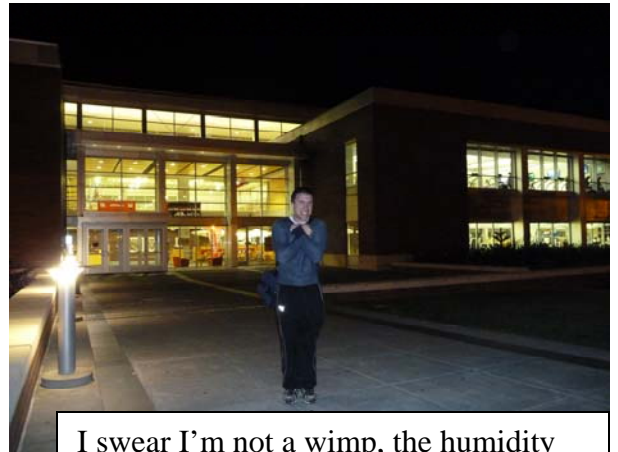


# Dave's Blarg!

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Hey guys ☺ Busy day today!! Started off at 0-dark thirty at the gym on campus. It's getting chilly here in the morning!



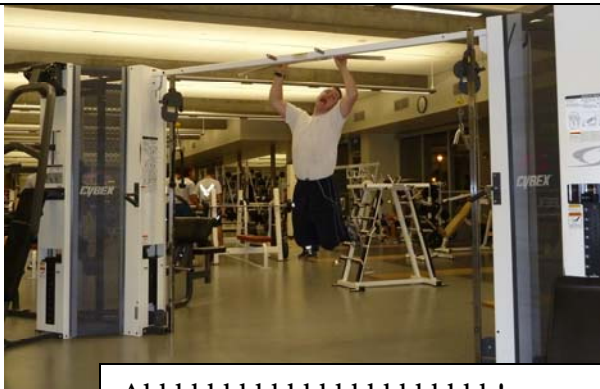
I swear I'm not a wimp, the humidity here makes the cold cut hard!



If you look closely you'll see an improperly focused plunker on the treadmill (said plunker got props for an 'excellent plank' from a girl on an exercise bike in case the photo leaves any doubt as to the form and artistry of the jogger-cum-plunker.



Gaaaa!!! My Jelly Burns!!



Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

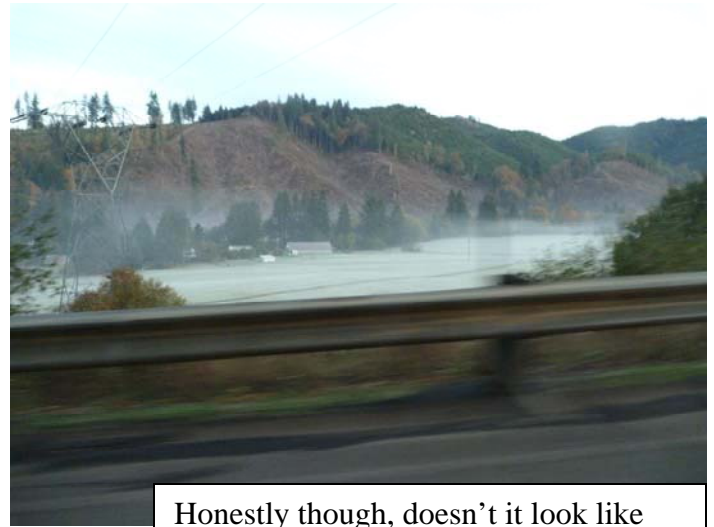


Navy seal pushup spinners for the win!!!

Pushups, Pullups, Situps, and Jogging! Not going to lie, not only does the OSU gym have better equipment and more space, a few of the people a wee smidge better looking than the crew :p



Smokin'!

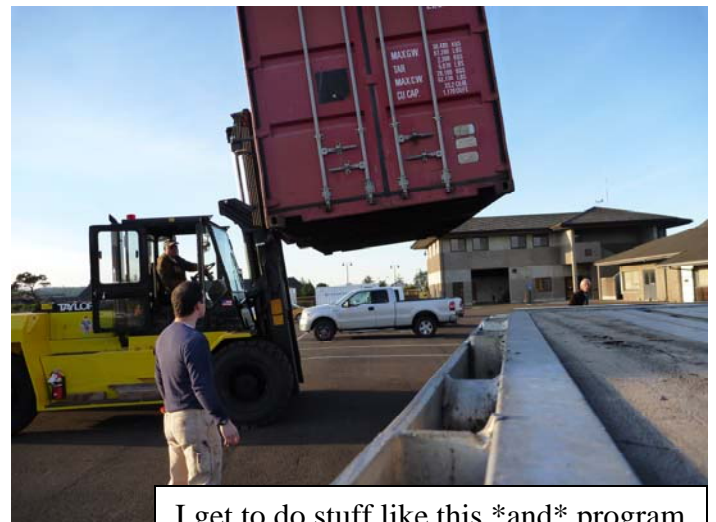


Honestly though, doesn't it look like something could be brewing? :D



That's my boss with his "Picture" face on :D

we have over here, so I spent the first few months of drives randomly thinking that there were fires all bric-a-brac over the coast :p I got there just in time to help load up some of the gear from the last cruise ☺



I get to do stuff like this \*and\* program ☺ Go Day Job!



Wait, was the one in my left hand the new one? Which drawer was this? Ah!

After that there was just a lot of regular maintenance and prep, like changing out sensors for freshly calibrated units.



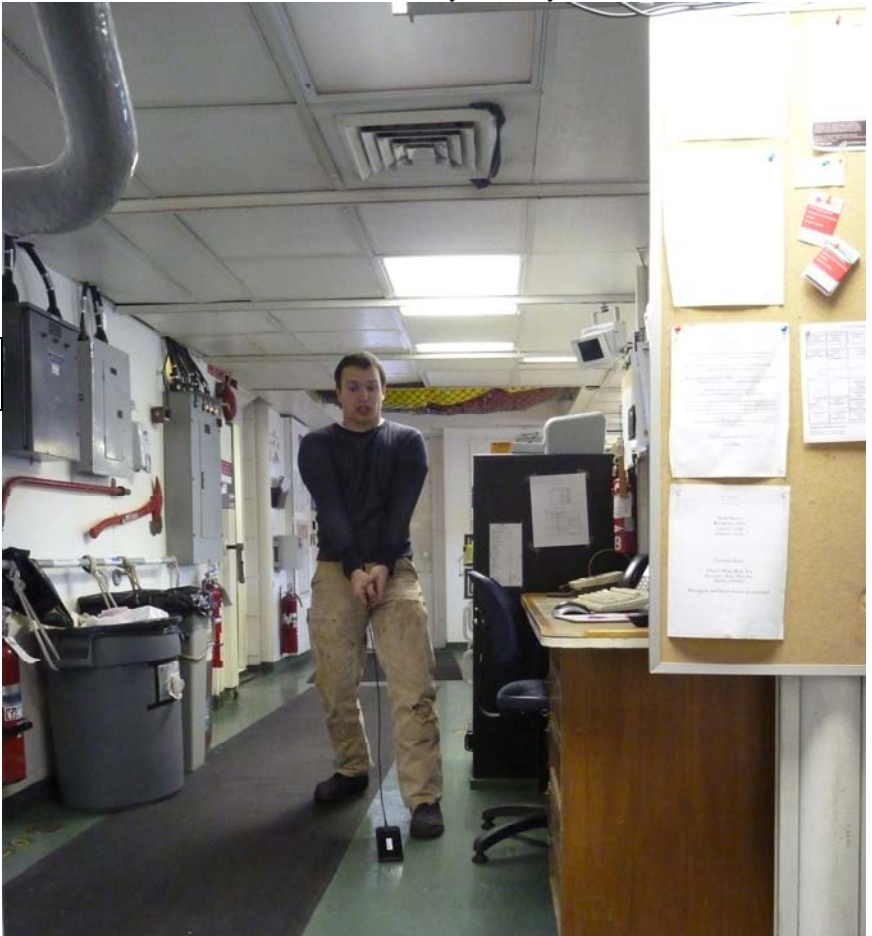
I also had to move some data for some of the scientists from the last cruise. Luckily their facility is right nearby, because on a ship that produces  $\sim 9\text{GB}/\text{Day}$ , that data gets **Heavy** fast!!! I mean, look at me, and the last cruise was only 8 days!!!1!!!!



This data has way too many ones in it!



I need to set more of the systems to put out zeros instead of ones on the next cruise



I think that all the improperly aligned magnetic bits stick to the steel deck and make the hard drive \*extra\* heavy! Next time I'll run a magnet over the drive before I move it to help straighten them all out.



Uuuuuuuuuup the gangway







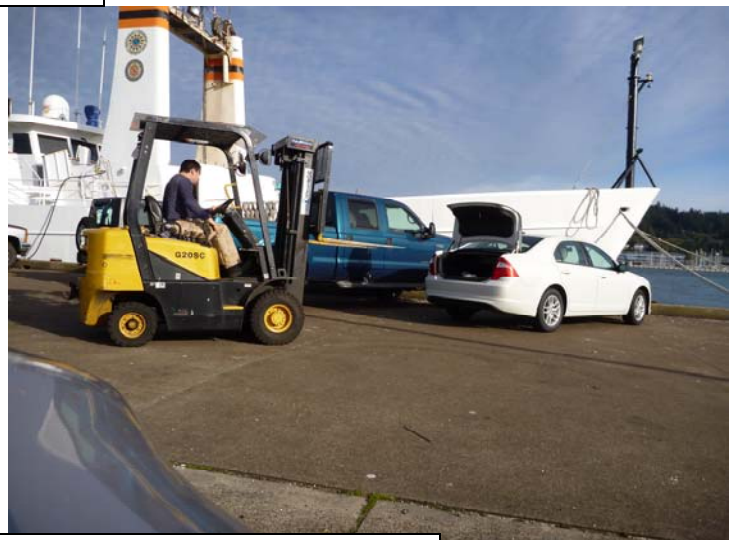
Thank gosh the forklift was free!  
It was a rough enough haul up the gangway without having to lift the hard drive into the trunk unassisted!!



Good thing that that hard drive came with a reinforced cord!

For reference, with this volume of data-sneakernet is actually the fastest transfer medium for distances less than a six our drive (ish).

Sometimes I think about things that I may have to leave off of my resume were I ever to go for a non floating platform engineering job, things like “certified forklift operator” Then again, look how I move these bits! Look at the synergy of these disparate skills coming together!



Don't worry, I took \*everything\* else out of the car first so I wouldn't bottom it out between all the ones and the magneticy bits.



\*So\* glad they wax the floors here!

The last haul into their office building was pretty rough, but the science team shared a few sound channel recording of blue whales that they had captured with their array, in addition to some videos they had captured of active volcanic features on the seafloor

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h mMlspNoZMs>

The group has hydrophones all over the worlds oceans and they aggregate the data and use it to pinpoint areas where undersea seismic events are busy happening.



Millions in research, Cardboard box laptop stand :D I love science!





One of the Great things about boat days is the catering :D

I seriously hope not to devolve too far into the “OMG EPIC Cheez Sammich! Best eva” level of blogging, but our current cook is cool, and having lunch served 30’ from your office is pretty hard to beat, good thing I did 5 pullups this morning!

After lunch I checked on some equipment that we keep down at the bottom a’ the boat! (It looked good to me 😊)



I’m about 13’ below the waterline here going down to check on our acoustic transducers mounted to the bottom hull of the ship



And after some more odds and ends it was time to head home. The tide went out a wee bit sine I moved the hard drive off the ship. We get ~12’ of tide swing in Newport, OR.

It would have been something else to have to carry all the ones \*and\* the zeroes up the ramp at low tide!



After work it was car time! I headed over to my friends place and a few of us worked on our junk project car for a while. We got it starting, now if we could just make it

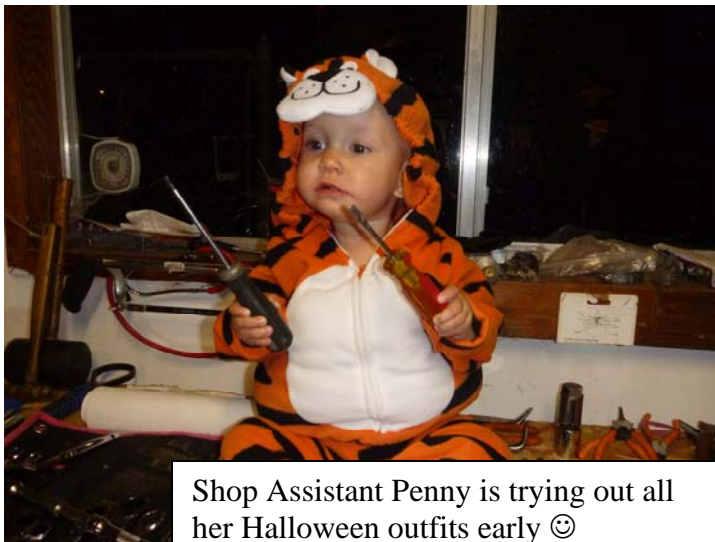


Wait, do we sprinkle the nuts and bolts here?



How many bolts are holding this thing on?! (That's my roommate Matt)

stop leaking...



Shop Assistant Penny is trying out all her Halloween outfits early ☺



And is mighty helpful with the tools ☺



Elizabeth, Danielle, and Matt watch Penny orchestrate the repairs



Apparently Danielle went to the same car wrepar skool as Penny ☺

And on that note (and with a picture that penny took by her very own self!)  
Have a great day!!!



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