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Max's narrowly avoided losing its liquor license for one month because of nearly \$2,000 in fines for noise violations. Thanks to booming business over the weekend, the bar will be able to remain open.

## Struggling owner keeps bar open

**Debt:** Noise complaints resulted in fines for New Max's tavern

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The "everyman's bar" will remain open for business, thanks to a money-making Halloween weekend.

Ward "Chase" Fairbairn, owner of New Max's tavern on East 13th

Avenue, paid a \$1,950 fine to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission Wednesday. The tavern, which became popular for its alternative, unpretentious atmosphere, would have lost its liquor license for one month if the fine wasn't paid by 5 p.m. today, said OLCC inspector Steve Syron.

Fairbairn, who said he's struggling just to pay his bills, asked for his customers help to pay the fine. He passed out fliers to explain his

debt and encouraged bar-goers to spend their money at Max's. Over the weekend, business at the tavern increased by more than 40 percent.

"If it was a normal weekend we'd be closed now," Fairbairn said. "People came, they partied, they drank and we made enough money."

Fairbairn, who bought the 62-year-old bar in 1993, said his trou-

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## Hearing to decide if incidental fees will rise next year

**Hearing:** An ASUO committee plans to listen to students' opinions on possible fee increases at an open hearing

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An open hearing for students and program leaders to voice their opinions on a possible incidental fee increase is scheduled for Nov. 17 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The ASUO Program Finance Committee plans to ask students how much more they want to pay in incidental fees. The Student Senate will make preliminary recommendations on the amount of next year's incidental fee by Nov. 30.

The fees need to be raised to keep campus groups at their current service level while keeping up with inflation, said Lyons.

Students currently pay \$37 a term or \$111 a year to support campus groups. If students decided they wanted, for example, a 5 percent increase, fees would increase \$2 per term for each student or \$6 per year. This would add \$83,108 to the present budget of \$1,662,167.

The forum will take place in a round-table format. Students will get on a speakers' list allowing them to express their opinions, ask questions, debate the possible fee increase and get answers. The location of the forum has not yet been determined.

"We just want to open it up to see if people have any problems with the proposal or any concerns," said Vice-chairman Matt McGinnis.

Vice-chairman Jason Leek also said if students do not attend the forum the message they are sending the committee is that they want a fee increase.

"We're speaking for the University students and the University students haven't told us what they want," Leek said. "If students don't come and express their opinions, fees are just going to keep going up, plain and simple. You see it happen year after year."

"Students are always complaining that fees are too high and now is their chance to get it on record and tell their student officials how they feel," said Lyons.

In addition to the public forum, the ASUO finance committee will survey students, asking them if they care

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### GOOD MORNING

► A special symposium sponsored by the University School of Law, "What to Look for in the O. J. Simpson Trial," seeks to demystify the trial. Expert panelists from the community will explore aspects of the case.

The symposium, moderated by University President and former state Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer, will take place Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room.

Topics include "Who's on the Jury?" "Police as Investigators and Witnesses," "The 911 Tapes: Learning About Domestic Violence," "Fair Trial in a Media Feeding Frenzy," "Implications of Race and Racism," and "Trial Tactics and Evidence."

For more information on the free presentations, call the School of Law at 346-3853.

► BEND (AP) — The first snow of the season forced the early closure of the winding McKenzie Pass Highway through the Cascade Range and canceled school in a handful of mountain towns.

"I hope this isn't an omen," Rod Johnson, a maintenance worker for the state Highway Division, said Tuesday. "Usually we don't go on winter shift until mid-November, but we've already started."

Starting winter shift means crews of highway workers are on duty 24 hours a day, he said.

The McKenzie Pass Highway has closed on Nov. 1 or earlier only nine times since 1925, when the state began keeping records.

The highway winds through heavy forests and past lava fields between the towns of Sisters and McKenzie Bridge. Its steep grades and sharp turns make it too difficult to plow during the winter months.

"It's hardly a country road," said Jerry Martin, a dispatch supervisor at state police headquarters in Salem. "It's an old wagon road. As time went on, they made it a highway."

At home in McKenzie Bridge, Doug Waddell scooped up fresh snow with his bare hands and tossed it playfully to his dogs Cutis and Lea.

## Phone home



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Lisa Hartrich calls her parents on a cellular phone to persuade them to vote no on Ballot Measure 15. The phones were set up Wednesday by the College Republicans and College Democrats. About 50 students called home.

## Land transfer approved by District 4-J

**Amazon:** Board votes unanimously despite opposition by supporters

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A request by the University for the 4-J school district to return 3.9 acres of property near Amazon Housing was unanimously approved last night during a Board of Director's public hearing held at the 4-J School District Headquarters.

According to Superintendent of Schools Margaret Nichols, in order for the University to continue to provide the greatest number of affordable housing units in close proximity to the University campus, the University needed the school district to transfer the 3.9 acres of land back to the University to pro-

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