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\*Time slots are subject to slight changes.

## Marijuana clinic opens in Portland

■ **MEDICINE:** The illegal Alternative Health Center dispenses the drug to 120 sick patients

*The Associated Press*

PORTLAND — An illegal clinic in downtown Portland is dispensing marijuana to sick and dying people, *The Sunday Oregonian* reported.

More than 120 patients have found the Alternative Health Center through word of mouth since it opened six weeks ago, the newspaper said.

Patients who suffer from arthritis, multiple sclerosis, AIDS and other chronic diseases say they can buy an eighth of an ounce of marijuana for \$20 to \$50, depending on their income. Marijuana cookies are sold in \$2 packs. A pot-filled brownie goes for \$3.

The clinic opened after Califor-

nia and Arizona voters in November approved the medical use of marijuana. Oregon's lawmakers are considering bills to legalize marijuana for medical use.

The federal government still considers the drug illegal, and scientists said further study is needed to assess its potential medical benefits.

Patients allowed the newspaper to visit the Portland clinic on condition that the location not be disclosed. They also have other reasons for secrecy.

"We are concerned about vandalism, about our safety when it comes to people thinking that there are a lot of drugs here and a lot of money. And we are afraid of being accosted outside on the street," said Diane Densmore, once convicted of possessing the drug that she said helps her fight chronic back pain, irritable bowel disease, scoliosis, arthritis and

depression.

Authorities acknowledge that seriously ill people smoking marijuana is not as high a priority as fighting violent crime and flagrant drug dealing.

"On the other hand, as the DA's office, we're not a policy-making body and those people are breaking the law, and when those cases come to our attention, we have to pay attention to them," Multnomah County prosecutor Gary Meabe said.

The most prominent marijuana buyers' club, the Cannabis Cultivators Club in San Francisco, was operating illegally for years even before California's new law, and police had mostly looked the other way.

Like that club, Portland patients need to have their diagnoses verified before receiving marijuana.

## UW seen as 'arrogant' in recent survey results

■ **SURVEY:** The university received mixed reviews from participants about its overall attitude

*The Associated Press*

SEATTLE — Preliminary feedback from a new \$60,000 study of the University of Washington's image indicates the school still needs to work on its "arrogant" attitude and its role as a team player in the state education system.

Early results were based on 85 interviews of public officials, legislators, business leaders and key donors. The UW Image Study is to be completed by the Gilmore Research Group next spring, after 1,650 additional interviews with faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni and the general public.

Generally, President Richard McCormick, hired in 1995, got

high marks for his populist style.

"We aren't arrogant, we aren't elitist and we're determined to eradicate the perception that we are," McCormick said of that allegation.

Former Gov. Dan Evans, president of the UW Board of Regents, was not impressed with the findings.

"I think you could have predicted every result," he said.

The UW wants to better explain its missions of education, research and service and put its "best face forward in a tough financial environment," one administrator said.

The first 85 respondents were not chosen randomly, so their responses aren't representative.

They indicated that the UW's greatest benefit to the state was education. Research was ranked second, and some felt it detracted

from learning.

Respondents said the UW was doing "a fair job of keeping costs down," or "as well as could be expected."

But business leaders complained universities had been spared "the soul searching and gut wrenching that businesses have been through the past few years." Many wanted more "hard facts" about outcomes. Lawmakers wanted more evidence to back claims of financial needs.

Some respondents complained about the time faculty members spend with students — an "albatross," said one public official — as well as class size and the time needed to complete a degree. But they acknowledged progress in using resources wisely, making core undergraduate courses more available and improving faculty-student contact.

## Speech: Travis encourages individualism in design

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signers were presented in his speech as examples of Afrocentricity in architecture.

Travis said the influence on the community and the outdoors are essential in Afrocentric design.

"In these projects, we used basic African shapes that are very central to outdoors," Travis said.

In his design of Spike Lee's Los Angeles home, Travis used earthy tones and spacious rooms to convey a sense of outdoors in the interior design.

"We elevated his bed so that

each morning when he rose, he would step down onto the earth," Travis said.

Travis encourages students of all colors to create works that are influenced by their own experience and culture. He founded the Studio of Africulturalism, a non-profit organization, whose goal is to collect and distribute information on black culture and architecture.

In this organization, students are invited from all over to participate in a six-week workshop where they are submersed into

the research and presentation of Afrocentric culture and design in architecture, Travis said.

"Most of my professional career is not about design, and that is unfortunate," Travis said. "Most of my professional career is about education."

Travis recommends that architecture students address the development of the individual and use this in their design.

"It's up to each individual to decide what makes them an individual," Travis said. "Studios have not addressed this."

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