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April Showers?



Occasional sun breaks on campus brought some students outside to study Thursday afternoon. A dreary week of cold weather and rain has kept many inside.

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Greek chapters face changing to alcohol-free

■ The alcohol-free living proposal, requiring greek chapters to go dry in order to remain affiliated with the University, will be decided upon in May

By Kara Cogswell
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Like most of the men in Beta Theta Pi, sophomore Taylor Lewis said he doesn't drink at every party at the fraternity. Members are required to maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and studying is a priority, he said. Still, he considers the social aspect of fraternity life just as important as the academic side, and he doesn't see anything wrong with that.

"For us, the social scene is huge ... It works hand-in-hand with the academics," he said. "It's just people having a good time."

Lewis, who is in charge of risk management for the house, said parties at his house are restricted to people members know, and drinking at the fraternity is under control.

"100 percent of the guys in my house know when to go to bed," he said.

But not everyone at the University agrees that drinking in greek houses is harmless fun.

The University's nine sororities and five of the 15 fraternities already have alcohol-free housing, and for the past year administrators, greek advisers and some alumni and students have been discussing how to end drinking in all University chapters.

At a meeting attended by fraternity and sorority presidents, members of the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council last week, it was announced that all greek houses must have alcohol-free housing by this fall in order to remain affiliated with the University. University spokeswoman Pauline Austin said University President Dave Frohnmayer is expected to approve the policy, but right now he is still considering it. A final decision is expected in May.

Associated Vice President for Student Affairs Anne Leavitt said the announcement at the meeting of greek student leaders was unexpected, and caught many who attended by surprise. Administrators and Greek Life advisers had planned to talk with members of greek houses about the alcohol-free housing initiative this month before it was an-

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University research may yield profit if Ballot Measure 10 passes

■ Voters will decide whether universities should receive profits for research in the May 21 primaries

By Darren Freeman
 Oregon Daily Emerald

The University could own stock in its own research if voters approve a state ballot measure that would legalize the practice.

Ballot Measure 10 on the May 21 primary election ballot would allow companies to purchase and market university-developed products with company stock instead of cash, a transaction currently barred by the Oregon Constitution.

Supporters say passage of the measure would not only increase revenue for universities but would also encourage small business growth, which could create jobs and help stimulate the strug-

gling Oregon economy.

"Most of the job growth in the U.S. has come from small companies," said Jim Coonan, Oregon University System director of business alliances. "They've got terrific ideas, but they don't have the cash to acquire those ideas."

Measure 10, Coonan said, would give start-up companies lacking capital more access to potentially profitable ideas and inventions, and universities would stand to profit along with successful new businesses, Coonan said.

Though nobody wrote an argument against the measure for the state voter pamphlet, an opponent of the measure, tax activist Don McIntire, said the proposal has drawbacks.

"If a university starts angling to participate

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State Ballot Measure 10 on the May 21 primary election ballot would amend the state constitution to allow public colleges and universities to own stock in businesses using scholarly research conducted in Oregon.



Kathie Shaw-Bassett and her 10-month-old daughter Emma participate in a study at Electrical Geodesics Inc. using an EEG device to map patterns of mother/child brain activity during breast feeding. Ballot Measure 10 would allow companies like Electrical Geodesics to purchase and market university-developed products.

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