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Methamphetamine side effects include irritability, drowsiness

By Linda Hahn
Of the Emerald

Students may use methamphetamines to keep them awake while cramming for mid-terms or finals, but they shouldn't depend on the drug to get them through the actual tests.

"You'll get to the test and your body will be so depleted that your brain will not function as well," said Lori Corcoran, director of the Drug Information Center. "You'll feel sluggish, and you won't think clearly. You'll be drowsy and irritable, and you won't have concentration as your energy is so low."

Methamphetamine is a powerful central nervous system stimulant. It is known by various street names including crank, crystal, meth or speed, according to a DIC fact sheet. It can be nasally ingested by snorting it through a straw-like device or injected directly into the blood system with a syringe and needle.

After initially taking meth, the user feels euphoric and more alert. Many think the drug will increase productivity. Before it was federally regulated in the late 1960s, it was widely prescribed. During World War II, it was used to combat fatigue and produce a strong excitement for battle situations. And during

the 1940s through the early 1960s, meth was used in nasal inhalers.

Generally, the drug is more popular among blue collar workers as it is considered a cheap substitute for cocaine. Most individuals counseled for meth abuse are between the ages of 17 and 29.

If the drug is used frequently, problems with paranoia and aggression can result, Corcoran said. Just as reactions to meth will depend on the individual's physical condition, so will the side effects.

"If the user is eating well and sleeping, generally maintaining some kind of normalcy, there is less likelihood of problems after short-term use," she said.

"Be sure of what you think you have," Corcoran said. "The powder could have additives or it could be something else all together."

Manufacture or use of methamphetamine is a felony that carries a maximum of 10 years in jail and a \$100,000 fine.

Et al.

MEETINGS

Webfoot Advertising Agency meets today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 307 Allen Hall.

Circle K Service Club meets tonight in Century Room E EMU at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Eugene Free South Africa Movement meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in Room 108 EMU. Everyone welcome.

National Student Exchange exploratory meeting to be held today at 4 p.m. in Room 109 EMU.

Incidental Fee Committee meeting today at 5 p.m. in Century Room B EMU.

LECTURES

"Becoming American," a free film about the problems encountered by refugees resettling in America, will be shown tonight in the EMU Forum Room at 8 p.m. Sponsored by Reel Changes Cinema, ASUO and Catalyst Films.

"Ancient Astronauts and Archeologists" is the topic of a lecture by Chip Oetting, archeologist, today at 4:30 p.m. at the University Museum of Natural History.

MISCELLANEOUS

Juniors: the University's junior class honorary — Druids — is now accepting applications. Minimum GPA of 3.0 required. Information and applications are in Room 364 Oregon Hall.

All majors! Gain internship experience for credit while helping others. Applications for peer advisers are being accepted in Room 164 Oregon Hall. Deadline is Friday.

The College of Business Administration will have computerized pre-registration for admitted majors and students with waiver forms now through Nov. 27. Eligible students should go to Room 271 Gilbert Hall and fill out the computer readable request forms.

A week of solidarity with the Palestinian people continues today. The Arab Student Club and the Eugene Free South Africa Movement will have informational tables in the EMU lobby today and Friday as part

of a United Nations declaration to recognize the Palestinian people and their struggle for human rights.

A potluck for Women in Computing, featuring presentations from several women in industry and academia, will be held Friday at 6:30 p.m. All women interested in computer-related fields are invited to attend. For more information, call the Computer and Information Science Dept. at 686-4408. (Child care available.)

INTERVIEWS

Campus interviews will be held this week by the following recruiters:

Note: for meetings with no time or location, call 686-3235.

Today: Naval Ocean Systems Center (electronics, mech engineer, computer scientists, physicists, mathematicians); Union Carbide (sales rep-consumer products); E & J Gallo Winery (entry level sales rep-consumer products); ROTC-OSU; U.S. Air Force.

Friday: Willamette Univ., College of Law.

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