

Message from the editors

When a staff member first suggested the idea of producing a "Vice" supplement in the Emerald, it was kind of a joke — something we thought would be fun to work

on, but it wasn't on our schedule. But after tossing the idea around for awhile, we found that people on staff were enthusiastic about it.

The stories in the supplement aren't intended to promote or vilify student, faculty and community member vices, or to help

people find new vices to try. Instead, our aim was to explore the "lighter" side of vice on campus.

We hope it is as fun to read as it was for our staff to write.

We'd love to hear responses to this issue

and the topics it raises. Responses can be sent to letters@dailymerald.com. Letters to the editor are limited to 250 words and guest commentaries to 550 words.

So what's your vice? Flip through these pages and see if any of the people in our stories seem just a little too familiar.

University administrators reveal their vices

■ Campus officials admit to welterweight vices, such as coffee, fast food and books

By Leon Tovey
Oregon Daily Emerald

President Richard Nixon had his tapes and his four-letter expletives. President Ronald Reagan had his jelly beans and his pie-in-the-sky sci-fi nuclear defense plans. And President Bill Clinton had his cigars and his interns.

As long as there have been administrators, there have been stories about their self-indulgent vices.

Which leaves one to wonder what sorts of vices the administrators of the University have.

Investigations of various high-ranking University officials failed to turn up anything as juicy as the vices of various world leaders, but as any addiction specialist will tell you, even the most benign activities can become a problem when taken to excess.

Health Center Director Dr. Gerald Fleischli, a "packrat" in the words of his assistant Kim Barker, admits to having a penchant for fast food. Thrice weekly, the 61-year-old Fleischli pays a visit to McDonald's, Burger King or Carl's Jr. to indulge in a burger from the 99-cent menu — a ritual he said he's prac-

ticed for nearly 20 years.

"But my cholesterol is only 201," he said, referring to his combined HDL and LDL cholesterol level. "I make up for it by eating fruit and cereal for breakfast."

Apparently the combination works; the last time his cholesterol was tested, Fleischli said, his HDL was 57 — which puts him in the American Medical Association's "healthy" range. As long as his numbers stay good, his lunch hours limited and the 99-cent menus well-stocked, Fleischli says he'll continue his regular visits to the grease pits of Eugene.

As for his packrat tendencies, Fleischli said it's less a vice than a necessity in today's information-dependent society. He said he keeps his childhood immunization records on his hard drive because, "Who else could you get it from?"

Vice President for Student Affairs Anne Leavitt's two worst vices are a raging coffee addiction and an all-consuming passion for collecting books. Leavitt admitted to being one of those people who switch to iced coffee in the summer and are willing to get up early or be late for appointments to get that perfect cup of joe.

"I'll stand in line way too long," she said with a laugh.

As bad as Leavitt's coffee addic-

Campus officials throw wide their closet doors ...



FLEISCHLI

Vices: packrat tendencies and fast food



LEAVITT

Vices: raging coffee addiction and book collecting



FROHNMAYER

Vices: not cigars, alcohol or caffeine; only clutter

tion is, though, it pales in comparison to her book addiction. Almost every wall in her house has a bookshelf, she said, and they fill up so quickly that her husband, who, fortunately, enjoys carpentry, has to build a new one every few months.

But of all the vices of all the administrators at the University, the most disturbing may be that of President Dave Frohnmayer: clean living. Because of health concerns, Frohnmayer said he has given up cigars, alcohol and even caffeine in recent years.

"I've become really disgusted at my own lack of vices," he said with regret.

Of all his old vices, the former

Oregon attorney general most lamented giving up "real" coffee.

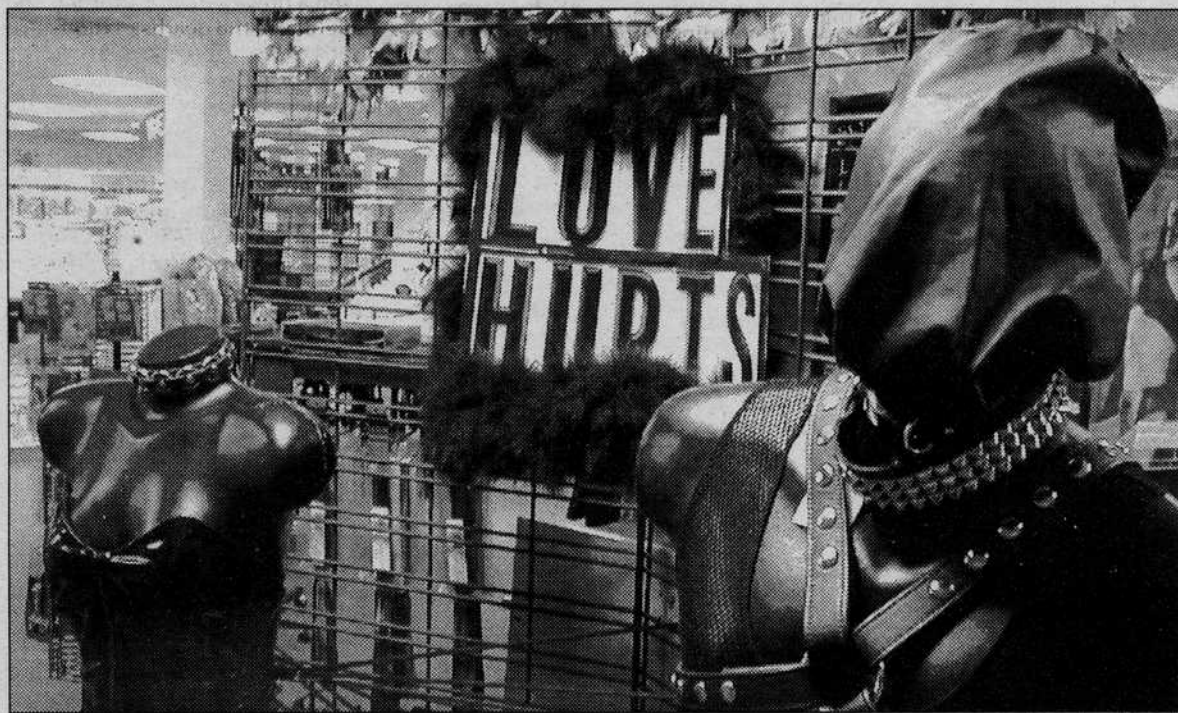
"I used to take it intravenously," he joked. He described the decaffeinated brew he drinks now as a "pale shadow" of the hard stuff he used to drink.

But while he has given up many of his favorite vices and even started exercising — students and faculty

arriving on campus before 8 a.m. can sometimes see him power-walking between Johnson Hall and other buildings — Frohnmayer has one indulgence left: his cluttered desk.

It's not much, he admitted, but it's better than nothing.

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Castle Superstore offers a wide selection of bondage and leather goods for the enthusiast, and for these mannequins, love is pain.

Public parties dominate fetish scene

■ A local sponsor offers a chance to explore private fetishes with an audience

By Danielle Gillespie
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University student Brandon Yants said his ex-girlfriend had a fetish for having sex in public.

"She was always pressuring me to have sex in public places," he said. "She had a fascination with it."

Fetishes are described by some as any non-sexual objects that excite erotic feelings or non-traditional sexual behavior that does not follow societal norms.

Stylus Grooves co-owner Jason Kamras and an unnamed partner have been throwing "Sin Parties" for exploring fetishes since 1996, with

an estimated 50 to 150 people in attendance. The parties are held once or twice a year and include stage performances and a variety of music, including gothic and industrial.

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Jason Kamras
co-owner, Stylus Grooves

Kamras and his partner began sponsoring the parties because the Eugene area did not offer people many opportunities to enjoy gothic music or to explore fetishes.

"Once I did the first one, I thought it was like what I wanted raves to be like," he said. "People are really free, and a lot of people experience life changes."

At Kamras' parties, people can experience their fetishes in an environment meant to make people feel safe and ensure that they do not fear being laughed at, Kamras said.

"A fetish can be thought of as something that is not necessarily 'all right' in the eyes of most of society," he said. "It is usually practiced behind closed doors by two consenting adults. Consenting is the most important part."

At the parties, people can be tied up, be dominated by someone or

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