

# Condon School move starts trend

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The physical plant worker sets down the last box and mops his brow. All of the programs moving into Condon School are settled in, but his work has just begun.

All over campus the leasing of Condon School has set the wheels of moving vans in motion, keeping four to six physical plant movers busy all summer and probably through most of the fall.

"This is the largest series of moves we've had to make," says Lyle Hall, space analyst in the Physical Plant. "In the next several months we'll be running our tails off."

Condon School is the new home for the education college's microcomputer center, which helps train students, teachers and administrators to use computers; architecture studios currently located in pre-fabricated World War II buildings on Agate Street; ERIC Clearinghouse on Educational Management, an education resources information library now housed in the main library; Career Information Service; and the computer labs of the Continuation Center. The Housing Department will also be able to use the gym, auditorium and kitchens.

The move into Condon has been gradual, according to Paul Holbo, vice provost. First, some remodeling had to be done to accommodate the computers.

The University first indicated its interest in leasing the school when it became empty due to enrollment drops in the Eugene 4J School District. At its June meeting, the State Board of Higher Education approved the University's request to lease Condon Magnet Arts School.

The University will rent the 60-year-old building located across from Hayward Field for

\$50,000 a year for two years, with the option to apply rental payments to a purchase price.

"We are paying for the building in a scrape-the-bottom-of-the-bucket way," Holbo says.

The departments housed at the school will pick up part of the \$118,000 operating expenses of the school. The rest of the cost will be paid by dropping the



Condon Magnet Arts School

lease to the University's building at 1590 Willamette and through a \$35,000 supplement to the University's state budget.

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other departments as well.

The Chancellor's Office, now in Johnson Hall, PLC and Chapman Hall, will move into Susan Campbell Hall, allowing the Chancellor to consolidate all of his offices under one roof.

The computer science department, which is in the basement of PLC, will be able to expand to use the offices vacated in PLC.

The University relations office, composed of programs like Old Oregon magazine, the University News Bureau and the University Foundation, will move into Johnson Hall.

The publications department, which is responsible for the catalog and time schedules, will move into Chapman Hall.

Career Planning and Placement, currently in Susan Campbell Hall, will switch to Hendricks Hall where Career Information Service used to be.

Even after all of the moves have been made, the University will still lack space, says Holbo.

"The campus is terribly overcrowded," says Holbo. Now it may be terribly confusing to find some University offices.

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