

## OSPIRG

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Brad Schallert, a forest media intern with OSPIRG, said this research is occurring because no studies were done to determine the biodiversity of Fall Creek the first time the area was marked for logging.

Schallert said Clinton has written a plan to protect the forests. He is ex-

pected to announce the plan before he leaves office.

"Basically during the public comment period we have been encouraging students to sign postcards and express their views [about the campaign]," Schallert said.

Many of their campaigns include grass roots activism through informational pamphlets, speakers, and, occasionally, more direct techniques.

OSPIRG members joined a successful national mission to tie up

White House phone lines in October and make the Clinton administration aware that PIRG members want full protection of all forests under the plan. They spent a day outside the EMU with cell phones and encouraged passing students to place a call to the switchboard.

Alysa Castro, project coordinator for Youth Vote 2000, is working with OSPIRG volunteers, the ASUO and the Black Student Union to strengthen the voice of youth in the polls.

Castro said the University is the first in the nation in terms of the amount of registered student voters.

The group also networked with other PIRGs last weekend at Portland State University. Students from the west coast participated in workshops and training.

"I [was] interested in seeing what other campuses have been doing and using them as a resource," Ter-nus said.

## Mathematics

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And Andrey Jackson, who is currently taking a class from Koch, said it's his enthusiasm that sets him apart.

"He is really energetic in class — not boring," he said. "He explains things thoroughly, and is just a good teacher."

But it's not just Koch's students that have noticed his positive attitude but many of his colleagues are also impressed. Stuart Thomas, assistant department head of mathematics, even has a special nickname

for his fellow teacher.

"I refer to him as a 'saint in residence,'" he said. "He is one of the most positive people I have ever been around."

According to math professor Brad Shelton, math is a lot more interesting if you understand it, and Koch knows how to relate math to what students already know.

"He has a good sense of how to communicate with students and keep them interested," he said.

Koch's teaching style has also been noted by his students, who said his method of teaching math like it has a

plot helps them grasp the concepts.

"At the start of the term, you meet the characters," Koch said. "And as time goes on you discover that they aren't as inconsequential as you first thought. They are significant, and by the last week, the ideas come together."

Thomas said Koch is so popular, the math department doesn't want to lose him.

"Students love him," he said. "He is going to retire in a year or two and we are wondering how we are going to replace him."

Koch said he plans to retire at the

end of next year, but that the math department has had some truly dynamic young people join the department, so they won't be at a loss. But some students who have come to depend on Koch for lively classes said they would miss him when he retires.

Roxanne Cole, a freshman computer science major, is among them.

"I heard that he is one of the best teachers on the West Coast," she said.

## Elections

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"They're all procrastinators," Markham said.

Procrastinators or not, when everyone arrives tonight, they will be surrounded by campaign signs and decorations provided by the candidates and committees.

Two televisions will broadcast election results as they are counted, but will show only results of contested races. About every hour, up-

dates for all races will be counted by the Elections Department, assembled on paper and passed out to candidates and committees.

The party is a bit smaller than it has been in the past.

"It's scaled down this year," Kimball said. The television stations "used to do their broadcasts from here."

But this year, the only television station broadcasting from Election Central 2000 will be Metro, the local government TV station. All other media will sit at tables lined against the walls of the large hall. Phone lines

were installed for reporters to call information to their offices, and results will be provided to reporters who requested electronic results so they can e-mail them back to their stations.

Markham said that during the primaries, anarchists harassed Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey, who was running for re-election, each time he was on camera. In response, this year three security officers, two from on-site security and one from the Eugene Police Department, will be there in case anything out of the ordinary should happen.

## Calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 7

**Model United Nations:** Weekly meeting offers students an opportunity to learn about various cultures, current international issues and how the United Nations works. 5 p.m. Century Room D, EMU. Free.

**International Film Series:** Yugoslavia's "When Father Was Away on Business" is part of a "Coming of Age" series of films shown in their original language with English subtitles. 7 p.m. Room 122 Pacific Hall. Free.

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