

HIV test requests increasing at SHC

By Colleen Pohlig
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A wave of students wanting to be tested for the HIV virus has overwhelmed the Student Health Center since former basketball star Magic Johnson revealed he tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

Since the Nov. 7 news conference Johnson called to disclose his illness, more than 130 students have come to take the HIV test at the health center.

The health center usually tests 10 to 15 students in that same time period, said Gerald Fleischli, health center director.

"It's the realization that people tend not to consider this can happen to them unless they know someone personally that has been affected," Fleischli said. "The relationship of fans to Magic Johnson was bordering on personal, so he symbolizes someone they know personally."

Consequently, the increase has put a strain on the health center and its staff, so the system is being changed, Fleischli said.

The biggest change is that three nurses are being trained to do pre- and post-test counseling to cut down on the amount of time physicians spend counseling.

Physicians still do some of the counseling, but the nurses are taking over the majority of that effort, said Judy Moffett, nursing director of the health center.

The pre-test counseling involves conversation between a nurse and student about risk factors, ways to practice safer sex and a clear understanding of the test.

Post-test counseling depends on the results. If the test is negative, the nurse will reiterate ways to remain healthy and if positive, options and decisions for the patient's care will be discussed, Moffett said.

In another effort to decrease the strain caused by the increased demand for the test, the health center staff is offering presentations on the HIV test to housing units and student groups, Fleischli said.

Fraternities, sororities and dorms are some of the places that presentations on the testing procedure may be given if they express an interest, Fleischli said.

Fleischli said he hopes test presentations will cut down on the amount of time nurses and physicians spend counseling about the test.

He said counseling to groups might weed out some people who are unsure whether they should have the test, thus limiting testing appointments.

Results aren't known for two weeks after the test, so anybody who doesn't want to wait until January for the results should wait until after Christmas vacation, Moffett said.



Photo illustration by Sean Poston

Bookstore security keeps eye on shoplifters

By Tammy Batey
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The man with the red backpack strolled through the doors of the University Bookstore, pausing occasionally to pick up an object, study the price and set it back down.

He circled the aisle containing University T-shirts and sweatshirts several times, constantly darting looks at nearby customers out of the corners of his eyes. On his face appeared what the University Bookstore's senior security supervisor, who asked to be identified only as Joseph, calls "the look."

The man's hands wandered almost lovingly over the T-shirt he had picked up, and he appeared to study it for five minutes.

Impulsively, with one final glance about him, he stuffed the T-shirt in a pocket in his backpack. He then sauntered out of the store clutching the backpack closely to his side.

After leaving the bookstore, a man wearing jeans and a sweater approached him. The man held up a badge reading "University Bookstore Security" and said, "Excuse me, sir. I have a few questions I would like to ask you."

Joseph said the above is a good scenario of a typical shoplifting incident at the bookstore.

The University Bookstore loses \$80,000 to \$100,000 a year — about 1 percent of total sales — from what is called inventory shrinkage, which includes losses from shoplifting, employee theft and accounting errors, said Jim Williams, University Bookstore general manager.

Williams said he doesn't know how much of the bookstore's annual loss is from shoplifting alone, but "We have a shoplifting problem because we do arrest people doing it," he said.

Since January 1991, 118 people have been arrested for shoplifting at the bookstore on 110 different occasions, Joseph said.

Williams said that when people shoplift they don't think they are stealing from a person but from a big corporation. However, shoplifters do have an effect on individuals, he said. The loss of income from shoplifting is factored into bookstore prices.

Allegations from students last year that the bookstore discriminates against people on the basis of color are incorrect, Williams said. The bookstore's secu-

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Art and the media

Eugene artist John Chapman displays his art 'Totems,' which uses cutouts of photos from fashion and business magazines. See story in ARTS, page 5.

Photo by Jeff Paslay

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Paper break

The Oregon Daily Emerald will not publish Thursday or Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday, and will resume publication on Monday.

Simon says

Illinois Senator Paul Simon will be in Eugene next week to accept an award for integrity in politics and to inaugurate a University lecture series.

During a ceremony Dec. 5, Simon will receive the "Wayne Morse Integrity in Politics Award" from the Eugene-based Wayne Morse Historical Park Corporation. Simon will also deliver the inaugural address for a series of lectures sponsored by the group called "Dissent in the Political Process."

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Bills supports Saferide's women-only van policy

By Gernt Koepping
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Saferide supporters held a press conference Tuesday to blast a complaint that charges Saferide's "women-only" policy is sexually discriminatory. The complaint was filed by a student in the ASUO Constitutional Court.

Saferide is a nighttime shuttle for women. The group's women-only policy doesn't allow men to drive or ride in the organization's vans.

Last Monday, University student Abe Hepner filed a complaint, charging that Saferide violates section 2.4 of the ASUO constitution, which states that access to activities that are supported by student funds shall not be denied due to gender.

In response, Saferide's supporters held the news conference to defend the policy, saying it is necessary to ensure the safety of the women who use the service.

Ken Lehrmen, a member of the Woman's Law Forum, went so far as to suggest that sanctions be brought against Hepner for filing what he said was a frivolous motion.

ASUO President Jennifer Bills said women need Saferide because "women as a class are more susceptible to rape and harassment than men."

She said that Saferide's policy doesn't mean that all men are rapists, but that "if men want to help, they should stand aside."

Bill Brotzman, co-director for

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