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Former UO President Myles Brand dies, age 67



Myles Brand

Myles Brand died September 16 after an eight-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

In his five years as University of Oregon president, 1989-1994, Brand piloted the university through some of its toughest financial times, making cuts that eliminated programs and jobs.

Driven by tax-cutting measures passed by voters, the cuts forced the university to adopt a more entrepreneurial approach to funding, with President Brand encouraging the aggressive recruitment of out-of-state students.

He also initiated a campus-wide planning process that resulted in greater emphasis on undergraduate education, an international curriculum, graduate student support, campus infrastructure, and externally funded research.

Brand and the faculty also oversaw a restructuring of many courses from three to four credits, as well as an academic productivity plan. President Brand's final effort was the groundbreaking "Oregon Campaign," which became the most successful private fundraising campaign in Oregon history at the time, ultimately bringing a total of \$255.3 million from private donors to the university.

The [NCAA website](#) has a nice tribute to Brand and a place where individuals can share their remembrances.

FEDERAL AFFAIRS

U.S. Senate appropriations bill includes \$13.2 million for ONAMI research projects

The University of Oregon has \$13.2 million in Oregon Nanosciences and Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI) shared congressional interest research projects heading to the floor of the U.S. Senate as part of the fiscal year 2010 Defense Department appropriations bill. ONAMI is a cooperative venture among government and world-class nanoscience and microtechnology research and development institutions, including the University of Oregon, and industry in the Northwest.

The Defense appropriations bill must still pass the full Senate and be conferenced with the House's version of the bill passed in July before final action by the Congress can take place.

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STATE AFFAIRS

State and Legislative updates

- **The Office of Economic Analysis** released the state's [September Revenue Forecast](#) on August 27. The 2009-11 General Fund revenues are projected to be \$13.4 billion. While this represents an increase of \$919.1 million from the May 2009 forecast, it is a decrease of \$139.1 million from the 2009 Close of Session forecast, which incorporates revenue changes adopted during the 2009 Legislative Session. The decrease is concentrated in personal income taxes, manifested in a slight decrease in the expectations for withholding tax receipts. Corporate income tax receipts have exhibited similar weakness, but have tracked with the May forecast resulting in no change from the May forecast absent the inclusion of the legislative actions. Total available resources amount to \$13.4 billion, resulting a projected ending balance of \$94.8 million. The next revenue forecast is scheduled for December.
- **Senate President Peter Courtney** (D-Salem) will serve as the Senate Co-Chair of the Legislature's Joint Ways and Means Committee through February and possibly for the remainder of the interim. Courtney replaces Margaret Carter who resigned from the Senate in August to accept a job with the Department of Human Services.
- **Senator Chris Edwards** (D-Eugene) has been [appointed](#) to serve on the Joint Ways and Means Committee, a spot previously held by Vicki Walker who resigned from the Senate after being appointed by the Governor to chair the state parole board.
- **Representative Nancy Nathanson** (D-Eugene) has been [appointed](#) to the new Task Force on Effective and Cost-Efficient Service Provision. The new task force will re-examine the state's system of delivering services with a focus on restructuring government to more effective and cost-efficient.
- **Senate [Education and General Government Committee](#)** will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 9:00am at the Capitol to hear various reports, including a review of the Shared Responsibility Model allocations from Dennis Johnson, executive director of the Oregon Student Assistance Commission.

- The House Education Committee will meet on September 30, [agenda TBD](#).
- The Joint Committee on Ways and Means will meet October 1, 8:00am, [agenda TBD](#).
- The Emergency Board will meet October 1, 1:00pm, [agenda TBD](#).

UO professors headed to D.C.

Michael Posner



Psychology Professor Emeritus Michael Posner will be in the nation's capitol on October 7 to receive a National Medal of Science from President Barack Obama at a [White House ceremony](#).

Posner, who joined the University of Oregon faculty in 1965, is a leading pioneer in brain mapping and cognitive neuroscience.

Posner is one of nine eminent researchers chosen this year to receive the highest honor bestowed by the United States government on a scientist. The National Medal of Science was created by statute in 1959 and is administered for the White House by the National Science Foundation.

You can learn more about Posner's work [here](#).

Adell Amos



Law Professor Adell Amos has been tapped by the U.S. Department of the Interior for her expertise in water and land management. Amos was appointed Deputy Solicitor - Land and Water and began work September 8th in the Office of the Solicitor. The office provides general counsel services to the Department of the Interior and its bureaus on natural resource and American Indian issues and litigation.

Amos is a professor at the UO School of Law and director of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program. She has received many academic and professional awards for her scholarly work in water, energy and climate topics. She recently earned the law faculty's highest teaching award -- the Orlando J. Hollis Award for Distinguished Teaching. Under her leadership, the

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Congressman Peter DeFazio tours UO's White Stag building



Last week, Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) toured the University of Oregon's White Stag building.

DeFazio was in Portland to participate in the Oregon Transportation Research Education Consortium (OTREC) summit with representatives from the University of Oregon, Portland State University, and Oregon State University as well as other transportation advocates. DeFazio presented OTREC's inaugural DeFazio Transportation Hall of Fame award to Dick Feeney, now retired longtime lobbyist for Portland's Tri-met.

During the tour of the White Stag building, DeFazio visited the Energy Studies in Buildings Lab where he was presented with a photo taken in the 1990s commemorating his support for Professor G.Z. Brown's work with Energy Studies in Buildings program.

UO Faculty in D.C. to discuss climate change, research funding



UO Biology Prof. Brendan Bohannon was in Washington, D.C. last week to participate in the Leopold Leadership Fellow program and to meet with representatives from Oregon's congressional delegation on issues related to climate change and federal research funding. As a [Leopold Leadership Fellow](#), Prof. Bohannon is committed to educating the public and policymakers about science and the value of federal research programs.

As a member of UO's Center for Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and environmental biologist, Prof. Bohannon studies the ecology of the very smallest forms of life including viruses and bacteria and the effect of environmental change on these forms of life. His work includes research on the response of microbial life to global change, as well as research on the human body as its own ecosystem, an emerging field that may lead to new areas of medicine. This field is just now being recognized by federal research agencies such as NIH as a necessary research opportunity area.

STATE AFFAIRS

Lariviere is everywhere

University of Oregon President Richard Lariviere has been on the job just twelve weeks and has already been to two-thirds of Oregon's thirty-six counties. He has met with nineteen Oregon legislators in their home districts – from Portland to Ashland; Coos Bay to Ontario, and parts between. During his regional visits he has also met mayors, city councilors, county commissioners, university and community college presidents, school superintendents, leaders of Oregon's federally recognized Indian tribes, newspaper editorial boards, and supporters and friends of the university.



On Saturday, September 12, Lariviere hosted his first President's Invitational at Autzen Stadium for the Purdue game, which was attended by members of the Oregon Legislature, mayors from around the state, congressional staff, state officials, representatives from Oregon's federally recognized Indian tribes, and city and community leaders from Eugene and Springfield.

At press time, the president is in eastern Oregon for the Pendleton Round-up where he hosted the "Let'er Duck Breakfast" for more than 200 friends and supporters of the university and will meet with local and state policymakers in the region.

You can follow many of President Lariviere's activities on his official blog at <http://president.uoregon.edu>.

EMU Post Office faces possible closure

The U.S. Post Office located inside the UO's Erb Memorial Union building is one of 413 locations nationwide facing possible closure by the end of the year. Earlier this month the list was narrowed down from an original list of 700, leaving just two locations in Oregon facing possible closure – one in downtown Portland, and the one in the EMU.

University of Oregon President Richard Lariviere urged Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) and Senators Ron Wyden (D-Oregon) and Jeff

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Larivieres celebrate Eugene



The Oregon Duck joins President Lariviere, Jan Lariviere and pedicab driver Sam Grunseth for the Eugene Celebration Parade.



Pictured with President Lariviere: student ambassadors (left to right) Matthew Shum, Niha Bhattarai and Kassia Galick.

University of Oregon President Richard Lariviere and Jan Lariviere attended their first Eugene Celebration during the Labor Day weekend and received a warm welcome from the crowd when they rode in the Saturday morning parade in a green and yellow pedicab. The Larivieres were accompanied by the ever gregarious Oregon Duck and wonderful student

volunteers who weathered the rain to carry a banner welcoming our new president to Eugene.

On the Friday evening before the parade, President Lariviere was also introduced to Eugene celebrants downtown by Mayor Kitty Piercy and City Manager Jon Ruiz.

Community and university leaders to welcome University of Oregon students

On Tuesday, September 29, university and community leaders will welcome UO students living off campus back to school and to the City of Eugene, and promote positive community-building behavior between students and long-term residents. Participants—including UO President Richard Lariviere, Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy, ASUO President Emma Kallaway and numerous other leaders—will visit campus-adjacent neighborhoods to greet students, encourage positive neighbor relations and distribute resource guides and other helpful handouts.

The intent of the event is to build and strengthen relationships between long term residents and students. The University and the City of Eugene are actively participating in the event to demonstrate how each person plays a part in creating neighborhood environments that are respectful of everyone.

The UO’s community relations staff were instrumental in organizing this event and putting together tips for homeowners and students living off campus in a brochure entitled “[Working Together to be Good Neighbors.](#)”





STATE AFFAIRS

State Board of Higher Education Nominations

Governor Ted Kulongoski has announced the appointment of Allyn Ford, and the reappointment of Hannah Fisher-Arfer, to the State Board of Higher Education. The nominees are subject to Senate confirmation. The Senate will hold the confirmation committee hearing on September 29 and floor consideration on October 1.

Allyn Ford has been the Chief Executive Officer and President of Roseburg Forest Products Company since 1997. He also serves as a Director of Umpqua Bank and serves as secretary and treasurer of the Ford Family Foundation. Ford received an MBA from Stanford University and his Bachelor's degree from Yale University. His spouse, Cheryl Ramberg Ford, is a UO alumnus and UO Foundation trustee. The couple have been generous donors to the University of Oregon and gave the lead gift for the [Cheryl Ramberg Ford and Allyn Ford Alumni Center](#).

Hannah Fisher-Arfer was originally appointed to the Board in July 2007 and is a student at Portland State University majoring in Political Science.

The 2010 race for Governor

September is the month when candidates for state office can officially begin filing for the 2010 election cycle. The deadline for filing is Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Since the start of September there have been two major announcements in the race for governor:

Former Governor John Kitzhaber has announced plans to run for governor in 2010. Kitzhaber, 62, a Democrat from Roseburg, was elected governor in 1994 and served two terms, and fourteen years in the Oregon Legislature before that. The Oregon Constitution limits an individual to two consecutive terms as governor, but does not restrict the number of non-consecutive terms. For this reason, sitting Governor Ted Kulongoski, a Democrat, is not eligible to seek re-election. Kitzhaber followed in the footsteps of his mother, Annabel Kitzhaber, when in 2008 he was named the recipient of the University of Oregon's Distinguished Service Award. Annabel Kitzhaber received the award in 2000. Kitzhaber

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Government and Community Relations joins Facebook

If you're feeling the need to stay uber-connected, you can now follow the office of Government and Community Relations on [Facebook](#)! That's right, we now have our own Facebook page which will serve as a supplement to the PGA newsletter. We'll be posting news stories and other items of interest that are similar to the types of stories you might see in this publication. We will also include fun stuff like the photos and video from the President and Jan Lariviere's participation in the Eugene Celebration Parade. The PGA newsletter is published once a month when the legislature is not in session, so if just can't get enough, you'll want to become a fan of our [Facebook](#) page today.



Other Public and Government Affairs Facebook pages include [UO Advertising & Media](#). Web Communications manages the [University of Oregon](#) Facebook page with input from a host of campus groups.

Want to learn more about using Facebook and social media?



For university staff interested in learning more about the uses and strategies of social media—and Facebook in particular—the office of Marketing and Brand Management is presenting an interactive panel discussion that will touch on Facebook and social media being used at the university. There will also be a discussion on how departments can determine if Facebook is right for them, and will provide background to help you make a plan to move forward. Mark your calendars!

When: Wednesday, October 21, 10:00-11:45am
Location: EMU Fir Room

Please RSVP to Susan Thelen, Director of Advertising, if you plan to attend:
sthelen@uoregon.edu.



Senate bill includes ONAMI research projects

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The following projects are included in the bill:

- ONAMI Nanoelectronics, Nanometrology and Nanobiotechnology Initiative – \$4.8 million – funds will help advance research into biomedicine, measurement/imaging and electronics.
- ONAMI Safer Nanomaterials and Nanomanufacturing – \$4.4 million – funds will be used to develop safer and greener nanomaterials and nanomanufacturing methods.
- ONAMI Miniaturized Tactical Energy Systems Development – \$3 million – funds will be used to develop miniaturized energy systems such as advanced cooling units.
- ARL-ONAMI Center for Nanoarchitectures for Enhanced Performance – \$1 million – funds will be used for research involving portable energy storage and generation.

EMU Post Office faces possible closure

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Merkley (D-Oregon) to keep the EMU post office open—or delay the decision for a least one year pending further evaluation.

In his letter, the president noted that post office has been serving the campus community since 1950 and is an important service to more than 26,000 students, faculty and staff – with special significance to the university’s large international student and scholar population.

Lariviere also noted that the postal service would be justified to delay an decision on closing the EMU station based on (1) recent changes to campus mail delivery and (2) the summertime consideration of the decision which did not allow students sufficient opportunity to participate in the public comment process.

Earlier this summer, the UO and the postal service agreed to change campus mail delivery so that USPS no longer makes deliveries and pickups to and from individual buildings and offices on campus. This change is likely to result in more individuals using the EMU Post Office to transact business since the campus mail system no longer handles personal mail or any stamped mail. It also represents a realized cost savings for the USPS.

UO professors headed to D.C.

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Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program enhanced its national reputation with five consecutive years as a top 10 program in the country, as ranked in U.S. News & World Report's 2009 edition of America's Best Graduate Schools.

Gordon Lafer



Associate Professor Gordon Lafer of the UO’s Labor Education and Research Center (LERC) is taking a leave of absence beginning September 21 to accept an appointment as Senior Labor Advisor for the U.S. House of Representatives’

Committee on Education and Labor in Washington, D.C.

Lafer received his PhD in Political Science from Yale University in 1995 and joined the LERC faculty in 1997. His work concentrates on strategic planning, strategic research, and labor and employment policy issues.

2010 race for Governor

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graduated from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1973 (before it became OHSU). His father, Albert Kitzhaber, was a UO English professor.

Former Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, 60, has also officially announced plans to run for governor. A Democrat who started his political career in Bandon, Bradbury served nine years as Oregon’s Secretary of State and before that fourteen years in the Oregon Legislature. Bradbury was one of the first fifty participants in Vice President Al Gore’s "An Inconvenient Truth" Climate Change training sessions, and has given over 220 presentations throughout Oregon. In 2008, Bradbury gave the keynote speech at the “Living on a Finite Earth: Energy Law and Policy for a New Era” symposium at the University of Oregon.

As previously reported, **Allen Alley**, 55, a Republican businessman from Lake Oswego, is also running for governor. He officially filed on September 10. Alley is a former deputy chief of staff to Governor Kulongoski who lost a bid for state treasurer in 2008.

Official candidate filings can be tracked on [ORESTAR](#), available on the Secretary of State’s Elections Division website.