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Petkun, Ravassipour nab ASUO Executive positions

Voter turnout for the election was only 9.86 percent; fewer students are expected to vote in this week's special election

By Jared Paben
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Adam Petkun and Mena Ravassipour clinched the race for ASUO president and vice president Monday, edging out Ben Strawn and Diana

Aguilar by 112 votes at the end of general election voting.

Students cast 870 votes for the Petkun/Ravassipour ticket and 758 votes for the Strawn/Aguilar ticket. In all, only 1,731 students, or 9.86 percent of the student body, voted in the weekend-spanning general election.

"Mena and I are really happy that all of the support for us really culminated," Petkun said. "There were a lot of people that put a lot of hard work into this, whether it meant waking up

at 4:30 in the morning to go put up posters, or if it meant standing in the rain to talk to students ... We're grateful to all of them."

Strawn said he was disappointed to have lost, but he similarly expressed gratitude to his campaign volunteers.

"If there's one thing that has truly amazed me about this campaign, it is that so many people will sacrifice so much for somebody else, so selflessly," Strawn said. "We owe a huge debt of gratitude to a large group of people, and

we have no idea how to express that."

Aguilar said she also is a little disappointed but she has faith in Petkun and Ravassipour.

"I think I owe the next president a hot dog," Aguilar said. "I really do. I think I owe him a hot dog from the hot dog man ... I think I'll buy (Petkun) a hot dog, but I think he wants to buy me a hot dog, too. We have this mutual hot dog craze."

The Progressive Students Starting Today candidate bloc added three

more candidates to the 2004-2005 ASUO: Stephanie Erickson, Sarah Wells and Stephanie Stoll. PSST member Rodrigo Moreno-Villamar edged out three opponents to advance to a special election this week for ASUO Student Senate Seat 14.

The 13-member PSST bloc earned 10 government seats for the 2004-2005 school year. PSST's campaign platform is geared toward giving a voice to underrepresented students on campus.

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Winds of change

The Energy Team will lead campus tours on Thursday to showcase the University's energy conservation efforts

By Steven Neuman
News Reporter

Most people may not consider overheated classrooms or leaving a light on during the night to be serious issues, but for a group of hand-picked students at the University, a little waste here and there is worth fighting.

The Energy Team, a group of graduate and undergraduate students, has been working for the past school year to educate the campus about the University's energy. The team is part of the Environmental Studies Department's Service Learning Program, which funds yearlong projects with the aid of outside organizations such as the Eugene Water and Electric Board.

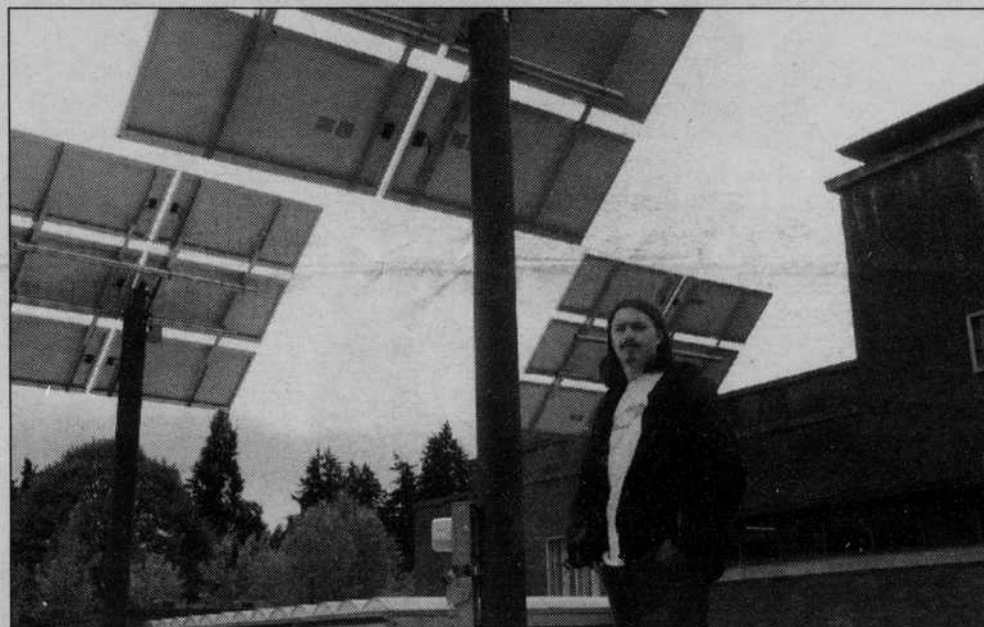
The goal is to give students real-world experience and credit while they work on projects that deal with sustainability, public research interest and outreach, and fulfill community needs, according to the Service Learning Program Web site.

Environmental studies major and Energy Team member Zachary Withers joined the seven-person team this winter.

"Our goal is to educate about our energy consumption, to talk about investing in alternative sources of energy, and to educate about what we can do on campus to conserve energy," Withers said.

On Thursday, as part of Earth Day, the Energy Team will offer students, faculty and community members the opportunity to tour the campus and observe energy conservation efforts at work.

The energy tour, which will leave the EMU Amphitheater at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, will show participants new efforts to make older



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Energy Team member Zachary Withers stands among the solar panels on top of the EMU. The team hopes to eventually power the building entirely with renewable wind energy.

buildings more efficient and spotlight new buildings such as the Lillis Business Complex.

"We're going to be showing off the visible conservation measures that the University has put to use," GIF and Energy Team Project Manager Sarah Mazze said.

Withers said the University has already made big steps toward energy accountability. Between 2001 and 2003, the University spent \$540,000 to

upgrade older fluorescent lighting fixtures and install time clocks on air circulation systems.

"They've saved 1.7 million kilowatts because of that, and EWEB reimburses them for a lot of the cost," he said.

Other less obvious measures, like awnings on University buildings, are just as effective.

"The awnings hang outside the windows on

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Smoking limit near buildings may grow

The existing "10-foot rule" could be extended to 50 feet

By Lisa Catto
News Reporter

Smokers may need to move farther away from campus buildings to light up if the Campus Advisory Board succeeds in extending the "10-foot rule."

Currently, most campus buildings require smokers to stand 10 feet away from an entrance, but Paula Staight, director of health education at the University Health Center, said the board hopes to expand that distance as much as 40 feet.

Establishing a 50-foot smoking distance would allow for easier enforcement, Staight said, adding that nobody is currently responsible for enforcing the rule, and it usually ends up being the job of individual building managers.

Lillis Business Complex Facilities Coordinator Frank Sharpy agreed that enforcing the smoking rule is difficult, and a smoker who is violating the rule is usually gone by the time someone gets outside to tell the smoker to move.

"I can't go around this building all day long asking people to move away from the building," he said.

The Lillis Business Complex is the only building on campus with a 50-foot smoking rule for several reasons, Sharpy said.

He said the building has such a state-of-the-art air exchange system — a blending of interior and exterior air — that smoke can really affect the air brought into the building. He added that Lillis has an extremely sensitive smoke detection system, which could be triggered by smoke filtering in from vents on the ground floor around the perimeter of the building.

Sharpy also said that he has received

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Art museum guides adapt to expansion

Exhibition Interpreters continually train and research to stay current as Museum of Art tour guides

By Kyle Dickman
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As the date for the University of Oregon Museum of Art reopening draws closer, the rejuvenated tour guide program for the museum is preparing for the public.

The Exhibition Interpreters, which includes 45 members ranging from retired librarians and teachers to University students, underwent changes five years ago under the leadership of Lisa Abia-Smith, director of education for the museum. Abia-Smith said the program changes were made to coincide with the expansion of the museum.

"We needed a more effective program — a program that was able to adapt to the needs of the audience — the new building helped facilitate these changes," Abia-Smith said.

Other members described the joys of working in a museum.

"It's like coming home for me," said guide Nancy Fletcher. "My parents used to own an art museum, and this is a great chance to return to one."

The art museum, closed for renovations since September 2000, is expected to reopen in October 2004. According to the museum Web site, <http://uoma.uoregon.edu/>, the \$12.72 million cost of renovation was funded in part by the state

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