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Weather forecast

Today Shows High 50, Low 43
 Wednesday Mostly Cloudy High 50, Low 38

Going bowling

The Sun Bowl or Holiday Bowl are likely destinations for the Oregon football team should they defeat OSU on Saturday / PAGE 5

UO women stumble

Jody Runge was ejected in the Ducks' 72-70 loss to Colorado State on Monday night / PAGE 5

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James Miller/the Lantern (Ohio State University)

Betty Howard of the Anointed Ministries Church of Lancaster hands out food to the homeless near the Ohio State University campus in Columbus, Ohio. Homeless people camp out on city streets in some neighborhoods near the campus.

JSU events focus on awareness

The Jewish Student Union hopes that others will learn about and appreciate their culture

By Erin Snelgrove
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Celebrating Jewish Culture Month continues at the University this week with an informal discussion, a dance and a new moon festival. These events are sponsored by the Jewish Student Union and are intended to promote awareness of Jewish culture.

"I think it's important to have exposure to different cultures and lifestyles here at the University," JSU co-director David Poplack said. "These events will show that Jewish people are members of a cultural community and not members of some archaic religious group. I'm hoping that people who attend these activities will give themselves the opportunity to experience something different."

"Cwoffee Twalk," this week's first scheduled informal lecture will be today from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, EMU room 33.

"Cwoffee Twalk' is an informational forum where students can have an opportunity to discuss and interact with a Jewish professor," Poplack said.

This week, Richard Stein, an English professor, will discuss how the Jewish faith has affected his academic and professional life. He will also talk about the new Judaic Studies program being formed at the University, a program he was instrumental in creating, Poplack said.

Stein believes that the new program will be an important addition to the University.

"The Judaic Studies program is an exciting new program on campus," Stein said.

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Council searches for solutions

Ideas on how to improve neighborhoods near campus may be inspired by schools from across the nation

By David Ryan
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Substandard housing, high crime and large, alcohol-soaked parties are not characteristics unique to the West University Neighborhood — they are a national college condition.

Across the country, there are several neighborhoods with many of the same problems the City of Eugene noted in a

1996 report.

It is called "The Hill" at the University of Colorado at Boulder. At Ohio State University, it covers an area of 300 city blocks. And at the University of California at Berkeley, a student and community agency takes its substandard property owners to small claims court.

In 1996, the state of slum-like campus neighborhoods in other parts of the country triggered the City of Eugene to begin talking about West University, said City Councilor Bobby Lee. He borrowed some strategies from other college campuses to contribute to recommendations in the 1996 report.

The city council will revisit the topic within the next two months, Lee said.

"Some university neighborhoods in other states had clearly gotten to a point where it was difficult to revitalize them," he said.

At the University of Colorado at Boulder, "The Hill" may only take up only three to four city blocks, but it took up 35 percent of the Boulder Police Department's workload in 1996. That year, police set up an annex station similar to the West University public safety station.

The police gained the cooperation of the university and community.

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Problems result in low opinion of University students

Community members are concerned because of the recent riots and irresponsible alcohol use

By David Ryan
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Christmas decorations have already popped up around Eugene as businesses prepare for the holiday season, but many area residents are still worried about last Halloween.

The riots that occurred along several blocks of Alder Street on Oct. 31 are still on the minds of many Eugene residents. In addition to the smashed bottles, pumpkins and street signs, some Eugene residents feel rioters smashed something else — the public's tolerance for drunken University students.

"The awareness level has been

heightened," Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey said. "There are large numbers of people calling into City Hall concerned about this. Like it or not, if I said the perception is that it is not a U of O activity, I would be joking."

Torrey said University students are worried about the public's perception of them, but some residents confirmed the fears of the students Torrey has talked to.

To 40-year-old Sue Adams, who lives in Junction City, the riot was the fault of fraternities.

"I only know what I read in the paper," she said. "I think the parties got out of control. Once the parties get loud and move out into the streets, I think it gets to be a problem. I think it reflects on those fraternity houses."

Adams said she wants the police to take greater control of underage drinking.

"It is getting perceptively worse. The tradition is getting out of hand," she said.

Northwest Eugene resident Dana Wilkonson, 55, said she does not want the police to just crack down on underage drinkers but all student drinkers.

"I think that drinking is the main issue," she said. "I would like the enforcement [of alcohol laws] to be a little bit stronger, but I understand they're too understaffed to do something like that."

She said police did all they could to prevent this year's riot.

"It just seems like they were doing a lot to prepare for it, judging from the newscast," Wilkonson said. "But then I only know what I saw from the newscast."

Wilkonson said she is pessimistic about next Halloween.

"I think it's going to happen again," she said.

Ryan Montgomery, a 21-year-old Lane Community College student and West University resident, said he doesn't have any faith in a police crackdown on alcohol violations.

"[The police] busting everybody down isn't going to stop anything," he said. "What police and students and people in the community need to do is to draft up some kind of 'party constitution.'"

Montgomery said a "party constitution" would work because students would agree to follow something they had help in constructing. Then, he said, students would be able to stop the individual rioters who start the riots.

"The few are hurting everybody else," he said. "We need to get everybody to stop the few."

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