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A Race for Space

■ The music school has until 2003 to raise half the cost of building an electronic music performance hall and more classrooms

By Amy Fryburg
for the Emerald

Imagine a dark theater awash in computer-generated sounds coming from all sides while images of shapes in varying colors dance on screens suspended 40 feet above an audience.

This experience could become a reality in a new building that is planned to house student-made electronic music and music technology programs at the school of music.

If the school can raise funds fast enough, it will have the space to record and perform music made by students in the Intermedia Music Technology and Bachelor of Science in Music Technology programs.

Current building plans include an Intermedia Performance Hall and additional classroom and practice spaces to serve as a venue for the modern integration between art and sound performances, music school Dean Anne Dhu McLucas said.

The planned 3,600-square foot Intermedia Performance Hall will have video screens with multiple projections and movable seating and staging to accommodate the needs of each performance, she said.

"You can have the most innovative kind of interaction with other arts like video arts and dance," McLucas said. "We want to leave it as flexible as possible."

Graduate student John Villec said the new facility will enhance the programs and performances for the electronic

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Nora Ryan, a senior music major specializing in vocal performance, takes some time out of her summer to practice 'Voi Che Sapete' from Mozart's opera 'The Marriage of Figaro.'

Jessie Swimeley Emerald

Both OUS, OPEU give their final proposals

■ The two sides are still struggling to agree on salary and benefits for classified workers and will continue negotiations Aug. 22

By Kara Cogswell
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Final offers from both the Oregon Public Employees Union and the Oregon University System are now on the table in their contract renegotiation, but the two sides still seem no closer to reaching an agreement.

"We were hoping they would come through and match the proposal we had on the table," said Kathie Best, the president of the Service Employees International Union Local 503, Oregon Public Employees Union.

SEIU and OPEU represent the 3,700 classified workers employed by the OUS. Since April, the union has been in negotiations with the OUS to redefine salary, benefits and other selected areas of the current contract the OUS has with classified employees.

Union representatives are asking for a minimum hourly wage of \$9.50 for all employees, a salary increase of 3.2 percent each year for the next two years or a monthly increase of \$60, whichever is greater. They are also requesting that the OUS cover the rising cost of health insurance premiums since the contract was last negotiated.

The OUS had previously delayed finalizing an offer because management was still determining how much money from the new 2001-2002 budget would be available for salary and benefit increases for classified employees, OUS spokesman Bob Bruce said.

But on Aug. 6, the union declared an impasse, which by law requires both parties to submit a final proposal to the Oregon Employment Relations Board within seven days.

According to a statement released Monday, the OUS has offered classified employees a total increase of \$20.4 million in salary and benefits for 2001 through 2003. Under the OUS proposal, union members would receive a 2.2 percent salary increase in each of the next two years. The OUS would also cover all medical costs for workers making less than \$30,000 a year. Those making more would receive 75 percent of the increased premium.

With the resources available, OUS representatives "have put together the best possible offer we can," Bruce said.

Although Best said the OUS proposal is "a step in the right direction," she maintains that, based on data from two Northwest public policy centers, an

Grad school dean to speak at summer graduation

■ 982 students will receive degrees this weekend, and Richard Linton will give the commencement address

By Kara Cogswell
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By the end of this weekend, nearly 1,000 University students will have made the leap from lowly undergraduates to official University alumni.

Summer term commencement ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. Aug. 18 at the Memorial Quadrangle near the Knight Library, located at the west edge of the University campus. In the event of rain, commencement will be held in

McArthur Court.

In keeping with a University tradition of asking the newest dean on campus to give the summer commencement speech, graduate school Dean Richard Linton will address the graduates.



LINTON

Linton, who is also the University vice president for research and graduate studies, has been a faculty member since August 2000.

He said he chose the title of his

speech, "Magnus Cum Laude: Seeking a Life of Distinction," as a reference to the life of St. Albert Magnus. Magnus "demonstrated that faith and science may go hand in hand," he said.

Linton said his address "will draw parallels between the 'experimentalist' approach to scholarly research and a path to seeking a life of distinction in service to society."

Unlike the large graduation ceremony held in the spring, summer commencement is usually "a smaller, much more intimate" event, University spokesman Ross West said.

Of the 982 degree candidates

Commencement Information

2001 summer commencement exercises will begin at 10 a.m. at the Memorial Quadrangle on the west edge of the University campus.

In the event of rain, graduation ceremonies will be moved to McArthur Court.

Graduate school Dean Richard Linton will give the commencement address.

Summer commencement is a free, public event.

No tickets are needed.

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