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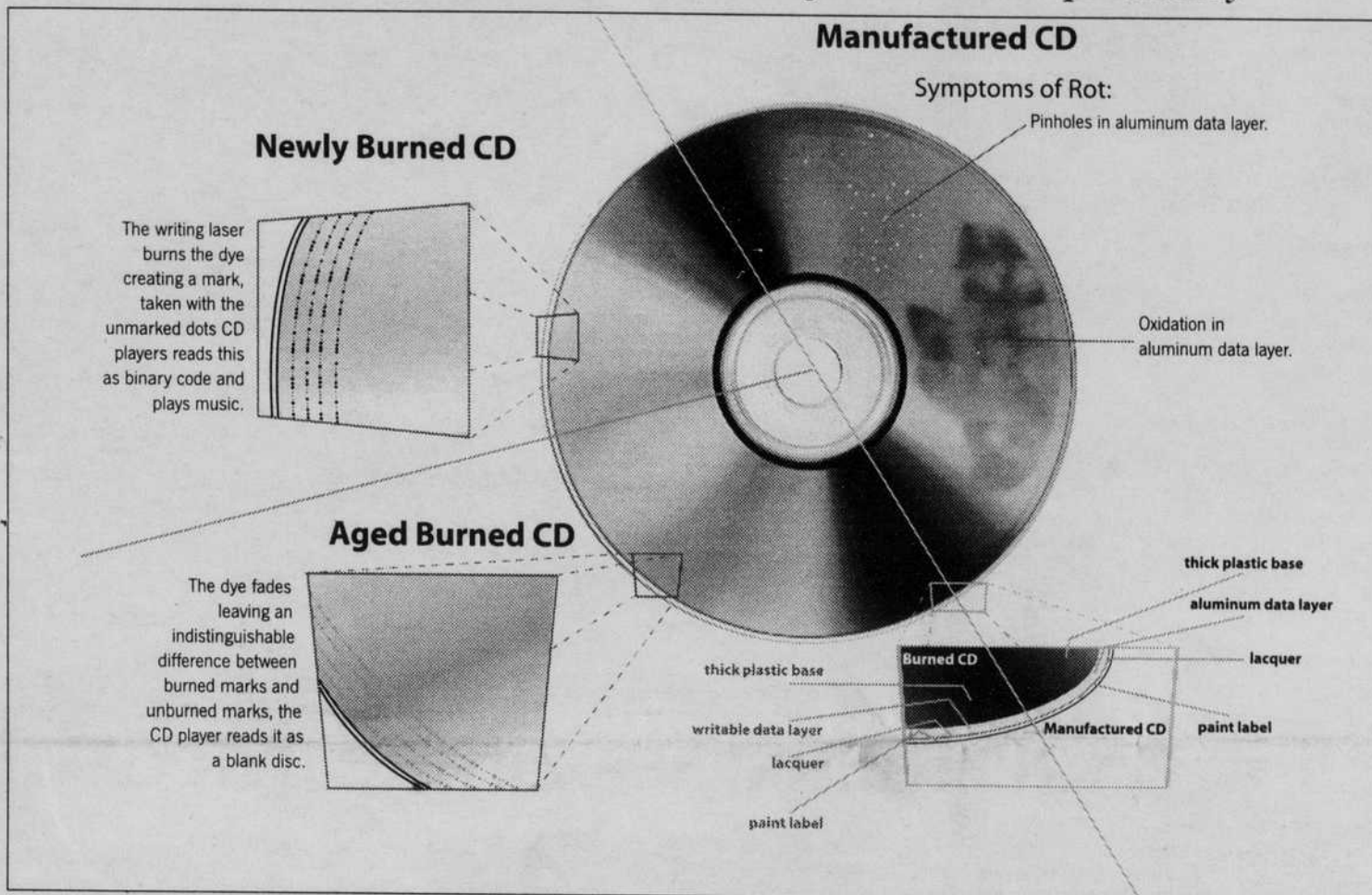
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The way the music *dies*

CD rot renders compact discs unreadable, causing users to lose data permanently



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They were supposed to last for 100 years. They were supposed to become family heirlooms, allowing home movies and pictures to literally defy time and keep memories as fresh as the day they were made.

But the compact disc, as it turns

out, may not exactly last forever. In fact, some CDs undergo "CD rot," the slow, gradual destruction of the data they contain.

In manufactured CDs, the "rot" is characterized by pin-prick holes in the silver, or a clouding and darkening of the silver surface which results in garbled data. On burned writable and re-writable CDs the problem is often invisible but has

the same effects, according to Sam Crow, a technical assistant in the EMU Computer Lab.

"The manufactured CDs corrode over time and the discs won't be able to be read," Crow said. "For burned CDs, the dye corrodes due to light exposure and due to just age."

Colin Kelly, aerial map coordinator in Knight Library's government documents section, said CDs may

not be a reliable storage format.

"I don't consider CDs a viable long-term archive system, and I don't think anyone should," Kelly said. "Most of our valuable digitized images we keep on hard drive, and if I do use (CDs), it would not be for more than five years at most."

Kelly handles large images,

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ASUO Executive reflects on tenure

President Maddy Melton and Vice President Eddy Morales say they have achieved many of their original goals

By Jennifer Marie Bear
News Editor

With fewer than five days left in office, ASUO President Maddy Melton and ASUO Vice President Eddy Morales' administration is quickly coming to an end.

And while they had their share of unfortunate incidents during their tenure — the ASUO Constitution Court rebuked Melton for failing to fill empty positions fast enough, and Morales was charged with assault for allegedly attacking a female University student but was not convicted — Melton and Morales

achieved many of the goals they set during their election campaign.

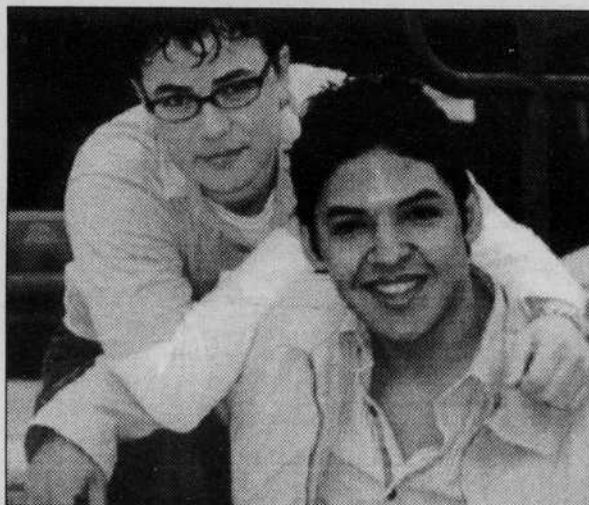
"We really accomplished so much," Melton said.

Melton and Morales centered their campaign on four main issues: Increasing student representation on University decision-making bodies, supporting international students, changing the University Housing contract to give students a two-week grace period and advocating for the interests of law students and graduate students.

In an April 1, 2003 interview with the Emerald, Melton and Morales said they chose these goals because they believed they were attainable and would help a large number of students.

"All of the issues that we have picked

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Melton (left) and Morales say they are proud of their accomplishments.

Average gas prices exceed \$2 per gallon

At \$2.27 per gallon, Oregon's average gas price is the third highest in the nation

By Steven Neuman
News Reporter

Summer is approaching and that can mean only one thing — higher gas rates.

But this year, the increases are beyond normal summertime rates. Gas prices on the West Coast reached an average of \$2.24 per gallon this week, a 50-cent rise in price from the same time the previous year, according to the Energy Information Administration.

This week also marks the first time the average national U.S. gas price, calculated at \$2.017 per gallon for May 17, has exceeded \$2.

Consumers around the country are feeling the sting of the increases, including in Eugene.

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Alumna gift to improve accessibility of archives

Mary and Richard Solari's \$1.4 million gift will help improve the organization of the archives

By Chelsea Duncan
Senior News Reporter

A \$1.4 million gift will give University students, faculty and community members better access to the University's 12,000 boxes of archive materials, which date back to 1873, according to a University press release.

Mary Solari, a 1946 graduate, and her husband — retired CEO, president and board chairman of Granite Construction Co. Richard Solari — donated the gift, which will endow the University's historian archivist position.

Heather Briston, the University historian and archivist, said the gift will allow her to better catalogue the archives and do

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