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Weather forecast

Today Cloudy High 56, Low 40
 Saturday Showers High 60, Low 44

'Vampires' bloody sucks

John Carpenter's Vampires' is full of blood and gore, but little plot or substance/PAGE 7A

Runners hit Eugene

The Ducks host the Pac-10's best with the conference championships Saturday/PAGE 17A



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Tear gas & Broken glass

After last year's riot that left Alder Street in shambles, the spotlight of blame came to rest on seven men in one house— this is their story

By Michael Hines
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Eugene police ended a smurf's fist fight, Hitler's fierce destruction of street signs and an enormous student riot last Halloween — all by midnight.

As cops clad in riot gear lobbed tear gas canisters onto 17th Avenue, costumed students — bloodied, bruised and mostly drunk — started dashing from the drifting fumes.

What they left behind was a trail of destruction on Alder Street that stretched from 14th Avenue to 18th Avenue. Lamp posts and street signs were strewn across the street, and shattered glass blanketed the pavement.

Police and the media quickly turned on 1708 Alder St., a large white house where seven college-age men lived. That Friday night, it had been the site of a raging eight-kegger.

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City means business, Mayor Torrey says

Communication is the key to a successful party, Councilman Lee says

By David Ryan
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Forget the disco ball, and check out the spinning blue lights.

On Halloween night, twice as many police officers will be on the streets of the West University Neighborhood than on an ordinary Saturday night — and possibly more.

They will be checking registered kegs, double-checking the kegs and dividing the mostly student-occupied streets into sections to sweep through on patrol. In addition to an unknown number of Oregon

Liquor Control Commission agents roaming the area, two police Rapid Deployment Units will be on standby.

"I think [students] need to know that we mean business," Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey said.

He is confident the authorities' presence will deter students from getting into situations where police have to intervene.

"The history is that traditionally there have been large parties that have gotten out of control," he said.

Students clashed with police last Halloween on the corner of 17th Avenue and Alder Street, downing street signs and prompting police to fire tear gas into the crowd.

If there is a repeat of last



A group of rioters vandalize a stop sign during the 1997 Halloween riot. Emerald

year's riots, Torrey said the city might require students to hire private security guards for parties.

"The community will demand [the city] do something," he said. "The property owners will demand that we take con-

trol of the streets."

For now, there is justification for the increased police measures, Torrey said.

Torrey recognized that students want to have a good time at parties but said the city has a

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University says no thanks to notification

By Teri Meeuwsen
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University students can continue to keep their drug and alcohol violations to themselves.

Because of state laws that protect students' rights to privacy, the University decided not to uphold the amendment of the Higher Education Act that allowed parental notification when their students younger than 21 commit an alcohol or drug violation, said Dan Williams, vice president for administration.

Williams, the deans of student life, members of academic student services and the president's legal advisor met, reviewed the laws and made the decision

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