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Weather forecast

Today Mostly cloudy
High 54, Low 39

Friday Mostly cloudy
High 56, Low 37

Campus Riots

An in-depth look at rioting and what has changed since last year's Halloween riot
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Conference series covers social issues

The student-oriented weekend seminars will include topics such as attachment disorder, juvenile violence and media images

By Tricia Schwennesen
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Students can learn more about current social issues in a series of weekend conferences organized by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

Judy Vergamini, a certified counselor and adjunct instructor, will discuss the social and emotional causes for attachment disorder and approaches to help children who suffer from it on Saturday. Children who suffer from attachment disorder may display antisocial behavior or a lack of conscience.

"Sometimes people who have attachment disorder might hurt things, animals, themselves or even other people," said Karen Wiant, SAPP education coordinator.

Wiant said traditional counseling can help, but some children benefit from a controversial treatment called holding therapy.

"In holding therapy, they hold the child down to help them get in touch with their feelings," she said.

Two other conferences are slated for November.

"Kids Killing Kids" will be a historical look at juvenile violence in 150 Columbia Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 8.

Speakers include Vi'Ance Easter, a specialist in juvenile anger management; Dan Close, Ph.D., an associate professor with the communities and families program; and David Mace, Ph.D., from Lane County Youth Services.

Speakers will present techniques for working with kids and prevention and safety issues.

"Drugs, Sex and the Media" will examine the subtle and overt messages found in advertising, radio and television. The conference will be held Nov. 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 150 Columbia.

Jay Wurscher, an addiction counselor and

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GET OUT THE VOTE



Art Alexakis, lead singer of the band Everclear, encourages the crowd to vote at the EMU Amphitheater Wednesday as University President Dave Frohnmayer looks on. *Amanda Cowan/Emerald*

Wyden, Alexakis rock the vote

A call for students to get involved in voting was made by Sen. Ron Wyden and Everclear singer Art Alexakis

By David Ryan
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Joined by the lead singer of Everclear, U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden urged students to pull their political weight at a Get-Out-The-Vote rally at the EMU Amphitheater Wednesday afternoon.

"Are going to sit this one out?" said the Oregon Democrat, who is running for re-election on the Nov. 3. "Next Wednesday when you wake up, I don't want you to have to wake up and find that you have politicians who don't care about you."

Speaking between the performances of two bands, Wyden, University President Dave Frohnmayer

and Art Alexakis, lead singer of the Portland-based band Everclear, urged students to vote.

The rally was the third of four held at college campuses near the I-5 corridor Wednesday.

Frohnmayer held up an absentee ballot and told the crowd he would place it in an EMU ballot box after the rally.

"I can't tell you how to vote," he said. "I can tell you it's important that your voices are heard."

Wyden stressed that lower debt from student loans needs nonpartisan support.

"I don't care whether you are a Democrat or a Republican," he said. "When college students graduate from school, they don't have a Democratic debt or a Republican debt. When they get out of school, they should have a chance to use what they have learned in college."

In an interview before the rally, Alexakis talked about his motivation to speak to students, which included the \$15,000 in loans he had to pay off when he dropped out of



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Measure 20-03 would provide funds to improve Eugene's parks

By Felicity Ayles
Oregon Daily Emerald

Landscape architecture professor Cynthia Girling is teaching her students to appreciate the parklands available in Eugene.

For a term project, her students are creating an open space plan for the Eugene/Springfield area.

But Girling said the parklands being used for the project are becoming restricted because of the rapid rate of growth in Eugene. She said Eugene Ballot Measure 20-03 would help purchase land and develop parks in underserved areas in Eugene.

"Everybody should have a neighborhood park close to their home," she said.

Measure 20-03 would provide funds for the construction of new parks and renovation of existing parks in the Eugene area.

No one has filed opposition to the measure.

The last time a ballot to fund parks and open spaces was available to voters was in 1976, and that measure passed. Twenty-two years later, many supporters feel the currently proposed improvements are overdue.

Larry Hendricks, facilities director for Kidsports, said it's

time to upgrade all the parks in and around Eugene.

Kidsports supports the measure because it will be the major beneficiary of the money, Hendricks said. The organization, which is dedicated to providing places for children to play sports, will receive at least 50 percent of the funds.

Hendricks said the organization is running out of venues for sporting events. Kids have to play basketball at the Lane County Fairgrounds because there's no where else to go, he said. The ballot measure will bring more places for the kids to play, he said.

"There are athletic fields in

Eugene with no drainage systems," he said.

The measure will provide the funds to fix these fields so that six or eight games, instead of just one or two, can be played on them, he said.

"It's just a very well-thought-out plan," he said.

If the measure doesn't pass, Hendricks said, some community resources will be closed, such as the Amazon Pool.

The measure would repair the pool and make it available to people. In addition, it would open up neighborhood parks not yet developed, he said.

Measure 20-03 funding

Measure 20-03 includes \$25.3 million to make the following improvements:

- \$11,750,000 for projects providing services to all of Eugene.
- \$750,000 to upgrade existing sports fields.
- \$3,430,000 to develop existing neighborhood parks.
- \$5,350,000 to acquire land for future parks.
- \$3,720,000 for the Ridgeline Park expansion.

Source: City of Eugene