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obligation bonds awarded by the state in the 2001 Legislative session, Associate Vice President for Governmental Affairs Michael Redding said.  
Private donors are also being solicited for the project.  
The two new wings will be attached to the Music Building near the rear of Beall Concert Hall, parallel to Pioneer Cemetery. Stoltz said the Music Building will continue to be one unified facility.  
"We need additional practice rooms, classrooms, faculty rooms, GIF offices, as well as administrative (offices)," she said, adding that though the building was built to serve 300 students, it now accommodates 500 music majors and 4,000 of

non-music majors.  
"There (are)) definitely more (students) than there's time for," music education major Mishaela De Vries said.  
The building is so crowded that students who can't find empty practice rooms routinely play in the halls and even the bathrooms, which may damage students' hearing, Boyd said.  
"It's just not a good learning environment," she said.  
The appropriation was inserted into a huge federal funding bill at the University's request. The \$820 billion Consolidated Appropriations Act is a done deal, having received President Bush's signature Jan. 23.  
"We enjoy the support of the whole Oregon delegation on this," Boyd said. "We're really lucky in Oregon to have a delegation that

works well together."  
Representatives for Smith, Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., all said they wholeheartedly supported the appropriation.  
"The University of Oregon has one of the largest and top-notch music institutions in the West and the program has been a positive influence in the community," DeFazio spokeswoman Kristie Greco said.  
Students said the construction and renovation will make their lives just a little bit easier.  
"A little bit more rehearsal space makes all the difference," said Cristina Cruz Uribe, a viola performance major. "We need it."

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**RECYCLING**

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the bigger problem lies in nationwide consumerism.  
"People buy way too much plastic," he said. "They should know that most new products are convenient, but they're not recyclable."  
Although BRING has tried to better educate Lane County residents about how to recycle plastic, Daniel said most people neglect the rules because they think it's a nuisance to separate all of their plastic products.  
"The public does an OK job," she said. "But we've never been able to switch the perspective."  
Nonetheless, new organizations continue to pop up across the country to accommodate for plastic recycling.  
According to the American Plastics

Council's industry Web site at <http://www.plasticsresource.com>, the number of plastics-recycling businesses has nearly tripled in recent years. More than 1,700 businesses currently handle and reclaim post-consumer plastics to decrease the volume of waste and avoid rising fees at landfills.  
To help recycling businesses categorize incoming plastics, the Society of the Plastics Industry Inc. introduced its voluntary resin identification coding system in 1988 at the urging of recyclers nationwide. Hence, plastics are categorized into different grades, which help companies like BRING specify their recycling requirements.  
If consumers can avoid plastic, Sanders said, the healthier and more environmentally friendly alternative is glass because it doesn't transmit chemicals to its contents,

and it is recycled through closed-loop circuits, meaning certain glass types are continually used for certain products.  
"If I have the choice, I would much rather buy in glass or paper instead of plastic," he said.  
Considering the difficulty of asking people to stop buying plastic, Sanders said consumers should be more aware of buying decisions.  
"If you're gonna buy plastic, check post-consumer content for recycling information," he said. "Otherwise don't buy it."  
For more information about BRING Recycling, drop sites and local recycling standards, visit the company Web site at <http://www.bringrecycling.org>.

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"I think that it is important to have people protesting on both sides," Breaeden said. "I don't think it's trying to rub something in the face of other political parties."  
Freshman Jenny Culbertson has been a member of the College Republicans since the fall, and she

was glad the group was celebrating the birth and accomplishments of one of her favorite presidents.  
"He was a great president, and we should do something to remember him," she said.  
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