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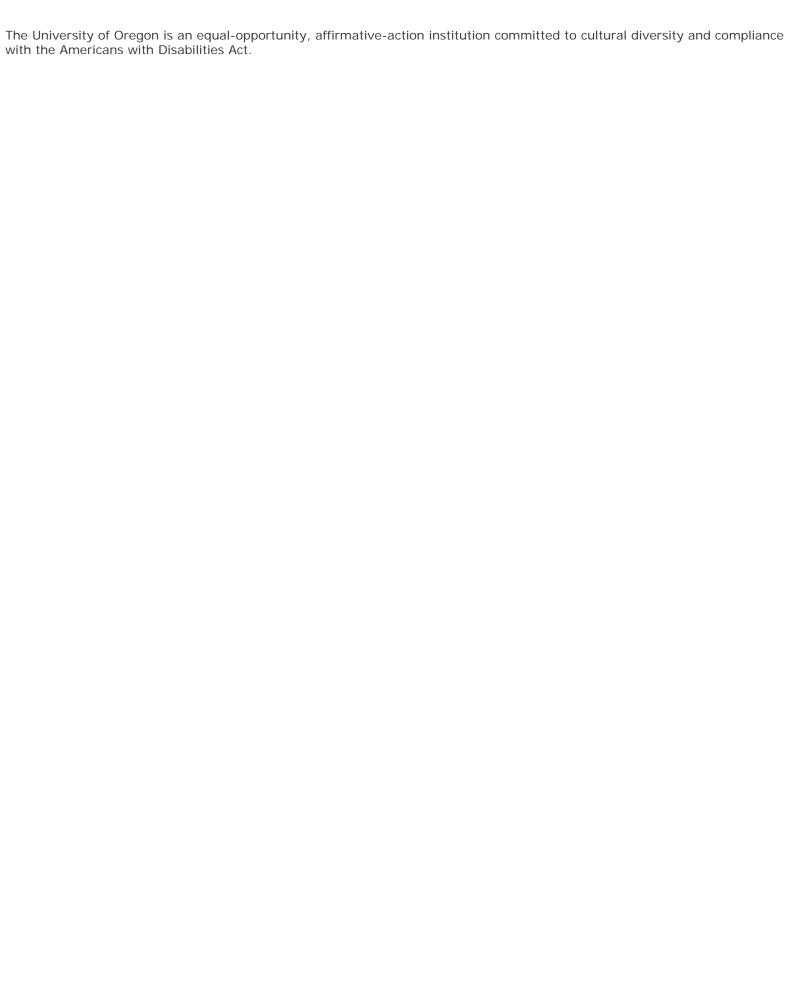
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As Frohnmayer prepares to retire as president of the University of Oregon in June, the chancellor and a 25-member search committee is gathering input from faculty, staff, students, administration, alumni and community members about the qualities and characteristics needed in a new president.

Pernsteiner – with Ed Ray, Oregon State University president, Wim Wiewel, Portland State University president, and Corey du Browa, UO Alumni Association Board of Directors president – explained to the audience of alumni and community members the goals of the extensive search process.

"This search committee is bigger and more representative of the UO community and state of Oregon than any other university presidential search in Oregon history," Pernsteiner said. "Our goal is to get a breadth of comment and understanding from you, while keeping the best candidates in the pool."

In addition to leading the UO, this person must understand the global perspective of the university, said Ray. "Competition is national. Competition is global. In order for Oregon to compete, we need to come together as a university system to capture the scale and scope," he said. "We need the brightest, most capable and collaborative person."

Audience members asked questions and shared their opinions about the qualities needed for the next president. Members of the audience highlighted qualities such as being able to build relationships, having a passion for education, having an ability to recruit talent, finding more stable funding options and expanding sustainability efforts.

The goal is to hire a new president by April, said Pernsteiner. Two forums have been scheduled in Eugene. The first is on Tuesday, Sept. 30. It will start at 3:30 p.m. in the Gumwood Room of Erb Memorial Union. The second will be at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the Many Nations Longhouse.

For more information about the presidential search, visit <a href="http://newpres.uoregon.edu">http://newpres.uoregon.edu</a>. To provide comments about the qualities and characteristics of the next UO president, email <a href="mailto:newpres@uoregon.edu">newpres@uoregon.edu</a>. For accommodation, call 541-346-5023.

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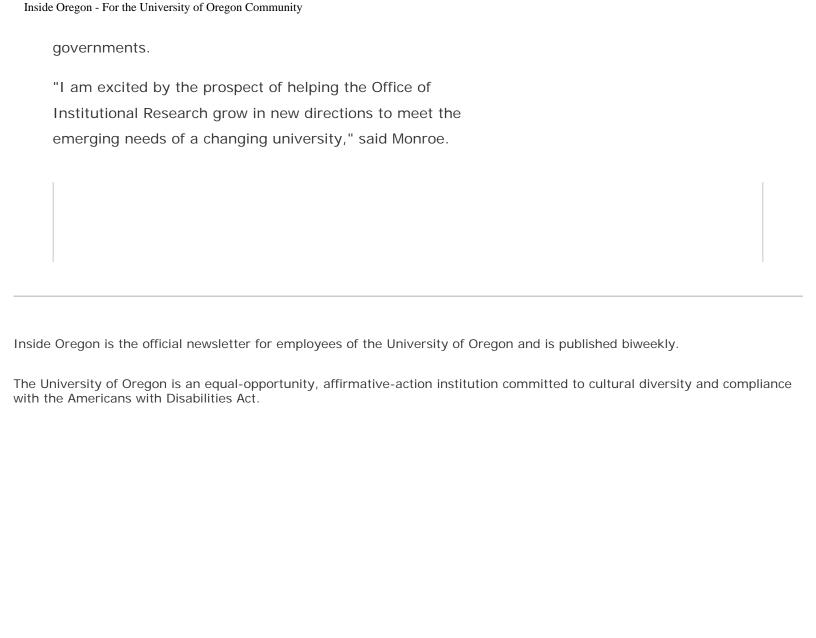
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After a national search, J.P. Monroe was appointed director of the Office of Institutional Research in August. Monroe previously served as associate director of the department.

"J.P. has the right combination of vision, expertise and ingenuity to continue and develop the Institutional Research unit as a significant university resource," said Frances Dyke, vice president for finance and administration.

Monroe has been in the Office of Institutional Research since 2002. The office collects and analyzes data about the UO and provides university statistics to the federal and state



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Eager first-year students and newly appointed UO faculty members will be welcomed with ceremony into the academic community by students, faculty, staff and administrators.

The event is free and open to all UO students, staff, faculty and the public. Doors will open at 3 p.m.

The University Convocation will include a keynote address by Steven Pinker, best-selling author and a leading cognitive scientist who is acknowledged for his groundbreaking research into how the mind works.

Pinker is the Johnstone Family Professor of

Psychology at Harvard University. He specializes in visual cognition and language and is known to make connections to audiences through humor and frequent reference to popular culture.

Pinker was named one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people in the world in 2004 and has appeared on Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report" to discuss his research expertise.

Pinker's books, including "The Language Instinct" (1994), "How the Mind Works" (1997), "Words and Rules" (2000), "The Blank Slate" (2002) and "The Stuff of Thought" (2007), have been New York Times best-sellers and won numerous awards.

Following Convocation, the UO Duck Store will sponsor a book signing event with Pinker.

Past Convocation speakers have included physicist James Gates, U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins, political analyst Kathleen Hall Jamieson and author James McBride.

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The refurbished, 103,000 square-foot, green facility in Old Town Chinatown gives the state's students and professionals more hands-on opportunities in subjects such as journalism,

architecture, digital arts, product design and law. In addition, continuing education courses are offered in a variety of areas, including sustainability leadership, applied information management and festival and event management.

The UO's move began in the spring with the first classes held in the facility; however, the grand opening weekend marks the completion of the move with academic programs and the Duck Store now fully up and operational.

"The White Stag Block is a fine example of the University of Oregon's commitment to innovation, learning and knowledge," said Wendy Larson, vice provost of Portland programs. "We invite the public to come and see our amazing facility, but also to soak up our intellectual, artistic and cultural offerings as well."

The public is invited to take 30-minute guided tours of the White Stag Block on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition, staff will be available to provide information about opportunities for individuals interested in continuing education or academic programs offered by the UO in Portland.

The grand opening celebration also will feature lectures from experts on subjects such as urban planning and sustainability, and the history of multimedia. First Thursday exhibits will showcase painting, sculpture, photography and digital arts, including an appearance by product designer Rosanna Bowles of Seattle.

Highlights include, "Covering the Coverage: A Report Card for Presidential Campaign Reporting," a panel discussion with participants from the UO School of Journalism and Communication and media professionals from the Northwest, from 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2.

The UO School of Architecture and Allied Arts will host "suddenly, the shape of a new city," a lecture by Thomas Sieverts from 3 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3. The "suddenly" lecture series begins in Portland and will transpire in many places around the world to spark discussion about the new shape of cities.

In addition, UO School of Music and Dance and the Oregon Bach Festival present a free concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3, with performances by UO faculty pianist Alexandre Dossin, the UO Faculty Woodwind Quintet and pianist David Riley. Only 200 tickets will be available for the free concert. To ensure a seat, tickets can be picked up in advance at Sherman Clay/Moe's Pianos, 131 NW 13th Ave., the White Stag Block Duck Store, 70 NW Couch St., or Washington Square Mall Duck Store, 9378 SW Washington Square Road.

For the most up-to-date schedule of grand opening events and information about the UO's Portland-based programs and the White Stag Block, visit <a href="http://pdx.uoregon.edu/">http://pdx.uoregon.edu/</a> or call 503-412-3696.

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The university received a Getty Foundation Campus Heritage Grant in 2005. It consists of a comprehensive cultural resource survey, planning guidelines for preserving open spaces and preservation plans for primary open spaces and building sites.

For more information, visit <a href="http://uplan.uoregon.gedu/projects/HLP\_website/hlpmain.htm">http://uplan.uoregon.gedu/projects/HLP\_website/hlpmain.htm</a>.

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The series, which enters its 41st season, will soon be under the artistic direction of Brad Foley, dean of the school of music and dance, and John Evans, Oregon Bach Festival executive director. Janet Stewart, who has managed the series for 14 years, is retiring.

"The Oregon Bach Festival is proud to be in partnership with the School of Music and Dance to ensure that Chamber Music@Beall is every bit as successful in the years to come as in the past," said Evans. "An expansion of the subscription series, closer link with Bach Festival themes and artists, and sustaining a roster of top-ranking international artists will secure the series well into the future for all lovers of great chamber music."

Each concert in the series will be preceded by a free lecture by Stephen Rodgers, assistant professor of music theory and musicianship. For more information, visit http://music.uoregon.edu/cmb.

Chamber Music@Beall 2008-09 Concert Series:

Sunday, Oct. 19; 3 p.m.

Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble
Drawn from the principal players of its larger orchestra, the
academy's chamber ensemble emphasizes the ideals of
interplay and musicianship. Music by Dvorak, Shostakovich
and Mendelssohn.

Sunday, Nov. 9; 3 p.m.

Jeffrey Kahane piano recital

This Oregon Bach Festival soloist will perform music by

Mendelssohn, Schubert and Rachmaninoff.

Sunday, Dec. 7; 3 p.m.

The Aulos Ensemble, with Julianne Baird, soprano
A holiday program with this acclaimed early-music ensemble.

Sunday, Jan. 25; 3 p.m.

**Borodin Quartet** 

Winner of Gramophone awards and Grammy nominations, this string quartet will perform music by Beethoven, Shebalin and Borodin.

Sunday, Feb. 22; 3 p.m.

Portland Baroque Orchestra

This baroque orchestra, directed by Paul Goodwin, will perform music by Couperin, Handel, Rameau and C.P.E. Bach.

Sunday, March 8; 3 p.m.

Altenberg Trio Vienna

This virtuoso trio features keyboard and strings. Music by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Krzysztof Meyer.

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"Cuba Avant-Garde: Contemporary Cuban Art from The Farber Collection" is a collection of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs,

sculptures and mixed media by Cuban-born artists. The exhibition highlights the cultural mixing, aesthetic diversity and critical voice reflective of international contemporary art. It also draws significant attention to the distinct social and artistic impact of the circumstances of Cuba itself.

"Nowhere is the paradoxical nature of Cuban reality more evident than in its contemporary art," said Jill Hartz, JSMA executive director. "Cuba is an island of contradictions and challenges. It is the most highly educated country in Latin America, and yet food is rationed and communication is carefully controlled."

Many of the artists in this exhibition are internationally renowned, including José Bedia, Antonio Fernández (Tonel), Los Carpinteros, Tania Bruguera, Carlos Garaicoa, Alexis Levya (KCHO), Luis Cruz Azaceta, Maria Magdalena CamposPons, Ana Mendieta, Armando Mariño and Elsa Mora. "Cuba Avant-Garde" spans a wide scope of contemporary Cuban art history beginning with the early 1980s, an integral period of revived political openness and artistic production, heralded as the birth of "New Cuban Art."

Selected from one of the premiere private collections in this field, "Cuba Avant-Garde" features rarely exhibited works, some seldom seen outside Cuba. The exhibition's international variety encompasses the global Cuban community, from artists living on the island to those residing in the United States, Europe, South America and beyond.

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