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University Bachelor of Fine Arts student Aaron Rogosin won an amateur photography contest sponsored by Red Bull. As a reward, Rogosin will have his work published in a two-page color spread in the March/April issue of Decline Magazine.

NICOLE BARKER | PHOTOGRAPHER

Red Bull gives PHOTOGRAPHER wings

Aaron Rogosin was the overall winner of the Red Bull Rampage "In Focus" competition in Utah

BY AMANDA BOLSINGER
NEWS REPORTER

Aaron Rogosin shows the world how he sees life. He is a fine arts major at the University who earned his way to a two-page spread in Decline Magazine's March/April 2005 issue by winning

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AARON ROGOSIN | COURTESY

Bathroom access among concerns for gender rights

The Eugene Human Rights Commission intends to make changes to the city's anti-discrimination code

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SENIOR NEWS REPORTER

The Eugene Human Rights Commission is working to pass an ordinance that would add discrimination based on gender identity or gender orientation to Eugene's anti-discrimination code.

Eugene's current anti-discrimination code was last updated in December 2002 and prohibits discrimination in housing, employment and work places based on race, age, gender, disability and other personal traits. Multnomah County, Bend and Beaverton have all recently added gender identity and orientation to their anti-discrimination codes.

Sidney Moore, a University human rights investigator and commission member, said the ordinance would make Eugene's code very similar to the University's own nondiscrimination policy.

A city attorney is working with the HRC to review the ordinance's legal language to ensure it will do exactly what it is intended to do, Moore said.

"It needs to be written so that it provides the protection we're trying to provide," Moore said.

The HRC, which consists of 14 citizens and a city councilor, has been working to pass the ordinance for many years. The City Council discussed a similar ordinance in 2002, but it failed to pass after then-Mayor Jim Torrey threatened it with a mayoral veto.

Mayor Kitty Piercy has expressed

her support for the measure and Ward 3 City Councilor David Kelly, the acting councilor on the HRC, said he hopes that through presentations to community groups and open dialogue about the issue, citizens will gain a better understanding of what the ordinance is intended to do and its potential effects on the city.

"There is tremendous misunderstanding in the community about who transgender people are, the problems they face and what changes in the code would or would not mean," Kelly said.

The HRC will hold two community dialogues, one on March 14 and another on May 5, before it presents the ordinance's final draft to the Council.

City attorney Jerry Lidz said his role in drafting the ordinance centers around its language, which is a sensitive area because the ordinance's subject is "not your usual legal subject."

Lidz said most of his attention has focused on including the use of public bathrooms in the anti-discrimination code. Some people of different gender orientations may not find a bathroom dedicated to just one gender suitable because they do not associate themselves with just one gender. Moore said the media have used the issue of providing bathrooms for people of different gender orientations as a focal conflict point when reporting on the ordinance.

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New program lets users share files through iTunes

The download, getTunes, could pose a problem for the University's policies against filesharing

BY SHELDON TRAVER
NEWS REPORTER

The popular music player iTunes has become the target of a new generation of file sharing programs, leaving music vulnerable to sharing without the owner's knowledge.

iTunes files are normally available to others through a network, such as the University's, for "streaming." When a user opens the program, he or she is able to view other user's playlists and listen to their music files. Until now, there has been no way to import these files — a process

known as filesharing — or to save them to your computer.

A new program called "getTunes" makes these previously protected files free for the taking, whether you want them to be or not.

The program, which only runs on the Mac operating system, allows users to import songs shared by other iTunes users.

The program is available on freeware sites such as VersionTracker and opens automatically whenever iTunes is opened. The program does not alert the owner of the intrusion.

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UO electronic and machine shops create new technology

The shops provide the necessary equipment for some University departments' scientific experiments

BY EVA SYLWESTER
NEWS REPORTER

The University's Technical Science Administration has two shops engaged in making equipment that doesn't exist, in the words of electronics shop supervisor Cliff Dax. The machine shop and electronics shop, sometimes in collaboration, build equipment for the University's scientific projects.

"The things we build, at least 95 percent of the time, are not available anywhere else," machine shop supervisor John Boosinger said. "You could have them made somewhere else, but it would be extremely expensive, prohibitively so."

The electronics shop

"We've really done things for every department on campus," electronics

shop instrument technician Rick Gasser said.

Six or seven years ago, the electronics shop built the lights for the DPS call boxes around campus, Dax said.

"It was not as simple as a light-emitting diode in a piece of plastic," he said, recounting the difficulty of running mile-long telephone wire underground.

A more recent product is a device resembling a pager that records subject responses for a study the psychology and political science departments conducted on decision-making. Another is a high-voltage amplifier to reduce building vibrations during the physics department's experiments with quantum dots.

Dax is currently developing an antenna amplifier for the University's MRI

machine so the machine will be able to deliver higher resolution brain scans.

"We're going to experiment on this in the next couple weeks, and if it works, it'll turn the industry right on its ear," Dax said.

The electronics shop is also involved in the geology department's research on volcanoes. Based on the porosity of a given pumice rock, Gasser said, researchers want to be able to determine what kind of stresses it was subjected to and therefore gauge the likelihood and severity of a possible volcanic eruption.

"The instrument doesn't exist, so we're creating it," Gasser said.

The electronics shop's duties also include repairing laboratory equipment such as microscopes and spectrometers.

"These machines cost over a million dollars a piece, and someone has to keep them running," Dax said.

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