EMU ballroom improvements will include stage expansion

By Paul Szydelko Of the Emerald

Plans are being made to remodel and refurbish the EMU ballroom and its surrounding areas, says Frank Geltner, assistant director of the EMU. provements will be made to the control room, Dad's Room, the gallery, lobbies, meeting rooms, and lavatories, Geltner says.

The ballroom needs to be modified to better accommodate many of the events presented there, he says, adding that when the room was built in 1950, few of the public functions for which it is now used were contemplated.

The Oregon Legislature appropriated \$1.7 million last spring for the renovation.

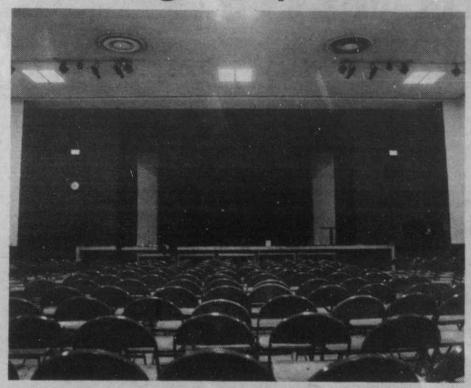
Geltner says plans include spending an estimated \$175,000 on 600 square feet of new construction, including expanding the stage depth.

Plans also call for new technical controls for sound and lighting and dressing rooms and shower facilities to be built to accommodate people who make stage presentations, Geltner says.

He also says the capacity of the freight elevators could be increased, better means of providing food and banquet service from the main floor kitchen could be installed, and portable, modular seating sections could be acquired.

Other refurbishing plans include improving the ventilation, repainting the walls and ceilings and replacing the flooring, draperies, and furnishings, improving the ventilation, and repainting the walls and ceilings.

The ballroom's auxiliary areas, for the most part,



The stage in the EMU ballroom will be expanded to accommodate a variety of demands. The scheduled improvements are part of a \$1.7 million renovation of the entire ballroom area.

> have not been altered since the original construction and need to be refurbished, Geltner says.

> Because of the ballroom's committment to host some of the activities of the Olympic Scientific Congress next summer, Geltner says renovation and construction within the ballroom proper will not start until the summer of 1985 and will take about four months.

> Other minor phases of the project should start by next fall, Geltner says.

> 'Most importantly, this is a ballroom, and will always be a ballroom. It does a multitude of things for the University and next to Mac Court, it is the largest mass-meeting facility," he says.

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Federal Reserve Board goals are mystery, says economist

By Melissa Martin

The Federal Reserve Board will earn the rest of the nation's trust only if it reveals what its policy is, a University economics professor said Wednesday night.

"It's hard to judge monetary policy when we don't know what they are doing and we don't know what their goals are," Barry Siegel said to an audience of about 65 at the Eugene Hilton conference center. "It is very difficult to pin down Fed goals."

However, given the Federal Reserve Board's limitations, its goals would have to be fairly narrow.

"It (the Fed) does not have the technical capacity to fine tune the economy through monetary policy," he said.

The Federal Reserve Board can't stabilize the economy because it doesn't have the right tools, he said. Those tools would enable them to control interest rates and money supply.

But the author said he doesn't



Prof. Barry Siegel

think any institution or organization could do a better job. The problem is basically in the cash, stock and bond flow, he said.

Looking in past Federal Reserve Board records, Siegel said monetary policy and Federal Reserve Board action have not always been positive.

"We can't trust anybody's

monetary policy," Siegel said. As an economist, he calls himself a 'put down artist because economists are always talking about limits."

The Federal Reserve Board, which is independent of Congress and the White House, is the main stabilization agency, "the main game in town," Siegel said.

'Some people have said Paul Volcker is the second most powerful man in the country and you can see why," Siegel said.

In a question and answer session afterwards, Eugene's L.L. Stubb Stewart, area lumber baron, former San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank Board chairman and the community representative who introduced the speaker, said Siegel, "missed the whole point."

"Uncle Sam is spending more money than he takes in and as long as that goes on I don't give a damn what monetary policy takes

Siegel's lecture was the year's first University forum lecture, and the first ever held off campus.

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