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"It would give us a new tool," he said. "I would really like the flexibility. I can see that it would be helpful to contact parents or it might not be. Not every family is a support family. They may or may not have the financial or emotional resources. It might make it worse to contact the parent.

"... What's important is being helpful to the student. If it will give me help to serve students, if it's legal for me to use and is helpful for them, I may do it."

ASUO Vice President Morgan Cowling declined to comment until more information can be obtained.

The amendment, listed under the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, was sparked by a string of five alcohol-related deaths on Virginia campuses last fall. A Virginia task force on college drinking, led by state Attorney General Mark L. Earley (R), recommended in July that Congress exempt drug and alcohol records from the privacy requirement. Senator John W. Warner, R-Va., sponsored the amendment.

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News briefs

MEChA to hold info meeting

MEChA will hold an informational meeting today in the Multicultural Center from 5 to 6 p.m. for freshmen and incoming students interested in joining.

Co-director Mario Si-fuentez said MEChA offers many opportunities to get involved in the local Latino community through tutoring, activist issues and cultural events.

Blood bank seeks donors in Fir Room

Lane Memorial Blood Bank is having a blood drive Tuesday and Wednesday Oct. 7 and 8. The drive will take place in the Fir Room of the EMU from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students of all blood types are encouraged to attend; however, O positive and A positive donors are in the greatest need.

Surfing

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meeting in the EMU's Ben Linder Forum Oct. 5. Students can join by filling out a waiver and a medical history form and paying a \$20 fee at Oregon Club Sports, Suite 6 in the EMU.

This weekend, the club plans to find its waves around Newport.

The club has a \$300 Club Sports allocation for its first full year. That's three trips, each costing about \$90, Bates said.

"We're required to fund-raise 15 percent of that, which for us is \$45. And we do that tenfold in a year," he said.

The club's popularity should continue this year, judging from the 20 people at its first meeting.

The vans are usually loaded up with long boards, a smoother ride than the more publicized counterpart, the short board.

"I'd say the majority of people ride long boards in Oregon," Bates explained. "But it doesn't matter what you ride."

The club also welcomed new students at its organizational meeting. Many were pleasantly surprised by a University surfing club.

"In high school I'd meet so many people who were into it," said Rands, who has been short-boarding for five years. "But they all did it through me. I'd rent them the boards, I'd rent them the suits."

The club requires members rent

or own their own equipment. Renting a board and wetsuit will usually cost a student around \$30 a day.

"I like it because everyone asks, 'When do you practice?' or 'Do you have competitions?'" freshman Mike Bendixen said. "It's just a bunch of guys who go to the beach, hang out and surf."

It actually isn't just guys, Bates said.

"My girlfriend actually goes out there without a wetsuit," he said. "She's pretty burly."

Burliness may not be enough for many who take on the cold Oregon Coast. The club recommends a 4/3 thickness wetsuit and sometimes booties, hoods, and gloves.

"Sometimes you look like a seal out there in the water, trying to stay warm," Bates said.

There is no shortage of breaks, or waves off the Oregon coast, Bates said. But protective locals often latch onto the good surf.

"The Point at Seaside is a world-class break when it's hitting," Bates said. "So they don't want people who don't live around there to crowd it."

The club promotes friendliness between surfers.

"That's one of the objectives of the club: there's no reason to cop attitudes. ... That's just part of Oregon, that attitude of smiling and helping people instead of giving you the stinky."

Surfing Club

WHERE: Club Sports Office, Suite 6 EMU.

HOW MUCH: \$20 one-time fee for trips, Surf Club T-shirt, and a sticker.

IWHO: Any current University student — long boarders, short boarders and boogie boarders welcome.

WHEN: Trips every other weekend leave about 6 a.m. and some overnight trips. The club surfs at beaches all over Oregon and Northern California.

SURFING IN OREGON?

SHORT SANDS: It's a nice, protected, Northern Oregon beach between Cannon Beach and Manzanita that stretches for a mile. Be prepared for a short hike to the beach.

OCEANSIDE: Easy access and good waves make it a pretty popular surf spot. Its popularity may make for some unfriendly locals.

SALMON RIVER: There's a long paddle to get to this "Oregon surf spot". It's a beach for the adventurous.

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