

News & Views



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President considers Riverfront report

President Dave Frohnmayer says he will consult with key university and city leadership groups on the recently completed Riverfront Research Park Review Committee's study before the university acts on recommendations for future development of the 67-acre north campus site.

Frohnmayer expects to discuss the committee's report with his Faculty Advisory Council as well as with City of Eugene officials and the seven-member Riverfront Research Park Commission. He will consider both the panel's recommendations and an accompanying written study by an external consultant commissioned by the review committee.

"I am very grateful for these many months of thoughtful and dedicated work on the part of committee members," Frohnmayer remarked. "They have done a commendable job of collecting and reviewing an enormous amount of important information."

A copy of the panel's report is available on the Web at president.uoregon.edu/FinalReport.html.

In March, Frohnmayer formed the review panel, whose eight members were drawn from UO faculty, staff, students and the UO Foundation board, to serve as a steering committee. He charged the committee with reviewing issues related to the Riverfront Research Park and making recommendations about future plans for the project.

"Misinformation [about the RRP] was as widespread as accurate knowledge," the committee notes in the Executive Summary of its report, and explains, "Hence, the body of this report gives a succinct

statement of some of the facts the committee has ascertained to its satisfaction."

"Upon completion of its study, the committee has found that RRP is doing a better job of fulfilling its original purpose than seems to be generally known," the Executive Summary concludes.

The committee report also includes some specific recommendations, among them:

- The Riverfront Research Park is a worthwhile project and should be continued according to previous comprehensive plans and practices with some adjustments.
A voluntarily adopted building setback of 100 feet from the river instead of the current 35-foot setback would be desirable, although not attainable in all sectors of the project.
- Building density should be increased in some areas in order to allow larger areas of open space.
- City and university officials should consider increased RRP staffing.
- Building construction costs should be kept down in order to attract future tenants with more attractive rental rates.
- A five-year cycle should be implemented for reviews of RRP progress.

As part of its effort, the review committee hired a consultant, Frank Guinta of Connaissance International, to compile a study of the Riverfront Research Park. Guinta's 126-page study, available at the President's Office, accompanied the committee's recommendations to Frohnmayer.

"I'm delighted with Mr. Guinta's findings," the UO president remarked. "This thorough account gives a clear perspective on the history of the Riverfront Research Park and will be a useful tool as we take the research park into its next phase."

Guinta's report includes these points:

- "The program of development of Riverfront Research Park compares relatively well with the median profile of research parks, especially in number of tenants, number of employees, incubator facilities and space buildout.
- "In comparison with other research parks [such as that associated with Northwestern University] the budget and staffing for Riverfront Research Park are extremely lean.
- "The three-year delay in initial park development and building construction, caused by challenges to the granting of the Conditional Use Permit, had a significant impact on the progress of the Park's development. It is likely that the delays caused several prospective tenant opportunities to be lost."
- "Prospects for future development appear to be very good."

"We ask much of the members of our local community, including their support with the legislature, their votes on ballot measures and their attendance at our events and activities. We would not be able to

succeed without that support. The State of Oregon Charitable Fund Drive gives all of us the opportunity to contribute back to the communities and citizens of our state."

--Dave Frohnmayer

Johnson Conference Room gets updated

The Johnson Hall Conference Room, site over the years of news conferences, university meetings and luncheons, has just received a dramatic makeover.

New carpeting and drapes, refurbished wall coverings, and the installation of a motorized projector screen and computer wiring for Internet access are obvious changes to a room last remodeled in the 1950s. The most striking element--the pièce de résistance---is the north wall with its three backlit stained glass panels, featuring the university seal. All were part of the skylight that once graced the central stairwell in Johnson Hall.

Fourteen Historic Preservation students cleaned, repaired and restored the stained glass during a week-long workshop this fall taught by Don Peting, Architecture, and David Schlicker, a professional stained glass artist from Portland.

Historical documents show that the stained glass panels were made by the Povey Brothers, a well-known Portland firm, in 1914. The center panels, made of carmel opalescent glass from the Kokomo Glass Co. in Indiana, were fabricated with zinc which is much stronger than the lead normally used in stained-glass panels. For years, the panels had been stored at Facilities Services, in a private garage and at the EMU before they were rescued for this restoration project.

Dan Wectawski of Facilities Services managed the project which began in June. He coordinated work by carpenters, painters, refinishers, electricians and movers. Steve Parker, Ron Atchley, Joe Longo and David Tripp, all Facilities Services, were involved with detail work. Atchley made cushions for the conference chairs, and Parker designed the stained glass track and built the conference table.

Barbara Edwards, President's Office, implemented the facelift. Linda Zimmer, Interior Architecture, was the interior designer, while Janna Alley, Facilities Services, produced the project design.

A reception is set for 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30, to thank those involved with the renovation, from the students who restored the glass to the Facilities Services employees who installed it.

Announcements ...

IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY, Oregon Hall veterans will display uniforms, medals and other memorabilia on Nov. 10 in the Business Affairs lobby. Any veteran from Oregon Hall is invited to participate. Contact Dave Musgrove, 6-4340.

IN A MOVE TO ENHANCE CUSTOMER SERVICE, students who pay the minimum amount due on their accounts at the Cashier's Desk now can have registration "holds" removed at the same time. Accounts Receivable also is authorized to remove "holds" when proof of payment is shown. Collections continues to handle agreements to pay at a later date.

FLU VACCINATIONS are available through the end of fall term at the University Health Center for faculty and staff. The shots, provided by PEBB, are given from 8-9 a.m. every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (except Thanksgiving week). Students, who must pay \$3.50, may get flu shots from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call 6-2770.

APPLICATIONS FOR 1999 SUMMER RESEARCH AWARDS are due by 5 p.m. **Nov. 30** at Research and Faculty Development, 125 Chapman. Application packets are available there, by e-mail request hariwk@oregon.uoregon.edu or browse darkwing.uoregon.edu/~orsp/rfd/srapage.htm . Call 6-3196.

THE FALL 1998 CHILD-SITTING DIRECTORY, listing UO students available to provide occasional and part-time child care for UO faculty, staff and student parents, is off the presses. Compiled by Work and Family Services, the guide is available in campus offices or call Human Resources, 6-3159.

OBSERVED HOLIDAYS for OPEU classified employees this fall include:

Veterans Day	Wednesday, Nov. 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, Nov. 26
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov. 27
Christmas Day	Friday, Dec. 25
New Year's Day	Friday, Jan. 1, 1999

Officers of administration and faculty receive all of these holidays EXCEPT Veterans Day. Employees represented by GCIU should check their collective bargaining agreement for holiday provisions.

Campaign Gala salutes donors

Oct. 23 was a memorable night for 450 of the university's leaders, alumni and key donors. Not only were they treated to polished entertainment by Ed Ragozzino Productions, but they also learned that The Oregon Campaign has attracted \$235.5 million in support for the university. The state's largest and most successful fund-raising effort continues to grow in the final 60 days until its formal conclusion in

December.

In addition, the Oregon Duck flew in for the occasion, skimming high in the air across Mac Court to the stage. UO alumna Ann Curry of NBC News presided over a retrospective of world and campus events during the 1940s, '60s, '80s and '90s. To wrap up the festivities, President Dave Frohnmayer joined Roxie Ragozzino in a UO version of "Thanks for the Memories."

"It was a wonderful salute to the more than 130,000 friends and supporters of the university who are making The Oregon Campaign such a resounding success for our students, faculty and staff and the people of Oregon," says Vice President Duncan McDonald, Public Affairs and Development. "The countless hours of preparation by UO Development and Foundation staff and others that went into the evening's success are bound to generate goodwill for the university for years to come."

Our People

In the spotlight

Elected to serve in the University Senate through June 2000 are **David Conley**, Education; **Carl Bjerre**, Law; **Barbara Jenkins**, Library; **Larry Dann**, Finance; **Jim Terborg**, Management; **Debra Merskin**, Journalism and Communication; **Randall Moore**, Music; **Kenneth Helphand**, Landscape Architecture; **Mike Hibbard**, PPM; **Charles Lachman**, Art History; **Suzanne Clark** and **James Earl**, English; **Robert Davis**, Romance Languages; **Don Levi**, Philosophy; **Peter Gilkey**, Mathematics; **Eugene Luks**, Computer and Information Science; **Douglas Ry Meeks-Wagner**, Biology; **James Schombert**, Physics; **Cynthia Brokaw**, History; **Greg McLauchlan**, Sociology; **Geraldine Moreno**, Anthropology; **Cathy Whitlock**, Geography; **Patricia Southwell**, Political Science; and **Laura Blake Jones**, Student Life.

On the move

New deans and department heads for 1998-99 include **Doug Blandy**, Arts and Administration; **Nilendra Deshpande**, CAS associate dean, natural sciences; **Bob O'Brien**, CAS associate dean, social sciences; **Janice Weeks**, Biology; **Pete von Hippel**, Chemistry (interim); **Ken Calhoon**, Comparative Literature (interim); **Dorianne Laux**, Creative Writing; **Forest "Tres" Pyle**, Ethnic Studies (interim); **Alexander Murphy**, Geography; **Anita Weiss**, International Studies; **Gary Seitz**, Mathematics; **Dietrich Belitz**, Physics; **Priscilla Southwell**, Political Science; **Robert Mauro**, Psychology; **Augustine Thompson**, Religious Studies; **Evlyn Gould**, Romance Languages; **Larry Carter**, Sociology; **Barbara Pope**, Women's Studies; **Larry Irvin**, Applied Behavior and Communication Sciences; **Jim O'Fallon**, Law associate dean for academic affairs; **Robert Kyr**, Music Composition; **Mary Lou Van Rysselberghe**, Music Education; **Marian Smith**, Music History; **Ellen Campbell**, Music Performance; **Bob Hurwitz**, Music Theory; **Dale Morse**, Lundquist College of Business dean; **Helen Gernon**, Accounting; **Sergio Koreisha**, Decision Sciences; **Megan Partch**, Finance; **Roger Chope**, International Business; **Rick Steers**, Management; **Mick Westrick**, Lundquist Technology Lab; **Lynn Kahle**, Marketing; **Rick Burton**, Sports Marketing; **Marian Friestad**, vice provost and Graduate School dean; **Tom Dyke**, vice

provost for research; **Robert Rhen**, Military Science; and **George Sheridan**, International Programs.

In Print/On Display

UO faculty are finalists for three of the five major categories of the Oregon Book Awards this year. They are **Quintard Taylor**, History, Frances Fuller Victor Award for Literary Nonfiction for *In Search of the Racial Frontier*; **Peter Ho Davies**, Creative Writing, H.L. Davis Award for Fiction for *The Ugliest House in the World*; and **Robert Hill Long**, Creative Writing, Hazel Hall Award for Poetry for *The Effigies*.

On the podium/stage

Seven UO faculty performed, gave a public presentation or published articles in the program for the Oregon Festival of American Music: Rags, Jazz, Blues & Boogie Woogie in August. They are **Edwin Bingham**, History emeritus, "Childe Hassam in Oregon"; **Daniel Pope**, History, "The Loss of Innocence"; **Robert Hurwitz**, Music, "Stravinsky's Rite of Spring"; **Carl Woideck**, Music, "The Roots of Jazz" and "Satchmo and Bix"; **Anne Dhu McLucas**, Music dean, "Jazz and the Classics"; **Stephen Stone**, Music emeritus, "Radio Rhythm"; and **Genevra Ralph**, Specialized Training Program, "Choosing Hassam." Also performing in the OFAM orchestra were **Shelly Rich**, **Leslie Straka**, **Sylvie Spengler**, **Forrest Moyer**, **Wendell Hanna**, **Jeffrey Williams**, **Charles Dowd** and **Christine Mirabella**, all Music faculty, adjuncts and GTFs.

Arlene Stein, Sociology, presented a workshop on Oct. 17 at the 12th annual conference of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment at Lane Community College.

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