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'Unforgettable student' commits suicide

Friends and family remembered student Kyle Dalton Richmond at a memorial service on Thursday

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Safety/Crime/Transportation Reporter

Friends, family and University community members attended a memorial service on Thursday for undergraduate University student

Kyle Dalton Richmond, who died on May 15 at the age of 20.

Oregon State Police closed the case and ruled it a suicide after some close friends, who had not heard from Richmond for some time, found him sitting in a running car parked in his mother's and stepfather's garage in Junction City on the afternoon of May 16.

After investigating the incident, OSP Detective Dan Wolverton said toxicology reports confirmed

the cause of death as carbon monoxide poisoning. Richmond also left a very personal note, Wolverton said. Richmond's parents were unavailable for comment.

But Philip Ojo, a University graduate teaching fellow in French, recalled his experience with Richmond.

"Kyle Richmond is an unforgettable student," he said.

Richmond registered for Ojo's French 203

class in spring term, but after two weeks, he stopped attending.

"When he finally came to class, he told me about the emotional depression he had been going through, which led his father to take him out on a vacation," Ojo said. "Thanks to his diligence and extremely high aptitude, he adjusted to the class level and made up for some of the work he had missed."

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The Prefontaine Classic



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Ana Guevara (125) finishes the women's 400 meter race in meet-record time and far ahead of her competitors at the Prefontaine Classic, held Saturday at Hayward Field. Guevara, who beat the likes of 2000 gold medalist Cathy Freeman (124), provided the brightest of many highlights at the meet. In 14 events, the competitors set three Hayward Field and Prefontaine Classic records and eight additional world-leading marks. For full coverage of the Prefontaine Classic, turn to page 9.

LGBTQA to host anti-hate 'Love-In'

Student coordinators said the event is designed to dispel hate and prove the legitimacy of the LGBT community on campus

Ali Shaughnessy

Environment/Science/Technology Reporter

The LGBTQA will host a love-in on Wednesday in the EMU Amphitheater from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to promote a campus climate free of hate and discrimination.

The group is inviting all students — regardless of sexual orientation — to kiss, cuddle, hold hands or simply sit with them to show support for the anti-discrimination cause. Several students will also speak during the event.

Kristina Armenakis, co-director of LGBTQA, said the Love-In Against Hate was prompted by anti-gay sentiments on campus that are symbolic of harassment and hatred and can drive people in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities into tough places.

Armenakis pointed specifically to a recent guest commentary that ran in the

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Senate allocates \$118,438 to KWVA for new equipment

After receiving the funding from the University's overrealized fund, KWVA is ready to make the transition to digital equipment

Jennifer Bear

Campus/Federal Politics Reporter

With a much-needed allocation of \$118,438 from the University's overrealized fund, campus radio station KWVA will be joining the digital revolution and leaving its antiquated analog equipment behind.

KWVA General Manager Charlotte Nisser said the radio station has been operating at a severe disadvantage for the past few years, both in terms of quality for station listeners and educational value for students eager to work in the radio industry after college. Most of the equipment KWVA uses is more than 20 years old, Nisser said, and has been phased out of use at other stations in favor of digital equipment. As a result, students who work at KWVA are not getting the training they need to succeed in the real world, and KWVA is not able to offer the same signal quality that other stations do.

The ASUO Student Senate recognized KWVA's plight at Wednesday's senate meeting, and many argued passionately in favor of giving the radio station such a large sum of money, although a few senators were still a bit skeptical. Senate Treasurer Mike Linman said he had visited KWVA to see the equipment they used, and spoke

with other commercial radio stations to research the necessity of buying new equipment for the radio station. Linman commended the work that KWVA does and said he thought the money was a must for the radio station.

"Their stuff is older than dirt. It's really sad — it looks like something from the 1970s," he said.

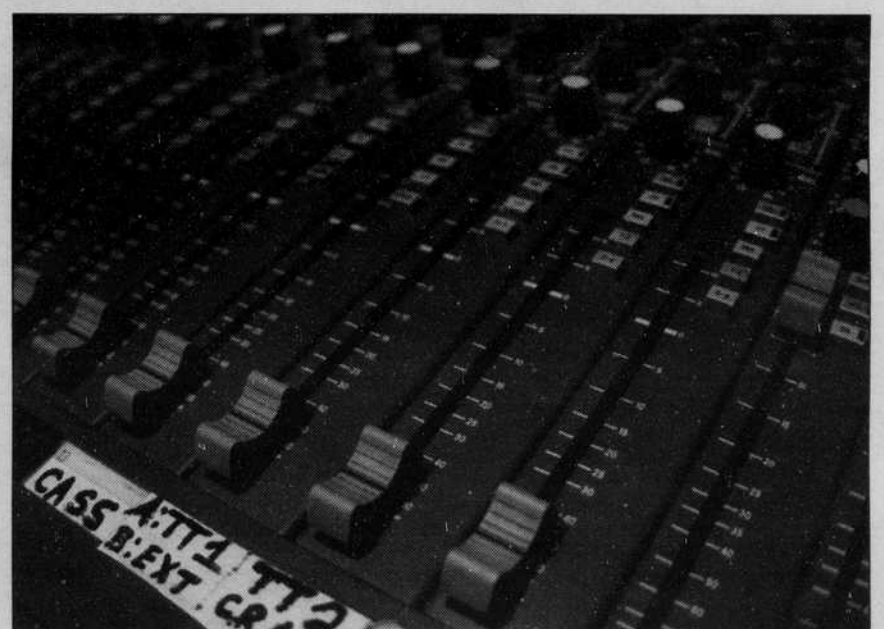
Nisser said she really appreciated the senate's praise of KWVA because the radio station has had trouble obtaining extra funding in the past. She added she was nervous and worried the senators wouldn't understand why KWVA needed such a large sum of money because the inner-workings of the radio industry are pretty far removed from most people's everyday lives.

"In a sense, I had my fingers crossed because it seems like every time we go to the senate, we have to battle and struggle for money," Nisser said.

KWVA won't begin to purchase and install new equipment until after the staff for next school year is hired, which should be wrapping up at the end of June. She added that the first piece of equipment KWVA plans to buy is an emergency alert system so the station can comply with federal law and broadcast "Amber Alerts" on missing children.

The rest of the equipment overhaul and conversion to digital will likely last until May 2004, but Nisser said the station will continue to broadcast 24 hours a day,

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Mark McCambridge Emerald

KWVA plans to upgrade from their current equipment to digital technology using a \$118,438 allocation from the University's overrealized fund. The upgrade will produce a clearer sound for listeners and will provide improved training for students working at the station.