

Change in room angers foreign language staff

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A University decision to convert a room in Friendly Hall into office space has angered members of many foreign language departments who now face the possible cancellation of some classes.

The room change will result in the rescheduling of about 15 foreign language classes with the possibility that some fall term classes will be canceled.

Room 118 Friendly will be remodeled into office space for incoming Dean Risa Palm, who will replace Dean Donald Van Houten in the College of Arts and Sciences August 1. Classes from the East Asian, Russian, German and Romance Language departments will be affected.

Heads of these departments were informed of the action July 10 through a memo sent by Associate Dean Mel Aikens, a member of the University Space Committee, which made the final decision.

Following the announcement, complaints were raised over the late timing of the notice and lack of consultation with the concerned departments.

Martha Sherwood-Pike, office coordinator responsible for mapping the class schedule for Russian studies, said the departments were not informed of the decision until after the fall term schedule was drawn up and published.

Sherwood-Pike said the scheduling of classes, the late notice of the room change will make it impossible to perfectly reschedule the affected classes.

"Drawing up class schedules involves many complex processes," Sherwood-Pike said. "Instructors schedules, conflict with other classes and the suitability of the classrooms must all be taken into account."

She said the changes may result in the scheduling of languages classes in inappropriate rooms, where acoustic equipment and video cassette recorders necessary for language classes are lacking.

In considering the options, the University Space Committee explored all possible alternatives before arriving at their decision to convert the rooms, Aikens said.

"The committee finds that other spaces on campus

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Sunday in the park



David Helfand (above) plays the Celtic harp Sunday evening in Washburn Park as part of Eugene's Free Concerts in the Park series. The next concert will be held at Westmoreland Park Wednesday when Swing Beans will perform. Steve and Eileen Traylor (left) with their son Alex, enjoy the music and the sunny weather Sunday.

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U.N. leader needs econ savvy, Bartlett says

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Thomas Bartlett believes Franklin Roosevelt would do a better job than a more recent president in today's international atmosphere as the United Nations faces an agenda that looks very similar to post-World War II.

"The United States has been dozing for a decade," said Bartlett, chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education. "The United Nations has been napping in the shadow of a far-reaching cold war."

But Bartlett and others who watch politics see a return to the international values that caused the U.N. to form after World War II. The "reawakening" of the U.N. and its great-power involvement is receiving the respect that is necessary for peacekeeping, Bartlett said Thursday in a speech to the Lane County United Nations Association.

"The United Nations is sort of a sophisticated world dumping ground," he said, and the Secretary-General must be an administrative and diplomatic umbrella for all the problems that cannot be solved anywhere else."

Bartlett said that retiring U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar will leave empty a position that is increasingly vital in the emerging world atmos-

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phere.

"Are we ready to go back to the idea of an international civil servant?" Bartlett asked. The entire U.N., and its secretary-general in particular, "must understand and accept diverse cultures and actually think in an intergovernmental capacity," he said.

Bartlett said he believes it will be very difficult to find such a person. His recommendation is that the new secretary-general be "a diplomat and a politician, very intelligent, and experienced in international affairs" and have a "knowledge of history and cultures."

Bartlett said the appointee must have "insights into economic and technological issues that former secretary-generals frankly did not need."

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His suggestion is that the U.N. is becoming a much more vital entity as the great powers begin to use their mediation and peacekeeping capacities more regularly, and the smaller blocks begin to recognize the "leverage" the U.N. can provide.

"We may be teetering on the brink of some progress," Bartlett said. "The great powers need that (U.N.) option."

The key to the success of the U.N., Bartlett said, is the individual will of each delegate. Because the U.N. is not a government but a group of separate, bargaining countries, the new secretary-general must be "a remarkable and great man, able to think vigorously in second place."

"He, or she, cannot be a great political leader, but the secretary-general must have all the capacities to be that leader," he said. "It is hard to find someone with the ability to be number one who is comfortable being number two," but that is how the peacekeeping operations of the U.N. function.