

Suspension of drug testing urged

By Craig Harris
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Random drug testing, the controversial urinalysis investigation of University student athletes for illegal drugs and steroids, has been suspended until a ruling is decided by State Attorney General David Frohnmayer.

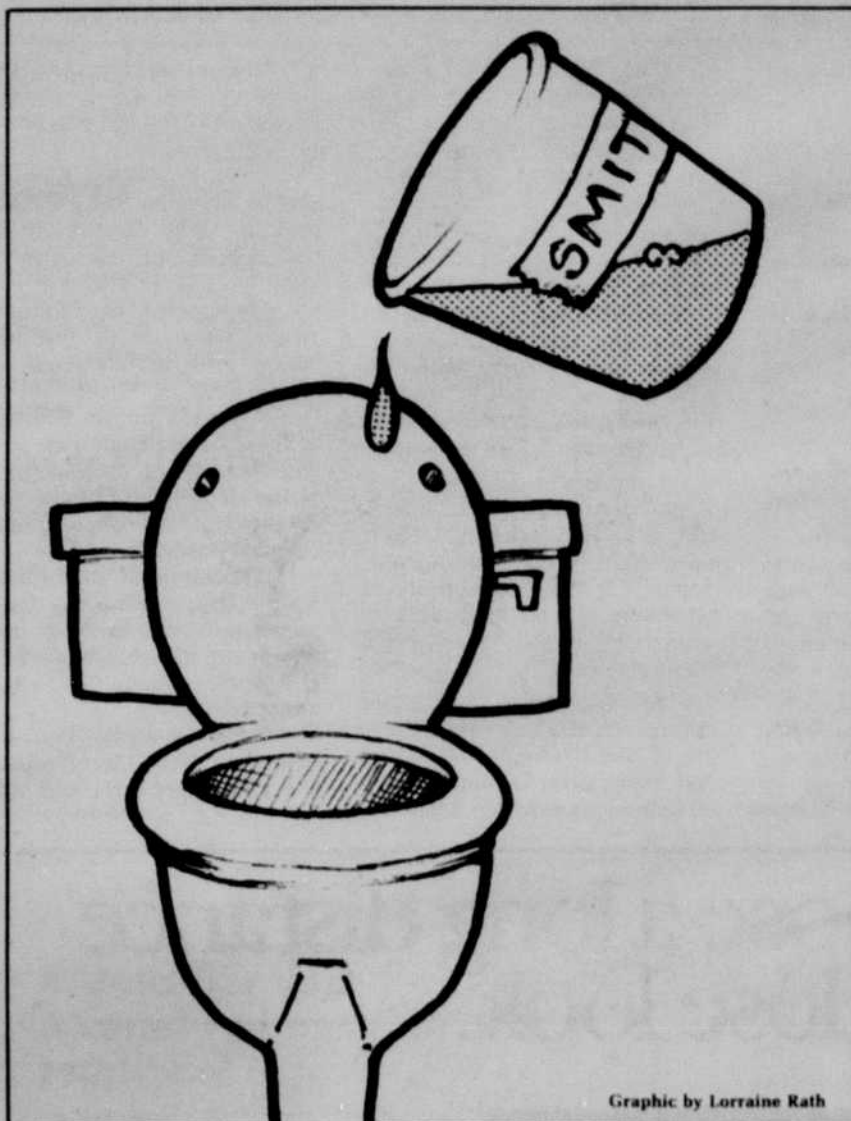
W.T. Lemman, executive vice chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, requested random testing be suspended in an Aug. 7 memorandum to all state of Oregon public colleges and universities.

Part of the memo stated, "If we proceed to test athletes in a random or blanket manner, litigation is certain...we urge you, therefore to discontinue any random or blanket testing of student athletes until such a time as we can develop necessary guidelines or procedures," Lemman wrote.

Although random testing is on hold until a decision is made, Chris Voelz, associate athletic director, said the University hasn't been told "do not drug test" and if there is probable cause an athlete is using drugs they can test the athlete.

Voelz hopes the testing will be returned in its entirety, but is skeptical and forsee the only way to test will be for probable cause. "I wish it would be reinstated because this and an education program are the only way to effectively have change. Education alone will not have the same deterrence," Voelz said.

Psychologist Dr. Michael Leeds provided the first part of education by lecturing on the problems of drug and alcohol abuse to the football team, all freshmen, which was mandatory, and a drop-in meeting for returning student athletes during



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student orientation week.

Future educational meetings and lectures have not been set, but Voelz said meetings and education will continue throughout the year in the Athletic Department's Life Enrich-

ment program.

The lengthy legal decision, which had been expected by May, could be held up because of a precedent set in

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Sen. Hatfield speaks on illiteracy problem

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The problem of teenage and adult illiteracy is one of the greatest threats to pluralism and to our system of elective representation, said Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Oregon, Saturday during a one-day symposium entitled "State Constitutional Revision: An Oregon Perspective."

"Pluralism can not survive when ignorance and apathy run rampant across the country," said Hatfield, who delivered the symposium's keynote address to approximately 50 people at the University of Oregon School of Law.

"This symposium addresses a very important aspect of self-government, the need for a visionary and competent instrument of government in the form of a constitution," he said, adding, "My focus is on the even greater need, the need for a visionary and competent people."

Throughout his 40 minute speech, Hatfield cited many examples of the country's "cancerous-like illiteracy problem," which he called America's best kept secret. Specifically, he mentioned a study funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and released earlier this month that discovered 28 of 100 17-year-olds tested thought Columbus' voyage to discover the new world took place sometime between 1750 and 1850 and 38 percent thought Watergate occurred before 1950.

In addition, one out of four teenagers drops out of high school every year with drop-out rates of more than 40 percent in Detroit, Boston and New York City, he said.



Mark Hatfield

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Child care faces increased demand; waiting lists grow

By Jeff Morgan
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As students start the new school year today, more than 200 pre-schoolers are starting at University-affiliated child care centers. But with record enrollment at the University, there is also record demand for campus child care: few of the 80 families on the waiting lists will

be able to enroll their children into the low-cost centers before the end of the academic year.

However, the long waiting list does not mean increased enrollment, overcrowding or added financial woes for the child care centers. Because all child care centers in Oregon are licensed by the state to have a certain minimum teacher to student ratio, enrollment will stay the same.

In fact, the situation is better for some parents because of the opening of EMU Child Care and Development's new center at Westmoreland married student housing today. The new center will provide 21 new spaces for children aged 36 months to 6 years.

CCDC Director Dennis Reynolds said the spaces filled quickly at Westmoreland, which houses more than 400

people. "There's already a considerable waiting list at Westmoreland," he said.

In addition to the Westmoreland center, CCDC runs three other pre-school programs, a toddler program and a program for five-year-olds. The most visible of the centers is the pre-schooler program housed in the basement of the EMU. The other sites are east of campus, on Moss and Villard Streets.

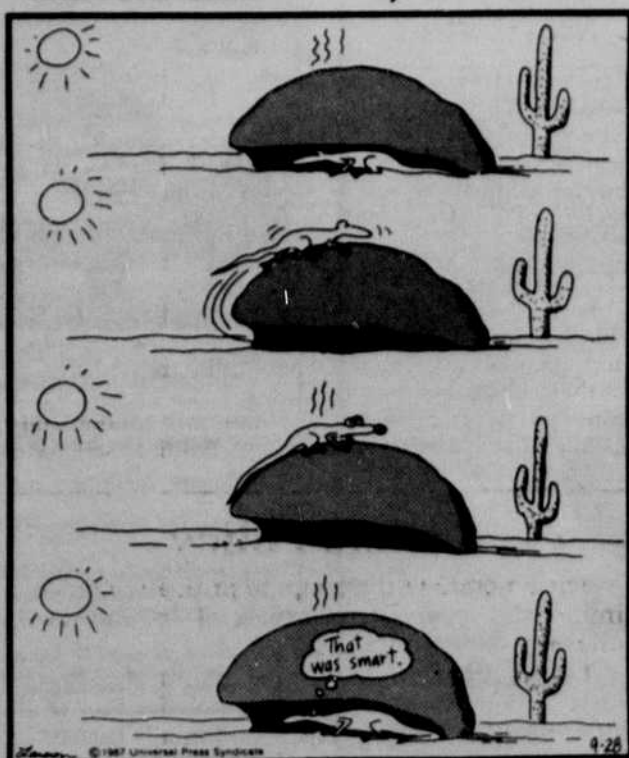
Also, there is a cooperative child care program at the Amazon married student housing complex which has space for 24 children.

In all, there is space for 149 children in the EMU and Amazon programs at any one time. But because some children spend mornings at the centers, and others spend after-

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