Home Run for Oregon Softball

The University of Oregon softball team enjoyed tremendous success on the field this season. And the Ducks will enjoy a brand new softball facility in the not-too-distant future.

This June, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Rob Mullens announced a $10 million gift from Robert Sanders ‘49 to Oregon softball that will lead this drive to construct a new softball stadium.

“I’m thrilled to announce a leading gift to Oregon softball that will pave the way to a new era for our highly successful program,” said Mullens. “Thanks to Mr. Sanders’ generosity, we will be able to ride the momentum of this amazing season and create a new home for Ducks softball.”

The facility will be named in honor of Sanders’ wife, O. Jane Sanders, who passed away in late 2013. Jane Sanders graduated from the UO in 1950.

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Thanks to a $7.25 million gift from Phyllis Berwick ’56 and Andrew Berwick ’55, the Oregon Bach Festival (OBF) will soon boast an orchestral training and touring program that will be one of the first of its kind in the country.

Their generous gift isn’t just the largest single contribution in the festival’s forty-five-year history. It’s also a stellar example of donors helping to create a transformative program through their time and leadership as well as their philanthropy.

Scheduled to launch in summer 2015, the Berwick Academy will be dedicated to the historically informed performance practice of music from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries.

The gift enables the academy to be tuition-free, essentially removing all barriers for talented young artists to pursue their passion.

“We really wanted to give a significant gift to the University of Oregon and the Oregon Bach Festival,” Andrew Berwick said. “This is a great festival, better than almost any in the world.”

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Lokey joined Allan’s wife, Susan, project donors, and UO Foundation trustees on campus to imagine the library’s future and take a last look at its forty-five-year-old past during the official reveal of preliminary drawings for the $16.75 million Allan Price Science Commons and Research Library.

“We are sitting atop one of the most well-worn facilities on campus,” Science Library Head Margaret Bean told guests gathered on the concrete courtyard that doubles as the existing library’s roof. “This project will greatly change the experience for our students and faculty.”

The project addresses the urgent need created by a 72 percent increase in science majors since 2000—a trend that mirrors the UO’s ascendance as a leading research institution.

Designed to take the UO’s highly successful collaborative approach to scientific research and teaching to new levels, the Price Science Commons and Research Library will rise from the old library’s location in the heart of the Lorry I. Lokey Science Complex by spring 2016.

“I love how we’re taking old buildings and making them into beautiful, light-filled, modern facilities,” said foundation trustee emeritus Dave Petrone ’66, MBA ’68. “Faculty members are so appreciative of these gifts.”

Petrone and his wife, Nancy, are among those whose gifts helped to secure matching funds for the project in the form of bonds authorized by the 2013 Oregon Legislature.

—Melody Ward Leslie ’79
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While historically informed performance has long been the standard in Europe, few specialized training opportunities exist in the United States—a need that led the Berwicks to endow the program. First, they took the time to learn about the approach and fully understand the potential impact the academy could have.

“I think the Berwick Academy will set the stage for young musicians to enhance what they’ve already learned in their conservatory,” said Phyllis Berwick. “It will give them a deeper understanding of where all this began, especially with Bach.”

John Evans, OBF’s president and general director, announced the gift on May 16 in Portland, when President Michael Gottfredson presented the Berwicks with the university’s prestigious Pioneer Award (see story, page 6).

“The Berwicks’ contributions to this university are simply astounding,” said Gottfredson. “The Oregon Bach Festival and the university are incredibly lucky to count them among our friends and trusted advisors.”

—George Evano and Ed Dorsch ’94, MA ’99
1 On the Right Path
U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan this year lauded the UO as a national leader because of PathwayOregon, a highly successful scholarship program that covers four years of tuition and fees for qualified Oregonians from lower income families. Your gift will help deserving students come to the UO and stay on the right path. Contact Josh McCoy, 541-346-0386, jmccoy@uoregon.edu.

2 Help Bright Students Reach the Summit
Summit Scholarships award Oregon’s top scholars $20,000 over four years. Out-of-state students receive $32,000 over four years. To be eligible, students must have a high school GPA of at least 3.80. Contact Josh McCoy, 541-346-0386, jmccoy@uoregon.edu.

3 Bring Excellent Students to the UO
Incoming freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.65 or higher are eligible for the UO’s new Apex Scholarships. The scholarships award bright students from Oregon $12,000 over four years. Out-of-state students will receive $16,000 over four years. Contact Josh McCoy, 541-346-0386, jmccoy@uoregon.edu.

4 A Fighting Chance
For the School of Architecture and Allied Arts, recruiting funds help us compete for the nation’s most talented graduate students. Your gift ensures that we can bring new talent to Oregon and keep it here. Contact Kyle Harris, 503-412-0464, kharris@uoregon.edu.

5 At Your Service
Through the Service Learning Program, UO undergraduates travel overseas, where they live in a community, learn about its history and needs, and work to make a difference. For example, UO students work with the nonprofit Courts for Kids to build basketball courts in the Dominican Republic. Your gift of $1,800 will support travel for one student. Contact Kelly Menachemson, 541-346-1681, kbm@uoregon.edu.

6 Not a Red Herring
Your $4,000 gift helps anthropology professor Madonna Moss study the ancient DNA of 5,000-year-old herring bones. An eroding Alaska site contains samples from this rare time period. Learning more about these bones could help conserve Pacific herring—a species that’s key to the health of Pacific Coast ecosystems. Contact the College of Arts and Sciences Development Office, 541-346-3950.

7 Make Things Happen
What do the popular new Cinema Studies Program and the new general social sciences major have in common? Both began with support from gifts large and small to the unrestricted dean’s fund in the College of Arts and Sciences. Your gift can help launch other new programs. Contact David Welch, 541-346-3951, dtwelch@uoregon.edu.

8 Sponsor Global Expo
The UO's excellent academic programs will be on parade when the International Association of Athletics Federations World Junior Championships come to Hayward Field this July. Learn how your gift can help us show our best to the world. Contact Sheila Bong, 541-346-1586, sheilab@uoregon.edu.

9 Adopt an International Scholar
Our researchers and students are forming research partnerships around the globe. Find out how you can help make travel to campus possible for our collaborators in developing countries. Contact John Manotti, 541-346-1677, jmanotti@uoregon.edu.

10 Jolly Good Fellows
Only a few students from Africa and Latin America have the means to come to the UO. Your gift of a fellowship for study in our Intensive English Program will transform someone’s life and help build an even more international student body. Contact John Manotti, 541-346-1677, jmanotti@uoregon.edu.
Nancy and Dave Petrone ‘66, MBA ‘68, asked five key questions before making their two most recent gifts to Dave’s beloved alma mater.

Is it new, entrepreneurial, and interdisciplinary? Does it make sense in the context of the entire university? Finally, does it connect people?

Anyone who knows Dave Petrone will tell you—for him, people come first.

Fortunately, two UO startups made the grade.

Women in Flight, a program to raise awareness and funds for women’s sports, started this June. And the UO’s Sports Product Management (SPM) initiative will launch in fall 2015.

“It’s exciting, giving to Women in Flight and Sports Product Management at the same time,” said Dave Petrone.

“Both are entrepreneurial. It’s seed money. We wanted to send a message, and it’s a good message: ‘It’s time.’ Both initiatives resonate today.”

Women in Flight will support the university’s eleven women’s sports programs through fundraising efforts and team-building opportunities.

“Nancy and I had this idea,” said Petrone. “What would happen if we gave $1 million to women’s athletics? Not just for one, but all the women’s teams?”

Another $500,000 gift will launch the SPM initiative at the UO in Portland.

For Dave Petrone, giving seed money to the initiative—which includes certificate programs, a master’s degree in product design, and executive education programs—was an easy decision.

“To watch a video about SPM, visit giving.uoregon.edu/spm

―David Petrone ‘66, MBA ‘68, and James C. Bean, associate dean for integrated programs at the Lundquist College of Business

―Ed Dorsch ‘94, MA ‘99, and AnneMarie Knepper-Sjoblom ’05
At the 1919 unveiling of the thirteen-foot bronze sculpture *The Pioneer* on the UO campus, benefactor Joseph Teal said, “The pioneer represents all that is noblest and best in our history.”

And so it is with these three—Lloyd Powell ’55 and Phyllis ’56 and Andrew Berwick ’55—honored for their accomplishments, dedication, and pioneering spirit at the Pioneer Award Gala on May 16.

For the last thirty-five years, the gala has recognized leaders and risk takers who have achieved success in business, philanthropy, and community service. At the same time, the gala’s attendees at The Nines hotel in Portland contribute to the Pioneer Award Presidential Scholarship Endowment, which has enabled twenty-three of Oregon’s brightest high school students to attend the UO and excel in the pursuit of higher education since 1993.

The 2014 Pioneers, whose service to the UO spans six decades, should inspire all students—past, present, and future.

Powell played football and ran track for the Ducks, participated in ROTC, and graduated in business administration. He went on to found Lloyd Powell & Associates Inc., one of the Northwest’s top property development firms. He and his son, Peter, started Powell Development Company, which builds, develops, and manages commercial real estate properties in Bellevue, Washington.

Hayward Field’s Powell Plaza is named for the Powell family, whose contributions helped create the field’s plaza entryway. Powell has also supported improvements to the UO’s Charles H. Lundquist College of Business and other ventures. The UO recognized him with the prestigious Presidential Medal in 1997.

The Berwicks met while they were active students at the UO. She chaired the dance committee; he was on the board of the Erb Memorial Union. He was a Beta Theta Pi; she was an Alpha Chi Omega.

Phyllis taught and dedicated herself to music and helping children through church, Scouts, and school-parent groups. Andrew founded Berwick-Pacific Corp., a real estate development company in San Mateo, California. He’s one of the founders of Robert Half International, a former mayor of Hillsborough, California, and a UO Foundation trustee.

The Berwicks established the university’s Richard C. Williams Endowed Student Leadership Fund, which combines the academic theory of leadership with skills gained from working inside and outside of the classroom. They’ve also been generous donors to the Oregon Bach Festival and received the festival’s highest honor, the Saltzman Award.

—Cheri O’Neil ’79

To watch videos from the Pioneer Award Gala, visit giving.uoregon.edu/pag
Thanks to You

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2014, WHOSE FUTURES ARE BRIGHTER BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY

This June more than 5,000 students received their University of Oregon degrees—many thanks to the help of donor-funded scholarships. Here are just three examples (out of thousands) of lives transformed by scholarships.

Donor-supported scholarships help the university recruit top students. They also enable students who otherwise could not afford college to attend the university. Because of donors and friends like you, these graduates will begin the next chapter of their lives with a college degree, as well as knowledge, experience, and some great memories. Good luck to the class of 2014.

To watch videos of these three UO graduates, go to giving.uoregon.edu/grads

Tenzing Atsentsang
Dean’s Scholar and PathwayOregon Recipient
Hometown: Beaverton
Major: Business Administration
Future plans: Atsentsang plans to work in finance for a few years before pursuing an MBA. Ultimately, he hopes to parlay his education, experience, and fluency in Hindi, Tibetan, Nepali, and English into a career in international business. “My prime goal in life is to make my parents happy, to make them feel proud of me.”

A long road: Born to Tibetan parents in India, Atsentsang was eight years old when he, his brother, and his mother followed his father to this country. “Dad left for America with nothing more than the clothes on his back with the hope that one day my brother and I would go on to college and be able to make a difference. My parents worked every day to bring us to this point.”

The big picture: “If I can become successful and show younger Tibetans that we are able to be successful, that we’re able to make it, I can motivate them to be different. At the same time, if I have more financial stability, I can help other people in my community.”

Kristina Johnson
Donald W. and Grace L. Hall Presidential Scholar and PathwayOregon Recipient
Hometown: Portland
Major: Economics
Future plans: Johnson will attend the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary beginning this fall. “I’ve wanted to be a lawyer since middle school.”

Scholarship impact: Johnson and her brother were raised by their mother, whose low income ruled out funding college education. “I could not have attended college without my scholarship.”

“My scholarships gave me the opportunity to come to college. And they also gave me the opportunity to go to college without having to worry about finances. I have friends who talk about not taking certain classes because they’re worried about how much it’s going to cost. I’ve never had to be concerned with that because I have a full ride.”

Message to donors: “Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart. If I could, I would walk up to my donors and say, ‘Thank you for what you do.’ People always tell me, ‘You’re impressive.’ But I think the impressive thing is that there are people who are so generous and who can do that kind of thing for other people.”

Joseph Bitney
Class of 1913 Karl W. Onthank Presidential Scholar
Hometown: Tigard
Major: English
Future plans: This fall, Bitney enters a PhD program at the University of Chicago—the next step toward his goal of becoming an English professor.

Donor impact: “Donors will keep the good students here or encourage good students to come here. I probably wouldn’t have come here if I hadn’t had the funding. A lot of my friends who were doing well in high school came here because of funding. It’s key.”

Go Ducks: “What’s great about the UO is that it will take you as far as you want to push yourself to go.” Bitney was accepted by six of the eight highly competitive graduate programs to which he applied. “You can get as good an education here as anywhere else. You just have to want it and make it happen.”

Message to our donors: “I am grateful for the wonderful English department here, but perhaps the biggest debt I owe is to my scholarship donors. If I had been worried about financial concerns or had been burdened by debt during my time here, I simply would not have been as successful in my pursuits.”

—Bonnie Henderson ’79, MA ’95
Attitude of Gratitude

This February, the UO Student Alumni Association organized Oregon Made Possible, a special event to educate their peers about the impact of private gifts—and to give Ducks a chance to thank first-time donors. Students learned about the impact of philanthropy on their university and wrote hundreds of thank you cards to donors. They also wrote and produced a thank you video.

To watch the thank you video, visit giving.uoregon.edu/thanks

UO students Miranda Taylor-Weiss and Katelin Turner work the table for Oregon Made Possible.