

Outbreak of flu-like sickness linked to bacteria in raw milk

Here's sickening news for busy students: there's a new disease on campus - new, that is, to the University, and to other college campuses.

Campylobacter bacteria - which forced the shut-down of a Corvallis dairy last spring - appears to be on the increase in Oregon, according to University physician Jim Jackson.

Sixteen University students have come down with the disease in the past six months - one of them since the beginning of fall term, Jackson says. Although most of the students recovered within a few days, Jackson says some students had to go to the hospital for several days.

"It can be relatively serious," he says.

Symptoms of the disease closely resemble those of the flu, but students experiencing "fairly significant" stomach cramps and diarrhea should be checked for campylobacter, he says, adding that the diarrhea may be watery and contain blood.

All cases of the disease must be reported to the health department, and students living in

cooperatives, dormitories, fraternities or sororities should see a doctor and notify the health department if they think they have the disease, Jackson says.

The illness is something new to college campuses, and there seem to be more cases in Oregon than in other states.

But Dr. Elizabeth Sazie at Oregon State University's student health center says campylobacter has been around since the 1940s. More cases are being reported because of the availability of a culture in which the bacteria can be grown, she says.

An outbreak of cases at OSU last spring was traced to raw milk drunk by the students. The bacteria, which is transmitted by oral contamination, may be passed on by handling sick animals, drinking contaminated water or drinking raw milk.

Antibiotics can treat the disease within about 24 hours, Jackson says, adding that the best prevention is good hygiene, washing hands after handling animals and avoiding raw milk.

Is PNRRC move already a 'deal'?

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Serious questions involving the plans for possible relocation of the Pacific Northwest Resource Center are surfacing, and students and public figures are beginning to wonder just how much influence in the decision-making process the students have.

Monday, Russell Sadler, a syndicated political columnist, lambasted Olum over a handwritten note that Curt Simic, vice president of public relations, had attached to a draft of the revised agreement between the University and the National Wildlife Federation.

Last week State Rep. Margie Hendriksen, D-Dist 40, predicted that University Pres. Paul Olum's decision will be the product of political and business pressure.

Simic mailed the draft and letter to Bill Barrows, deputy legislative fiscal officer for the House Ways and Means Committee. The draft is dated March 19.

The draft plans for the wildlife federation to pay a rental fee to the University for office space in the Law Center while the University pays for the services of the wildlife federation's clin-

ical instructor.

In his letter attached to the draft, Simic wrote, "... It does not go as far as Paul Olum and I want it to, but we are in discussion with Dean Bell to include, at least, the possibility of moving the operation off-campus. Everyone is not convinced but we will persevere."

That note was dated March 30.

Wednesday, law clinic students will meet with Olum to discuss the Environmental Law Clinic, but they are questioning how much good the meeting will accomplish.

According to Sadler and law school students, the note implies that Olum already has decided the fate of the PNRRC and they say it implies that the forum Wednesday is merely a facade.

Simic's response to the allegations is that in the letter he meant only that the draft was not as complete as he and Olum would have liked. Simic also says there was no crusade to remove the PNRRC from campus.

But law school students say there is more to it than that.

"If you can't see the deal in it then you're blind," says Holly Hummel, one of the organizers of the forum.

IFC covers gays' film rental

Promising her organization would "turn themselves around," Gay People's Alliance representative Marsha Skudlarek yesterday persuaded the Incidental Fee Committee to pay for a film rented during last year's Gay Pride Week.

Citing GPA's willingness to voluntarily cut \$1,000 from its original 1981-82 budget of \$3183 - in spite of deficits the previous year - Skudlarek asked the committee to "stick it's neck out" for the \$225 rental charge.

She said that making GPA pay the \$255 would "tie her hands" with respect to a comprehensive outreach program.

The committee accepted a recommendation by Alan Contreras, ASUO budget director, to grant the film payment request but place GPA's entire budget on Executive Reserve. ASUO approval is required for all expenditures over \$25 from a budget on reserve.

IFC Chairer Karsten Rasmussen, and members Steve Baldwin, Kathy Phinney, and

Pam Jordon supported the request, while Xavier Romano and David Gibson voted against it.

The committee also unanimously granted the Survival center \$440 to cover half the cost of replacing a typewriter stolen from Suite One this summer.

Citing the loss of six typewriters from the site in the last three years, IFC members said the five organizations sharing the suite should be responsible for the other half of the cost. The committee further specified that the new typewriter be bolted to

the wall.

In other business, the committee unanimously approved a \$440 payment for legal services incurred on an appeal by a student the ASUO concluded was improperly dismissed from the University.

Finally, the committee voted to alter the method of informing students about IFC budget expenditures and revenues.

Students no longer will receive explanatory cards with their registration packets "which too often wound up on the Mac Court floor," according to Contreras.



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