

Just one for the road Transients visit dorm showers

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Oregon Jam and the Country Fair brought more than money to the area, according to the University security office.

Security director Oakley Glenn says that transients — concert and fair-goers who came to Eugene with "inadequate funds" for food and lodging — apparently used University dorms to freshen up after the hot events.

Most of the transients only wanted to use dorm showers, Glenn says, although some were after free meals. The transients, who entered the dorms by following students, generally left when asked, he says.

"We can always point out that the Willamette River is right over there."

Glenn says some transients were reported by dorm residents, while campus security officers spotted others. Transients are easy to pick out because they appear lost and don't look like University students, he says.

"They look like some of the normal students we had a few years back."

Glenn says the opening of the Autzen Stadium parking lot to campers during Oregon Jam prevented campers from "spreading out around the countryside." However, some fans did sleep under bushes on campus, he says.

Last week, another group of transients appeared on campus to purchase tickets for the Aug. 16 Grateful Dead concert, Glenn says.

A number of Grateful Dead fans camped all night outside McArthur Court to ensure themselves choice tickets, but campus security allowed the orderly Deadheads to keep their piece of the block.

Deadheads follow the group from city-to-city, he said, and it would be difficult to break up a waiting line for a University-sponsored concert.

University Housing Director Dan Williams says transients are a common problem in the summer. Eugene attracts a large number of hitchhikers, bicyclists and train-hoppers because of its location, he says.

But housing takes special precautions on concert days, Williams says, including a 24-hour lockup of dorms.

Glenn says there has been no problem this summer with bike-tourists trying to stay on campus. He says he has reached an understanding with cyclists in the past, and the word has spread. Although the University is a public institution, it legally still is private property, he says.

"(The University) doesn't belong to the general public — it's not a playground."



'HEY LADY, MIND IF I SLEEP HERE FOR A COUPLE 'O' NIGHTS?'

Graphic by Max DeRungs

'Fake' drugs inundate market, expert warns

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Drug fraud — the practice of selling over-the-counter pharmaceuticals in place of narcotics — remains a growing problem in Eugene, says a University drug counselor.

Jerry Beck of the University's Drug Information Center says drug buyers often pay a lot of money on the street for drug-store or mail-order stimulants, thinking they are purchasing a more powerful substance.

Pills or capsules that can be purchased legally for five or 10 cents apiece are being sold on the street as pharmaceutical "speed" or amphetamines for as much as \$2, Beck says.

Quantities of "fake cocaine" also are showing up at the center for analysis, he says.

According to Beck, this substance contains a combination of Ephedrine (a decongestant stimulant sold over-the-counter) and a local anesthetic such as Tetracaine or Procaine.

The decongestant provides the "speed" effect and the an-

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esthetic gives a numbing effect that doesn't affect the central nervous system.

"What's selling on the street for \$100 to \$120 a gram should be going for \$5 to \$10 a gram," Beck says.

Likewise, replicas of the

pharmaceutical Quaalude "Lemon 714s" that are being sold on the street as "Lennon 714s" contain a combination of two over-the-counter antihistamines that have a sedation as a side effect.

"This is similar to what you get in a sleeping tablet," he explains.

Beck says profit is the only motive behind the substitutions, and he says he encourages people to call the center before buying a drug they are unsure about. The center provides drug analysis and identification, in addition to educational and research services.

Two other drugs, MDM and its counterpart MDA (3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine) are appearing more often on the current drug scene, Beck says. MDM and MDA are derivatives

of safrole, an oil found in sassafras and nutmeg.

MDA was popular in the 1960's, according to Beck, and now is making a comeback. MDM, similar to MDA in effects, was not seen until a few years ago.

'Both MDM and MDA are powerful drugs and deserve a lot of respect.'

"Both are powerful drugs and deserve a lot of respect and caution," he says.

Beck calls the effects of the drugs "paradoxical." While they are supposed to bring on feelings of relaxation, both contain amphetamine derivatives that often produce amphetamine-like side effects, he says.

"The user often reports an increased feeling of closeness to others, a strong desire for communication and a lowering of defense barriers."

"This makes this an attractive drug — often seen as a problem-solving drug."

The "benefits" of MDA and MDM always should be weighed against the costs, Beck advises, though little research actually has been done on the drugs' physical effects.

The two drugs appear to be particularly hard on the liver and immunology system, he says, and if the drug user isn't in good health, there is a good chance a cold or flu can follow.

Women often experience a recurrence of genital and urinary tract infections with MDA or MDM use, he adds.

Classified staff OKs contract, avoids strike

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The University chapter of the Oregon Public Employees Union overwhelmingly approved its proposed two-year contract at last week's election, according to results released Monday.

The 429 to 76 vote prevented a strike by the University's more than 600 classified employees that automatically would have been called if the contract had been rejected.

The new contract includes a \$55 per month raise retroactive to July 1 and an 11-percent salary increase over the next 20 months for all OPEU members. The contract also includes free health and dental insurance and a "fair share" clause that requires all classified staff to pay union dues, whether or not they

are union members.

According to final results, 85 percent voted in favor of the contract at the polls last Monday and Tuesday, with 80 percent of the University's classified staff turning out for the vote.

Beckie Bragg, president of the University OPEU chapter, says she is "a little surprised" both by the high voter turn-out and the number who voted in favor of the contract.

"I think an awful lot of it had to do with the economy," she says.

Many classified employees were not pleased with the contract, but they also felt that they could not afford to strike, Bragg says.

Around the state, all but two of the 45 OPEU agencies combined to approve the \$84 million contract by a three-to-one margin. Only the Fair and

Exposition Center — which has 20 employees — and the Division of State Lands — which has 13 employees — rejected the contract.

Ray Hawk, vice-president for administration and finance, says he is not surprised that such a large percentage of University OPEU members voted for the contract.

Widespread publicity about the state's fiscal blight and high unemployment in Oregon probably influenced OPEU members to a large extent, he says.

Even though the salary increases contained in the contract may not reflect those being offered in some school districts, the fringe benefit package has been improved, Hawk says.

"It's a relief to know that something is settled," he says.