

Students to fill out dorm poll

What is wrong with the University's dormitories? About 700 students will answer that general question in a poll by a Portland marketing-research firm beginning today on campus. Their answers will be compiled in a report to the State Board of Higher Education in June.

Authorized by the State Board at its Jan. 25 meeting, the study will be in the form of a questionnaire, dealing

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with "what the problems are in the dorms," according to State System of Higher Education Vice-Chancellor Freeman Holmer.

The study, which will be undertaken for three days this week, was commissioned by the Board "for future guidance," Holmer said, because of "a concern by the Board over the decline in dorm occupancy this year."

After the Board receives the results in June, prepared by the Bardsley and Haslackler marketing and research firm, "then we will consider some changes" for the dorms, the Vice-Chancellor said.

Funding for the survey, which will amount to about \$4200 according to University Housing Director H.P. Barnhart, will come out of the dormitory reserve funds, Holmer said.

Bardsley and Haslackler's survey-poll will be in three parts:

- First, 300 students who are presently living in the dorms will be given the questionnaire.
- Next, about 200 former residents will be queried with the same questionnaire.
- Last, 200 of those students who have never lived in the dorms before will answer it.

Those students filling out the forms were selected in a "scientifically random" sample. A list of these students was provided to the firm by the University Housing Office and these students were then notified by the firm.

Students who received letters from the marketing and research firm will meet with the representatives from 10 to 10:30 a.m. and 2 to 2:30 p.m. today, Wednesday or Thursday, in 101 EMU.

Follow-up interviews for those who miss their appointments are being planned to make sure all the participants answer the questionnaire.

Assistant Director of University Housing Dick Romm said the questionnaires should take 20 to 30 minutes to complete for each student.

Questions to be asked in the poll will deal with all facets of dorm life, including food, hours, building structure, cost and the night watchlady.

White House report says

The American dream is dying

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WASHINGTON (AP)—A study being explored by the White House Conference on Youth indicates less than half the nation's young believe in "the American dream."

Asked their opinion on the statement, "Everyone has a chance to get ahead in this country," only 39 per cent of 5,837 youths between the ages of 14 and 24 questioned by the Gilbert Youth Research Corp. agreed.

The study is part of 10 task-force reports prepared for the conference called next week by President Nixon in Estes Park, Colo., to consider problems of the nation's young.

"We propose that the Indochina war be made the first order of business of the conference and call for an immediate and complete withdrawal from that conflict," says the task force on employment and the economy. "It has become clear that the

Indochina war is an overwhelming issue with ramifications in many areas being explored by the conference," it says. "We have tried to look beyond the war, but we keep coming back to its impact."

It also calls for establishing diplomatic relations with every nation in the world.

The task force on poverty hits at what it calls Congress' willingness to knuckle under to demands of local politicians for control of federal antipoverty programs.

It recommends replacement of the welfare system with "an income program which guarantees every person in America sufficient cash income for decent and adequate standards of food, shelter and clothing."

The task force on drugs could come to no agreement on whether marijuana should be legalized. Instead, it calls for "acceptance of unconventional drug programs run and controlled by individuals

involved in the drug subculture."

Of 1,500 delegates scheduled to attend the conference, 1,000 are between the ages of 14 and 24. They will base their deliberations on the task force reports.

Conference literature says 20 per cent are college students, 40 per cent high school students, 35 per cent working youths and 5 per cent in the military.

The youth conference is being held outside Washington for the first time. Critics have charged it is set for remote Estes Park to keep some distance between it and the Nixon administration and away from the Washington Press Corps.

Onetime Nixon aide Stephen Hess organized the conference and appointed adult leaders of 12-member task forces.

From around the country the task-force chairmen chose the delegates, some nominated by community organizations, some by congressmen and some by themselves.

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ASUO sets elections, primaries

ASUO elections for President and Vice-President will take place May 20 and 21.

Primary elections are scheduled for May 10 and 11.

In addition to the President and Vice-President positions for next year, the following positions will be determined: 15 Senatorial positions, sophomore, junior and senior class presidents and vice-presidents, three delegates to the Inter-institutional Union of Students of the State System of Higher Education (IUSOSSHE),

and six delegates to the NSA congress to be held this summer.

Students interested in filing for these positions must do so by 5 p.m. April 30 in 307 EMU or the ASUO offices.

Only requirement for students wishing to file is that they are a University student with a current student body card.

Additional information pertaining to the responsibilities of these positions may be obtained from Mike Kment, 307 EMU, or call ext. 3724.

Positions open for spring term elections

ASUO PRESIDENT: (Duties: responsible for the administration of all legislation enacted by the Senate; nominates to the President of the University student members of student-faculty committees, various ad-hoc committees; hires with the approval of the Senate directors of the various programs, as well as his own staff, and any other appointments he deems necessary, responsible for submission of ASUO budget, veto power over any legislation passed by the Senate, and is generally the primary spokesman for students at the University of Oregon.)

ASUO VICE-PRESIDENT: (Duties: assumes all duties in absence of president and all duties assigned by the President, responsible for ASUO Elections.)

ASUO SENATE: Senate-at-Large Positions 7, 8, 9; Off-Campus Positions 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27; Dormitory Senator Positions 6, 7. (Duties—All legislative power in this organization rests with the

Senate, including investigative and reporting powers concerning all areas of student life, can withhold class activities and functions, may impeach officers of the organization, and probably most importantly appropriates money for the ASUO budget (approximately \$140,000) and passes on a complete incidental fee budget which in the past has included the Athletic Dept., Health Service and Gym Suit and towel service as well as Erb Memorial Union and Educational activities subsidy amounting to over 1.2 million dollars.)

IUSOSSHE DELEGATES (3): (Duties: represent the University of Oregon at statewide level organization that becomes the official state-wide spokesman for 50,000 students.)

NSA DELEGATES (6): (Duties—represent student body at national-level association of which University is part; travel to Nation Congress late in the summer.)

Verification center to spike rumors

The University's own rumor control center has been established on campus.

Called the Verification Center, the agency has been instituted on an experimental basis to serve as a central source of information confirming or denying rumors in an emergency situation.

The center will be activated when an emergency situation exists and will be staffed by members of an advisory board and other students and staff.

Verified information from the Center will be by telephone. The number is ext. 3050. Anyone wishing information about a rumor or emergency situation at the University is asked to call this number. The caller will then be connected with the Center, housed in the Office of Campus Security.

If the information is not available at the moment, the caller will be asked to call back when the verified information is available.

Personnel in the Center are trained to collect and disseminate information to the caller. Workers will contact various campus offices such as campus security, the Emerald or Johnson Hall for information in a time of need.

The Verification Center was established as a response to a need expressed by students, faculty and administrators. Heading the student-faculty advisory board is John Shepherd of the division of broadcast services. The board has been meeting since fall term to plan the center.

Meningitis case 'serious'; incubation period over

University student, Judy Madden, 18, is reported still in serious condition at Sacred Heart Hospital as of press time Monday night after she was admitted Friday for spinal meningitis.

Dr. Avarad Long, a University Health Service physician who has been handling Miss Madden's case, reported that the incubation period of three to four days is over and that those students who were concerned about any contact they may have had with Judy before she was admitted to the Health Center Thursday may now ease their minds.

Miss Madden, a resident of Thornton Hall in Bean Complex, was taken to the Health Center Thursday after experiencing severe muscle pain, vomiting and delirium Wednesday night.

Friday she was admitted into Sacred Heart after Dr. Herbert Lemon, another University Health Service physician, made the presumptive diagnosis of spinal meningitis. He was proven right.

Dr. Long emphasized that students need not worry about contacting the disease from Judy's case as the incubation period is now over. He did mention, however, that the disease starts out something like the flu with headaches, high fever and muscle stiffness.