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Study shows students know where those pitchers go

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The average University student is "incredibly knowledgeable" about how alcohol works in the body, according to a survey of undergraduates conducted by Patricia Gwartney-Gibbs, an assistant sociology professor, and her sociology class.

Mailed Feb. 24, the "alcohol knowledge section" of the survey of alcohol use and non-use was tabulated recently.

The survey shows approximately half of the students polled know the laws pertaining to alcohol and 80 percent of those polled have an excellent understanding of how alcohol affects the body.

"It seems as though almost everybody knows how alcohol works," but many aren't familiar with the laws, Gwartney-Gibbs says.

She speculates that some of the unfamiliarity with the laws may be the result of recent revisions of statutes concerning alcohol.

The survey was written and is being tabulated in two parts. The results of the alcohol use and non-use questions won't be known until near the end of the term. In order to have a representative survey, non-drinkers were polled as well, Gwartney-Gibbs says.

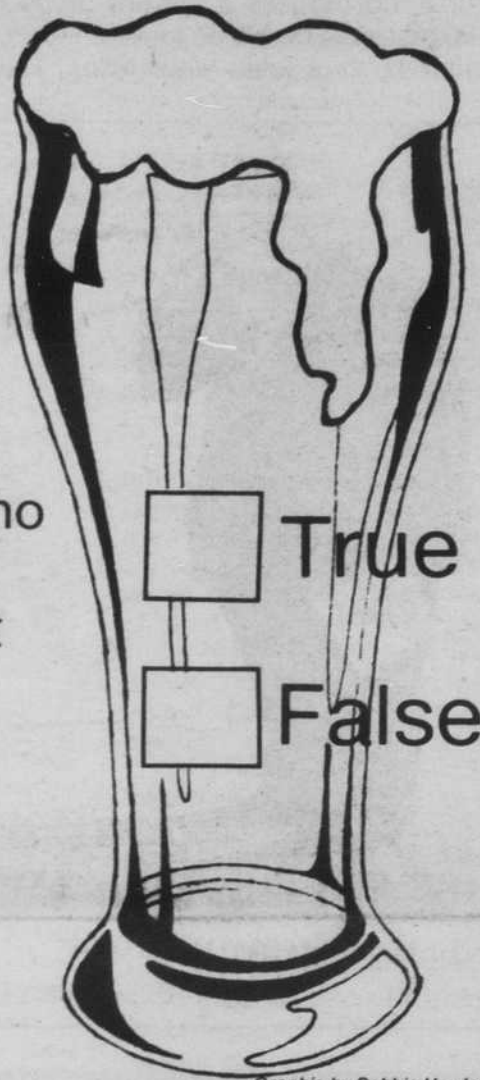
The 55-percent response rate was high, she says.

Questions testing knowledge about alcohol ranged from what penalties a minor could expect for trying to buy beer to what quantity of white wine is comparable to four ounces of whiskey.

One of the questions that "surprised" Gwartney-Gibbs asked whether a person who only drank beer could become an alcoholic. Only a "minimal" 1 percent responded that it was possible. Gwartney-Gibbs said

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A person who only drinks beer cannot become an alcoholic.



Graphic by Debbie Howlett

as far back as 20 years ago people believed that beer drinkers wouldn't become alcoholics.

"That's just such a myth," she says. "Our parents believed that. I think there are big generational differences."

Much alcohol education takes place in the high schools or early in college, Gwartney-Gibbs says.

One of the survey's purposes is to provide the University's Alcohol Education Committee with information and results that can be used as reference materials. The committee may begin an alcohol education program if the results determine a need for one.

Gwartney-Gibbs is adamant

about the need for accessible alcohol information. Several universities, including the University of Michigan and Washington State University, already have surveys of a similar type.

Surveys at the other schools have indicated "a problem on other campuses," Gwartney-Gibbs says.

Another purpose of the survey was to acquaint students in Gwartney-Gibbs' sociology class with statistical research.

The survey cost about \$4,000, an amount Gwartney-Gibbs calls minimal. A survey this size, conducted by a professional survey group would have cost about \$125 per interview. The sociology class mailed 1,000 questionnaires.

Amazon to 'look into' spraying injunction

The Amazon Community Tenant's Association will "look into" obtaining an injunction that would prevent the 4J school district from future spraying of the herbicide "Round-up" in the vicinity of the University-owned housing complex, according to special task force member Courtney Lupton.

The task force met Thursday with University legal adviser Chuck Spinner to determine the association's options. The association charges that Monday's spraying of the herbicide at South Eugene High School soccer field, well out of the vicinity of the Amazon housing complex.

Gail Campbell, a spokesperson for the 4J school district, says neighborhoods adjacent to 4J schools can prevent spraying by filing a "Hold Harmless Agreement" which also releases the district from responsibility for peripheral weed proliferation.

Lupton, who has contacted 4J through District Manager Doug Mansfield, says she has not been

notified that ACT has this option. ACT will discuss Round-up spraying today with Jim Sollenberger, 4J school district maintenance officer.

Lupton says ACT's urgency is fueled by a rumor that 4J may spray again this Spring because Wednesday's .9 inch of rain may have diluted Round-up's effectiveness.

4J Grounds Supervisor Bryan Lee reportedly informed Mansfield that Round-up will be sprayed near the South Eugene High School soccer field, well out of the vicinity of the Amazon housing complex. Lee could not be reached regarding whether this area was included in Monday's spraying.

Of the 12 blood samples drawn from six residents and 10 soil samples taken by Kent Smith of the Environmental Protection Agency, a half dozen of each will be analyzed by the Department of Agriculture for traces of Round-up.

Reagan asks public to back '83 budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Ronald Reagan asked America's voters Thursday night to press Congress for approval of his 1983 federal budget, deeply in deficit despite sharp spending cuts. He said it is essential to demonstrate "that we, Democrats and Republicans alike, can agree on reducing the deficit and continuing to hold down inflation."

Reagan urged approval of a constitutional amendment to restrict deficit spending.

In a speech broadcast by the television and radio networks, he said if Americans will back his program, it will bring an end to red ink, high taxes and high interest rates. Recalling the public backing that helped sell his economic plan when it was first adopted a year ago, Reagan told the nation "You did it once, you can do it again."

Rep. Richard Bolling of Missouri, responding for the Democrats, retorted that Reagan's speech had been too political. He said it would take cooperation instead of partisanship to fashion an acceptable plan.

Bolling broadcast his rebuttal immediately after the Reagan speech.

"Government will have to do what each of us does with our own family budgets — spend no more than we can afford," the president said in his address from the Oval Office.

Reagan declared that "only a constitutional amendment will do the job. We've tried the carrot and it failed. With the stick of a balanced budget amendment, we can stop government's squandering, over-taxing ways and save our economy."

Emerald board decides on 1982-83 editor



Harry Esteve

Photo by Mark Pynes

The Oregon Daily Emerald Board of Directors on Thursday selected Harry Esteve as the newspaper's editor for the 1982-83 academic year.

A junior majoring in journalism, Esteve is Emerald news editor. He began as a freelance reporter in the fall of 1980, and then also worked as a copy editor and night editor. He served as managing editor and news editor last summer.

He will assume the editor's position beginning with publication of the newspaper summer term.

"The Emerald rests on a very solid base," said Esteve at a campus-area tavern late

Thursday evening. "My goal this year will be to improve on that base by enhancing its strengths and bracing its weaknesses."

Esteve will be building on what he sees as an already improving product.

"I think the Emerald improved a lot this year and I want to see it continue to improve," he said. "I don't foresee any major changes in the Emerald next year."

However, Esteve said the role of graphics editor may be converted to a freelance position.

As editor, Esteve plans to cover higher education exhaustively.

"The Emerald's primary role is to act as a news service to the

University community," he said.

In addition, Esteve sees the Emerald as being "a strong voice for higher education in the state of Oregon."

"Because of the economy, higher education is going to be facing crucial choices. I think the Emerald is going to be covering the dynamics of education even more."

Esteve plans to open applications for 1982-83 news staff positions during the second week in May.

"I'm a little bit nervous," he said while reflecting on a schooner of beer. "But it's nothing I can't handle."