

**IN BRIEF**

**Indicators suggest labor market growth declining**

Just one month after economic indicators seemed to show a strong labor market, the University of Oregon Index of Economic Indicators now seems to suggest "a noticeable softening of the labor market," University economist Tim Duy said in a news release.

With the release of the economic indicators for May last week, the index sunk to its lowest level since late last year. The decrease is due, in part, to a loss of 3,300 non-farm jobs as well as a drop in indicators affecting building and business investment.

The index measures eight indicators that affect areas of the economy such as development, investment, consumption, and employment.

Duy, an economics professor and director of the Oregon Economic

Forum, had previously said that while the index for April had declined overall, the labor market was resilient.

"Labor market conditions remained solid in the wake of rapid employment gains in the first quarter," he said.

Now, it seems that the labor market is also on the decline.

"These numbers suggest a more significant weakening in the Oregon labor market than indicated by the April UO index," Duy said.

This is the third decrease for the index in four months.

"The index is not signaling that a recession is imminent, but does suggest that the pace of growth is slowing," Duy said. The methods used to calculate the index, which is a project of the Oregon Economic Forum through the University, are the same methods used to calculate the U.S. Leading Index of economic indicators.

— Gabe Bradley

**Donations: Music school's square footage will double**

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of the music school. Because the University has already raised \$7.1 million, construction is slated to begin two years ahead of schedule, in August, 2006.

Lokey donated an additional \$4.5 million toward building a Portland-based program for the School of Journalism and Communication. The announcement ceremony for this project took place during the weekend in Portland. The George S. Turnbull Portland Center will open this fall in a temporary location in the University of Oregon Portland Center and will offer degree programs in journalism by fall 2006. Lokey's \$4.5 million donation was combined with an anonymous donation of the same amount.

George S. Turnbull, whom the new journalism program is named after, taught reporting and editing as a journalism professor at the University from 1917-1948 and was dean of the School of Journalism and Communication from 1944-1948.

Lokey encouraged the audience to enjoy the gift of giving while they're here.

"I can't imagine going through life and leaving millions of dollars behind," Lokey said during his speech. "Doing something nice is a way of...investing in the future to make a better world. You put the money in education and you get a civilized people coming out of it."

Lokey's donation is added to those from 22 individual donors and two foundations. The music school project is part of the division of University advancement "Campaign Oregon, Transforming Lives." The campaign's main objectives are to "position the university strategically in the minds of our various constituencies," and to "acquire the public and private resources to finance the strategic directions of the university," according to its Web site.

The new construction and renovation will double the square footage of the music school and allow better accommodations to the 500 music majors and 4,000 non-music majors that use the building, which was originally designed to fit 300 students.

New features include an entrance on 18th Avenue, improved historic courtyard and outdoor stage, new classrooms, offices and space for

rehearsals and instrument storage and new acoustically isolated studios. BOORA Architects Inc. worked with the University Planning Office and the School of Music for the design of the school's reconstruction.

President Dave Frohnmayer called Lokey "one of the most generous donors in the University's history." Frohnmayer's two brothers, John and Philip, and his sister Mira, attended the announcement to show their gratitude for the dedication of the music school to their mother.

"Lorry, we thank you so much," Mira Frohnmayer said in a short speech. As a graduate of the University's school of music in 1960, Mira Frohnmayer recalled the legacy of music that her mother left them.

"I know what she'd say," Mira Frohnmayer said of her mother's response, "(she would say) Oh no! Not me. I don't deserve this notoriety."

Marabel Braden Frohnmayer, who lived from 1909 to 2003, moved to Oregon with her family in 1912. She graduated from Albany High School, and received her Bachelor of Arts from the University's music school in 1931. While at the University, Marabel Frohnmayer was a member of the sorority Kappa Alpha Theta and was elected to the music honorary Mu Phi Epsilon.

She taught elementary and middle school education in McMinnville, Merrill and Medford, Ore. between 1931 and 1936.

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