

## Health: Number of women using FPEP greater than men

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months and those who have had two or more partners in the past year are also considered at risk, Douglas said. By age 24, one in three sexually active people will have contracted an STI, according to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Douglas said the most commonly found STI in both males and females at the University is chlamydia, which a person can have for a long time without showing symptoms. From 1990 to 2002, up to three-fourths of infected women and up to one-half of men with chlamydia were asymptomatic, according to the Oregon Department

of Human Services 2002 STD data.

And while women's exams screen for cervical cancer, men should be aware they are at risk for testicular cancer, Douglas said. The improved annual exams will also provide information on how to do testicular self-exams.

"It's a good idea to have an annual checkup," he said. "At least once a year you should think of your health, just to make sure everything's OK."

Douglas said it's rare for students not to qualify for FPEP because it's based on their personal income and not their family's.

### ONLINE

Visit <http://healthcenter.uoregon.edu/business/fpepguide.html> to find out if you qualify for FPEP.

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### FPEP ELIGIBILITY AND INFORMATION

#### What is FPEP?

The Family Planning Expansion Project was implemented as a Medicaid project to expand coverage for family planning services. The program offers reproductive health services and free contraception, including annual exams in combination with contraceptive counseling, sexually transmitted infections (STI) screening, birth control, pregnancy tests and various other tests. It does not cover non-symptomatic STI screening or treatment visits without a contraceptive or medication consultation. It also does not provide medications and supplies related to treating infections.

#### Who is eligible for FPEP?

You are eligible to use FPEP if you meet certain requirements and fall within the program's income guidelines.

You are eligible if you pay the University's

health fee to use the center; if you are a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States for five or more years; or if you have an Oregon address, even if you live part time elsewhere.

Income requirements are based on family size. A family of one with a gross monthly income before taxes of \$1,436 or less is eligible. Income does not include money received from parents.

Coverage lasts for one year. A change in income during the 12 months, even if it puts a person outside income requirements, does not cancel his or her eligibility.

#### Where to call with questions?

Call the health center at (541) 346-2770 for questions about eligibility or to schedule an appointment. Call (541) 346-3572 for questions about billing.

— Kara Hansen

## Trial: Kerry would toss hearing process if elected

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U.S. military can't charge someone for a crime they committed before the president ordered the commissions. They also allege that bin Laden's al-Qaida organization isn't a state, so international laws of war don't apply.

If Sen. John Kerry wins Tuesday's election, he could abandon the presidential order. Kerry's running mate, John Edwards, has said he would scrap the commissions and establish a new system modeled on established military courts-martial.

If defense pre-trial motions are accepted, it also could throw the whole process into turmoil and possibly disrupt or postpone further trials at Guantanamo.

"There won't be a lot of drama in

these hearings, but the questions get to the heart of whether these commissions can be fair," said James Ross of the New York-based Human Rights Watch, one of the groups of international observers monitoring the hearings.

Defense attorneys say Hicks has been denied a right enshrined in the U.S. constitution to a speedy trial, unfettered access to attorneys and the right to fair proceedings. They also challenged a rule prohibiting him from being present for classified parts of his trial, saying he can't properly defend himself unless he knows the allegations.

Hicks was one of the first prisoners to arrive at the outpost in January 2002. He first appeared before the commissions in late August.

Prosecutors contend Hicks fought

with the Taliban and took up arms against U.S. and coalition forces. Because he and the other prisoners are considered enemy combatants — a classification giving them fewer legal protections than prisoners of war — prosecutors argue he isn't entitled to the same rights.

If the panel denies the motions, there is no clear appeals process, another point of contention for Hicks' attorneys who say they have warned their 29-year-old client that he faces the prospect of an unfair trial.

"If the motions are granted, the process would stop," Hicks' military-appointed lawyer, Marine Corps Maj. Michael Mori, said. "But they're trying every roadblock they can."

## Iran: Enrichment of uranium for peaceful energy purposes

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cessation and unlimited suspension," he said. "We told the Europeans if your target is cessation, it will be impossible. But we are flexible if your proposal is balanced."

Tehran maintains its nuclear program is for peaceful energy purposes.

Mousavian said some progress was "definitely" made during Iran's talks last week with Europeans, who he said "showed flexibility and understanding."

However, those negotiations could be hampered if Iran's government obliges calls by lawmakers to push ahead with enrichment.

Parliament speaker Gholam Ali Haddad Adel said Sunday's vote by the conservative-dominated parliament in favor of the outline of a bill that forces their government to resume uranium enrichment sent a message to the world.

"The message of the absolute vote for the Iranian nation is that the parliament supports national interests," he said. "And the message for the outside world is that the parliament won't give in to coercion."

No date was set for discussing details of the legislation, and the outline did not include a deadline for the government to resume uranium enrichment.

Another vote is expected on the bill when details are worked out. The bill also requires approval by the hard-line Guardian Council.

Iran is not prohibited from enriching uranium under its obligations to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, but faces growing international pressure to suspend such activities as a good-faith gesture.

Britain, Germany and France have warned most European states will back Washington's call to refer Iran's case to the Security Council if it does not agree to a compromise. The IAEA is also trying to persuade Iran to limit nuclear activities.

## Kerry: Catholic Church takes stance on controversial issues

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Petersen said these politicians offended him and his faith.

"It would be just as bad for someone who was Islamic to practice voodoo," he said last spring.

On the national level, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a document outlining the Church's stance on critical issues such as gay marriage, abortion and stem-cell research. The document, titled "Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call for Political Responsibility," also emphasizes the importance for Catholics to participate in the political process.

"As we approach the elections of 2004, we renew our call for a new kind of politics — focused on moral principles not on the latest polls, on the needs of the poor and vulnerable not the contributions of the rich and powerful, and on the pursuit of the common good not the demands of special interests," the document says.

For University student and Catholic Richard Keymolen, however, religion will not play such a significant role in how he votes. He added that he will likely vote for Kerry. Keymolen said Kerry is contradicting the Church partially

because he has to in order to gain political advantage.

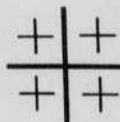
"He's just trying to get supporters and the vote," he said. "Of course the Catholics are going to disagree."

Keymolen added that Kerry should not be scrutinized because of his religion.

"Political life and religious life should be treated differently," he said. "This is not a Catholic country. It's a country of many religions. ... If some of his politics go against the church, it's for the best interest of the country."

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