Coming Soon: Museum of Art 2.0

The $12.72 million UO MUSEUM OF ART expansion and renovation project, shown in this model, will double the facility’s size and enable it to host major traveling exhibitions. The museum will reopen in winter 2004.

The long-awaited expansion project will break ground Sept. 10.

by Katie Sproles

The Museum of Art will begin construction during September on a $12.72 million renovation and expansion that will modernize its outdated facilities and double its size.

A groundbreaking ceremony, open to the campus community, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the museum.

“This ceremony will mark the beginning of the Museum of Art’s future as a major cultural visual arts resource for the university, the community, the region and beyond for generations to come,” says Museum Director Del Hawkins.

Hawkins will serve as master of ceremonies for the free event that will feature UO President Dave Frohnmayer and lead donors in the art museum’s capital campaign.

The long-anticipated project will add gallery space and other facilities that will enable the art museum to host major traveling exhibitions, better display its own collection and offer more educational opportunities for UO students, Oregon schoolchildren and the public.

Construction and reinstallment of the art collections should take about 18 months, and museum staff plan a winter 2004 reopening.

The State of Oregon awarded $6.36 million in state-serviced bonds for the $12.72 million project. The museum matched these funds, as required, through a mix of grants from federal and private foundations, several estate gifts and more than 750 individual donations.

The museum’s administrative offices moved to the second floor of Collier House in mid-August.

All contact numbers and addresses are unchanged.

The collections staff moved with the collections to a secure location off-campus; however, they will be available on campus by appointment.

To minimize disruptions to campus, University Planning prepared a document addressing pedestrian and vehicle traffic, parking, noise, vibration, air quality and more. It will be posted at <darkwing.uoregon.edu/~splan>.

For information about the construction project or access issues, contact Alex Gordon, UO project manager, 6-5219, <agordon@uoregon.edu>.

For Museum of Art information, contact Katie Sproles, public relations and marketing coordinator, 6-0942, <ksproles@darkwing.edu>.

Katie Sproles is Marketing Coordinator for the UO Museum of Art.

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Hill Replaces Imeson on Board of Higher Education

Gov. John Kitzhaber appointed former State Treasurer Jim Hill to the Oregon Board of Higher Education. Hill, a lawyer who ran for governor in the May primary election, will fill the unexpired term of Tom Imeson, who has resigned. Hill’s nomination is subject to Senate confirmation.

Summer Enrollment Surges

Summer Session 2002 is experiencing a 12–15 percent enrollment increase, “thanks largely to academic departments doing a very, very good job of planning their curriculum,” says Ron Trebon, Summer Session director. Last year’s summer enrollment totaled about 8,000; this year, the final total will be between 8,500 and 8,700 students. The UO has made summer classes accessible with new courses starting every week, and classes offered throughout the day all summer.

Pine Mt. Observatory Open

For September Stargazers

Pine Mountain Observatory, located one hour east of Bend, is open to the public for drop-in visits Friday and Saturday evenings (weather and smoke permitting) through September. Over Labor Day weekend, it will be open Sunday. An informative web page, “How to visit Pine Mountain Observatory,” is available at <http://pino-sun.uoregon.edu/~pmo/visit_pmo.html>. The page offers travel directions, clothing suggestions, camping options, weather conditions and other useful information.

WANTED: Sense of humor

Do you have artistic talent and see humor in the academic life? If so, please submit cartoons for publication in Inside Oregon. E-mail to <inside@oregon> or deliver to Inside Oregon, Media Relations, 219 Johnson.
IN BRIEF

Fiske Guide lists UO as a top student bargain for fifth straight year.

by John Crosiar

The UO is one of the nation’s best student bargains, says “The Fiske Guide to Colleges” for the fifth year in a row.

Despite rising tuition and decreasing state support, “fortunately, there are some bargains to be found in higher education,” writes Edward B. Fiske, former New York Times education editor who started the guide in 1982.

“With its caring faculty, excellent academics and abundance of social activities, UO is all it’s quacked up to be,” the guide concludes.

The 2003 edition includes the UO in its “Best Buys” list of 43 public and private schools in the United States and Canada.

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– 2003 Fiske Guide to Colleges

Students Fill Seats in Discounted Classes

Student interest in the tuition discount for fall classes meeting at less popular late afternoon times was climbing in late August, according to registration figures released last week by the UO Registrar.

Of the 50 fall term courses that qualify for a 15 percent tuition discount—meet after 3 p.m. and project an enrollment of 60 or more students—two have closed and nine have fewer than 12 seats remaining. The largest late-day course, the 295-seat “Philosophical Problems 101,” had only four open seats on Aug. 20. Overall, between one-fourth and one-third of the discounted class seats remained available at that time.

Registrar Herb Chereck says that response to the discount option has been varied.

“A few parents called for more details, and some students asked why 8 a.m. courses weren’t included,” he says.

The UO established the tuition break as an incentive for students to attend classes during non-peak times. Construction will make fewer classrooms available this fall, while a record enrollment of more than 20,000 students is expected.

Museum Project Shifts Parking Lots

The UO is getting ready to close parking lots 23, 24 and 25 as site work gets underway on the Museum of Art project. Those lots—next to Susan Campbell, behind the Museum of Art and next to Johnson—will remain closed during the MOA construction.

“These closures do not really initially impact general UO parking as all three of these lots are made up of reserved spaces, service access and visitor parking,” says Rand Stamm, parking and transportation manager. “General parking will be affected as we try to relocate these folks to other areas on campus.”

Stamm says a temporary parking lot to replace displaced handicapped parking is being constructed behind Johnson. The UO is providing some additional parking this fall for those displaced from the three closed lots by expanding the UO Permit Decal override program to include more City of Eugene parking spaces on the east side of campus. Some new spaces to help address reserved-space relocation are also being constructed in Lot 26, the parking lot next to Gerlinger Annex.

If you have questions, contact Stamm at Public Safety, 6-5447, <rstamm@dpsnet.uoregon.edu> or browse <http://safetyweb.uoregon.edu>.

NEW BRT TO STOP AT UO GATES

The Lane Transit District will begin construction this fall on a new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station near the university’s historic Dads Gates. Ready by fall 2003, the new BRT station at East 11th and Kincaid will sport a sail-shaped masted steel roof. After years of deliberation, LTD has come up with a non-rail system that will run from LTD’s downtown Eugene terminal to a new BRT station on South A Street in Springfield. LTD’s Charlie Simmons says BRT is more economical than a light rail system and will cut travel time between the two cities nearly in half.
Law Dean Not Modest About the School

Kirkpatrick’s priorities include communications, outreach, hiring faculty.

by Eliza Schmidkunz

Law school dean Laird C. Kirkpatrick took office on Aug. 1 with clear goals for leading the UO’s oldest professional school forward to the top tier of public law schools.

As a 1968 graduate, a noted figure in the development of Oregon law and a 28-year member of the faculty, Kirkpatrick has taught and worked with most Oregon judges, attorneys and political figures. He says he intends to reach out to all of those constituencies.

Aggressive communication is the dean’s first priority.

“We need to stop being modest about the accomplishments of our faculty and our exciting programs,” says Kirkpatrick. “Oregonians don’t have to leave the state to get a first-rate legal education.”

Second on the dean’s list is outreach to the school’s 5,000 alumni, particularly to the 50 percent who practice in Portland. He will begin with a series of fall trips through Oregon and the major West Coast cities.

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Dean, School of Law

Kirkpatrick’s third goal includes hiring new faculty and adequate staffing for the law school’s centers and programs.

“A law school our size, with more than 500 students, should have at least 30 full-time, tenure-track teaching faculty. We are still several positions short,” he says.

The steady decline in state support for higher education prompted Kirkpatrick to set his fourth goal—strengthen the school with private fundraising.

“All of us who are alumni owe so much to this school,” he says. “The key to our future will be measured by how our alumni respond to our changed financial circumstances. The ball is in their court—we can’t move forward without them.”

Eliza Schmidkunz is Assistant Director for Communications for the School of Law.

Law Boasts Big, Bright Freshman Class

Law registered its biggest, best and most diverse freshman class ever when 2002-03 classes started last week. The school’s 183 new students represent an almost 20 percent increase over last year. Their median grade point average is 3.4 and median score on the Law School Aptitude Test is 159 from a 120-180 point range. The new class brought minority enrollment at the school up to 15.6 percent. Two-thirds of the class is male; 54 percent from out of state.

Library Unveils Free Borrowing Plan

The UO Libraries next week will become the first academic libraries in the state to loan materials free of charge to all adult Oregonians.

“Our libraries are one of the state’s richest information resources and are among the best research libraries in the nation,” says Deborah Carver, University Librarian. “We want to encourage all Oregonians to take advantage of this by making as readily accessible as possible our extensive collection” of more than 2.4 million bound volumes, journals, maps, photographs, videos, music, manuscripts and other resources.

After Sept. 3, Oregonians 18 and older can use a current barcoded card from any library in Oregon to borrow general collection materials from the Knight Library and UO branch libraries. For a fee of $5, a new Oregon Card will be available for residents who do not have a current card from another library.

For information, call the UO Libraries Circulation Desk, 6-3065.

UO Moves to Stop ID Theft

University to phase out use of student, staff Social Security Numbers.

by Julie Lauderbaugh

After dozens of reports of stolen identities and a general push to protect privacy, the UO will stop using Social Security Numbers to identify students and employees.

“We get about two to three dozen stolen identity complaints per year, directly and indirectly,” says Registrar Herbert Chereck. Most of the claims concern stolen student SSNs that are used to obtain credit cards, although it is unclear whether the violations are directly linked to the university’s use of SSNs.

Joan Walker, Human Resources, says using SSNs as identifiers was common practice at the university during the past two decades, but the time is “more than right” to make the switch.

“We can help the confidence of our employees by not committing names and SSNs to paper—it’s a better security precaution not to have that combination,” says Walker.

The plan, recommended by the UO Banner Coordinating Group, began phasing out SSN IDs in July by issuing random numbers to new employees. Current staff will have their SSN phased out over the next two years. Current students will get new numbers over a four-year-period.

Current employees concerned about privacy can change their UO ID at any time by linking to the Business Affairs forms page at <baowww.uoregon.edu/forms.htm>, completing and submitting the “Request for UO generated ID.” With a new ID number comes a new photo ID, which may be delayed due to the changeover volume.

Julie Lauderbaugh is an intern in Media Relations.

People

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Alexander Murphy, Geography, was elected vice president of the Association of American Geographers. He will become president after one year, serving during the centenary of the 7,000-member group.

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Robert Mazo, Chemistry and Institute of Theoretical Science emeritus, is the author of Brownian Motion: Fluctuations, Dynamics and Applications, published by Oxford University Press.

James Mohr, History, was appointed to the editorial boards of the Journal of Public History and the Bulletin of the History of Medicine and to the scientific committee of the International Congress for the History of Medicine.

ON THE MOVE

Janet Fratella, formerly director of outreach projects in University Advancement, will join Development as director of donor relations on Sept. 3.

Kathy Arendsen, who rebuilt Mississippi State’s softball program and twice led it to the NCAA tournament, became the UO’s 10th softball coach this month. During her 13-year head coach career at Yale and Mississippi, she has suffered only one losing season.

Two people recently joined the Student Life staff. Rachel Johnson is the new director of Family Programs and Commencement. Formerly director of student programs at Northwest Christian College, she succeeds Mary Hudzikiewicz. New secretary for Student Judicial Affairs is Tausha Mullins, formerly Academic Advising.
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**CELEBRATIONS!**

**Monday, Sept. 2**

**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.** No classes and most offices are closed for UO classified employees represented by SEIU 503/OPEU, officers of administration and faculty; GCUU members should check their collective bargaining agreement for holiday provisions.

**IN THE GALLERIES**

**Museum of Art**
Closed through 2003 during construction. For information on offsite lectures, films and social events, call 6-3027; <uoma.uoregon.edu/>.

**Museum of Natural History**

**MISCELLANY**

**Wednesday, Aug. 28**

**Caregiver Support Group:** Confidential and educational support for UO community members who are caring for loved ones with any form of senile dementia, facilitated by the Eugene Regional Office of the Alzheimer’s Association Oregon/Greater Idaho Chapter. No registration required; new members always welcome. Noon-1 p.m. EMU Rogue Room. 6-2962. Monthly, except December, on the last Wednesday.

**Tuesday, Sept. 17**

**New Faculty Orientation:** All new faculty—instructional, research and administrative—learn from campus leaders about the university’s organization and structure, educational priorities and plans, and campus needs, expectations and relationships. 8 a.m.—noon, EMU Fir Room. Academic Affairs, 6-3081.

**New Faculty Orientation:** All new faculty and their families are invited to dinner with the president. 5-7 p.m. McMorran House, 2315 McMorran St. Academic Affairs, 6-3081.

**Wednesday, Sept. 18**

**New Faculty Orientation:** New instructional faculty learn about the university’s teaching and learning support services, diversity support, faculty support resources and enrollment management. 8 a.m.—1 p.m. GAL. Academic Affairs, 6-3081.

**New Faculty Orientation:** New administrative faculty learn about the Officer of Administration Council, the university’s culture and community, opportunities for personal and professional development and may take an optional campus tour. Lunch with new instructional faculty at noon in the GAL. 9:30 a.m.—noon. EMU Fir Room. Academic Affairs, 6-3081.

**SPORTS**

**Saturday, Aug. 31**

**SOLD OUT Football vs. Mississippi State.** (Fox Sports Network telecast) 3 p.m. AS.

**Monday, Sept. 2**

**Women’s Volleyball vs. Idaho State.** 7 p.m. MC. $

**Tuesday, Sept. 3**

**Idaho Game Student Football Ticket Release:** UO students enrolled for Fall 2002 classes with current UO student ID may pick up one free ticket for each Duck home football game. Just 2,550 ASU-subsidized free student tickets are available for the Sept. 14 game. Any remaining student tickets may be purchased by students and the general public the Monday before game day. 9 a.m.—5 p.m. CAC and EMU ticket offices. 6-4461 or 6-4363.

**Library Course Reserve Deadline for Fall Classes**

To assure course reserve materials are ready when needed, faculty should submit personal materials and library book requests by the Sept. 3 deadline. Deadlines already have passed for fall reserves for new book/media orders or electronic reserves. For more information, see <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/~acs/eresinstruct.html> or <http://libweb/acs_svc/videocoll.html>.

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**Friday, Sept. 6**

**Women’s Soccer vs. Gonzaga.** 1 p.m. Papé Field. $

**Saturday, Sept. 7**

**Football vs. Fresno State.** (Fox Sports Network telecast) 12:30 p.m. AS. SRO.

**Monday, Sept. 9**

**Portland State Game Student Football Ticket Release:** See Sept. 3 entry.

**Saturday, Sept. 14**

**Football vs. Idaho.** 12:30 p.m. AS. $ reserved only. If any general admission tickets are available, they will go on sale one week before the game.

**Sunday, Sept. 15**

**Women’s Soccer vs. Utah.** 1 p.m. Papé Field. $

**WEEKLY**

**Friday**

• **Oregon Ballroom Dance:** 7:30–11:30 p.m. 220 Gerlinger. 5– $6025; <challroom.uoregon.edu>.

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