

Combating chlamydia

Chlamydia is the most common sexually transmitted bacterial disease at the University, but it can be treated

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Let it snow, let it snow

Three area ski resorts have yet to open due to a lack of snow, but skiers aren't worrying, as Mt. Bachelor Ski Area opened November 26

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TODAY

Today is the beginning of Dead Week, so study hard, the term is almost over.

WEATHER

Today
Fog
High 44. Low 36.
Tuesday
Partly Sunny
High 50. Low 34.

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WORLD AIDS DAY



Ribbons are placed on branches of a tree in remembrance of those affected by the HIV virus. A similar ceremony will be held at the HIV Alliance headquarters at 1966 Garden Ave. in Eugene at 7 p.m. today.

EMERALD

The battle continues

World AIDS Day will be recognized at the University with events and lectures

By Michael Hines
Student Activities Reporter

Millions of people worldwide are living with AIDS, and almost 150 people in Lane County have died of the illness since 1985.

The Student Health Center, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance and the University Museum of Art will recognize those victims today as part of World AIDS Day.



"It still needs to be talked about," coordinator Emily Thomas said. "It's not front-page news anymore, but it's still prevalent in society."

To commemorate the day, the Museum of Art will host several events beginning at noon today.

Museum Director David Robertson will talk about how AIDS affects art and what a day without art would be like. Music instructor Julia Neufeld will follow Robertson, talking about friends of hers who have died of AIDS. City Council member

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AIDS Stats

■ Cases of AIDS in Lane County
March, 1985 to Nov. 3, 1997: 240
■ Deaths: 148
■ Cases of AIDS in Oregon 1981 to Nov. 3, 1997: 4,116
■ Deaths: 2,474
Source: Lane County HIV/AIDS Information Exchange

Low revenue causes large EMU deficit

Fewer students are using the EMU because of construction going on around the building

By Michael Hines
Student Activities Reporter

The EMU has a \$100,000 deficit, and EMU Director Dusty Miller said he does not know when the money will be repaid.

Six weeks of financial reports showed that revenue was down for the EMU. If it doesn't take steps to cut spending and increase revenue, the EMU could be in financial trouble, Miller said.

The EMU always begins the fall term in a deficit, Miller said. This is because fewer people use the EMU and spend money there, but the fixed costs remain the same.

"Almost all years the revenue is enough to catch the deficit up, help the student union and progress normally," Miller said.

Usually, the EMU catches up in November or early December, Miller said, but this year, it is still \$100,000 behind.

The deficit is largely due to the construction in and around the building, Miller said. The EMU planned its budget last year before it knew about construction of the amphitheater, and the loss of foot traffic through the breezeway is important.

Miller said he has asked most of the EMU departments to conserve as much money as they can. Programming is one area that has not been asked to cut its budget.

"We're being as frugal as we can right now," Miller said.

To save money, the EMU is also not going to fill a vacant associate director position.

"We don't want to go out and fill the position to fill the position," Miller said.

EMU departments are also sharing positions, delaying filling positions and continually searching for savings in the budgets.

The EMU is actively fighting the deficit, Miller said. It may bring in a Subway kiosk, possibly to be put in the Skylight.

The EMU is taking covered food carts outside and promoting the arcade and Skylight.

"Although we're busy, we need to be even busier," Miller said. "We've got to be real careful."

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Study shows impact of awareness on UO chlamydia testing

The Student Health Center conducted the study to find ways to get male students in for testing

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Student Health Center Director Dr. Gerald Fleischli presented a study of male chlamydia testing to the Pacific Coast College Health Association annual conference in Waikoloa, Hawaii, last Tuesday. The health center conducted the study at the University during the 1995-96 academic term to determine how to get more male students to get tested for chlamydia.

Fleischli is the chair of the Joel Grinold grant foundation of the Pacific Coast College Health Association. The study was funded through the PCCHA system. The PCCHA is a non-profit regional affiliate of the American College Health Association.

The health center studied the impacts of awareness and cost on the number of male students seeking chlamydia tests in the wake of new technology that made chlamydia testing easier.

"A new method of screening for males was developed in the 1994-95 school year that was less trouble than the old method," Fleischli said. The old test was a swab up the urethra; the new test is a urine test.

"We knew that males didn't like the old method, but after the new method was introduced, we still didn't see an increase," Fleischli said. "We didn't know if it was a lack of awareness of the availability of the new test or because it cost \$19."

Prior to the new technology and the

study, overall incidence of chlamydia on campus was decreasing, Fleischli said.

"Given the numbers were going down, our suspicion was this meant that we were screening people that were asymptomatic, and by the screening we were identifying people that were infected that didn't know it," he said. "We treated them before they got the opportunity to infect someone else."

However, there was indication that more prevention was needed, Fleischli said.

"All the screening we were doing tended to be among females," he said. "We guessed there was a reservoir of asymptomatic males, and if we were able to screen them then we could decrease the numbers fur-

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