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Residents debate park measure

Some from the Bethel community say they worry the city will not keep up additional parks / PAGE 4

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The volleyball team hopes to regain momentum before facing Washington / PAGE 13

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Surfing Club members Paul Alderson and Bryan Bates load up their boards for the Third Annual Rhyn Knoll Longboard Competition held last weekend in Crescent City, Calif. Bates made the quarterfinals of the competition.

Surfing club breaks Oregon's waves

The Club Sports group helps novices and beginners alike get their feet wet on the Oregon Coast

By Peter Breaden
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Freshman Curt Rands has trouble sleeping when surfing is on his mind.

"Every time I go and stay at the beach, I'm up at dawn," Rands said. "I just get so excited."

The University surfing club was a simple idea sprung into motion over breakfast at Deb's Family Restaurant.

Seated inside was surfing couple Betsy Jensen and Brian Bates. They were wetting their feet to organize the club that has continued this fall.

"We were talking about surfing, our need to meet more people who were into surfing, and she said, 'Let's start a surfing club,'" said Brian Bates, surfing club coordinator.

The welcome vibe filled the club's roster with 50 names and about a dozen regulars last spring, Bates said, adding that novices are encouraged to join.

"Everyone at one time or another is a beginner," he said. "I want everyone in the club who has experience to help everyone without it, to help them 'duck dive' better, to tell them where the channel's at."

The surfing club held an organizational

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Amendment would allow notification

If passed, the law would let schools notify parents of minor students' alcohol and drug violations

By Teri Meeuwzen
 Oregon Daily Emerald

The U.S. Congress has approved an amendment that would allow universities to notify parents when their students younger than 21 commit an alcohol or drug violation.

The amendment, which passed the U.S. Senate Sept. 29 and the House of Representatives the day before, only needs President Clinton's signature to become law. Clinton said he is likely to sign the measure, according to a Sept. 30 Washington Post article.

Current federal law prohibits universities from disclosing educational records of students 18 years and older. The University interprets this to mean that they can not notify parents about a student's drug and alcohol use, said Elaine Green, student conduct coordinator.

University officials have not met to determine action regarding the amendment if it is passed. The amendment would encompass state law, local law or institution policy regarding alcohol and drug violations.

If the amendment is passed into law, it may spark debate between student safety vs. students' rights to privacy.

"There are very strong concerns on both sides of this issue," Green said. "There is a life and death concern and there are strong feelings of students' right to privacy. It can be good or bad to students."

University Housing director Michael Eyster said the proposed amendment would help housing officials enforce housing conduct codes, but would need to be dealt with wisely.

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UO student faces incumbent Susan Castillo in candidates' forum

Junior Scott Austin and the former KVAL anchorwoman face questions from local voters

By David Ryan
 Oregon Daily Emerald

Susan Castillo sat down with her first political campaign opponent Monday night. Scott Austin, her opponent and a junior at the University, is looking to become your state senator instead.

Austin is a political unknown facing Castillo, the incumbent and a former KVAL-TV news anchorwoman.

Monday night, the two faced citizens of Eugene's Bethel neighborhood along with two candidates running for state house district 39. During the hourlong forum, the candidates introduced themselves and answered questions from the audience.

Austin, by far the youngest of the candidates, introduced himself as a hardworking

student at the University.

"I work 35 to 40 hours a week (at Burger King), sometimes more than that," he said. "I go to classes. I earn my way, and that's just the kind of person I am."

Austin, a self-proclaimed fundamentalist born-again Christian, said he stood for teaching high schoolers right from wrong, which is why the Thurston shooting didn't catch him off guard.

"I was not shocked ...," he said. "I was worried about whether my cousins were all right, but I wasn't surprised. Students in high school don't think there are any consequences for their actions. We're not telling students that there are consequences for their actions."

Austin said his parents taught him to think about consequences.

"I have parents that are God-fearing and who raised me to believe that when you do X you get Y," he said.

Austin said he was in favor of tighter government spending.

"I tend to think that less taxes are better," he said.

Castillo introduced herself as a former TV anchorwoman who became interested in politics while covering the State Legislature. Castillo filled a vacant seat, fighting for issues such as more funding for public education.

"We're going to be having another battle for how we are funding schools in January," she said.

Castillo also believes in getting more people involved in the governing process.

"When I was reporting, there were a number of times when I would go out and do interviewing, and there were people who had a lot of ideas (about government), but they had to wait in long lines," she

said.

"I really firmly believe that we [Democrats and Republicans] work for the same things," Castillo said. "We all want good schools, good jobs, a healthy environment and safe neighborhoods."

When the questions came from the audience, one resident asked about how each of the candidates would prioritize the local measures such as the library or parks measures.

"For me, programs that invest in children and families are most important," Castillo said.

"I'm totally biased as a student because I'd say a library," Austin said. He told a story about how his family couldn't buy a television set until he was in high school, making the library the place he went to entertain himself.

"My personal opinion is irrelevant as far as I'm concerned," he said. "If the community wants to fund social programs that's their right."

