

Snort any procaine lately?

The cumulative results of the Drug Analysis project of the Drug Information Center (DIC) shows that many people who think that they are buying cocaine (and paying up to \$75 per gram) are getting xylocaine or procaine, both used as local anesthetics by dentists.

In fact, DIC Director Mark Miller notes their study shows 63 per cent of all the drugs analyzed through the DIC were adulterated in some way.

The report indicated of some 31 alleged samples of mescaline tested, none contained mescaline and 27 contained LSD. Similarly there were 28 alleged samples of psilocybin, only one of which

actually contained psilocybin.

Miller expressed satisfaction at the success of the project. He explained that the DIC itself does not handle any drugs. Persons wishing to have a drug analyzed call up the DIC and describe the sample. A DIC staff member gives them a code-number that identifies their sample. The person then sends the sample to Pharm-Chem Laboratories in Palo Alto, California.

The lab sends the DIC a sample-by-sample analysis of the drugs they've received which are then listed by the DIC by code-number. The results are published in the Emerald and Register-Guard and available by telephoning the DIC for a specific sample.

Miller remarked that he has noted a change in the drug profile of the University community. "There is a greater demand for organic drugs," remarked Miller, referring to such substances as mescaline and psilocybin as opposed to LSD or MDA.

Despite the popularity of so-called organic drugs, many of the samples did not turn out to be what they claimed. A frequent adulterator, or substance found in samples, is PCP, commonly used as an animal tranquilizer. Miller commented that this ingredient has been found frequently in samples of cocaine.

Non-pharmaceutical, or street drugs, are the most heavily represented in the analyses issued by the DIC each week. However, some pharmaceuticals, such as amphetamines and barbiturates, do turn up occasionally. These drugs are frequently identifiable by their packaging and trademarks.

The DIC also makes itself available to persons wishing information on prescription and non-prescription medication. The staff has a library available on a check-out basis for students wishing to use it. Miller said the DIC can get specialized information through medical computer networks upon request.

ACT acts

Rent hike opposed

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The Amazon Cooperating Tenant's Union (ACT) will oppose the \$13.10 rent increase proposed by the University Housing Office for the Amazon married student housing project. The increase is scheduled to begin July 1.

According to ACT's steering committee, ACT still has numerous questions about some aspects of the fiscal policy and formally stands in opposition to the proposed rent increase.

ACT successfully fought a rent increase last summer on the grounds that the University failed to show conclusively the need for such an increase.

"This time the Housing Office has made a cash accounting of Amazon," explained Dennis

Gilbert, a member of ACT's steering committee. "It is claimed that we will have a net loss of \$30,000 for 1972-73. This has to be seen in some perspective. In 1971-72 Amazon showed a cash increase of \$10,000.

Somewhere, Amazon has had new expenses of \$40,000. Our expenses for 71-72 were \$121,000, so this amounts to quite an unusual increase."

"We wanted to meet with the University to decide criteria for any possible rent increase. We really wanted to avoid the kind of thing that happened last year," said Gilbert.

ACT considers the rent increase to be only part of a greater issue — the overall relationship between the University and the Amazon residents.

According to ACT, the University has rejected the ACT negotiations position and has continually denied the representative nature of the union. Therefore ACT has stated that until the administration publicly recognizes the representative nature of ACT, ACT will discontinue discussion on the rent situation.

The relationship which exists between the tenant's union and the University is of great concern to the steering committee. Carol Reich, a member of the committee said that "as of now, ACT has no more weight than the voice of a single tenant."

Thursday in a letter to Gerald Bogen, vice president of Student Services, ACT's negotiating committee stated: "We feel that before discussion of any substantive issue can take place the University must show a greater manifestation of sincerity by recognizing and insuring the representative nature of ACT and by making a more detailed reply to ACT's negotiating document."

"We have every hope that the University will respond in good faith and will recognize ACT as representing the residents of Amazon," said Reich.

"We want to stress that ACT has been very reasonable," stated Gilbert. "An objective look at the history of ACT and its dealings with the University shows this. Besides, we have no reason to be 'unreasonable'. Amazon residents have full time study, work, and home commitments. We don't have time for irrational crusades.

"Besides that, ACT, as a representative of the residents of Amazon, cannot expect the support of residents if ACT takes unfounded and irrational positions. Active people in ACT have no reason to see ACT fail," Gilbert said.

"Amazon is self-supporting and we want to see that it stays self-supporting," said Gilbert. "We actually help other students by showing that low-rent housing is possible."

ACT is currently looking into finding out what is the fairest way of distributing costs and what expenses are necessary, explained Gilbert.

"We have found things we don't agree with in the audit prepared for the housing office. When we investigate further we will have an idea of what we want the rent to be. This will be discussed throughout the project," said Gilbert. "From what we know already, said Gilbert, we definitely oppose the increase."

ACT is also investigating a proposal which would change procedures for establishing married student rent rates that

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