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Last day to mail ballots

After today, ballots should be dropped off at county offices or drop sites. Oregon's vote by mail system requires that ballots be received in county elections offices or at official drop sites by 8 p.m. on Election Day — postmarks do not count. A complete list of official drop sites can be found at www.oregonvotes.org.

Go ahead — play!

■ New study suggests playing video games decreases stress, may benefit test preparation

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students who find themselves stressed out from finals may want to sit back and play a game.

A recent study by The Stress Institute has linked playing casual online games with lower stress levels.

"Research shows blood pressure was found to be significantly elevated two weeks before college examinations, compared with post-examination levels," said Kathleen Hall, founder of The Stress Institute.

"Taking short breaks from the stress of college examinations to practice stress reduction techniques can reset your thermostat and help you perform better and stay healthy during exam season," Hall said.

The Stress Institute is a for-profit company that partnered with EA Games for the study.

Aside from producing a variety of computer games, EA Games owns Pogo.com, a free casual game website.

"Casual games, like those found on Pogo.com, have scientifically been shown to help anxiety, stress and blood pressure," said Dominic Guzzetti, public relations coordinator for EA Games.

The study found that students who took breaks to play casual games while studying for finals were less likely to experience stress during finals.

"I've played games right before a test," said Alan McCarthy, a freshman in electrical engineering. "It really does relieve stress. It gets you in the right state of mind."

Students are cautioned not to get carried away with gaming.

The Stress Institute also recommends taking time to exercise, eat well, talk to friends, laugh and practice other stress-relieving techniques.

Also, students should never let playing games prevent them from being fully prepared for tests.

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A rider drops into the course at Thursday's third annual Snow in the Quad event, held as part of the Cricket Wireless Campus Railjam Tour. The railjam was originally organized by two OSU students and has now developed into a national touring project that visited 14 college campuses this year.

85 degrees with chance of snow

■ Annual Snow in the Quad event excites crowd with snowboarding, music, food

By Nick Ngo
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The burning sun couldn't keep them away. With temperatures in the high 80s, snowboarders and skiers descended on snow-covered rails in the MU Quad, performing whatever tricks they had in their arsenal.

Snowriders from around the Northwest journeyed to OSU on Thursday to compete in Cricket Wireless' Campus Railjam Tour.

The Railjam Tour was organized by MUPC and Galvanic Design.

OSU alumni Dan Genco and Ryan Kirkpatrick are the founders

of Galvanic Design. For past three years, Galvanic Design has hosted railjams at OSU.

What started as an OSU project called Snow in the Quad has now transformed into a large-scale collegiate railjam tour that visits 14 college campuses.

Cierra Westlund, MUPC director, said the event contained high energy and fun.

"This year has definitely been a cool experience," Westlund said. "It's cool to see what goes on behind the scenes."

"It's been really cool this year to work with Galvanic Design because they have been touring and have more knowledge of how to put this event together," Westlund said.

Above all the other stops along their tour, Genco and Kirkpatrick have always been excited to bring the tour back home to OSU.

"It's a great homecoming," Kirkpatrick said. "We've been all over the place, but we couldn't ask for a better day — 90 degrees and lots of people."

It's tradition to host a railjam event at OSU, Kirkpatrick said

"We love coming back to Oregon State," Genco said. "The crowd is always good, the school is always good to us, and MUPC does a good job organizing it."

Riders from Nevada, Washington and Oregon came to participate in the event. Kirkpatrick said over

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Animal Planet vet delivers comedic relief

■ Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald of Animal Planet's "Emergency Vets" surprises LaSells audience

By Candice Ruud
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Those who came to see Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald from Animal Planet's popular reality show "Emergency Vets" last night got a more entertaining show than they bargained for.

The popular veterinarian, who was voted one of People Magazine's 50 Most Eligible Bachelors in 2001, performed a lecture-turned-stand-up comedy routine to an almost full house at the LaSells Stewart Center from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Most attendees were students, but there was also a large audience of older community members who came to see the Animal Planet doctor lecture on the subject he knows best.

The first few jokes appeared to be icebreakers to warm up the crowd for his lecture.

However, as time passed and Fitzgerald handed out joke after joke while rolling through punchlines, the audience realized the show was more comedic than the average animal science and veterinary technology lecture.

Austin Mosley, a freshman in mechanical engineering, was pleasantly surprised by the veterinarian by day, comedian by night.

"I thought it was really cool," Mosley said. "I've always watched his Animal Planet shows. It's always been interesting to me, so I thought I'd come."

Fitzgerald joked about his mother, who is known for interrupting his punch lines and discrediting him for his patients, the bizarre human clients that appear on the show, strange occurrences in the operating room and his most hated creatures, which include spiders and Chihuahuas.

"As a vet, we're supposed to love all breeds," Fitzgerald said, "but it's hard to like Chihuahuas. They're like the anti-Christ of dog breeds. They're pit bull light."

Fitzgerald was nostalgic about the "Crocodile Hunter," Steve Irwin, who passed away in 2006.

He remembered meeting Irwin when the two were piloting their respective shows for Animal Planet at nearly the same time over 10 years ago.

Fitzgerald noted that Irwin had been ready and willing to use his wife as a decoy to attract crocodiles.

Fitzgerald's humor, light and clean

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Student leaders take aim for change at OSU

■ Election victory brings relief, excitement to ASOSU, MUPC

By Candice Ruud
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The student-chosen leaders of 2008-09 are bringing students' powers and passions together to create a cohesive bond between ASOSU, MUPC and the student body at large.

ASOSU President-Elect Ryan Mann and Vice President-Elect Kimberly Nickerson have grown close over their hundreds of hours together in the ASOSU office. After jokingly suggesting a run for the ASOSU leadership spots, they began seriously considering it.

"We wanted to run because we were really involved with ASOSU this year, and we saw its potential and wanted to offer more opportu-



Ryan Mann



Kimberly Nickerson



Raphiel Carter



Callie Lessard

nities for students," Mann said.

A junior in political science, Mann plans on going to law school and becoming a lawyer in some capacity, whether working for a non-profit organization or elsewhere.

Mann and Nickerson worked closely together as ASOSU Task Force Directors this year, and were consistently dedicated, often being the last

people to leave the office at night and working overtime. The two are also friends outside of ASOSU and have learned to read one another in their time spent working together.

Their goals for this year include utilizing student power to make college more accessible and affordable and meeting regularly with state legislators to advocate for OSU.

Acknowledging the increasing cost of textbooks, Mann and Nickerson will call for professors to have more copies of textbooks on reserve and to use older editions. Older editions tend to be less expensive, according to Mann and Nickerson. They also plan to promote used book websites as an alternative to buying books at the OSU Bookstore.

As a team passionate about getting students more involved, they plan to get as many students as possible engaged in student government and ASOSU's various projects. As quoted on their website, they hope to open up "visibility and transparency" so students can understand what their leaders are doing to help them and so they can take advantage of services offered.

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Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, best known from the Animal Planet series "Emergency Vets," speaks at LaSells Stewart Center Thursday.

POLICE BEAT

Arrests

4:05 p.m., Wednesday, May 14 — OSU student Patrick Currans, 19, was arrested on a **fugitive arrest warrant** after turning himself in to the Corvallis Police Department. He was lodged at the Benton County Correctional Facility.

1:52 p.m., Wednesday, May 14 — Trevor Cole Thurman, 19, of Corvallis, was arrested on a Benton County Sheriff's Office warrant.

12:46 a.m., Wednesday, May 14 — OSU student Jason R. Casey, 22, was charged with **driving under the influence of intoxicants** after he was stopped for failing to signal a turn between S.W. 15th St. and S.W. Washington St. Casey had a blood alcohol content of 0.09 percent.

12:45 a.m., Wednesday, May 14 — Richard Scott

McCain, 53, was arrested for theft in the first degree after he was found sitting in a motorized shopping cart belonging to Fred Meyer. He refused to leave the 7-11 parking lot on N.W. Kings Blvd. and return the cart.

12:25 p.m., Monday, May 12 — Nicole R. Kennedy, 18, of Cloverdale, was charged with **theft in the third degree** after an officer observed her taking a planner from the OSU Bookstore valued at \$8.79.

7:26 p.m., Sunday, May 11 — Mallory Evans, 21, of Corvallis, was arrested on a warrant for the Albany Municipal Court for contempt of court and theft in the second degree.

5:04 p.m., Sunday, May 11 — Two arrest warrants were served against Garth Lewis Risland, Jr., 23, of Corvallis. The warrant was for DUII, burglary in the second degree, criminal mischief in the second degree and possession of methamphetamine.

3:04 p.m., Saturday, May 10 — David Lee Holman, 42, of Corvallis, was arrested on a

warrant for criminal trespass in the second degree and felony possession of a weapon.

3:07 p.m., Saturday, May 10 — Richard A. Reichie, 54, of Woodland Hills, Calif., was arrested on charges of **criminal trespass in the second degree**. Reichie was taken into custody in the vicinity of Goss Stadium after officers were informed that he had been causing problems at the games for the past two days. Reichie was asked to leave on account of his behavior. He refused, at which point the police were notified and Reichie was arrested.

1:40 p.m., Saturday, May 10 — OSU students Alfonso Jimenez and Shane Dillavou were arrested for **assault in the third degree and disorderly conduct** after assaulting a man outside of Tailgaters in the 100 block of N.W. 14th St.

1:16 a.m., Saturday, May 10 — Jaimee L. Brewer, 29, of Beaverton, was arrested on charges of **driving under the influence of intoxicants** after being stopped for driving the

wrong way down a one-way between S.W. 4th St. and S.W. Adams Ave. Brewer consented to and failed a field sobriety test. Brewer had a BAC of 0.19 percent.

5:48 p.m., Wednesday, May 7 — Jesus Obil Partida-Muniz, 24, of Albany, was arrested on a warrant. Police then found an unconfirmed warrant for manufacturing a controlled substance in the second degree and distribution of a controlled substance in the second degree. The warrant was confirmed and served.

5:12 p.m., Wednesday, May 7 — Michael Powell, 36, of Corvallis, was arrested on a fugitive warrant for another agency.

Theft

11:34 a.m., Thursday, May 13 — An Xbox 360 was stolen from an OSU student who lives on S.W. Morris Ave.

Police Beat is compiled from the police logs of the Benton County Sheriff's Office, Corvallis Police Department, Oregon State Police and the OSU Department of Public Safety by Barometer reporter Tara Pistoese.

California's top court legalizes gay marriage

By Lisa Leff
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — California's Supreme Court declared that gay couples in the nation's biggest state can marry — a monumental but perhaps short-lived victory for the gay rights movement Thursday that was greeted with tears, hugs, kisses and at least one instant proposal of matrimony.

Same-sex couples could tie the knot in as little as a month. But the window could close soon after — religious and social conservatives are pressing to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November that would undo the Supreme Court ruling and ban gay marriage.

"Essentially, this boils down to love. We love each other. We now have equal rights under the law," declared a jubilant

Robin Tyler, a plaintiff in the case along with her partner. She added: "We're going to get married. No Tupperware, please."

A crowd of people raised their fists in triumph inside City Hall, and people wrapped themselves in the rainbow-colored gay-pride flag outside the courthouse. In the Castro, along the center of the gay community in San Francisco, Tim Oviatt wept as he watched the news on TV.

"I've been waiting for this all my life. This is a life-affirming moment," he said.

By the afternoon, gay and lesbian couples had already started lining up at San Francisco City Hall to make appointments to get marriage licenses. In West Hollywood, supporters planned to serve "wedding cake" at an evening celebration.

RAILJAM: Helicopter filming, giveaways deliver excitement

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100 snowriders applied to take part in the event.

MUPC and Galvanic Design strove to make this year's event a bigger success than it has been in previous years.

Westlund said her goal for the event was retention.

"Every year it's been very popular in the beginning and it tapers off in the end," Westlund said. "This year we wanted to keep people in the finals because that's where all the good action happens."

"Everybody is really excited [for the tour], and once the event started, people leave [because it] gets too hot or they

been here too long. This year we're offering other different events."

Along with MUPC booths were tents from sponsors such as Cricket, Scion, Giro, Clif Bars and Civil Apparel.

Volleyball nets were set up in the back of the quad as an alternative source of entertainment. The volleyball portion was part of the MUPC's Spring Series event.

Throughout the quad, sponsors gave away free shirts, shoes, a snowboard and frisbees.

Qdoba provided free food, and Red Bull gave away free drinks.

"Its been great because a lot of sponsors have been here giving away free stuff to make the event even more enjoyable," said Leann White, leadership and involvement program adviser. "It's fortunate that Qdoba donated us all

this free stuff."

Organizers added more features around the ramp to create a better environment for students and for sponsors to give away prizes.

A tower was set up next to the ramp for the emcee and DJ.

Additionally, a filmmaker was sent to the sky in a helicopter in order to record snowboarders and skiers performing their tricks.

"[Our goal is] just to be bigger and better then ever," Genco said. "We're trying to grow support and get people involved with their school."

"It's to show that Oregon State is unique."

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LEADERS: Rigorous campaigning period prepares leaders for job, facilitates planning

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Mann and Nickerson admit that the campaign was an arduous process and a tight race down to the end, when Honda and Heim withdrew from the election due to personal reasons. Despite the taxing nature of the race, the pair said they never felt burnt out during the month or so they spent campaigning.

"It's hard because you're trying to balance school work, talking to as many people as possible, campaigning, putting up fliers, as well as our actual jobs at ASOSU," Mann said.

"It's only a month, so you have to see the light at the end of the tunnel," Nickerson said.

Nickerson is a senior in health management and policy and aspires to a career where she can travel the world, working in international relations or health policy abroad.

As far as having a life outside of school and the 60 hours each week committed to ASOSU, Mann and

Nickerson try to be as normal as possible.

"We're still regular people and students, so we try to have fun, but we know where our priorities lie," Mann said.

Student and family contributions helped the campaign get off the ground and flow smoothly, with fliers posted all over campus and supporters sporting Mann-Nickerson '08 T-shirts.

"You can only receive \$250 from student endorsements, so we actually had to cut students off," Mann said. Most students donated in the form of \$10 each, meaning only 25 students could donate.

Nickerson, who could have graduated this year but decided to stay when she and Mann conceived the idea of running for president and vice president, will be going to school part-time next year and treating ASOSU as a full-time job.

"We want to reach out and show students the impact they can have. We want to

be a part of making a huge change on campus."

For the Memorial Union Program Council, Raphael Carter and Callie Lessard ran unopposed to win the title of president and vice president. Carter, a sophomore in political science and sociology, says the duo's goal is to increase campus communication between ASOSU, the MU and students.

"I've been an MU programmer for the past year and really appreciated the experience it gave me, and I wanted to put my two cents in," Carter said.

Knowing that they were running unopposed, Carter and Lessard tried to connect with unconventional student groups on campus. Instead of campaigning to fraternities and sororities, they spent a lot of time talking to the student body and visiting the cultural centers.

The MU gets a generous portion of money from student fees per year, and about \$60,000 of that goes to the MUPC, which makes and

spends about \$200,000 per year. Carter noted that their main goal is to see the money from students given back to them in a way that they can appreciate, such as concerts, events and programs that students have shown overwhelming support for and interest in.

They plan to implement more programs on social justice next year, which was extremely popular this year. They also plan to keep up with more traditional events like Mom's Weekend and Dad's Weekend.

The four students who will be running substantial parts of student government are excited and ready for the challenge, overall hoping to increase their involvement with students.

"We're really excited to be doing this job," Mann said. "We can't wait to work with students and help ASOSU reach its potential and continue to win victories for students."

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DR. FITZGERALD: Avoid harming exotics

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for the most part, engaged the audience.

"Oh, there are kids here," Fitzgerald said at one point when the house lights were turned up and he could view the audience. "That means this show's going to be about 20 minutes shorter."

At one point, in lieu of his new tap dancing skills, Fitzgerald removed his pants, showed off his black tights, donned tap shoes and tapped to "Here Comes Santa Claus."

On a more serious note, while telling a story about his arrest for operating on an ocelot — an endangered animal illegal in the United States

— Fitzgerald encouraged the audience to speak out against the trend of importing exotic animals to be sold in pet stores across the U.S.

Fitzgerald closed with an anecdote about his vet school graduation, adding that he booked Mr. Rogers, from "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," to speak at the commencement.

He had been touched by what the elderly man had to say about how crucial these days are, when young men and women graduate and are on the brink of entering the real world.

He then encouraged the students in the audience to thank all those around them for helping them get where they are.

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GAMES: Hundreds of gaming sites exist

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"Playing online games isn't for everyone," said Kenny Tyler, a sophomore in construction engineering management. "I think I would be better off just studying."

There is little doubt that

students need to take breaks during finals to stay healthy, whether it is with casual games or something else.

There are hundreds of websites that have free games, including Addictinggames.com, Miniclip.com, and Blitzgamer.com.

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MEDIA POSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

Deadline Extended

- Beaver Yearbook Editor
- KBVR-TV Station Manager

The above positions are open to any bonafide student at Oregon State University. The terms run from Fall Term 2008 through Spring Term 2009, unless otherwise specified.

To be considered, an applicant must: (1) have earned a g.p.a. of at least 2.0 from Oregon State University, (2) be enrolled for at least 6 academic credits, (3) not be on disciplinary probation, and (4) be making normal degree progress.

To apply, applicant must: (1) complete an application form obtained from the Student Media Office, MU East, room 118, (2) submit a transcript, (3) submit a letter of application, and (4) submit a resume. Deadline to apply is Friday, May 23 at 5 p.m. Positions open until filled.

Applicants will be interviewed by the University Student Media Committee on Friday, May 30 at 3:30 p.m.

7th ANNUAL WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM Women Branch Out

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