





Expansion of Janus planned

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Modem users will have immediate access to the

state's regional college libraries if a Universitybased computing system goes on-line as planned

The planned Oregon State System of Higher Education union catalog would allow users of Janus, the University library's computerized card catalog, access to not only the University's collection of two million volumes, but also to about 650,000 volumes from the state's regional colleges.

The union catalog would appear as an option at the bottom of the screen when students make their initial information request, making Janus a virtual one-stop shopping center, said Alice Allen, assistant University librarian for technical ser-

A grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust of Portland for nearly \$770,000 will fund initial start-up costs for the system. The funds also will renovate the Knight Library Technical Services Center. which houses the system.

'This project is especially important to the University of Oregon and the four regional state colleges since it reflects our educational, research and public service missions," said University President Myles Brand. "The Meyer Trust's grant will enhance the capacity of each of the institutions to provide statewide service.

University Librarian George Shipman said since the Knight Library is the biggest in the state, the planned service represents the University's responsibility to serve the academic, business and governmental communities in Oregon.

One-third of the project's funding will pay for the new system. The other \$526,000 will go to renovating the technical center. Shipman said.

Renovation would upgrade the center's technology so it can provide greater access to incoming requests by modem and offer more support to the ED-NET distance learning program, he said. ED-NET supports student programs for students without access to college facilities.

Upon completion of the union catalog this summer, anyone equipped with a modem in Oregon will have access to the library files of participating

All costs for maintaining the system will be paid by the state system. Allen said, with only some additional staff time being applied to the project by the University.

Currently, participants besides the University include Western Oregon State College, Eastern Oregon State College, Southern Oregon State College and Oregon Institute of Technology

Other institutions, such as Linfield College in McMinnville and Willamette University in Salem, also have shown interest in joining the system, Shipman said.

Shipman said the system will maximize limited funds throughout the state university system by supporting resource sharing.

"At a time when library budgets are severely constrained, libraries must seek ways in which to maximize the impact of the money available to ensure that the fullest possible range of collections is available within the state," Shipman said.

The Meyer Memorial Trust funding the project is the largest foundation in the Northwest, with assets of more than \$300 million. The trust was initially developed by the late Fred G. Meyer with a sale of his store's stock. The charitable organization is not connected with the chain of retail

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In March this year, Renata's

father got through from Sarajevo on a heavily trafficked telecommunications satellite. 'I couldn't believe it when I

heard his voice," she said. "First I laughed, and then I cried. We talked for only a minute before the line broke down. But he told me they were OK, and he said that I should stay in the United States.

Both Renata and Nikolina have brothers who have served in the army during the war. Nikolina said her brother served in Zagreb for a while, but he is now studying computer science at a university.

"My twin brother is still fighting," Renata said. "He came back to Bosnia from Germany just two months before the war broke out. The last time anybody heard from him was in August.

After the war broke out, Nikolina personally experienced some of the ethnic animosity that arose in the former Yugoslavia.

"Some of my best friends were Serbian," Nikolina said.

"One day, a Serbian friend of mine told me she was going to Switzerland. Later I heard that she had escaped to Serbia. I was very hurt because she had lied to me. And many of my Serbian friends don't answer the phone anymore.

But Renata and Nikolina are feeling better now.

"For the first time since I came to the United States, I'm really happy with my life," Renata said. "I've learned that it's important to keep myself busy, so that I don't think about the war all the time. And coming to Eugene was such a relief for me after living in really small towns for two years."

Nikolina believes she's privileged to be able to study music.

"Music is my greatest pas-sion," she said. "Being able to study opera is a great opportuni-ty for me. Here at the University I can learn a lot about things that are important in this profession: song, dance, drama, lan-guages and so on. In Croatia, I wouldn't have been able to do that right now.

"I'm also glad that I can be a representative for my country 'I was watching these terrible television images from Sarajevo, and I didn't know anything about the state of my family."

Renata Filipovic

here in the United States," Nikolina said. "When I tell people that I'm from Croatia, a lot of people don't know where that is. Some people ask if I said 'Korea' or 'Russia.' I think I have an important task in informing people about my country and the war that's going on there."

'You don't hear so much about the war in the former Yugoslavia anymore," Renata said. "I think that's sad. I suppose there's a certain inflation in news. When you've heard about all the atrocities and seen the terrifying pictures for a while, the shock wears off. I just hope people won't forget about what's happening in my home country."

