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AMENDMENT

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not up to the ability to make the decision," he said.

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., who is also seeking the nomination, said, "I don't personally support gay marriage myself. My position has always been that it's for the states to decide."

Cheryl Jacque, president of the Human Rights Campaign, a gay and lesbian group, said the proposed amendment runs counter to the spirit of other constitutional amendments that expanded, rather than restricted, individual rights.

"To use the Constitution to discriminate against our families is un-American, shameful and divisive," Jacque said.

In his announcement, Bush blamed "activist judges," among others, for overriding the will of the people. He acknowledged that the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act already provides many of the protections he seeks — such as allowing states to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages approved by other states — but

he said more permanent protection is needed.

"There is no assurance that the Defense of Marriage Act will not itself be struck down by activist courts," Bush said. "In that event, every state would be forced to recognize any relationship that judges in Boston or officials in San Francisco choose to call a marriage."

A constitutional amendment requires approval of two-thirds of both the House and Senate, and then must be ratified by the legislatures of 38 states. That portends years of struggle over a marriage amendment.

Another option is convening a constitutional convention, but that is extremely unlikely.

The president's decision to back a marriage amendment after months of resisting pressure from conservative groups to do so guarantees that the issue — and the broader issue of gay rights — will factor prominently in the upcoming campaign.

The issue of gay marriage is not going to replace the economy or the war in Iraq as a top voter concern, experts said. But it is a crucial issue for social

conservatives whose energetic support Bush needs in November.

The Gallup Organization found in a recent poll that about 60 percent of Americans oppose legalizing same-sex marriage, but less than half of them want to see the Constitution amended to ban such marriages. The poll also showed that while the issue overall is important to Republicans, it is of much less concern to Democrats and independents.

Currently, no states recognize same-sex marriage, although the Massachusetts court ruling would require that state to begin issuing marriage licenses to homosexual couples starting May 17.

Vermont has legalized "civil unions" that confer state-level benefits and responsibilities to same-sex couples. Thirty-eight states have laws explicitly banning same-sex marriage.

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JUSTICES

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Strawn said knowledge of student government was the most important factor for him in selecting the appointees.

"The thing you probably look for the most is an understanding of the rules of the (ASUO) Green Tape Notebook and ASUO Constitution," Strawn said. "Beyond that, you look for someone with a sort of level-head-

ed decision-making process."

Derrick, co-chairman of the University's College Democrats, said he was excited about his appointment to the court.

"It feels great," he said. "I'm looking forward to my confirmation hearing (Wednesday) night, and if I'm appointed I'm looking forward to getting to work."

Melton said she doesn't anticipate any problems with the confirmation hearing. Strawn said he hasn't heard

of any opposition to the nominees, but he gave no guarantees of easy approvals.

"I really hate predicting stuff like that," he said.

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TRIAL

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with "discovery," a list of evidence and witnesses. Both attorneys agreed to reschedule the trial so the prosecution could interview witnesses.

Eugene Municipal Court Associate Judge Mary Jane Mori said Morales' next court appearance will be in front of a jury; however, a jury trial could be bypassed if either a plea agreement is reached or the prosecutor drops the charges.

The City Prosecutor's Office wouldn't comment on the case.

Officers from the Eugene Police Department cited Morales for allegedly assaulting University senior Erica Hass early on the morning of Sept. 12 near Taylor's Bar and Grill, at 894 East 13th Ave.

Morales pleaded innocent to the charges on Oct. 22.

During the investigation, Hass told an officer that Morales ran at her screaming, shoved her down, dragged

her by her ankle for 15 to 20 feet and smashed her cell phone.

Morales told police that Hass fell because she was drunk, and her cell phone was destroyed because she threw it at him and he threw it back.

Morales could face as much as a \$500 fine and/or 100 days in jail if found guilty of assault and a \$2,500 fine and/or 100 days in jail if found guilty of criminal mischief in the second degree.

— Jared Paben

CORRECTIONS

In "Rally protests pending policy change" (ODE, Feb. 24), Praxis' quote should have read: "Let us each use whatever means we have available to us to ensure that this destruction does not happen, because our liberation is tied up with theirs."

In "Parking fix is a swerve in the right direction" (ODE, Feb. 24), DPS was misidentified as EPD in regard to which agency checks parking permits.

In "Colorado situation provides problems" (ODE, Feb. 24), the word "alleged" was left out when discussing an alleged rape.

In "KWVA renovates despite funding issues" (ODE, Feb. 24), KWVA DJ Peter Weinberger, who appeared in the accompanying picture, was misidentified in the photo caption.

The Emerald regrets the errors.

Today's crossword solution

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