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Eugene's hottest summer recreation spots for years

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OPS helps avert system failure

■ **PHONES:** Had the temperature increased 10 degrees more, the University's telephone system could have shut down

By Michael Hines
Oregon Daily Emerald

A communications disaster was narrowly averted Tuesday after emergency procedures were followed quickly and efficiently.

The telephone, modem and ethernet systems, which are in the basement of Oregon Hall, were within 10 degrees of failing.

The systems, which include 35 refrigerator-sized cabinets that handle University telephones and several other University communication systems, produce a large amount of heat.

"As the temperature rises in that room, the system starts to fail."

Aaron Tarlton
Telecom Services
Operations Manager

The room is normally kept at an air-conditioned 45 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit, but early Tuesday morning, a fuse in the air conditioner failed and the room quickly heated up.

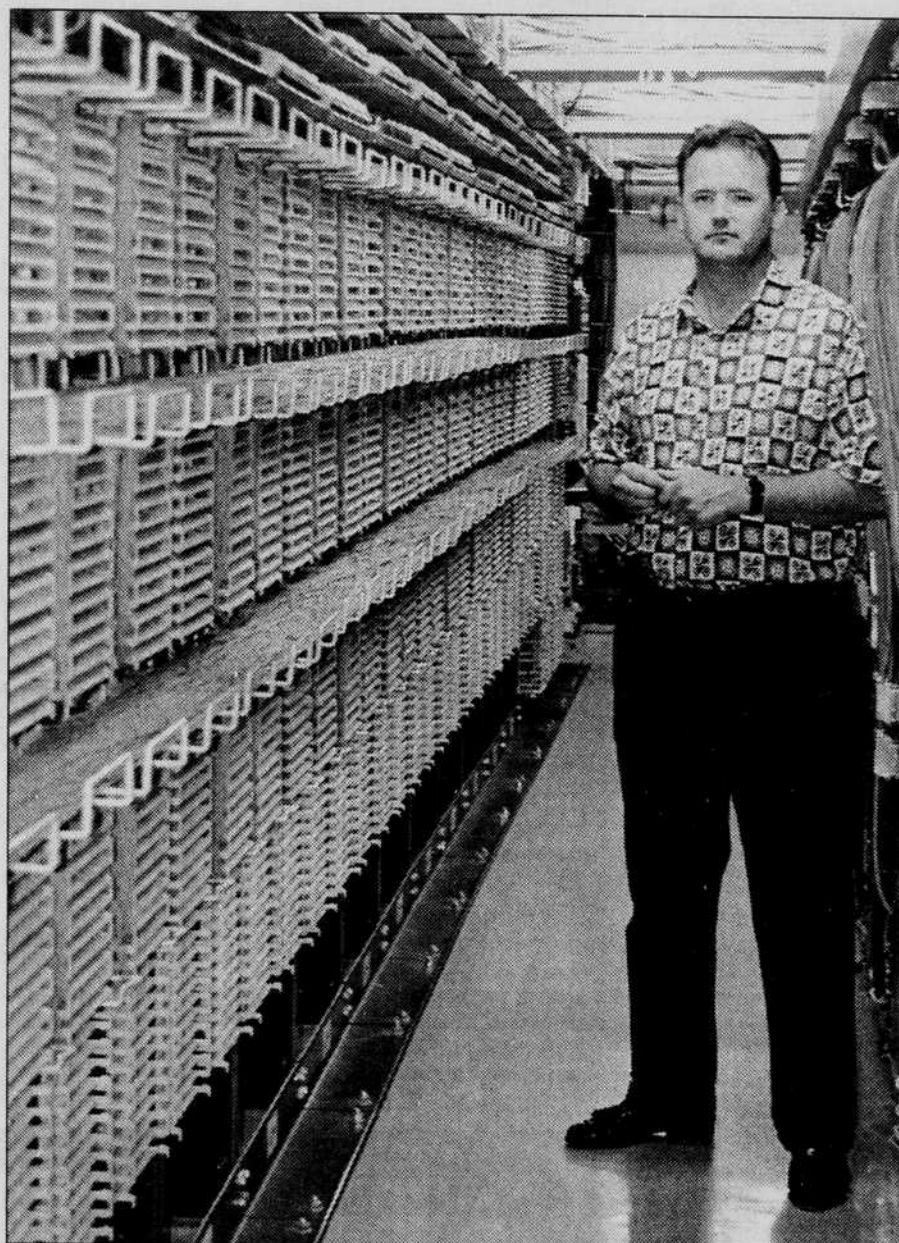
"As the temperature rises in that room, the system starts to fail," Telecom Services Operations Manager Aaron Tarlton said.

The systems' environmental alarm was triggered when the room reached a certain temperature.

The Office of Public Safety received the alarm and sent an officer to verify the alarm, OPS Administrative Lieutenant Joan Saylor said.

The alarm was verified, Saylor said, and OPS called Tarlton at home at 6 a.m. Tarlton said that when he reached the basement, the room was 85 degrees.

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Telecom Services Operations Manager Aaron Tarlton stands next to the campus phone system that nearly failed due to an air conditioner malfunction Tuesday morning. An alarm on the system notified OPS, who then notified Tarlton and the Physical Plant.

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University brings in \$50 million of grants

■ **FUNDING:** Credit for the incoming money belongs to the professors who have applied for and received the grants, University officials say

By Carl Yeh
Associate Editor

The University has brought in more than \$50 million in research funding for the first time, said Steadman Upham, University vice-provost for research and graduate dean.

"The money will go to research projects, graduate training support and public service programs," said Karen Sindtner, associate director for research services and administration.

"The research this money funds is vital to educating Oregon's students and fueling Oregon's economy," Upham said.

Over 80 percent of the funding comes from federal sources.

A University press release stated the "the exact number for the 1996-97 period is \$53.2 million," but Sindtner said that the figures were only preliminary. "However, our preliminary figures indicate that we'll be over \$50 million," she said.

"We've been in the \$40 million range in the past few years, so this is a nice jump for us," Sindtner said.

"The volume of research is truly remarkable, especially since the UO has neither a medical school nor college of engineering."

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University Theatre production goes on tour of Oregon

■ **PLAY:**

Springfield native and professional playwright Dorothy Velasco wrote 'Ever the Dragon'

By Nicole Kristal
Oregon Daily Emerald

The University Theatre plans to tour the state with "Ever the Dragon," a Chinese Opera-style fairy tale, September 8 - 26 in its first attempted tour in many years.

The tour, which was funded by a retired professor and University Theatre patrons, will visit nine different communities and perform for dozens of schools. At each stop, the University Theatre company will stage two performances at centrally located performance halls.

"The students will not only receive feedback from an adult audience, but from a student audience as well," said Joseph Gilg, development director for University Theatre.

According to Gilg, students have had a great time staging the performance and are eager to tour.

"It's an exciting adventure," Gilg said. "It's kind of a new thing for everybody."

The play, written by Dorothy Velasco, a professional playwright from Springfield, blends several ancient Chinese fairy tales with modern characters: A Chinese-Cuban-American college student is sent back in time to ancient China to learn a few lessons about life.

The content of the play has made possible creative costuming, scenery and staging. University theater professor Jerry Williams has taken advantage of the creative content, utilizing Chinese opera techniques.

"It is a fusion theater piece, taking elements of another country's performance style and meshing it with our American theater styles and training," Gilg said.

"The play was inspired by Chinese opera style, but it is not an imitation as such," Velasco said.

She added that the play evolved as the cast rehearsed, with the actors' acrobatic skill being incorporated in to increase the action. Sometimes the stunts are obvious, such as when one actor climbs up several ladders that represent mountains.

"It's very stimulating to the imagination," she said.

Gilg, judging by the success of

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Students prepare for graduation

842 degree candidates are eligible to participate in commencement, at 10 a.m. on Sat., Aug. 16 at the Memorial Quadrangle on the west edge of the University campus.

Robert Z. Melnick, dean of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts, will deliver the 1997 summer commencement address.

Tickets are not needed for the free public event, which will be held outdoors, rain or shine.

Of the 842 candidates, 732 are slated to receive bachelor's degrees, four to receive certificates, 37 to complete doctoral degrees, and one law student to receive a doctor of jurisprudence degree.