

Technology institute gets \$329,000 programs grant

The Fred Meyer Charitable Trust of Portland awarded a \$329,000 grant to a joint University and Oregon State University technology transfer project, officials of both institutions announced Tuesday.

The Advanced Science and Technology Institute was given the three-year award to further coordinate inter-university efforts to exchange newly developed technology with business and industry. ASTI is expected to be self-supporting by the end of the three-year period.

"Knowledge unshared is knowledge lost, and ASTI enables Oregon research universities to bridge the gap that has sometimes existed between the scientists on our campus who are breaking new ground and the consumers of that new knowledge," said Richard Hersh, University vice president for research.

"The support from the Fred Meyer trust will be used to promote research activities that involve some combination of both universities and

industry in cooperative research programs," said George Keller, OSU dean of research.

"The real theory behind ASTI is that university research will be useful to industry, and will help close the bridge between the two," said Lee Beyer, staff coordinator for the Southern Willamette Research Corridor.

The grant will provide supplementary income for existing ASTI programs, seed money for new program development, and some support for administration functions, Keller said. Other money will be used to improve the institute's technical and executive seminars, and develop cooperative research programs in computer sciences and advanced materials.

"As a two-university cooperative program, ASTI is a natural partnership of complementary research agendas, proximity of campuses, and nationally respected science and engineering faculties," Keller said. "The complementary nature of the research program in such areas as biotechnology, electronics, geosciences, biology, chemistry and physics is powerful."



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No-holds-barred romance to open here Thursday

"Talley's Folley," the second offering of University Theatre's Second Season Series, opens Thursday at the Arena Theatre in Villard Hall.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning romance by the popular American playwright Lanford Wilson will be directed by Kevin Neuharth, a University graduate student. As told at the beginning of the play by one of its own characters, Matt Friedman (Bob Hirsch), "Talley's Folly" is "a waltz... a no-holds-barred romantic story."

It is the story of Matt and Sally (Annie McGregor) — both victims of their pasts — who are drawn together by their common search for love.

They meet on a July evening in 1944 at an ornate but dilapidated boathouse, known to the community as "Talley's Folly." In this decaying setting, they struggle together to rebuild their lives.

Showtime for all performances is 8 p.m. All tickets are \$2, and they can be purchased at the University Theatre box office in the lobby of Robinson Theatre.

Box office hours are from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 8:30 p.m. on performance nights. Reservations and ticket information can be obtained by calling 686-4191.

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