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Weather forecast

Today Mostly cloudy High 56, Low 45
Thursday Cloudy High 55, Low 41

Art that goes boom

Using canvas instead of buildings or underpasses, Steve Lopez paints emotion as graffiti / PAGE 6



UW's Looker

Dane Looker has gone from basketball player to UW's top receiver / PAGE 9

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Elections '98

Student trails in senate race

Junior Scott Austin garners about 20 percent of the early vote for the State Senate District 20 seat

By Michael Hines
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The first numbers came in a little after 8 p.m. Tuesday, and the Republican candidate for Oregon State Senate was way back. The results had incumbent Susan Castillo winning by a 60 percent margin.

"I'm getting my teeth kicked in," said Austin, who is a triple major at the University of Oregon, with a smile. "It's been a good learning experience."

But he wasn't giving up that early in his race for Senate District 20, which encompasses the University. Only 4.2 percent of the votes had been counted, so he reserved a little hope. He may be reserving hope for a while because absentee ballots may not be counted by Thursday or Friday.

"I won't lose any sleep over it," Austin said before making an exception. "I will if we get to the end of the night and it's 55-45."

The latest results Tuesday night had Castillo defeating Austin 6,558 votes to 1,640 votes, a difference of 59.9 percent.

"He's been just a nice opponent," Castillo said. "It's been interesting. I wasn't really worried [about losing] because I had so much support in my district."

Running against each other was beneficial for both candidates, Castillo said. The two forced each other to discuss sometimes uncomfortable issues, thereby broadening the political agenda.

She said she is especially impressed with Austin for joining the race only two and a half months before the elections and



Susan Castillo and junior Scott Austin pause during the home stretch of their competition.

Turn to SENATE, Page 3

Bars see rise in conflicts with police

While street riots grab headlines, most confrontations and citations occur at bars, according to police

By James Scripps
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Facing intoxicated students and unruly crowds is something Eugene police have always had to deal with, but a trend is developing that illustrates a rift between students and police.

Great attention is often paid to parties that culminate in these clashes, but weekly encounters, mostly in bars, are increasing the number of confrontations and citations this fall to unprecedented levels, Eugene Police Sgt. Rick Gilliam said.

Police, the University and bar owners have been trying new tactics to curb the crowd control problems that have contributed to this climate.

"We've talked with some bar owners and have suggested that they try not to have drink specials that will cause overcrowding," Gilliam said. "We also suggested decreasing the maximum occupancy for fire code. The campus bars sometimes have problems when they get too crowded and people start spilling out into the street. This situation can be a catalyst for riots."

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has also had a hand in tightening the restrictions bar owners have to meet. The OLCC requires that bartenders take a liquor control class for certification to serve alcohol.

Travis Pickett, a bartender at Taylor's Bar and Grill, has taken the course.

"We basically learn how to spot people who have had too much to drink and need to be cut off," Pickett said. "We also learn the restrictions like only allowing one shot per hour."

OLCC works with police to control alcohol-related problems in the campus area. Bars are regularly monitored for permits and fire code violations. OLCC also performs surprise inspections to make sure bars are complying with OLCC policies.

"When we reached overcapacity after the USC game last week, OLCC shut us down at about 12:30 that night," Pickett said.

The OLCC has legal authority to hand out citations and even to make arrests, although they rarely do, Gilliam said. They usually bring in police if it gets to that point.

Gilliam said police are hoping their presence in the campus area will deter people from breaking the law.

"There are two campus officers who are contractually assigned to the campus area, and there are others that can be deployed if trouble starts," he said.

In addition to an increase in the number of citations for alcohol-related infractions and fights, bars have also seen a jump in other destructive behaviors.

"This year has been worse than last year for fights," Pickett said. "But our latest problem has been vandalism."

Bars do not usually have the time to wait for police to remove unruly patrons.

"We usually have three to four guys working the door, so we can usually keep people out," Pickett said. "If someone keeps trying to get back in, we will call the police."

Turn to POLICE, Page 3

Police review board measure comfortably passing

20-99 would give the City Council a second employee to review police action

By Felicity Ayles
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After Saturday's riot repeat, some students may be looking for a better way to voice their concerns about the Eugene Police Department. Measure 20-99 could make it easier for them to do so.

The measure would establish a

citizen's review board, which would give the public a chance to discuss issues with police. The measure would also expedite the hearing process without a citizen having to go to court.

As of late Tuesday night, the measure was passing with 58 percent of the vote.

Charles Dalton, member of the Community And Police Partnership (CAPP), said the new measure has more credibility than the current process. As the law stands now, a citizen can file a complaint with the police, then wait for the

Election Update



KITZHABER

The Incumbent Democratic governor was leading Republican Bill Sizemore.



DEFAZIO

Incumbent Democratic U.S. Rep. Peter Defazio is poised to retain his seat in D.C.

Ballot 55

PASSING

If it passes, the measure allows the guarantee of earnings under tuition trust fund program.

Ballot 57

FAILING

If it fails, the penalty for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana will not increase.

Ballot 59

FAILING

If it fails, it rejects prohibition on using public resources to collect funds in politics.

Ballot 64

FAILING

If it fails, the measure will fend off the restriction of certain timber harvest practices.

Ballot 66

PASSING

If it passes, the measure will dedicate 15 percent of lottery money to environment causes.

Ballot 67

PASSING

If it passes, the measure will allow medical use of marijuana under specific limitations.