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Against the odds

Jodene Heider makes a good friend who helps her through the hard times

By Jared Paben
Senior News Reporter

Spring term in the University's Central Oregon program brought the return of Jodene Heider's old enemy — statistics and probability.

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Editor's note: The story of University student Jodene Heider is a four-part series examining the hardships of living with a tumor. For Monday's story, see www.dailyemerald.com.

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More than 20 years earlier, she took a class in the subject, passed it and thought she was forever free of it. But, after forgetting much of the material, she was forced to take it again.

Ironically, it was the statistics and probability class that helped launch a friendship that would later rescue Heider from

homelessness and help her through the misery of her sickness.

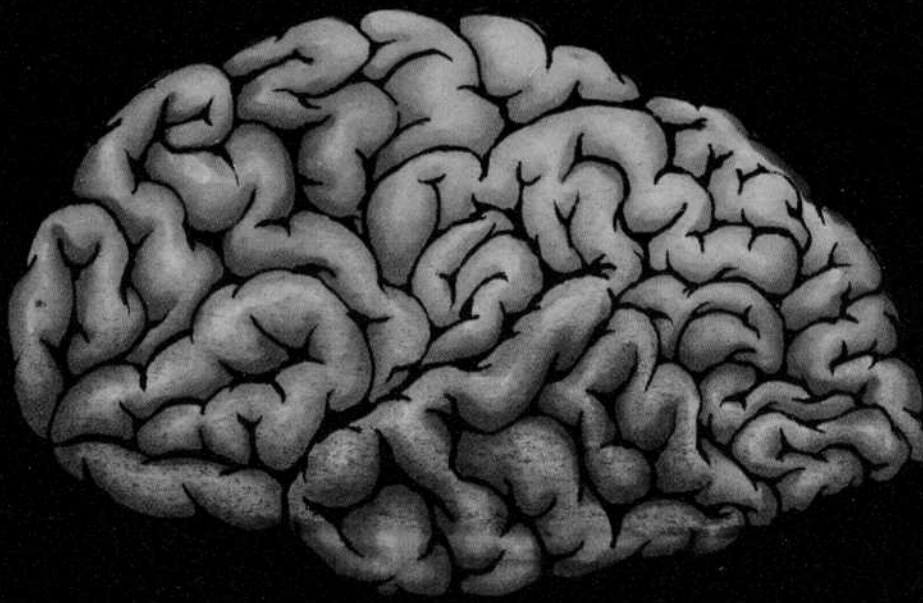
One day, she introduced herself to Angie Gass — a woman she'd seen around campus — and asked for her help with the math classwork.

After that first day, the two women routinely helped each other during and after class. One day, during a break in class, Heider turned around in her front-row seat and handed Gass a slip of paper with her phone number written on it, she said. Gass did the same.

The friendship blossomed quickly. In only a couple of weeks they were calling each other once, sometimes twice a day. They quickly became inseparable. Gass, who was one year behind Heider in school, took enough credits to catch up with her new friend, just so she could take the same

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Root of the problem



Heider's symptoms

- Frontal lobe
Planning - Difficulty organizing and recording thoughts
- Parietal lobe
Balance - Unbalanced equilibrium
- Temporal lobe
Hearing - Ear pain and hypersensitivity to noise
Memory - Consistent short-term memory loss
- Occipital lobe
Vision - Blurry vision and eye pain

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Melton defends hiring delays

ASUO President Maddy Melton told the Constitutional Court that little interest has been expressed for the vacant seats

By Chuck Slothower
News Reporter

The ASUO Constitution Court ruled by a 2-1 majority Monday that ASUO President Maddy Melton's efforts to fill two vacancies on the court were "constitutionally sufficient."

Justice Stephen Yoshida, writing for the majority, said the alternative — finding Melton in nonfulfillment of her duties — would be "a drastic remedy" given her efforts to fill the vacancies. Melton published three classified advertisements in the Emerald, none of which yielded a student eager to work on the court.

"There can be no doubt that the ASUO president is required to appoint persons to vacant positions of the (constitution) court within thirty days of said vacancy," Yoshida wrote. "There is no requirement,

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Tensions explode at 'Vagina' discussion

Critics and crew agree the controversy could have been avoided with more sensitivity

By Nika Carlson
News Reporter

Some cried. Some said they didn't feel represented. Others said they did the best they could. Nearly everyone agreed, however, that the ASUO Women's Center's production of "The Vagina Monologues" could have been done differently.

Tension and emotion permeated the EMU Fir Room on Monday as participants, observers and protesters of the production aired their thoughts and feelings about last weekend's play and initiated

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PFC overrules ASUO's veto of Emerald budget

PFC upholds its allocation to the Emerald after the ASUO Executive line-item vetoes the paper's budget

By Jennifer Marie Bear
News Editor

The ASUO Executive on Monday line-item vetoed the Emerald's budget allocation for 2004-05, but the ASUO Programs Finance Committee overrode the veto by a 5-1-1 vote and upheld the Emerald's budget of \$120,407.

The Executive veto was the only imposed on the more than 120 student-incident-fee funded groups.

ASUO Vice President Eddy Morales said the

Executive felt PFC acted irresponsibly by not using an Emerald readership survey in the budget calculation. He added that the Executive met with University marketing Associate Professor Marian Friestad, who said the readership survey provided a sufficient sample to be used in a budget-allocation formula.

PFC member Colin Andries argued that the readership survey was not intended as a vehicle for budget allocations, and that a survey specific to allocations should be used instead.

In a memo to PFC, the Executive also stated that it objected to the funding allocation because the Emerald distributes papers at off-campus locations.

"The Executive also feels that the PFC-allocated

money that does not physically or culturally enhance the University campus, because student fees will be paying for the publication of papers that are distributed in areas where students are not the target audience," the Executive stated in the memo.

But some PFC members found the Executive's continuing opposition to the Emerald's budget allocation a source of irritation.

Andries reprimanded the Executive for failing to inform the Emerald that it would be trying to veto the group's budget. He said the Executive should have told the Emerald out of simple professional courtesy.

"That's upsetting to me that you wouldn't take

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