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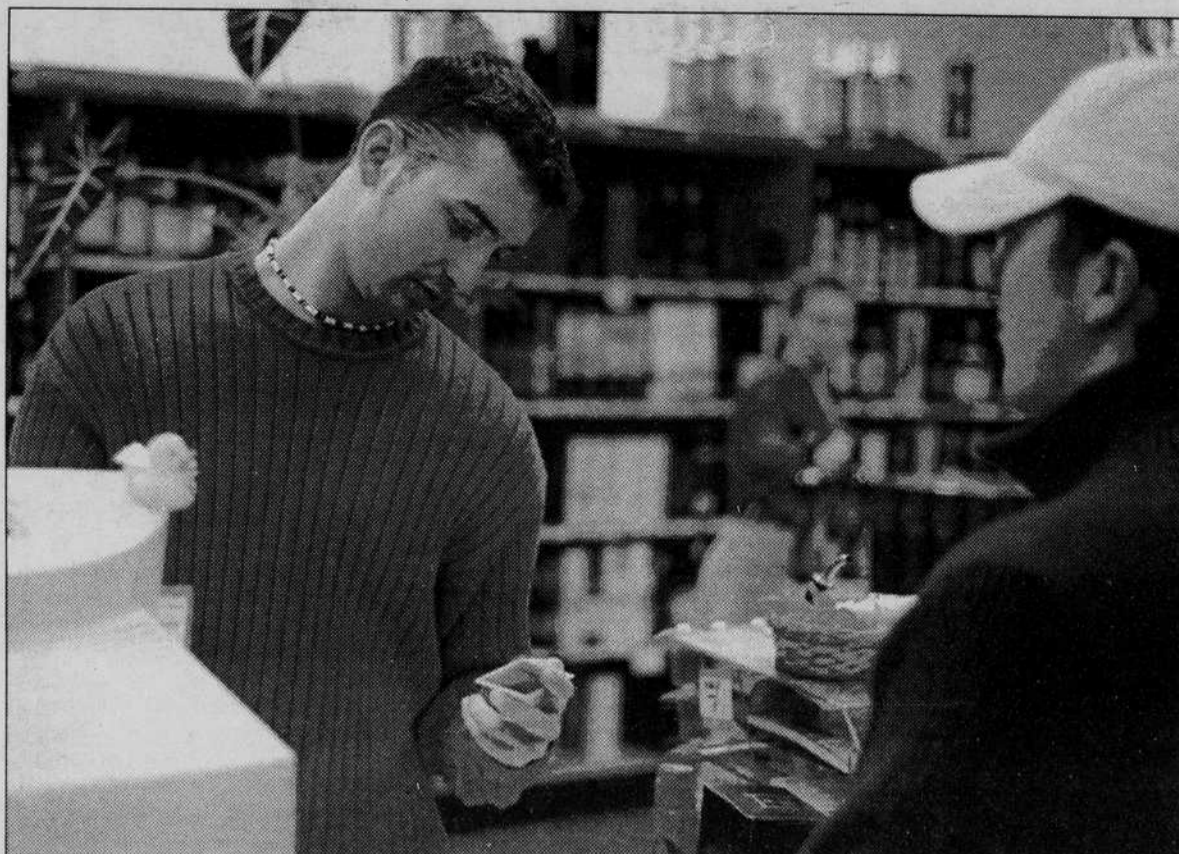
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University student and store clerk Jim Thomson checks the identification of Jason Schwisow, also a University student, at the Willamette Plaza Liquor Store, where the business of students is extremely common.

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## OLCC

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"drug-of-choice for underage folks." Last year OLCC conducted 90 sting operations on stores and bars in Lane County and the surrounding area; the commission's goal is to check 10 percent of Oregon's 8,000 licensees statewide.

No matter what measures are taken, minors still seem to be making their way to local bars and liquor stores.

"There's always people that slide by who have a good ID," Cheerful Tortoise bartender Billy Brown said. He said if he forgot to check an ID and was caught, he would be fined \$150 and lose his job.

"It's not worth it to let in anyone underage," Brown said.

Zorah Rose, owner of Premium Pour Bartending School and bartender at the Wild Duck Brewery, agreed.

"You order a drink, and I'll ask for ID. I have to see it or you can't drink," Rose said. If she cards someone and their ID is fake, Rose confiscates it.

"I'm not out to get someone in

trouble," she said. "But if I hand that ID back, they're gonna do it again."

Rose estimates that 2 percent of IDs she checks are fake — most commonly the ID is just someone else's, and she uses methods to determine whether it's legitimate or not.

"I turn to the person next to them and ask, 'Is this your friend? What's your friend's name?'" Rose said. Often, they can't say.

State-issued identification cards are a popular way for minors to bypass the age gap, because a driver's license doesn't have to be used and the cards are easy to get.

"Some people will come zooming up here in a brand new Beamer with brand new clothes on and pull out an ID card," Coldeen said. "Technically we could turn them in (if they're minors)."

He added that students should think twice before drinking alcohol if they're underage.

"It's just not worth it," Coldeen said. "The one time you get caught, it's over."

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## OLCC tightens minor in possession laws

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission is cracking down on youths with minor in possession charges who don't show up in court. Previous procedures allowed offenders to skip their court dates without consequence.

Starting Jan. 1, courts have been suspending the driver's licenses of offenders who fail to make their scheduled appearance, as mandated by the Oregon legislature with the passage of H.B. 2560 last session.

Now, minors charged with an MIP who don't show up in court will lose their license and get a fine.

OLCC lauded the new liquor law.

"It's an effective tool to get the attention of minors when it comes to underage drinking," OLCC director Pamela Erickson said. "It will act as a deterrent to young people who find that having a car is a very important part of life."

— Brook Reinhard

## PFC

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by the PFC (last year)," he said.

PFC granted an increase of more than \$15,000 to Campus Recycling. The group, which previously put budget requests on the ballot, has a budget of \$100,000 this year. PFC increased the Campus Recycling budget because of rising labor costs and expanded programs.

Campus Recycling requested a \$25,000 increase because the program has not received an increase in funding in 10 years, but PFC members said they did not want to grant such a large increase in just one year.

Hearings for Project Saferide and its new counterpart, Night Ride, were

scheduled for Thursday but could not be held because of time constraints. Both groups' hearings have been rescheduled for 5 p.m. Feb. 5.

During a 10-hour hearing session Jan. 26, PFC decided budgets for four programs previously funded by ballot — the University Counseling and Testing Center, the Career Center, the Mentor Program and the SRC. PFC allocated \$537,428 for the SRC 2002-2003 budget. This year, SRC will receive about \$382,951 in incidental fees.

Increased utility costs accounted for about \$95,000 of the increase SRC received, Madden said. In the past, the University has picked up the tab for SRC utilities, but in 2002-03, half of utilities expenses will

come out of the SRC budget, she said. The increase will also allow SRC to hire someone for a new "preventative maintenance" position to repair exercise equipment, she said.

PFC hearings scheduled on Monday include the Returning Students Association and Model UN. On Tuesday, PFC hearings include the Disability Services Project, Lane Transit District, and ASUO Legal Services. Hearings scheduled Thursday include the ASUO Executive and Designated Driver Shuttle.

A complete PFC hearings schedule for Jan. 28 through 31 is available online at www.dailyemerald.com.

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