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THIS WEEKEND

The Japanese Obon and Taiko Drumming Festival is this Saturday at Alton Baker Park, starting at 4 p.m.



INSIDE

Pitcher Billy Blythe took another early exit Wednesday, but the Ems' bats came through

Every song on Viva Saturn's new album, 'Brightside,' is a journey in itself

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WEATHER

Partly sunny today after morning clouds with highs in the mid- to high 70s.

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Mock election to unveil new voting method

■ **EVENT:** Voters will pick their favorite dead actors in a display of "preference voting"

By Marcelene Edwards

Associate Editor

Citizens will be able to sample a new way of voting for Eugene City Council members tonight at a mock election sponsored by a local political action committee.

The group, calling itself "Voters Should Have Real Choices," will conduct an election to the dead actors hall of fame using "preference voting," a system proposed by Councilman Kevin Hornbuckle in an initiative scheduled for the May 1996 ballot.

"We will be demonstrating how easy preference voting is," Hornbuckle said.

At the event, which will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., voters can choose their favorite dead actors from a list including Bruce Lee, Rock Hudson, River Phoenix and Audrey Hepburn. Citizens do not have to be registered voters to participate.

Preference voting allows citizens to vote for a single candidate or rank several candidates in order of preference, Hornbuckle said.

"It's a very flexible way of voting," he said.

If the preferred candidate hasn't got a chance, after all the ballots are counted, then the voter's vote will go to the second choice, or third, and so on.

Additionally, if the preferred candidate has enough votes to win, the unneeded votes will then be switched

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Board of summer



Street surfer Simeon Flowers attempts an "ollie 180 kick-flip" off the steps in front of Columbia Hall Wednesday.

BRIAN HENDRICKSON/Emerald

Geography CD-ROM to help kids 'ExpLOregon'

■ **PROJECT:** Every school in the state will receive free instructional materials, developed on campus

By Samantha Martin

Associate Editor

This fall, Oregon schoolchildren will have a new tool to learn about geography. From the Deschutes River to the Oregon Dunes, and from Astoria to Ashland, the state's regions and geographical highlights will be only a click of the mouse away for students statewide.

As part of the Oregon School Atlas Project, a joint effort between the University's geography and fine and applied arts departments, a multimedia CD-ROM — titled



Research assistant James Meacham demonstrates some features on a CD-ROM called "ExpLOregon," which he helped create and edit.

BRIAN HENDRICKSON/Emerald

"ExpLOregon" — gives an instructional and photographic tour of the state.

The CD-ROM is one of four components of the atlas project. A video, a collection of loose-leaf maps and a magazine-style atlas are also included.

Funded by a legislative appropriation through a \$100,000 grant from the Oregon

Lottery, the project is the first of its kind for teaching geography, said William Loy, professor of geography and co-director of the project.

Designed to aid in the teaching of Oregon's geography and to incorporate ongoing curriculum changes, the CD-ROM provides a collection of informa-

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Campus OPEU members will bargain with OSSHE

■ **CHANGE:** Higher education union members will no longer bargain directly with the state

By Marcelene Edwards

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Office workers and physical plant employees from the University and the five other state higher education institutions will break away from the Oregon Public Employees Union bargaining team to become a separate unit that bargains with the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Senate Bill 271, approved by the governor last week, is expected to lower administrative costs for the state. The state higher education system expects to save \$1.1 million, said Ron Anderson, assistant vice chancellor for OSSHE. Currently the system pays the state \$2 million for personnel administration.

"Our analysis says we can do this for much less," Anderson said.

One of the possible effects of the

bill could be an increase in the number of in-state students accepted at state colleges and universities. The administration costs saved could allow for 2,000 more undergraduates in the state system, said Grattan Kerans, director of government relations at OSSHE.

Although still part of OPEU, University classified employees, including secretaries, physical plant employees and food service workers, will not bargain with the state. Wages, benefits and working conditions will be determined by agreement between higher education employees and representatives from the chancellor's office.

Risa Haberman, campus representative for OPEU, said the bill has the potential to be a very good thing.

"It's good because it makes the bargaining unit smaller," Haberman said.

Haberman said campus employees have had problems with the state during bargaining and this could solve those problems.

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