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## \$15 Million Needed for Gardner Hall Face Lift

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Gardner Hall is a terrible place for University of Utah music majors to practice and perform, according to Darrin Thriot, a music education student.

"The acoustics are terrible," said Thriot, a junior. "It's like playing in a bathroom. The music will sound a certain way if you stand in one place and completely different in another."

Thriot said it's about time U. students had an adequate facility to play in. The U. requested about \$15 million from the Utah Legislature to renovate Gardner Hall.

The General Government and

Capital Facilities Subcommittee in the Utah Legislature approved the U.'s renovation proposal Friday. The subcommittee is asking for about \$132 million for all construction and renovation projects in Utah.

The proposal moves on to the Executive Appropriations Committee, where approval is less likely. In January, the EAC set aside only \$50 million for state renovations — well short of the \$132 million request.

Rep. Martin Stephens (R-Farr West), who chairs the EAC, said raising another \$82 million for all the renovations is impossible.

"There's no way we can fund all the

projects," Stephens said. "It's still too early to make any decisions, but I doubt you will see us spending much more than \$50 million."

Stephens did not know which projects will have priority when the EAC votes this Thursday. Other projects the EAC will have to decide on include the renovation of the Noyes Building at Snow

College and the building of new prison facilities.

Putting off the Gardner Hall renovation would be a mistake, according to Tom Nycum, the U.'s vice president for

administrative services. Postponing the project for a year will cause it to cost \$3 million more because of inflation and

the additional costs to re-plan, Nycum said.

"We will lobby every legislator in the Senate and House," to try and win support for the project, Nycum said.

Gardner Hall was the U.'s student union building before the Ray Olpin Union was built. The U.'s music department has used Gardner Hall since. Campus bands and orchestras have concerts and rehearsals in what use to be a cafeteria, said Anthony Morgan, the U.'s vice president for budget and planning.

The U. already has \$6 million in donations to help finance the renovation.

If the Legislature approves the Gardner project, the renovations will give the music department a better concert hall and replace the terrible acoustics the building has, Morgan said.



Thomas Nycum



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Mardi Party: So, it's not quite New Orleans, but Father Michael Fones and friends celebrate Mardi Gras Utah style at Monday night's celebration. The holiday is a day of feasting before Lent.

### Feast Before Fast: Fat Tuesday Celebrates Lent

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Most people don't think of Tuesday as a major party day. But once a year, Tuesday is the biggest party day in Louisiana. It's Mardi Gras, the French term for Fat Tuesday, and it's the single day of feasting before the Lenten season of fasting begins.

For Utahns, Mardi Gras is a tradition far removed from their own lives. But some Utah residents try to keep the Mardi Gras tradition alive and

well, if not on a minuscule scale.

Mardi Gras was probably originally related to the tribal rituals of fertility that welcomed in spring. The pagans who celebrated it converted to Christianity but didn't abandon their circus-like rituals. The early church leaders channeled the celebrations into a prelude to the penitential season of Lent, called Carnival.

Mardi Gras can occur on any Tuesday from Feb. 3 to March 9. This indefinite date was designed by the Roman Catholic Church, which set a fixed date only for Christmas but moveable dates for all other holidays.

Mardi Gras is always 46 days before Easter, which falls on the first Sunday after the full moon that follows the spring Equinox.

While the St. Catherine of Sienna Newman Center, the University of Utah Catholic parish, takes the Lenten season very seriously, it also loves to commemorate Mardi Gras.

"We try to do some sort of celebration before Lent begins every year," says Father Cassian Lewinski. Some years they have held a dance or a game night. And this year, as they sometimes do, they hold a Mardi

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## No Agreement Between Pres. Smith, Ute Leaders

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With threats of a potential lawsuit lingering, University of Utah officials are taking strides to increase cooperation between themselves and the Ute Indian Tribe.

On Jan. 23, President Arthur Smith and other U. administrators met with members of the Ute Tribe Business Council to discuss possible legal action by the tribe concerning

the use of the nickname "Utes" for the university's athletic teams, said Kay Harward, assistant dean of student affairs.

Tribe members were willing to discontinue a legal battle against the use of the Ute name on condition

that the administration would give more consideration to the Ute Indian community and their students, Harward said.

Smith acknowledged the importance of increasing assistance and support to Ute Indian students. He said the mascot issue and the scholarship issue should be separated, said Ted Capener, vice president for university relations.

Capener added that if tribe members consider the use of the Ute name offensive, no amount of scholarships or student assistance can change that.

While Smith did not necessarily comply with the tribe's requests, Harward felt that it was a very congenial meeting and Capener said there was no indication that legal

action would be pursued.

Capener added that although nothing official has happened, he has heard that members of the Ute Tribe Business Council hope to meet again.

The Ute Tribe Business Council could not be reached for comment.

Although members of the U. administration do not want to address both issues together, they do feel that the U. should discuss the importance of the Ute nickname as well as increased support to the Ute Indian Tribe, Capener said.

The U. mascot has already been changed to a red-tailed hawk, and Capener said the U. is willing to discuss the elimination of the Ute nickname as well. University leaders are also working on ways to assist Ute stu-

—Ted Capener

dents and work with members of the Ute Indian Tribe.

The department of student affairs is working on developing a better system of communication between the U. and the Ute Tribe, Harward said.

Members of the department hope to meet with tribal leaders and discuss ways that they can increase campus awareness of the Ute Tribe while providing more support for Ute students.

Capener hopes U. leaders and tribal leaders can work together. He also wants tribal leaders to know that U. officials are willing to work with tribal members and students.

"We are desirous in assisting [the Ute tribe] in every way we can in helping with the education of their people," Capener said.