

Cold enough for ya?



Photo by Michael Shindler

Jeff Garrett, a senior majoring in political science, heads for a class in Hendricks Hall during near-freezing Wednesday afternoon.

Efforts under way on student survey

Administrators to get views of international students

By Demian McLean
Emerald Reporter

Four months after a University administrator commented in a memo that Chinese people "will run all over you if you let them," the University is beginning work on a survey that will assess the concerns of international students.

Vice Provost Kathleen Bowman said she hopes the survey will enlighten administrators as to what it's like to be an international student here.

"We're missing the mechanisms to see that their views are systematically and frequently sought," Bowman said.

The survey is still in the planning stages, she said, though a first draft should be ready in a month.

It will mostly target international students, who comprise about 9 percent of the University's current enrollment.

The racial comment, issued by a member of the Office of International Education and Exchange, came in response to a University housing worker's concern that overly-polite Chinese students were being

steamrolled when it came to granting housing extensions.

The survey will be designed by Patricia Gwartney-Gibbs, a University associate professor of sociology.

In the past, Gwartney-Gibbs has helped design University surveys on subjects such as student drug use and the effects of Measure 5.

Gwartney-Gibbs said she may assign the project to her Sociology 665 class this term.

"We're not sure yet how we'll conduct the survey," she said. "Possibly, it'll be a telephone survey."

Initial results should be available in the spring, she said.

In addition to the survey, the University will establish a permanent student advisory group to the Office of Education and International Exchange, Bowman said.

These students will be nominated by the International Students Association, and will serve as a go-between for the OEIE and international students who might otherwise not be heard, she said.

"The individuals who come to talk to us don't necessarily represent the needs of the larger international student body," Bowman said.

Debate over condoms in high schools begins in Eugene

Many students support plan to have condoms available, but several parents at meeting oppose it

By Meg Dedolph
Emerald Reporter

The installation of condom machines in the bathrooms of South Eugene High School was the main topic of a hearing that drew more than 100 people to Wednesday evening's 4J school board meeting.

A decision is expected in about two weeks.

Wednesday's meeting was attended by parents and students from area high schools including South Eugene. Most of the students who spoke supported the proposal, but most of the parents opposed it.

In the opening comments, Margaret Nichols, the superintendent of schools, recommended that the machines not be installed, but that efforts in sex education, including AIDS and the HIV virus, be increased instead.

Nichols also said the "loophole that allows students

to skip the HIV/AIDS curriculum each year" should be closed and she favors yearly education on the topic unless a student's parents object on religious or ethical grounds.

Nichols said the expanded curriculum should include the message that "abstinence is OK," and the consequences of high risk sexual behavior are serious.

The school should teach the necessary social skills to help students avoid high risk sexual behaviors, Nichols said, especially females, who she said might be subject to coercion.

Nichols also added that "technical information," including the proper use of a condom, should be included in the curriculum.

It was important for the school to continue to provide counseling for students about sexual behavior, she said, which would include referring the students to community resources.

After Nichols' statement, the floor was opened for comments from the audience.

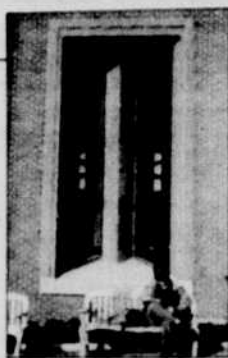
Allegra Rainbow, a senior at South Eugene, said that

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Photo by Sean Oisen

Students who spoke in support of having condom dispensers at their high school carried signs that read "If it saves one life, it's worth it."



WEATHER

The cold air should persist under sunny skies today around Eugene while clouds move in overnight.

Daytime temperatures will reach the low 40s while lows could dip down to the mid-20s overnight.

DIZZY GILLESPIE DIES

ENGLEWOOD, N.J. (AP) - Trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, who blew new life into jazz with a combination of blistering speed, melodic warmth, compositional genius and a comic spirit, died Wednesday. He was 75.

Gillespie died in his sleep at Englewood Hospital, where he was being treated for pancreatic cancer, said his publicist, Virginia Wicks.

Along with Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk, John Coltrane and Miles Davis, Gillespie stood as one of the towering figures of modern jazz. He also was one of the most recognizable, with his balloon cheeks, goatee and bent-up trumpet.

SPORTS

NEW YORK (AP) - Steve Young, one of the most valuable backup quarterbacks in football, now is the NFL's Most Valuable Player.

Young, who replaced Joe Montana as San Francisco's quarterback in 1991 and had a breakout year this season, was selected the Associated Press 1992 NFL MVP. Young received 56 of 80 votes cast by a nationwide panel of media members.

"Wow. That's just wild," said Young, the NFL's leading passer by a wide margin in helping the 49ers to a league-best 14-2 record. "My first reaction is it's an unbelievable honor. But my next reaction is I've got to go to work."