

# Smoking again mars Mac Court concert

Guitarist-songwriter Arlo Guthrie played to about 2000 persons in Monday night's concert in McArthur Court—many of them were smokers.

And the smokers were the ones who caused the interruptions in the Guthrie concert, interruptions to remind persons not to smoke. Despite the reminders, smoking continued.

Because of the smoking, an injunction against concerts in the 44-year-old all-wood building may be sought by the University or the City of Eugene. Wendell Wick, Eugene fire marshal, said late Monday night that he will have a report sometime this morning on the smoking at the concert.

Smoking in McArthur Court is a fire hazard, Wick said, and is a violation of city fire regulations.

At the concert, smoking was an issue all the way through.

Guitarist Ry Cooder began his set after an announcer's warning that smoking is a fire hazard. After his set, another warning was given to the audience.

During the break, Guthrie was told by representatives of the ASUO Cultural Forum (sponsor of the concert) to again warn the crowd about smoking. When Guthrie began playing, he said, "Oh, I'm supposed to say something about smoking—it's fun." He then waved a finger in the air and added, "No smoking."

Midway through Guthrie's set, Cultural Forum director Rob Gruber warned the crowd again about smoking. When Guthrie introduced his song, "Comin' into Los Angeles," he described hiding "dope" on an airplane, saying, "...because you know you'd be smoking if you weren't so sure the man next to you wasn't a narc—or a fire marshal."

During Guthrie's performance, an Emerald reporter took three five-minute counts of the number of times persons struck matches or used lighters to begin smoking. For the first five-minute period, 51 lit up, for the second, 32, and the third, 43.

The danger of smoking in Mac Court is that, if a fire starts in the facility, persons would not be able to get out of the building in time before they might be burned, Wick said.



Arlo Guthrie talks with an Emerald reporter before Monday night's concert. See forthcoming review and interview of Guthrie in Wednesday's Emerald.

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## Campus groups support referendum

Several groups have recently voiced support of the upcoming cigarette tax referendum and have urged a concentration of efforts on voter registration until the Dec. 18 deadline.

Sen. Jason Boe (D-Reedsport) told students and faculty members Friday afternoon in the EMU Dad's Room that the

upcoming cigarette tax was of particular importance to students in that if it fails there will be a substantial raise in the cost of tuition.

He added if it is defeated there would be less money in the area's economy because there would be less money for the students to spend.

The proposed tax would raise the price of cigarettes five cents a pack. According to Boe, Oregon has the fourth highest cigarette consumption in the nation. He attributed this to the fact that Oregon supplies cigarettes for Washington, Idaho and Northern California. The tax in Oregon is the fourth lowest in the nation.

There is no deficit financing in Oregon and if the tax measure fails there will be a two per cent cut in the general fund budget, Boe said. This actually amounts to a four per cent cut because half the fiscal year has passed, he added.

"It is up to the people who want to pass the cigarette tax to get out on the streets and get people to register," Boe emphasized.

The State Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) also declared its support for the cigarette tax Monday after hearing arguments that Oregon's environmental protection efforts will be "hopelessly crippled" if voters defeat the cigarette and income tax measure in the Jan. 18 special election.

Director of the Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ), L. B. Day, told the EQC that revenue losses from defeat of the two measures would force a cut of almost two-thirds of a million dollars from the DEQ budget.

According to Day this "would cut the guts out of environmental protection." He also said new programs would be aborted and existing ones would be ineffective.

Approximately \$633,000 in the DEQ's budget is in danger, Day said. \$210,000 from the operating budget and \$423,000 presently held in reserve to implement

new programs ordered by the 1971 Legislature.

Day told the commission if the tax measures fail "no effective controls could be established on noise pollution or motor vehicle pollution, complaints from the public would go unanswered, our water quality would deteriorate and federal Clean Air Act requirements could not be met."

Without the necessary funds the DEQ "will have no staff to enforce Oregon's Clean Air Act or carry it through," Day said.

Day also said the loss of funds would make it necessary to abolish 15 positions, including some highly skilled technical personnel.

University members of the newly formed senior citizen-student coalition supporting the cigarette tax decided in a planning meeting Friday to concentrate their efforts on voter registration.

Laura Wolfe, a student active in voter registration, told the group "only about 15 to 20 per cent of the students are registered to vote." She said often students don't stop at booths because they don't realize what a simple process registration is.

Coalition members agreed to work with Ms. Wolfe in the drive, which begins today.

The members also discussed sponsoring at booths because they don't realize what a speakers' bureau as part of their promotion of the cigarette referendum.

Al King, executive secretary of the state-wide coalition, said the group might have as much as \$30,000 to work with, but pointed out that the money would go for media advertisements and leaflets.

King said opponents of the referendum will probably have the backing of tobacco companies, and as a result, a lot more campaign money.

"Our lack of funds necessitates coming on strong at the end," he added.

## Clark, More to speak at ASUO town meeting

Utopian education and University governance are the topics for the first ASUO Town Meeting of this year, to be held at 7 p.m. in the EMU Dad's Room.

University President Robert Clark, ASUO President Iain More and education professor Robert Sylvester will speak briefly on these topics and answer questions from the audience.

Tonight's town meeting is patterned after a similar meeting held for the faculty two months ago on campus, according to Don Brookhyser, junior one of three student moderators for the meeting.

"We wanted to give Clark an outlet and

let students get a better idea of the man behind the office," Brookhyser said. "We didn't want the office speaking, in effect, so we didn't pick controversial topics."

The first topic, utopian education, will involve the relationship between student and instructor, the curriculum and the relationship of education to society.

University governance, which is the second topic, will involve the roles of students, teaching faculty and administration, plus the role of outside forces.

Each topic's discussion will last about an hour. The student moderators are Brookhyser, Jeff Jefferson, junior, and Ellen Wolfe, graduate student.

### Voter Registration

In order to vote in the upcoming special election on the Cigarette Tax Referendum, students must be registered to vote before December 18.

Students can register on campus today, Wednesday and Thursday at: The Co-op: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; The EMU lobby: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the library: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; 180 PLC: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 150 Science: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and the dorm dinner lines: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

There will also be registrars at the basketball games this weekend and students can register before and after the game and during half time.

Registrars will be available Friday at 2:30 in the EMU when Senator Greening (D-Alas.) speaks.