

Despite flu deaths, campus shots on

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The University and Lane County plan to go ahead with swine flu shots despite the shut down of inoculation centers in nine other states following the death of 11 persons receiving the vaccination this week.

Eight states temporarily stopped vaccinations after an announcement Tuesday that three people had died in Pittsburg after receiving flu shots.

Despite the shutdowns in other states, the University is still gearing up for its inoculation program scheduled for the first week in November. Lane County will begin to administer shots Tuesday.

While health officials stress there are no known connections between the deaths and the vaccine program, Texas, Wisconsin, Louisiana, Vermont, Alaska, Maine, New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Illinois (except Chicago) have temporarily canceled inoculation programs.

Authorities pointed out that most of the victims were elderly and most had a history of heart trouble.

Les Coor, manager of the State Health Division's immunization unit says all 36 Oregon counties are proceeding according to their original immunization program. He talked with health officials in each county to confirm the state's intention to continue the program.

Locally, the Lane County Health Department plans to go ahead with its schedule for immunization of elderly and chronically ill patients in a series of clinics beginning next Tuesday.

Dr. Avar Long, director of the Student Health Center has expressed his concern over the deaths.

"If there's many more problems," he says, "everyone is going to have to take a close look at the situation."

The campus inoculation program will probably vaccinate 20,000 people, "if everything goes right," according to Long.

The University Health Center has received many calls regarding the new developments in the national inoculation program. "We've had inquiries, but were not in any position to express an opinion," stated Long.

Visitor info booth opens

Starting next week, visitors won't have to get lost on campus anymore.

A new information kiosk will be situated near the University main entrance on Franklin Boulevard.

The booth will be located on 13th Avenue in front of Oregon Hall. Student employees of campus security will man the booth.

"The attendants will be able answer general questions, show direct routes, and issue visitor parking permits," says Oakley Glenn, campus security director.

"Visitors will be able to drive up right to the kiosk and ask the attendant for directions to various buildings or visitor parking lots," Glenn said.

Special parking permits can be issued to the visitors who have business to take care of in Oregon Hall. The permits will allow visitors to park in reserved spaces on 13th Avenue.

General information and maps can also be obtained at the booth.

KWAX adds programs

KWAX-FM, the University's student-operated radio station, has announced new programming including weekly broadcasts of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, special dinner-hour music and two operas in November.

The programming changes include:

Chicago Symphony Orchestra — Concerts will be broadcast each Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Dinner music — From 6:30 to 8 p.m. each evening a program called "Serenade" will feature lighter selections from a collection of

classical music.

Public affairs — Every weekday at 3:30 p.m. KWAX will carry National Public Radio's hour-long "Options" series, which takes an in-depth look at some facet of the world. "Options in Education" is featured each Monday.

Listener feedback — Thursday and Sunday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m. listeners can call 686-4245 to ask questions and explain what type of music they would like to hear.

KWAX, a non-commercial station, operates at 91.1 MHz.

Ballot amendment will abolish class offices

Three constitutional amendments will appear on the ASUO primary election ballots Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 20 and 21.

One amendment calls for the elimination of class office. It will delete sections in the constitution referring to those positions and a section will be added to read: "Persons holding class offices or elected to class offices in October of 1976 shall hold their positions until June 12, 1977. At that point their terms will expire."

A second amendment will change Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) terms to two years. An enabling clause in the amendment makes the term of the top four elected members two years. The remaining three members will serve a one-year term.

After this year's election, four of the seven IFC members will be elected in even numbered years. The remaining three members will be elected in odd-numbered years. Each year, twice the number of candidates as there are openings will advance to the general election.

The last amendment will change the election of EMU board members to spring term, when election of ASUO president, Student University Affairs Board members and OSPIRG is held.

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