

Local briefs

OUS budget still awaiting Kitzhaber's approval

After a marathon final day that lasted until dawn, the Oregon Legislature adjourned Saturday, but Gov. John Kitzhaber has yet to sign or veto the Oregon University System budget that legislators sent him last week. Once the budget is signed, University administrators will begin to calculate how large fall term's tuition increase will be. The hike is suspected to be around 4 percent.

Secure Shell will replace Telnet

Computer hackers may soon find it much more difficult to invade the privacy of University e-mail users.

As of January 2002, the e-mail server Telnet will be replaced with a program that prevents third-party users — often referred to as "hackers" or "crackers" — from gaining access to University accounts through intercepted e-mail messages.

With Telnet, Joseph St. Sauver, the assistant director of academic user services said, computing center monitors often detect hackers

"probing" the system, but he refused to comment on whether any break-in attempts had been successful.

Replacing Telnet will be a program called Secure Shell (SSH). Like Telnet, SSH allows users to log in to the University e-mail server from a remote location.

But unlike Telnet, messages sent over SSH are encrypted, or "scrambled," so that they can't be read by another user while in transit.

Universities across the country that use the Telnet system are now switching to SSH, St. Sauver said. Free SSH software is available at the Microcomputer Support Center in 151 Grayson Hall.

Users will know they need to install the new software if they see a warning alert appear at the top of the login screen when they check their e-mail.

St. Sauver added that those using Telnet from a home computer can find out whether hackers are trying to access their accounts by installing a monitoring program such as ZoneAlarm.

The University's Web-based e-mail programs will not be affected by the change, as they are already encrypted.

Peer Health Education Program seeks students for photos

The Peer Health Education Program is looking for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered student couples or families to have their pictures taken as part of the "Healthy Relationship" series for domestic violence awareness week in the fall. Anyone interested in participating should contact Chicora Martin at 346-1134 by Wednesday.

Sacred Heart holds breastfeeding photo contest

With World Breastfeeding Week a scant month away, Sacred Heart's Nurse Midwifery Birth Center is preparing by holding a breastfeeding photo contest. New mothers have until July 27 to turn in a photo of any size to the center, located at 511 E. 12th Ave.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries and may be displayed at the center's open house on Aug. 4 to commemorate World Breastfeeding Week. The photographer's name and phone number should be included on the back, and only one entry per person is allowed. Entries will not be returned.

Man finds pipe bombs in vacant house

Police evacuated City Hall Friday morning after the city received an unwelcome delivery: two pipe bombs in a box.

The bombs were brought to the front counter of the police station at 11 a.m. by a man who discovered the devices in the closet of a vacant house he was cleaning. The house is at 1159 Mill St.

The city's Explosive Disposal Unit removed the bombs with a remote-controlled robot, transported them out of city limits and detonated them.

Police are investigating to learn who made the bombs.

Police spokeswoman Pam Alexandre said people should call 911 when finding an object believed to be a bomb.

"We do make house calls at times like that," she said.

Multiple Sclerosis Society to offer yoga class

The Oregon chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will begin holding a "Gentle Yoga" class for people with multiple sclerosis on Wednesday. The class will be held at the Hilyard

Community Center, 2580 Hilyard St., and will run every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon until Sept. 19. Times may change.

Yoga "enhances quality of life so much," said Kent Wiles, a society chapter service coordinator. "It helps with fatigue, concentration ... you just feel better all around. Anybody who can breathe can do yoga. It doesn't matter if you're full time in a wheelchair."

The class costs \$30, though the society offers need-based scholarships, and pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, call (800) 344-4867.

EWEB to hold public hearing tonight

The Eugene Water & Electric Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on a new citywide telecommunications plan today at 6:30 p.m. in the McNutt Room at the Eugene City Hall.

The plan includes development of a network of high-speed fiber optics to core areas of the city with a system expansion in six years. Eugene voters granted EWEB authority to provide telecommunications and associated services in the May 2000 election.

Summer school

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While the sessions are shorter than the regular academic term, longer classes and more frequent class meetings make up for the loss of time.

"The work is condensed into a shorter amount of time," he said. "But the same material is covered."

The average undergraduate takes nine credits during the summer session, he said, and many work or travel in addition to going to school.

Students attending summer classes have their own reasons for choosing to spend their summer at the University.

With fewer distractions around campus, senior Faris Matin said he finds it easier to concentrate on the classes he is taking.

"I feel more focused as a student during the summer because there's nothing to do," he said.

For Matin, the decision to attend summer classes was not so much a choice as a necessity — in order for his parents to pay his tuition bill, he said, he agreed to graduate within four years.

A timely graduation was also a motivating factor for summer session student David Fewell. Fewell, a senior, added that after attending school last year, it seemed natural to keep taking classes during the summer.

"A body that's in motion tends to stay in motion," he said. "I was just in the academic groove."

The summer is a good time to earn credits quickly, junior Megan Rafferty said. Rafferty, who took two years off from school, said she enrolled in the summer session last year as well as this year in order to make up for the time she

lost.

Summer classes "are good because you get a lot done in a short amount of time," she said.

The campus itself has some advantages during the summer, senior Philip Fortunato said.

With less people around, he said, the school feels more laid back and more like a small college

community rather than a large university.

He added that, based on personal observations, he has also noticed a shift in the gender ratio among students.

"There's a lot more girls on campus," he said.

And when the weather is nice, he said, he is actually more in-

clined to go to class.

But the sunshine outside can also make it hard to be inside studying, said senior Kevin Cram as he stood on the steps of the Knight Library yesterday afternoon.

"It sucks sitting in the library on a day like this," he said "That's for sure."

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