

Multimedia major brings about more dimension

■ The art department prepares students by offering a more multi-tasked design program

By Kristy Hessman
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What's your major?

This is perhaps one of the most frequently asked questions in college life, and now there is a new response—Multimedia Design.

The new major was approved by the University June 16.

"Last year the department of art received funding from the state to implement both a major and minor in digital media," Director of the Multimedia Design Program Craig Hickman said.

"It was recognized that we were the most appropriate department

to do this because of our decades of experience with technology and media."

The new five-year bachelor of fine arts degree is expected to attract a number of new students.

"We expect to be carrying about 100 people the first year," said Zara Burkhart, an administrative assistant for multimedia.

Some 10 to 15 new classes have also been added for the program.

Media Tools, one of the major's core classes, is already full for fall term with 120 students registered, showing that the classes are already attracting interest.

"Skills in Pagemaker, Photoshop and so on are crucial to work in journalism these days," said Gordon Kelley, who is registered for the class. "There's a lot I don't know."

Kelley hopes to go into magazine journalism within the next two years, and is convinced of the importance of such computer skills.

"I think that basic common-program skills are essential to a career in journalism," he said. "I don't know squat about Quark, and little about Pagemaker besides scanning."

There are three core courses to the major: Multimedia Tools I, Multimedia Tools II and Multimedia Survey, which are open to all University students.

"They are nice introductory classes to the major," Burkhart said.

The program also hopes to soon get a minor in Multimedia Design approved as well.

"We are shooting to have the

minor approved in one year," Hickman said. "It should benefit many UO students who would like some experience in digital media and design to complement to their work in their major."

Multimedia Design will prepare students for jobs as print designers, art directors, art professors, 2-D and 3-D animators, web designers, multimedia designers, and managers.

The program is said to be multi-tasked, or not focusing on one small niche. Students will be introduced to the design process and principles, the sensibility of visual language and the art of problem solving in multimedia communication.

"We believe everyone can benefit from a working knowledge of multimedia design," Hickman said.

How does this new program compare to similar graphic design programs offered at other Oregon universities?

"Lane is really vocational and technical, while our program offers a liberal arts degree, plus a whole year's worth of work, where you end up with a final show and a final project," Burkhart said.

Oregon State University also has a graphic design program which "is traditionally based on typography and layout while our program is more 3-D and animation based," Burkhart said.

Students wishing to enter the program winter term must apply by Oct. 13.

For more information about the Multimedia Design major, check out their home page at <http://mmd.uoregon.edu/>.

State Supreme Court candidate to make rare arrival

■ Paul DeMuniz, presiding judge for the Oregon Court of Appeals, will address students on campus Thursday

By Beata Mostafavi
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With the national elections just around the corner, some students may wonder how they can make educated choices when there's so much they may not know regarding the issues.

On Thursday, students have a good chance to become better informed about the state of legal affairs in Oregon. The Oregon Future Lawyers Association, a campus organization for both undergraduates and law students, has invited Judge Paul DeMuniz, the current presiding judge for the Oregon Court of Appeals and State

Supreme Court candidate, to speak at the University Thursday morning.

Daniel Katz, a senior political science major who is coordinating DeMuniz's visit, said the judge's appearance is an unusual event.

"Something like this is a rare opportunity," he said. "Judge DeMuniz is obviously really busy and to take the time to come here all the way from Salem is a very positive gesture on his part. Students get to see and talk to a judge up close and personal and that doesn't happen all the time."

Judge DeMuniz, who grew up in Northeast Portland, graduated from Madison High School and later served in the United States Air Force. After returning from Vietnam, he acquired a bachelor's degree from Portland State University and a law degree from

Willamette University. DeMuniz practiced law in Salem for 13 years, and has since been twice-

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elected to the Court of Appeals.

Katz said that the judge will most likely talk about his judicial philosophies, experiences and beliefs regarding the future of Oregon courts.

Judge DeMuniz's speech will be held at 10 a.m. Sept. 28 in the Knight Library Browsing Room. He also plans to briefly speak to the "Introduction to the Legal Profession" class at 9 a.m., and to the Lane County Bar Association at noon. The UOFLA has also planned a small private reception at 11 a.m.

Alan Tauber, president of the UOFLA, said that although DeMuniz is a candidate for the Oregon Supreme Court, his upcoming speech is meant to be much more than a stump speech.

"This is not a campaign stop for him," Tauber said. "His speech will help educate the campus system at large about our justice system."

Jennifer Greenough, senior vice president of the UOFLA, also said

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that DeMuniz's visit has a profound educational purpose.

"I think it's a great opportunity to expose students and faculty to many issues," said Greenough, of DeMuniz's upcoming speech. "I don't think people are really aware of a lot of issues that affect us and they should be."

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