

Duck Tales

What's happening at the University of Oregon

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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON President Dave Frohnmayer loves

football, especially when the Ducks win, as they have done again this year. His perch in the President's Box along the southeast end zone is the perfect vantage point for watching the on-field action.

Football season is "a festive occasion," he says, when people can "let down their hair and relax in each other's presence"—although it's a sure bet the celebrations in the President's Box are more subdued than those taking place in the student section.

In the President's Box, it's not all fun and games. Frohnmayer's usual guest list includes about 100 alumni, deans, donors, maybe even a few fans of the opposing team. Governor Ted Kulongoski has been known to stop by; when he's in the box, says Frohnmayer, "I regard myself as on-duty. It's part of my job to make sure people are well-hosted."

What is Frohnmayer's favorite box amenity? The food? The plush seating? "Probably that I'm able to pace around," he laughs. "I can never sit still for a game."

One of the president's favorite game memories took place on October 22, 1994, when his retreat was on the other end of the stadium. Frohnmayer was celebrating the birthday of his father, a Duck alumnus, when the family witnessed Kenny Wheaton's historic interception return against the Washington Huskies, a play that set the Ducks on the path to the Rose Bowl. "People go crazy when we win!" enthuses Frohnmayer.



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Chlorophyll Cartography

The University's vibrant green landscape attracts year-round visitors to stroll, meditate and perhaps engage in a little local ecotourism. While the diversity of plant life is a major draw, campus guests who don't know a *Carpinus betulus* from a *Cotinus coggygria* can sound just like botanists with the help of the *University of Oregon Atlas of Trees*.

Available at the University of Oregon Bookstore, the handy guide is a cross-campus collaboration of multiple UO departments. Staff used database and mapping software to divide the campus into 108 quadrants, meticulously identifying the loca-

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tion, species, size and origin of every tree, and marking the positions of gift and memorial trees. A first edition was released in 1996, but last year saw the finishing touches on a revised edition to keep up with the arboreal changes of the past decade.

"The university campus is probably the most complete arboretum in the state," says UO planning associate Dorene Steggell. "The university community can use the atlas as a way to learn more about where they work and study."

Laboratory for the Future

The Integrative Science Complex, a two-phase, \$76 million project, received a big boost this summer in the form of a \$10 million donation from Business Wire founder Lorry Lokey. The two Lokey Laboratories (Phase One) will comprise a 30,000-square-foot underground research center; they will provide space for sensitive, high-technology instruments as well as labs for researching semiconductor, photolithography, nanofabrication and bio-optics. The twin buildings will allow researchers in a variety of disciplines, from archaeology to nanoscience, to collaborate and share lab space. An example: Professor Jim Hutchison's continuing development of "green" biomedical tools and electronic and optical devices.

The UO is actively seeking the remaining \$3.5 million needed to complete the Lokey Laboratories; fundraising has also begun for the second phase. Architecture firm SRG Partnership of Portland and a team from the UO are finalizing blueprints before construction begins in earnest. 