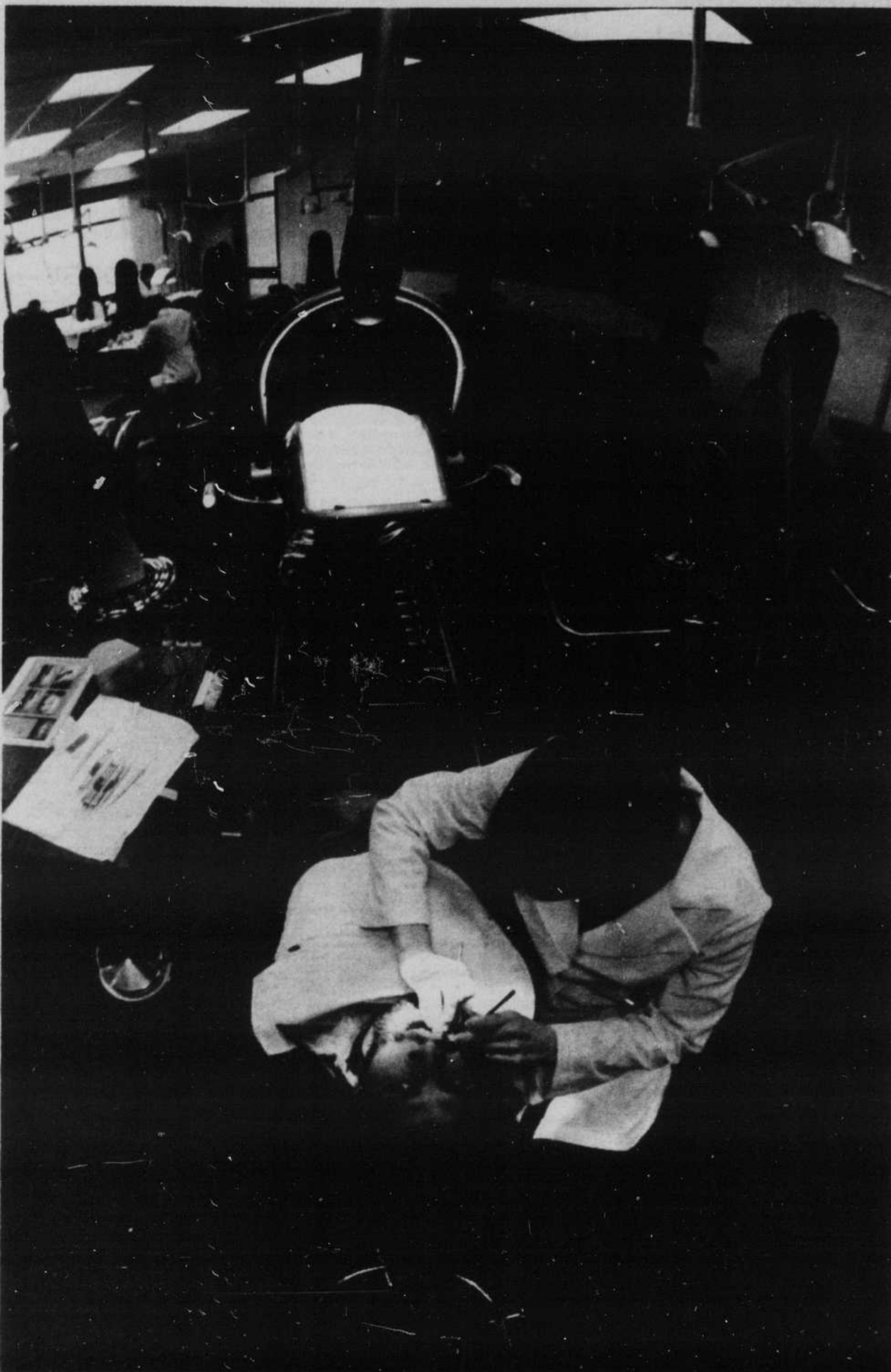




Emerald writer, Nick Gallo, tests his nerves of steel in the 'chair' at the Lane Community College Dental

Clinic. Fillings, bicuspid and other dental paraphernalia are drilled by Gallo's story.

Photo by Kim Smith

Clinic services patient smiles

By NICK GALLO
Of the Emerald

Any good Italian mama worth her garlic salt could have said it loud and clear and free for the asking besides, because, Frank Zappa notwithstanding, the dirtiest part of the body is not the mind. It is the mouth.

"Garbage," she was saying, "you got garbage in your mouth."

It'll just sit there and decompose if you don't do something about it."

Looking up from an uncomfortable dental chair into the face of a young Lane Community College dental hygienist who had removed her surgical mask, I saw 15 other patients being chided for harboring bad mouths. It was not one of mankind's proudest moments.

"Do you brush every day? How long do you spend flossing per

day? Do you drink coffee or tea, smoke cigarettes?"

It was like being a little kid all over again with the priest asking me if I abused myself.

I suppose I mistakenly labored under the impression that brushing my teeth once a day, watching my sugar count and gargling occasionally with Jose Cuervo fulfilled my obligations to any dental witch hunts.

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New law ups vet benefits 8 per cent

Enactment of a new federal law will put more money in the pockets of University veterans.

A recent change in the Veterans Education and Employment assistance law (SL 969) increases monthly educational benefits by eight per cent and allows veterans to attend classes nine months longer at the higher assistance rate.

Frank Lulich, Veterans Administration representative on campus, says as a result of the

new law, which went into effect Oct. 1, veterans will receive retro-active checks in the mail to supplement their regular October check.

Lulich says war orphans, widows and any veteran with 18 months of service will receive an extension of 45 months of educational assistance, as opposed to the former 36-month allotment.

The ten-year limitation still holds, regardless of the changes. Veterans must attend college

within ten years of their discharge.

Graduate students who have run out of educational assistance may receive nine more months of financial assistance since the enactment of the law, and veterans on vocational rehabilitation will receive an eight per cent increase in their benefits also.

Lulich added that one other change that will be effective June 1977 because of the law. Veterans will receive their benefits checks at the end of the month instead of the beginning.

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Senate fails to act on grade proposal

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After a three-hour meeting Wednesday afternoon, the University Senate again failed to reach a decision on whether to recommend the Lamon (D - grade) proposal to the University Assembly (the general faculty) for approval.

The group voted 28 to 6, however, to recommend that if the assembly eventually accepts the proposal, it be amended so that all references to the L grade are omitted.

In the original Lamon proposal, the L grade appeared under the pass-undifferentiated (pass-no pass) option indicating "less than satisfactory performance," essentially the equivalent of the D under the pass-differentiated option.

With the elimination of the L grade, students enrolled in a course on a pass-differentiated basis will receive a D, and therefore credit, for "less than satisfactory" or "inferior" work, but students taking the same course under the pass-undifferentiated option will receive an N, and thus no credit, for that same level of performance.

Two other grading proposals, both offered as substitute motions to the Lamon proposal, failed to secure the approval of the Senate.

The first of these was introduced by SUAB member Mark Sykes and called for elimination of the N grade as well as the current rule stipulating that 85 per cent of all courses graded A, B, C, P and N be passed. It also proposed introduction of an O mark to indicate "no credit awarded" but required that this mark, as well as the I, W, X and Y marks, not appear on student transcripts sent outside the University.

Opponents of the Sykes proposal said that if it were approved by the Assembly, the University would constantly receive requests

from graduate and professional schools requesting students' "real" records.

The other failing motion, introduced by economics professor Barry Siegel, called for a return to the use of D's and F's under the pass-differentiated option and elimination of the current 85 per cent rule in favor of one stipulating that students must maintain a 2.25 grade point average to graduate.

The Sykes proposal was defeated 33 to 3, the Siegel proposal 25 to 8.

The Senate will meet again Friday afternoon at 3:30 in Room 222 of the Law Center to continue discussion of the issue.

Greek Week benefit begins at Mac Court

Greek Week, which runs through Saturday, hosts its first big event at Mac Court beginning at 8 p.m.

KUGN disc jockeys will oppose the University women's varsity basketball team in a benefit competition for UNICEF. The 50-cent admission charge will be waived for participants of the Big Brother — Big Sister Program.

Semi-finals and finals of the three-on-three fraternity basketball tourney are scheduled for half-time. The \$180 earned from the \$15 entrance fee each of the 12 teams paid will help support a Korean orphan. Other money collected tonight will be donated to UNICEF and United Way.

A co-ed eating contest will follow the game in Mac Court in which each of two teams will devour a five-foot-long grinder donated by Giant Grinder Delicatessen.

A party for senior citizens and exceptional children will be held Friday afternoon and a car rally is planned for Friday evening.

today elections

Editor Greg Wasson examines the mayoral and city council races and the effect their results could have on Eugene's future. Page 4.

Psi Center

The Psi Center has started a file on premonitions and paranormal phenomena. Set your telepathic thoughts on Page 7.

Mime

The Oregon Mime Theater, a group of few words, performs this weekend at Gerlinger Hall. See Surface and Symbol, Page One.

Injury

Oregon's top discus thrower and shot putter, Dave Voorhees, will be lost for the season. Page 2.