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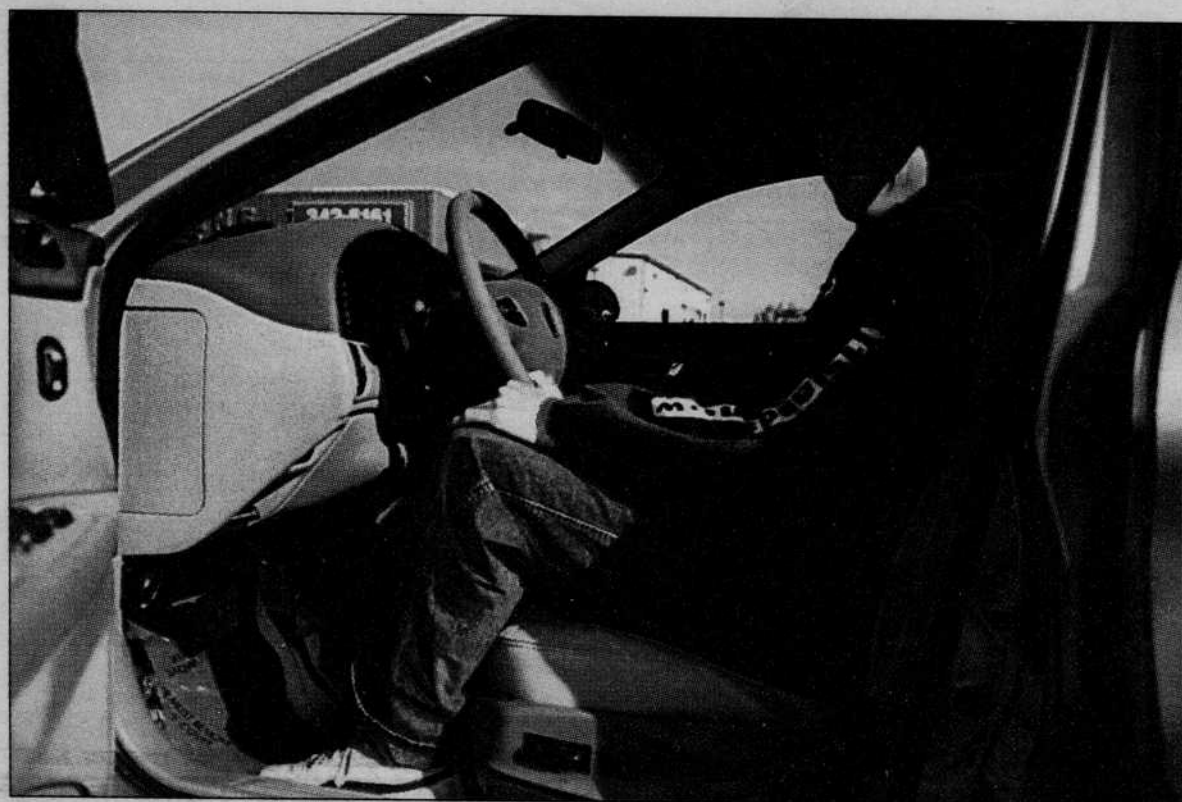
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Junior Minh Do, an exercise and movement science major, sits in one of the cars he won on the "The Price is Right". The previously-recorded episode on in which he won will be shown Thursday at 10:00 A.M.

The price was right for lucky student

University junior Minh Do spent his most recent birthday answering Bob Barker's call to 'come on down'

By Lisa Toth
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When Minh Do heard the famous line, "Come on down," he had no idea that Aug. 28 would be his best birthday ever — and end with a payoff of more than \$50,000.

Do, a junior exercise and movement science major, grew up watching "The Price is Right" with his brother and sisters whenever the show was on television, but he never imagined he would one day be a contestant and win a Showcase Showdown.

The show airs at 10 a.m. Thursday on CBS.

In August, Do drove to Los Angeles to stay with his sister, Phuong Do, for a week before she started school at Marymount College in Rancho Palos Verdes.

On their tour of Hollywood,

they visited the set of the ABC television show "Politically Incorrect" with Bill Maher on Aug. 24.

After making a few inquiries, they also got 10 tickets for "The Price is Right," filmed at the CBS television studio. While none of their friends were interested in going with them to see the show, Do and his sister were determined to attend. But before they could get on the show, they waited in line for more than 10 hours, he said.

"The producers interview everyone on the show," Do said. "The contestants are not picked at random. The producers just have to like you."

Do said he told the producers he was a college student at the University of Oregon and he was training for an Iron Man Competition.

"I think they liked my look," Do said, who purposely wore an Oregon sweatshirt during the audition.

Seated in an audience of 300 people, Do was the last of six contestants picked to play the games.

"I was pretty positive about it," he said. "I had a feeling I would get picked."

Do's sister had a different response.

"When he got called up on stage, I had a delayed reaction," she said. "I saw him get up to walk on stage and then it dawned on me — my brother is on 'The Price is Right.' I started screaming. I was so ecstatic."

But from the minute he set foot on stage, Do said he wasn't impressed by the national television set.

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Political stars will rock EMU

■ This week, political activists and musicians convene on the University

By Jeremy Lang
Oregon Daily Emerald

Political junkies, get ready for your fix.

The next three days will be packed with performances and speakers telling students to vote — and who deserves the student vote.

Feminist and author Gloria Steinem will speak Wednesday night. Then Thursday, former presidential candidate Bill Bradley and Xander Patterson, co-chair of the Pacific Green Party, are scheduled to speak on campus about the issues surrounding the November election.

On Friday, Everclear will rock the EMU Amphitheater in a free show to promote student voting. Sen. Ron Wyden will also speak at the event.

Steinem, the co-founder and contributing editor of Ms. Magazine, will speak at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the EMU Ballroom.

She has been touring college campuses throughout the fall, but Oregon is especially important to her because the state could go either way in this year's presidential election.

Maureen Britell, executive director of Voters For Choice, said Steinem will stress both the importance of voting for Gore and her belief that a vote for Green Party candidate Ralph Nader is just a vote for Republican candidate George W. Bush.

Steinem is also the president of Voters For Choice, a national group supporting Vice President Al Gore in the election specifically because Gore is pro-choice. The next president will be appointing two to four justices to the U.S. Supreme Court, and Gore has said he would appoint justices who are pro-choice.

On Thursday afternoon, Bradley is scheduled to appear in the EMU Amphitheater to promote voter participation in the November election. Bradley ran against Gore in the Democratic primary and gained the endorsement of Gov. John Kitzhaber before dropping out of the race.

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Voters warmly endorse the convenience of mail-in ballots

Federal-level candidates are being chosen via mail for the first time

Rebecca Newell
For the Emerald

Oregon residents are making history in the first exclusively vote-by-mail presidential election.

With ballots in the mail or already in the hands of voters, the next step is awaiting the turnout results for the election. Some ballots have already started to come in, Lane County Elections Chief Annette Newingham said.

"We're just shy of 190,000 registered voters [in Lane County],"

Newingham said. "I think the vote-by-mail has the potential of giving us a historic turnout."

The last time a presidential election was close until Election Day was eight years ago, when Lane County had an 85 percent voter turnout. That is a figure Newingham expects to match during this year's election, in which the presidential candidates are in a dead heat.

Newingham said vote-by-mail should also boost turnout.

"This is the first time in Oregon and in the nation that federal-level candidates have been elected by vote-by-mail," said Priscilla Southwell, the University political science department chair.

In 1996, Oregon performed its first vote-by-mail senate election. In response to public criticism of the process, Southwell performed a survey of the 1996 vote-by-mail election, in conjunction with the Oregon Survey Research Laboratory.

"There are concerns that there is a greater chance of voter fraud and negative domestic influence," said State Sen. Tony Corcoran, D-Cottage Grove. "But I think the positive outweighs the negative."

Southwell agreed, saying that though there were concerns about vote-by-mail, they are for the most part unfounded.

"There was a lot of speculation in the media coverage about vote-by-mail, and not a lot of evi-

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