

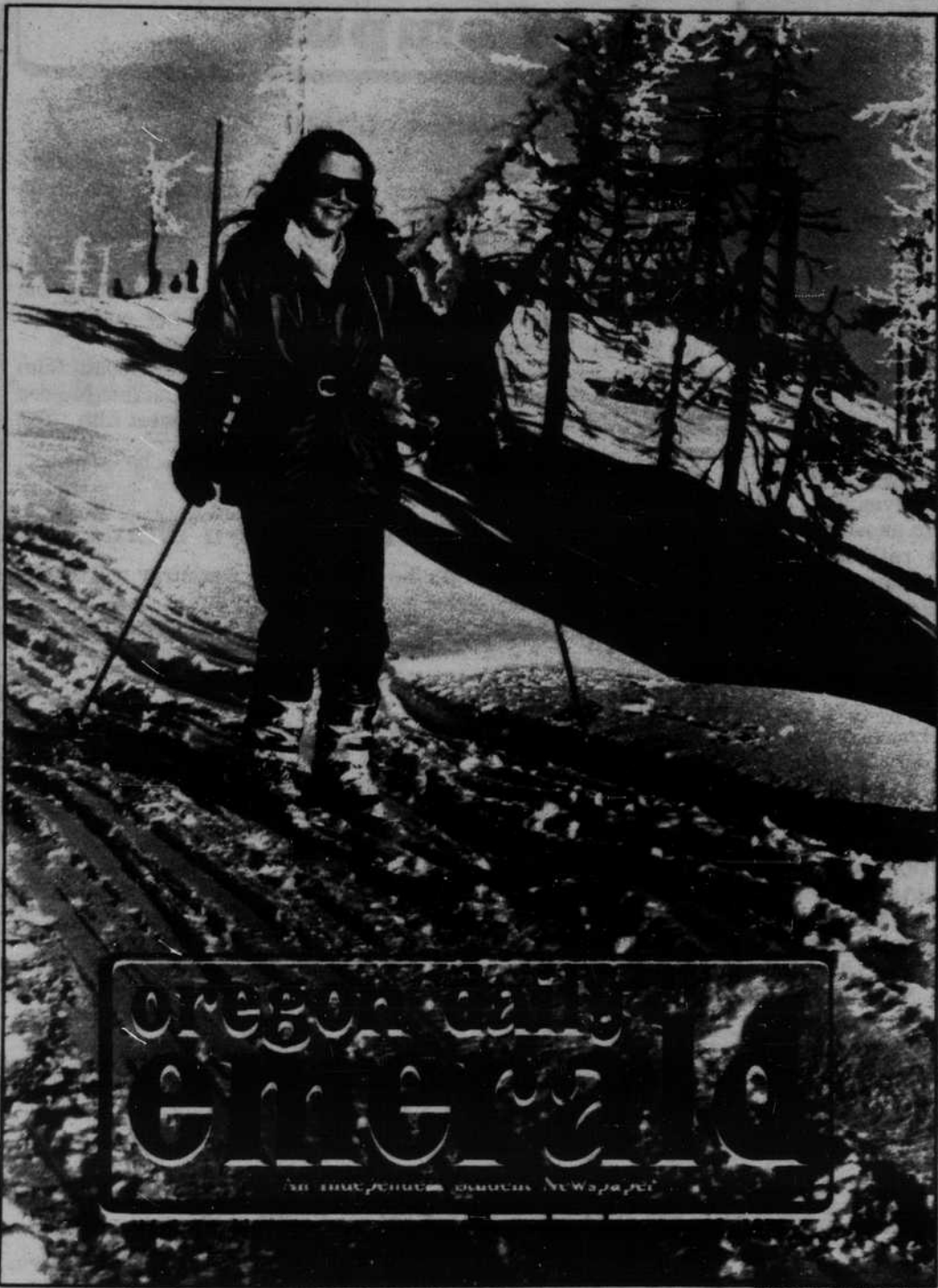


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## Legislators hold first hearing of new session

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SALEM (Special) — Proponents and opponents of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution clashed in verbal testimony before the House State and Federal Affairs Committee Wednesday during the first public hearing of the 1973 legislative session.

A majority of the approximately 200 persons crammed into the hearing room favored the amendment, but an equal number of persons testified for and against. All but one of the 15 persons that testified were women.

The proponents, representing several statewide organizations, stated a Constitutional amendment is the best way to deal with current legal discrimination on the basis of sex.

The opponents, primarily from a newly formed organization called "The Committee for the Preservation of Womanhood," were concerned about the ambiguities of what would happen if the amendment was ratified.

Those in opposition to the amendment, which states "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex," raised many legal questions including how current rights of privacy, requirements for military service, legal obligations of husbands and separate but equal instruction would be affected by the amendment.

State Sen. Betty Roberts (D-

Portland), a lawyer, told the committee that ratification of the amendment would not mean public restrooms would be integrated, a main argument of the opponents.

"The ninth amendment includes the right to privacy," Roberts said. "In our society we believe that caring for one's necessary body functions is a private matter and as long as we still believe this it will be included under the ninth amendment."

Rep. Roger Martin (R-Portland), chief sponsor of the ratification bill, said that under the amendment women could possibly be drafted, "but the draft is ending June 1." Martin added that even if women were required to serve in the military he thought the experience proved beneficial for many persons.

Carol Hewitt, representing the Equal Rights Alliance and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), added in her testimony "women would be subject to the draft but it could be beneficial since the military has been one of the most blatant discriminators."

Hewitt, a lawyer, also explained that under the amendment the legal obligations of a husband would not differ from those of a wife.

"Under the ERA the husband and wife would have to support each other," Hewitt said. She said that if neither husband or wife could decide who was going to support the family, a court would probably force the person with the greatest earning

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## Protesters plan Friday rally, Saturday 'march against death'

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Saturday may be your last chance.

If you've considered marching in a peace demonstration before, but never quite got around it, if you've become a dove since the last march or if you're still disgusted with the war, then this Saturday will have a lot more to offer than watching President Nixon's second Inauguration on television. There will be a 10 a.m. rally on campus, followed by a march to the Mall to join a community demonstration.

"We're hoping to make it possible for people that haven't come out against the war before to participate," said Alan Stephenson, representing Clergy and Laymen Concerned at a Eugene press conference Wednesday. He was joined by Marian Barnes of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and Rick Fitch of the Eugene Peace Center. They spoke on the demonstration planned for Eugene Saturday.

An anti-inauguration rally will be held at 12:15 p.m. Friday on the EMU Free Speech Platform as a prelude to Saturday's "March Against Death."

The Student Mobilization Committee (SMC) which met Wednesday night to finalize plans, is sponsoring the rally on Friday. A representative of SMC, Dave Schoenfeld, will be one of the speakers. The Guerilla Theatre will also appear.

Saturday's march will meet at 10 a.m. at the EMU for a rally. At 10:30 a.m. the march will proceed to the dorms to solicit more marchers. It will then wind its way up 11th Ave. to the Eugene Mall. At the mall marchers will join with a community sponsored march and at 11:30 a.m. both groups will continue on across the Ferry St. Bridge to Alton Baker Park where a memorial service will be held.

"This will be a solemn march with caskets and signs bearing the names of war casualties," a release handed out at the press conference said. "People are urged to wear dark clothing or black arm bands."

Eugene Attorney Charles Porter will sponsor a sound effects program at the mall when the marchers arrive. A SMC member said, "the program sounds as if you're in the middle of a war." The tape is complete with air raid sirens, screaming, the

whistling noise of bombs as they are dropped, and the rumble of low flying helicopters.

A mass reading of excerpts from the book, "Voices of The Plain of Jars" will take place at Alton Baker Park. The voices are of Vietnamese people killed in the war.

Barnes will speak on behalf of Medical Aid for Indochina (MAI), a group founded by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, which is trying to raise three million dollars to rebuild the Bac Ninh Hospital in Hanoi, which was destroyed by U.S. bombing raids.

Also planned are short speeches by Rev. Norman Pott of the Central Presbyterian Church and Father Frank Wilke of the Neuman Center.

Saturday's "March Against Death" has been endorsed by ASUO President Bill Wyatt. The march will commemorate all the people and things destroyed by the Vietnam war. Other anti-war activities have been planned around the nation to coincide with President Nixon's inauguration on Saturday.

The release handed out at the press conference stated "The March Against Death on January 20th in Washington, D.C., and our march in Eugene, supported by all local peace organizations, will be a demonstration for peace, but not 'just another peace demonstration.'" The release contained a call for an end to U.S. presence in Southeast Asia, for Congress to cut off funds and for Nixon to immediately sign the October Peace agreement.

Barnes said that there was more likelihood than before of getting Congress to cut off funding of the war. Stephenson stressed that the vote in the House of Representatives was crucial. "Our own congressman Mr. Dellenback is a very key vote," he added. Referring to the House vote, he admitted "I'm not so optimistic there. I'd like to be."

The conference began with reporters asking cynical questions and Barnes and Stephenson replying with optimistic answers. "Just because something hasn't worked in the past doesn't mean it won't work in the future," commented Stephenson in response to a question regarding the value of peace demonstrations.

Then it was Stephenson's turn to be cynical. He expressed pessimism concerning any upcoming peace agreements. Barnes said she had heard that military men in Vietnam were being replaced with American civilian advisors. She added "We are responsible to help get political prisoners out of jail" in the event of a ceasefire.

## Ethnic studies head to be chosen soon

A director for the new Ethnic Studies program will probably be selected by the end of the month, according to Academic Provost Marshall Wattles.

The position calls for teaching and directorship of the recently approved program of ethnic studies which would be drawn from interdepartmental courses in minority culture.

"We've tentatively reduced the list of candidates at this time to five," Wattles said Wednesday. "We're pledged to give preference to minority candidates, and most of those we've interviewed have been."

The interviews are being conducted by a search committee.

The Ethnic Studies Committee, which is making policy recommendations for the program, met Tuesday to outline new proposals in the English department.

Chairer Paul Simonds said there is strong support for the new director. "Initially, we need somebody who can pull the program together and make it work," he said.

Currently there are only three terms of Black literature being offered for minority studies. Assistant Professor of English Edwin Coleman, who teaches them, said that these courses should be expanded into year sequences so that literature, poetry, and drama could be covered separately. This would also allow for students to be exposed to African and West Indian writing.

Coleman said there is also a "real need and desire" in the department for Chicano and Asian-American literature, but that funds would probably go towards hiring a folklore instructor, preferable a minority female, next year.

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