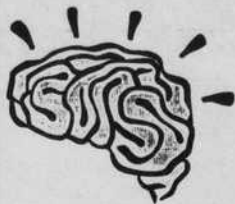


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# Meningitis vaccine available

■ Although the disease is very rare, studies indicate certain students may be more likely to contract it

By Inge McMillen  
for the Emerald

More University students are beginning to protect themselves against the rare meningitis disease with a vaccine available at the University Health Center.

Although there was only one reported case of the disease at the University last year, more than 175 students have been vaccinated this term. This represents a 500 percent increase from last fall, said Sharon Harbert, a nurse at the health center.

The \$66 vaccine guards against the rare meningitis disease, which effected 3,000 people nationally last year. Meningitis is a viral or bacterial inflammation of the lining of the brain and the spinal cord.

One reason for the growing demand for the vaccine may be the release of studies indicating that

certain students are at greater risk, said Dr. Gerald Fleischli, health center director.

"Studies [in] the last couple of years suggest students in residence halls may be at higher risk compared to average people of that age," he said.

Because the disease spreads by oral fluids, college students who live in tight quarters such as residence halls, fraternities or sororities are at risk, Harbert said.

Bacterial meningitis mainly affects young adults between 15 and 24 years of age with flu-like symptoms that can turn deadly within 24-48 hours if untreated. It is a serious but very rare disease, Harbert said.

"Chances of it happening or being exposed to it are very slim," she said.

Last week, an advisory board of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended that colleges inform students, especially those living in dorms, about the disease and the vaccine.

However, the University does not plan to require students to get the vaccination at this time, University spokeswoman Gaye Vandermyn said.

The vaccine offered at the health center protects against most strains of the disease and has few serious known side effects, Fleischli said.

Common side effects include soreness around the injected area and low-grade fevers.

Through pamphlets and con-

### About the disease

**Meningitis:** inflammation of the linings of the brain and spinal cord caused by either viruses or bacteria. Bacterial Meningitis can lead to death within 24 to 48 hours if untreated. Mortality rate for bacterial meningitis: 12 percent.

**Symptoms include:** headaches, fever, stiff neck, extreme fatigue, nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light, purplish red-black rash that doesn't change with pressure

**Treatment:** antibiotics

**Risk factors:** tight quarters such as residence halls, fraternities and sororities, smoking or secondhand smoke, going to bars, drinking alcohol, sharing bottles and utensils

SOURCES: The American Academy of Pediatrics and Pasteur Merieux Connaught

sultations, the health center will inform students that the vaccine is available. The center may also place posters and information in the residence halls, Fleischli said.

"The vaccine is probably something very health-conscious people will consider," Fleischli said. "These are individuals who have all other available shots, don't smoke, never drink too much alcohol, always wear seat belts and bicycle helmets and then are thinking: 'What else can I do to stay healthy?'"

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## Flea market

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permanent, every Picc-A-Dilly event is a unique experience for shoppers or collectors as new items appear every time.

"There's always something to find," Jackson said. "There's new; there's old; it's all here."

Kathee McDermott, public relations manager for the fairgrounds, agrees. She said the flea market has retained a hearty following over the years because of its varied offerings.

"You could probably find whatever you're looking for, even if you don't know what you're looking for," she said.

Jackson added that another

draw to customers is the ability to haggle for a lower price on that beanie baby or antique brooch you just can't live without.

"You can't haggle at the Bon Marche," she said. "But you can here, and a lot of people think it's fun."

Ward said the Picc-A-Dilly is popular with vendors for a number of reasons, including the fact that some have started their own small businesses from the exposure they get at the fairgrounds.

"It's a great way to recycle, a great way to meet people and a great way to start up a business," she said.

Sellers tables at the market cost \$17 each, with the required advance reservation. Remaining dates for 1999 are Nov. 6, 7 and 21 and Dec. 4, 5 and 19.

## Calendar

Wednesday, Oct. 27

ASUO Women's Center Workshop: "Restoring Positive Feelings in Your Relationships: A Workshop for Couples" is among many campus and community events during October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Noon to 1 p.m. Walnut Room, EMU, 1222 E. 13th Ave. Free. For information, browse [darkwing.uoregon.edu/~women/](http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~women/) or call 346-4095.

University Ensemble Concert: "OctUBAfest" features a special rendition of "The Bremen Town Musicians," narrated by local radio personality Wendy Ray as well as classical and popular music for low-brass by the UO Tuba Choir and the Oregon Tuba Association. 8 p.m. Beall Concert Hall, 961 E. 18th Ave. \$5 general, \$3 students and senior citizens. For information, browse [music1.uoregon.edu](http://music1.uoregon.edu) or call 346-5678.

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