

# STD control

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ease, the number of people actually diagnosed with STDs remains low.

The results of the 1999 survey are not yet available, but by studying previous years' results, health center officials are able to note trends and target prevention efforts.

For example, most students are aware of the HIV epidemic, but not many know about more common, treatable STDs, such as chlamydia and the human papillomavirus (HPV), said Gerald

Fleischli, health center director.

The peer health educators have focused some of their prevention efforts on making the campus community more aware of risk behaviors and STD symptoms.

"A lot of the bacterial infections are asymptomatic, so they get spread around because people just don't know they have it," Clifton said. "And it's not something people really talk about — you don't really hear about it, even from your friends."

The health center offers testing for the most common STDs, which include syphilis, chlamydia, gonorrhea and herpes. But because students don't always

get tested before engaging in unprotected sex, the health center has tried to prevent the spread of STDs by including some STD testing when women come in for annual gynecological check-ups.

"Casual sex is a risky behavior, and people who are doing risky behaviors aren't generally likely to come in for tests," Fleischli said. "The [STD] screening has definitely made an impact. By screening, we're identifying people who are infected, so they don't spread it to other people."

The prevention efforts may be paying off: results from the

health center's survey show that most University students had two or less partners last year. This contributes to the University's decreasing STD rates.

In addition, the health center will be switching to a new, more effective chlamydia test in the near future. Health officials hope the new test will help lower the number of occurrences of that STD.

The health center will switch to the new testing method because the company that manufactured the current test has canceled its production.

The new test, Genprobe, is more effective in detecting

chlamydia, one of the most common STDs at the University. The downside is that the new test is more expensive than the current test method, and the increased cost will likely be passed on to the patient.

"It's forcing us to move to better technology," Fleischli said. "But it is more costly."

Despite advances in testing, the best prevention method is to know your partner's sexual history, and know that no one is immune to STDs, Clifton said.

The STDs "are all out there," Clifton said. "They're all in this community, and they're all in Lane County."

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<b>A</b>	24			<b>Resume Clinic</b> Monday, January 24 3:30-4:30 p.m. Alsea Room/EMU Clarice Wilsey
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	26			<b>Peace Corps: Path to a Career</b> Tuesday, January 25 12:30-1:30 p.m. Rogue Room/EMU Facilitator: Fred Jarman, UO Peace Corps Representative
	27			<b>Interview Clinic</b> Tuesday, January 25 4:00-5:30 p.m. Ben Linder Room/EMU Beth Pfeiffer
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<b>Y</b>	28			<b>Winter Career Fair</b> Wednesday, January 26 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EMU Ballroom

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# Men in red

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guides had on the downtown core as run by Downtown Eugene, Inc. since 1991. Crime rates dropped and a noticeable improvement was made in the cleanliness and safety of the area, according to Executive Director Russ Brink.

"They're a visible presence, someone that can be approached if there's a problem," he said. "Since things are much, much better than they were four years ago, now the job is mostly maintenance."

Members of the University Small Business Association contribute a per-occupancy assessment to pay for the guide services. If needed, business owners page the guides calling them to arrive on the scene within a minute or two at most. The red men's downtown counterparts are contracted through the city to patrol parking lots and Lane Transit District at its new station among others.

Though the West University guides carry only a radio and cell

phone, they are in continual communication with the Eugene Police Department personnel at the University sub-station. Brink believes this collaboration is the best example of the sort of community policing Eugene residents want.

"It is the result of a real concerted effort to have an authority presence in the area," Brink said. "I think it's mutually beneficial, too. The guides help the police and the police can call on them and get back-up."

Officer Tsui of the EPD agreed, calling the guides "a tremendous help" to the work objectives of the West University station.

As owner of West Moon Trading Co., Peggy Bosworth, who jokingly referred to the guides' services as occasions when the "red coats are coming!" said their presence has been a welcomed addition to the business district she inhabits.

"It's nice to have the protection, the support," she said. "I definitely think it's improved, and the best thing is how much cleaner it is around here. They've been a real asset on the block."

# MLK Jr. Day

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organize a celebration for Martin Luther King Jr. today.

"I just see him as a man who paved the way for our race and every other culture," said Tonya Thorsteinsson, internal director of the Black Student Union.

Thorsteinsson hopes the candlelight vigil will encourage appreciation for the achievements King brought to African-Americans and for what he did for the community.

"It's an opportunity to have us reassess our values as far as how close we are reaching the dream that King set forth," said Troy Franklin, assistant director of student life, "on bringing all races of people together, setting aside our biases or personal feelings about different groups, and learning to see our similarities."

Franklin said the meaning of the commemoration is for different groups to build bridges and coalitions.

For Jamila Flowers, a senior in sports marketing, the day is simply for remembrance.

"I think about it a lot because my grandparents grew up in this time with Martin Luther King," Flowers said. "And I have them as reminders."

She said the day is important to her as a remembrance of all the endurances that her grandparents went through, such as being segregated and not having a chance to receive higher education.

In addition to the celebration today, Gov. John Kitzhaber will be the guest keynote speaker at the University Convocation ceremony on Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. at the EMU Ballroom.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was first introduced to the legislation for a national holiday by Rep. John Conyers, D-Michigan, on April 8, 1968, four days after King was assassinated. Members of Congress, however, took no action on moving the holiday legislation forward until President Carter called on Congress to pass the legislation in 1979.

On Nov. 3, 1983, President Reagan signed the bill to establish the third Monday of every January as the Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday. The first national Martin Luther King Jr. Day was observed on Jan. 20, 1986.

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