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NEWS BRIEFS

Physical therapy study seeks stroke patients

University researchers studying how the brain responds to a new physical therapy program are looking for volunteers who have lost some control over a hand because of a stroke.

"This therapy, known as constraint-induced therapy, has been shown to improve functional mobility," Associate Professor of Human Physiology Paul van Donkelaar said in a press release. A brief phone interview is enough to determine whether potential volunteers are good candidates for the therapy, van Donkelaar said.

Among other criteria, candidates must be at least five months past the onset of stroke, and their ability to move the affected wrist and fingers must be restricted to approximately 10 degrees.

Volunteers will complete a free, intensive two-week therapy program and four brain-imaging sessions during a five-month period, and will receive a stipend of \$20.

Researchers will use magnetic resonance imaging equipment to investigate neurological changes that occur with improvements in arm movement.

For more information, contact Jeanne Langan at the Department of Human Physiology at 346-0275.

—Travis Willse

Napster makes a deal with various colleges

LOS ANGELES — The company behind the Napster 2.0 online music service said Monday it has signed agreements with several universities to offer students its digital song subscription program.

Beginning in the fall, students at Cornell University, The George Washington University, Middlebury College, the University of Miami, The University of Southern California and Wright State University will have access to the service through the schools, the company said. The institutions will receive access to unlimited streaming and song downloads at a discount.

The Napster deals are one of many steps colleges nationwide are taking to discourage illegal music file-sharing among students.

Students must still pay Napster's regular 99-cent charge for a permanent download if they wish to burn the song to a CD. Full album downloads outside the subscription service start at \$9.99.

A Napster spokeswoman declined to specify the extent of the discounts given to the universities.

The company estimates that more than 150,000 university students will be able to obtain access to Napster through their schools in the fall.

Software maker Roxio Inc. launched Napster 2.0 in October. The Santa Clara, Calif.-based company acquired the Napster brand from the ashes of the free pioneer file-swapping service, which was forced to shut down in 2001 after a protracted legal battle with recording companies.

— Alex Veiga
AP Business Writer

SENATE

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be harsh to make us pay for it that way."

Mention of the fund raising account prompted a discussion about whether KWVA should use that money for equipment purchases and let the programs director stipend become part of Senate surplus.

Both Day and summer-session Senate Vice President James George felt the cost of the dual cassette player should be covered by fund raising money because it was for a third studio, something the Senate never approved when KWVA presented its remodeling plans.

"It might be time for you to pick up the tab," George told Nisser, noting that the requests actually totaled \$50 more than was available in the Programs Director stipend.

Nisser said Senate approval of the third studio, or the lack thereof, was irrelevant to the real issue at hand.

"Initially, yes, the request to Senate was for two studios, but after that request was made, University

advisors advised me to make three studios ... I have to look out for the station which is all three studios," Nisser said.

The Senate approved the \$289 transfer from the Telecom account to the equipment account 7-2, with Day and George dissenting. The \$679 transfer from the Programs Director stipend was approved 5-4 after being reduced to \$629 to eliminate the \$50 discrepancy. The \$50 will be taken from fund raising, Nisser said. All other transfer requests were unanimously approved.

In other business, the Senate unanimously approved a \$1,412 transfer from the Senate surplus to the Women's Center travel fund. The Women's Center is searching for a director and assistant director, both professional positions, and two qualified applicants live out of state, Women's Center Education Outreach Director Sarah Wells said.

Wells, also a senator, abstained from voting on the transfer to the Women's Center fund.

Meghann M. Cuniff is a freelance reporter for the Emerald.

BUDGET

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"It's a different way of setting tuition and keeping closer to family income increases," Saunders said.

The Board has adopted a one-year "Tuition Mitigation Plan" to lessen the impact of tuition increases on students seeing larger-than-normal increases. Per-term charges for resident undergraduates will not exceed spring 2004 levels by more than 15 percent during the 2004-05 school year, according to the plan.

"It's a different way of setting tuition and keeping closer to family income increases."

— Di Saunders
Oregon University System spokeswoman

"It's heartening that they realize something needs to be done," ASUO President Adam Petkun said, adding that this represents a turnaround from previous tuition hikes.

Moseley said that in addition to the budget, which now faces legislative approval, the board approved seven policy packages, including funding student enrollment growth at \$14.7 million dollars. The University projects an annual enrollment of 21,000 by the end of the next biennium.

The board also allocated \$32.8 million for the policy package of faculty recruitment and retention. Saunders said that OUS is

concerned with losing top faculty members due to salary freezes.

"If these faculty members leave, there will be a decline in quality of education," she said. These professors are also important because they can attract grant money, Saunders added.

Retaining top students in Oregon is also a priority; many students leave the state because they receive better financial aid packages elsewhere.

Saunders said OUS hopes to keep students in Oregon by offering more financial aid and possibly expanding the University's Honors College.

Only 26 percent of the U.S. population has a bachelor's degree; the Board would like to help increase that number by removing barriers from transferring from two- to four-year institutions, Saunders said.

Other policy packages approved include student access initiatives, engineering and technology investments and the health care work initiative.

Moseley feels the proposal is a step in the right direction, but it won't be enough.

"The proposal is a very modest one, and will not lead to the kind of reinvestment that we need," said Moseley.

Moseley added that the numbers in the budget are an estimate, and not a firm dollar amount.

In August, the Board will submit the final draft of its plan to Gov. Ted Kulongoski for approval.

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with Howard Vollum. Senior program director John Van Zytveld said that the trust gives about 20 percent of its annual budget to scientific research, but is a general-purpose foundation that also gives money to the arts, education

and health and human services.

The lab will be part of the OCO, which contributes to the Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute in collaboration with OSU, Portland State and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, as well as the state of Oregon and some private industry.

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