

AIDS education on campus still in early stages



Awareness: Officials say more effort is needed, despite work of task force

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In 1981, Gerard Moseley, vice provost of academic support and student services at the University, went to Stanford University for a Pacific-10 meeting.

The upbeat event took a somber tone when one of Moseley's colleagues announced that a student of his had died from a mysterious new disease —

AIDS. Moseley came back to the University disturbed and worried.

He began to implement steps, along with other University officials, to deal with AIDS on campus. Shortly after, the University's AIDS Task Force was formed.

"The (University) took steps to get ahead of this before many other areas of the nation," Moseley said. "Oregon was a very low-risk state, in general, at the time. But we realized the danger of AIDS and we realized that the college community is not immune."

The main focus of the task force was to deal with policy issues concerning AIDS on campus.

"There were people that didn't want HIV-positive students working at the cafeterias," Moseley said. "And there were issues on whether dormitory students needed to know if their roommates carried the HIV virus. These were just a few of the issues we dealt with."

The task force also strove to break down the barrier of discussion about AIDS. "We had to make it clear that AIDS could affect anyone and was not

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UW plans to drop several programs

Reductions: Departments and staff positions will be eliminated because \$12 million was trimmed from the budget

SEATTLE (AP) — The University of Washington said Wednesday it will eliminate several programs, possibly including the School of Communications, and trim 200 faculty and staff positions in meeting a \$12 million budget reduction.

The slimmer budget for the 1995-97 biennium is necessary under Initiative 601, which was passed by voters in 1993 and places limits on state spending.

Rather than make across-the-board cuts that erode all programs, UW President William P. Gerberding said reductions would hit hard on a few programs and leave others untouched.

"The price to pay for this is high and will mean the discontinuation of worthwhile, highly valued programs," he said in a news release.

"But in looking closely at the university's budget and what the future prospects are for improved funding in the post-601 world, it became apparent to most of us that we should make some painful decisions in the long-term interests of the university."

The College of Arts and Sciences, with 42 departments and schools, was told to

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The Giving Tree



Maria Palleschi helps steady a Christmas tree in the EMU put up for World Wide AIDS day. Today for a one dollar donation anyone can put a red ribbon on the tree. The money will go to a local family that has recently lost a member to AIDS.

Some counties may offset Measure 8

Pension: An earlier "pay freeze" makes initiative unfair to employees

PORTLAND (AP) — Pay hikes that would offset Ballot Measure 8 caused benefit reductions may be in store for government workers in Oregon's three largest counties.

Lane and Marion Counties are expected to approve 6 percent pay raises next week for about 2,400 government workers whose benefits will be reduced under Ballot Measure 8.

Multnomah County commissioners are considering a similar option for 3,500 workers.

The initiative, which passed by a razor-thin margin on Nov. 8, requires public employees to contribute 6 percent of their pay toward their pension. It prohibits government employers from making up the money with pay hikes, but the ban doesn't go into effect until Jan. 1.

Marion County Commissioner Gary Heer said

the pay increase is appropriate because previous contract agreements stipulated that the government would pick up the full cost of pension payments in lieu of a salary boost.

"It's a matter of fairness," he said.

Multnomah County commissioners will meet Thursday to review the issue.

"There seems to be a consensus to respond to the circumstances the measure creates," said Commissioner Dan Saltzman.

He said a 6 percent wage increase "definitely is one of the options."

Bob Tiernan, the Lake Oswego legislator who sponsored the initiative, said government employers are trying to circumvent the will of the people.

"Voters have spoken," he said. "They deserve to have it implemented."

Heer said his opinion in favor of the proposed pay increase in Marion County is supported by local voters.

■ GOOD MORNING

► University Housing residents can receive free AIDS information today at Carson and Hamilton dining halls.

Sally Smith, assistant director of residence life, said tables will be staffed by University Housing and the Student Health Center in honor of World AIDS Day.

Although housing officials didn't schedule any programs relating to AIDS this week, she said AIDS education is an ongoing concern for resident directors.

About 12 years ago, when AIDS became a national concern, housing officials installed condom machines in residence

halls. Since then, programs have been established to pass out free condoms and provide sex education to dorm residents.

Last year, housing officials passed out condoms to residents attending a Valentine's Day Dance. Condoms also were used as decorations, Smith said. A student whose father died of AIDS last year also presented a program.

This year, program directors presented "Sex 101" for dorm residents. One thousand condoms were ordered for the event, she said, and presenters dressed up as their favorite contraceptive.