

# Make it yourself in Bandon brewery

■ **BEER:** Instructions, recipes and equipment are provided at this coastal town pub

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With summer break just around the corner, beer lovers interested in brewing some great beer might want to check out Brewmasters for a unique experience.

Brewmasters, located in Bandon, Ore., just two hours outside Eugene, is a brewery that allows anyone to brew their own beer.

Interested customers can choose from more than 100 beer recipes, and then follow step-by-step instructions on how to brew it. Equipment and ingredients are provided by Brewmasters.

Owner Rick Irwin said, "We have a simple step-by-step brewer's guide that tells them exactly what to do and when to do it during the brewing process, which takes about two hours."

After the beer has been brewed, it is put into a fermentation container and stored at Brewmasters for two weeks. At the end of this period, customers can come back and spend about one hour bottling their beer. Afterward, they can enjoy the fruits of their labor.

"The quality of our product is as good as any in the world because we take care of [the beer] throughout the entire process," Irwin said. "Our beer compares with the best microbrews in the world, but ours is guaranteed fresh."

The whole experience costs between \$85 and \$90, not including the price of bottles, which customers must buy on their own. On average, the process yields 12 gallons, or 128 12-ounce bottles of beer. That comes out to about 80 cents per beer.

With home-brewing kits costing about \$30 each, some may wonder why it would be worthwhile to spend \$90 at Brewmas-

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ters. Irwin says Brewmasters provides a quality guarantee that home-brewing kits can't match.

"We guarantee every batch. Even home brewers have a hard time consistently brewing good beer," Irwin said. "In addition, this process doesn't leave the mess or smell in your home, which can be very [considerable]."

Brewmasters is located in Old Town Bandon at 375 2nd St. For more information on Brewmasters, contact Rick Irwin at (541) 347-1195.

# Transition: Lack of funds makes the move necessary

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and Alder Street because its lease is up with its house corporation, Frichette said.

Their lease arrangement is similar to that of other greek houses on campus, Pollock said.

Frichette said the financial difficulties are the result of both structural problems in the house and a lack of alumni involvement in the organization, both personal and financial, Frichette said.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon house, which is 70 years old, is currently in need of a new roof and windows, he said. In addition, the third floor cannot currently be occupied, he said.

Because alumni cannot make tax-deductible donations to the fraternity, monetary donations to fund house repairs has been lacking, Frichette said. The rent of cur-

rent fraternity members cannot cover the repair costs either, he said.

These problems, coupled with a lack of alumni involvement in the management of the fraternity, has made the permanent move necessary in order for the house corporation to make the needed repairs.

The house will become a student rooming and boarding establishment comparable to the Collegian, Frichette said. He said a lease agreement for the new establishment has not yet been signed with the house corporation, and rental rates also are not yet known.

The title to the house will still be held by Sigma Alpha Epsilon's house corporation after it becomes a boarding house, Frichette said.

Members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon declined to comment on the housing situation.

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