

University drug use rates average

Results of survey will help campus drug programs

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Drug and alcohol use among students at the University is about what is expected on college campuses around the country, according to the results of a recent survey released at a Wednesday press conference.

Students were asked if they had tried various types of drugs and if they used them with any frequency. The survey, conducted by the office of the dean of students, was done in November, 1988, and sampled 3,000 University undergraduates.

The survey was made possible through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Gerry Moseley, vice provost for academic support and student services, said the survey was conducted not only to help direct University drug programs, but also to let University

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Of those who responded, 97 percent said they had tried alcohol, and 80 percent said they had had a drink in the month prior to the survey. One-fifth of those surveyed said they believe they have had a problem with alcohol at some time in their lives.

The survey also revealed the following information:

- About 65 percent of University students said they have tried marijuana; 24 percent had taken it in the month prior to the survey.

- 30 percent have tried cocaine; 8 percent had in the previous month.

- 27 percent have tried psychedelic drugs, 5 percent in the previous month.

- Men use and abuse drugs more than women do, with the exception of diet pills. One-third of the women on campus have used diet pills, while only 5 percent of men have.

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Shirley Wilson, dean of students, said the fact that the University is more or less even with other colleges in the nation for drug use still left more than enough room for concern.

Wilson said that when the list of conduct code violations is examined after academic violations are removed, 90 percent of the remainder are alcohol related.

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ty officials know how student drug use compares with other campuses across the country.

"It's helpful to have concrete information on use and abuse that allows us to direct our programs," Moseley said. "We want to measure how well students are doing, and compare this to a national data base."

The findings were only slightly higher than national averages reported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

- Marijuana use is 4 percent higher than the national average.

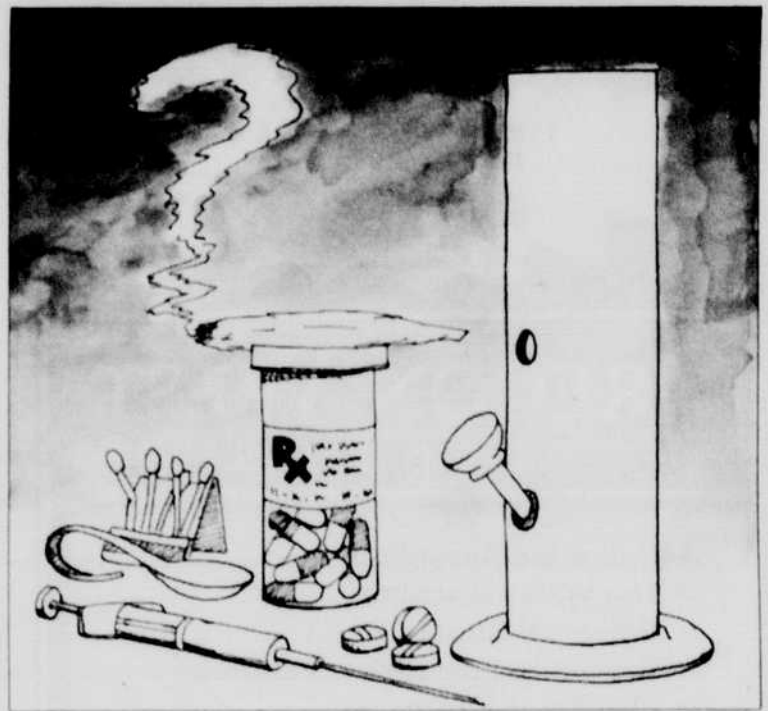
- Cocaine use is 2 percent higher.

- Psychedelic drugs use is 5 percent higher; however, the University survey was for all drugs of this type. The national survey results were based on

The survey also examined cigarette use among students. More than 60 percent of students have tried smoking, and 8 percent smoke regularly.

One of the categories of interest to University officials was the percentage of students who believe the use of some drugs is dangerous. While 88 percent said they believe cocaine is dangerous and 59 percent feel marijuana carries "great risk," use of these drugs remains rather high.

"Users of drugs tend to be the most knowledgeable about effects and dosages, whereas students who use drugs more infrequently tend to be less savvy," Moseley said. "If you think something is harmful to you and you use it, it seems you are in a good place for



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Police Beat

The following is a list of campus area crimes taken from Office of Public Safety and Eugene Police Department reports between June 26 and July 14:

- EPD is currently investigating three possibly related incidents of one or more male suspects trespassing in women's showers at Gerlinger and Esslinger halls.

A student in the Gerlinger locker room reported seeing a white male, 5 feet 10, between 20-25 years old wearing a black T-shirt and shorts. When he was seen, the suspect pulled his shirt over his head and ran from the room.

Another incident, also in the Gerlinger showers, was reported to OPS June 29. A University employee reported that a suspect, described as a white

male, between 20-23 years old, 5 feet 5, with black hair and brown eyes, was standing outside her shower stall June 29. The woman yelled for an attendant and the suspect fled.

A third incident, this one in Esslinger, was reported to OPS July 5. A student entered the women's locker room to change for class and saw a white male standing by the lockers, described as 6 feet 1 with brown hair and wearing cut-off jeans and a navy blue t-shirt. Upon being seen, the suspect pulled his shirt over his head and fled the room.

- Three possibly related thefts from vehicles parked near 13th Avenue and Columbia Street were reported July 7. Entry was gained to one vehicle by breaking the passenger side door

lock. A cassette deck worth \$200 was removed from the car.

A \$500 car stereo was removed from another vehicle after suspects broke the passenger side window, and another stereo worth \$900 was taken from another car when a window, also on the passenger side, was smashed.

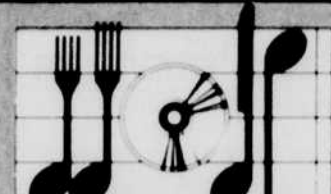
- A 10-karat cubic zirconium class ring worth \$310 was stolen from the University Bookstore July 7. One suspect reportedly approached the counter where the ring was on sale and asked the clerk to see it. Another suspect distracted the clerk and the first took the ring and left the store.

- A computer valued at \$6,268 was reported stolen from Science II July 14.

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