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## SOUND BITES

### Get set for Dave's septet

A POPULAR member of the international jazz scene will be appearing at Campus West this weekend.

The Dave O'Higgins Septet will be performing at Herts Jazz Club in WGC on Sunday from 7.45pm.

Dave has recorded 13 albums as leader with various line-ups. He cut his teeth with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra, Cleo Laine,



Dave O'Higgins

Roadside Picnic and Mezzoforte and went on to work with Ray Charles, Martin Taylor, Frank Sinatra, Jamie Cullum and Stan Tracey to name only a few.

His latest project, The Dave O'Higgins Septet, with four horns and piano trio, showcases Dave's arranging abilities and features a wealth of individual talent from the UK jazz scene. They play originals and reworkings of Ellington, Jazz Messengers and Oliver Nelson among other material.



Pictures: Afsheen Shaikh



Ellie Goulding

STUDENTS and festival-goers had a ball at the Forum in Hatfield.

The University of Hertfordshire's Summer Ball and the southern leg of Slam Dunk Festival were both given the thumbs up by music fans.

Held over the bank holiday weekend, Brit Award winner Ellie Goulding headlined the students' traditional end-of-term party.

The *Starry Eyed* singer played a stunning set on the main stage at the Hatfield uni. Ellie took to the Forum's main stage after Welsh rockers Feeder had played the uni again.

Dubstep favourites Chase & Status later played an early morning DJ set, while Roll Deep and Wretch 32 topped the bill in the Urban Arena.



Above: Roll Deep on stage in the Urban Arena  
Left: Main stage headliner Ellie Goulding

## Having a ball

Jack Amos tweeted: "Summer ball was incredible, well done to everyone at @theforumherts for such a good night. It will be hard to beat that next year!"

Two days later, on the Sunday, pop punk festival Slam Dunk returned to the College Lane campus.

After teething problems last year due to overcrowding, there were no such complaints this year, thanks to the festival's new site layout with the main stage, headlined by American

ska-punk bands Less Than Jake and Reel Big Fish, being moved outdoors.

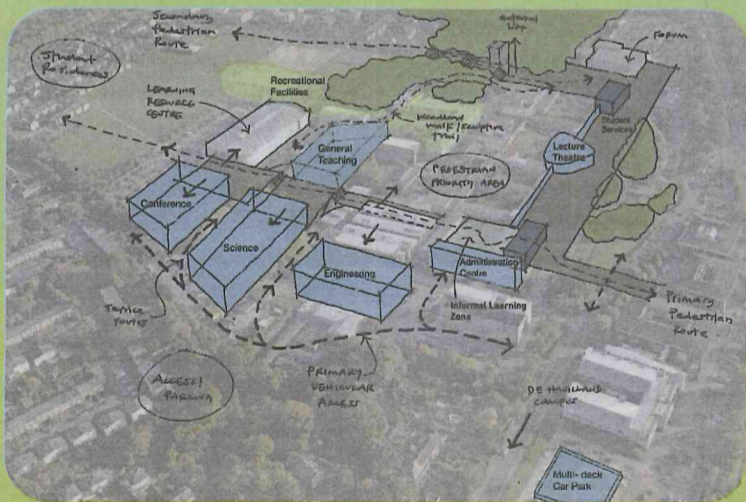
Festival-goer Nathan Wilson said he was impressed after last spring's damp squib. He emailed the *WHT* to say: "I attended last year and was disappointed at the poor organisation leading to many people being trapped and herded into areas due to overcrowding."

"However, this year I cannot praise the organisers highly enough. "The entire day was brilliant."

University of Hertfordshire

## 2020 Vision Public Consultations

Launch of the 10 year Estate Masterplan



The University is hosting a series of open exhibitions to enable the public to view and discuss the 2020 vision for their estate.

The exhibitions will take place at Forum Hertfordshire, College Lane Campus, Hatfield, AL10 9AB on the following dates.

Wednesday 15th June 2011. 2pm - 8pm  
Thursday 16th June 2011. 2pm - 8pm



Feeder playing the uni ball at the Forum

Picture: Aimee Curtis



Standon Calling's main stage

## Standon room only!

MUSIC fans attending this summer's Standon Calling festival in the Hertfordshire countryside can rave in a horsebox.

Taking place from Friday, August 12 to Sunday, August 14, Standon Calling likes to do things a little bit different.

New to Standon this year, the vintage Horse Box by JW Seasonnaires will be rammed with stellar British dance talent including Zinc, Toddla T & Serocee MC, Redlight & Dread MC, Little Boots, Hervé and the Filthy Dukes.

This is probably the best - and perhaps only - rave in a horsebox you'll ever experience.

With a bigger dance line-up than ever before, Standon's nightclub in a cowshed will also provide one of the most distinctive clubbing experiences of the year.

One of the hottest dance labels around, Numbers, are bringing some of their finest acts to proceedings, including Deadboy, Redinho and Jackmaster.

Crews hosting nights include Ultimate Power with their banging ballads; the electro-swing extravaganza that is White Mink and Another Night, celebrating all songs 90s.

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