development services, teacher trainings and workshops and classes. This year's \$500 awards were presented to Gonzales and Montgomery during the teaching GTF orientation earlier this month.

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News coverage of Lorry Lokey's generous gift to UO

UO President Dave Frohnmayer calls Lorry Lokey's \$74.5 million gift toward science and other academic programs a "catalytic gift" for the University of Oregon. News of Tuesday's announcement drew widespread coverage. Here is a sampling:

[Chronicle of Philanthropy](#) (Web): Lorry I. Lokey, the founder of Business Wire, a San Francisco company that distributes press releases, is giving nearly \$75-million to the University of Oregon to support science programs and other efforts. Two-thirds of the commitment --about \$50-million — will go to the university's Science Advancement and Graduate Education Initiative.

Daily Emerald's coverage of Tuesday's celebration (See the Duck with Lokey!): [Giving from the heart](#)

The [Oregonian \(Page One\)](#): "Lokey gift a record for UO academics" ... Lokey, who was born and raised in Portland but never attended UO, has given a total of \$132 million to the university in the past four years. He said in an interview that giving to UO is his way of giving back to his home state.

Oregon [Daily Emerald](#): \$74.5 million donation makes UO history: The unprecedented gift from Lorry Lokey will fund scientific research and other academic projects

The [Register Guard \(Page One\)](#): "UO hails academic gift: Lorry Lokey's \$74.5 million will 'transform' the university, officials say" -- With a single gift that school leaders described as "stunning," retired businessman Lorry Lokey today (Monday) became the largest donor to academics in University of Oregon history with a record-setting bequest of \$74.5 million.

[Editorial in the Register Guard](#): "A catalyst for UO: Lokey's \$74.5 million should send a

message" -- Lokey is noted for "having fun" in his philanthropy ... and quoted as saying that much of his will "go to activities that should be supported by tax dollars." Private donations, such as his, should allow universities to take a step beyond adequacy, a step toward excellence, the R-G writes of Lokey's message.

Other coverage:

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With more than 900 UO instructors currently using some component of Blackboard in their teaching, the conference should be of interest to many

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