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Blister in the Sun

Experts say that while many students enjoy sunbathing, tanned skin indicates recent damage that can eventually cause cancer

By Lisa Toth
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Most college students know the sun is bad for them, yet they like spending time soaking up rays, especially during spring term when weather is better in Eugene.

Dr. James Kitterman, a dermatologist in Eugene, said people know that tanning is bad for them, like smoking, yet they continue to engage in the practice even when they know damage is being done.

"Anytime your skin tans, it's in response to skin damage," he said.

People have historically wanted to be tan because they feel healthier, Kitterman said. In the 1700s and 1800s in the southern states, Kitterman said people who were so wealthy that they did not need to work generally had "pristine white skin." But the class hierarchy is now reversed, Kitterman said. People with money can now afford tanning beds or leisure time in the sun.

"If you have a tan, it means, 'I can afford the time to go someplace (on vacation) or get a tan,'" he said. "And we have come to believe that tan looks better."

But the myth that tan is better is slowly changing, said Paula Staight, the University's director of health education, who offers preventative education opportunities for students on campus. Last Thursday, the University Health Center hosted a "Bad Barbie Health Fair" in front of the University Bookstore to give information about skin protection and samples of sunscreen.

While people may still be spending time in the sun, they are at least buying protection.

Wendy Amber, who is in charge of ordering for Hirons Drug Store on Franklin Boulevard, said customers are buying the generic sunscreens over name brands.

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Adam Jones Emerald

For best results, apply liberally to all exposed skin. Sunscreen, the modern equivalent of the fountain of youth, is recommended for all months of the year to lessen sun damage.

City to revise proposed hike in liquor fines

After public outcry, the Eugene city attorney's office has decided to clarify alcohol regulations

By Brook Reinhard
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The Eugene city attorney's office is revising a proposed clarification of city law regarding certain alcohol violations after an outcry from student leaders and some city officials.

The revised proposal would add new wording to city code detailing two specific alcohol offenses and the penalties for each. In addition, it would increase the maximum fine for repeat offenders from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and the maximum jail sentence from 100 days to one year.

The revision would bring city code up to date with state standards so more cases could be tried in Eugene Municipal Court, instead of more stringent state circuit courts, Eugene Police Department Lt. Rich Stronach said. The new proposal is scheduled for a vote by City Council on June 10.

The original proposal included a section forcing local courts to fine first-time violators of two alcohol offenses — Furnishing Liquor to Prohibited Persons and Allowing Unlawful Consumption — a minimum of \$350. The proposal would have made the University's BUSTED program, an educational alternative to paying a fine, useless and unused because of the mandatory sentencing.

The original proposal also called for an increase in the maximum fine for repeat offenders.

The Eugene City Council was scheduled to vote May 13 on the original proposal. ASUO President Rachel Pilliod and a handful of students came to the meeting ready to fight the proposal. But at the last minute, the item was removed from the agenda after some city officials, including Council President David Kelly, voiced concern that the mandatory sentencing clause would take power away from the courts.

"It was a miscommunication between the various departments involved," Eugene Police Department spokeswoman Pam Alejandre said.

Student advocates said the original proposal was unacceptable because it didn't allow courts to impose penalties on a case-by-case basis. According to Eugene Municipal Court, more than 83 percent of alcohol-related cases result in enrollment in a diversion program that provides an alternative to stiff fines.

"Basically, we felt this took away the judge's discretion," said Jesse Harding, incoming ASUO Community Outreach coordinator. "I know people who went to diversion programs, and this has helped them a lot."

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Openly gay ex-umpire to hit at workplace issues in speech

University and community groups kick off Gay Pride Month with a speech from former umpire Dave Pallone

By Danielle Gillespie
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On Thursday, Dave Pallone, a former umpire for the National Baseball League will deliver a two-hour speech about his experience as a gay man in professional baseball entitled "Who's Really on First."

The event is hosted by the University's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Educational and Support Services Program, Lane Community College and employees of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

Pallone's speech begins at 9:30 a.m. in the EMU Gumwood Room and is free. LGBT Educational and Support Services Program Director Chicora Martin said Pallone will be speaking about

how he handled being a homosexual umpire in a professional baseball league, a predominately heterosexual institution. He will be giving gays advice for dealing with homophobia in the workplace or in other group situations where they may be the only homosexual. He will also discuss how to understand sexual orientation by explaining the differences between heterosexuality and homosexuality. In addition, he will talk about dealing with the personal and professional struggles of being gay.

"Pallone's speech is meant to be empowering," Martin said. "Everyone can learn something from his speech." Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Alliance Issues Coordinator Kristina

Armenakis said she thinks professional baseball tends to be a homophobic place and is glad Pallone is bringing awareness to these issues.

"Queer people are marginalized in professional sports, and I think to have someone who is gay be a part of that program is a breakthrough," she said.

Pallone is the author of the 1990 New York Times best-selling autobiography "Behind the Mask: My Double Life in Baseball." He has also been a guest on "Larry King Live" and has appeared on "The Phil Donahue Show," "The Today Show," "CBS Morning," "The Geraldo Rivera Show" and "The Late, Late Show with Tom Snyder."

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"Yerrrrrrrrrr... out!"



PALLONE

Dave Pallone, a former MLB umpire, will speak about gay issues 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the EMU Gumwood Room. Admission is free.