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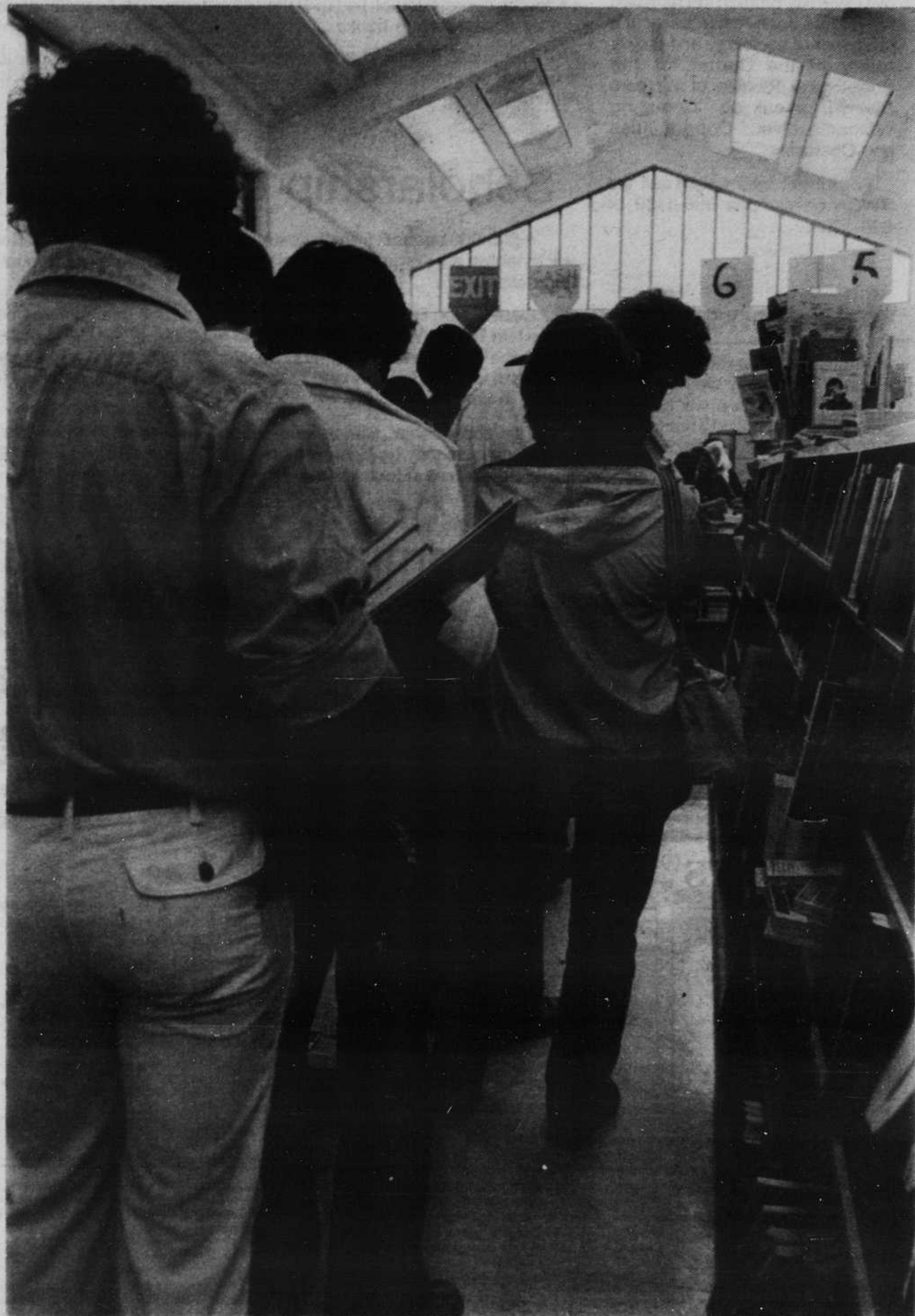


Photo by Adrienne Salinger

## Bookbuyers brave overflow crowds

The long wait in line for hundreds of peak-time bookbuyers was rewarded only by the added weight of textbooks when the University bookstore opened Monday for the first day of fall classes. Several added checkers and a team controlling the crowd were unable to assure quick passage to those patient enough to wait.

## Sen. Hatfield switches on French Pete

By KATHLEEN MONJE  
Of the Emerald

Reversing a long-held position, Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., announced Monday that he will support a House-passed bill designating the French Pete area as part of the national wilderness preservation system.

Steve Hickok, Hatfield's Portland office aide, said Monday that Hatfield's change of position was brought about by the Carter administration's new directives on wilderness management, which allow for protective Forest Service management of wilderness status lands.

Such management includes minimal sanitation facilities and the use of mechanized equipment in forest-fire fighting.

Hatfield opposed wilderness status, but also opposed any logging of French Pete, Hickok said, because the senator felt that public use of the area needed direction. "He felt that the lower areas, which have more traffic, ought to be managed somehow," Hickok explained.

Holway Jones, chairman of the Sierra National Wilderness Committee and University social science librarian, is pleased with Hatfield's decision. "We had pretty good support from the political community, and he's probably received a lot of calls and letters in the past ten days," Jones said Monday. Jones testified before the House in Washington last week in Sierra Club efforts to pass the bill.

The House and the Senate will still come to conference in order to resolve other differences in their wilderness bills, Hickok predicted, but "French Pete will not be a subject of conference — it's in," Hickok said, adding that "the Senator's recommendations will undoubtedly prevail" in the Senate.

Hatfield also announced that he will drop his advocacy for immediate wilderness status for the Boulder Creek area near Roseburg and the Hidden tract near Salem. Aides in Washington said the U.S. Forest Service assured that the 19,200-acre Boulder Creek and the 49,000-acre Hidden tract will be studied for potential wilderness status.

Other differences between the House and the Senate bills to be resolved in conference, Hickok said, include the Kalmiopsis area in southern Oregon, the Winaha area near the Washington border and the Wild Rogue area about 30 miles inland from the southern Oregon coast.

## Students face tuition deadline Wednesday

University students whose budgets are already tight will find those budgets even tighter Wednesday, when the deadline passes to pay tuition without penalty. In addition, drop-adds will cost an additional \$1 for each change in registration after Wednesday.

Oregon Hall will be open until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday to help accommodate changes on the final day to pay without penalty.

## Congress might provide tuition tax breaks

By JANE LEHMAN  
Of the Emerald

College students may finally get a break on the cost of tuition thanks to legislation pending in both the U.S. Senate and House.

Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., Monday introduced legislation to provide tax credits for half of the cost of tuition, up to a maximum of \$500.

The measure, which would not go into effect until 1980, covers cost for students on a full or part time basis in public or private

colleges. It also extends to two-year training and vocational schools, as well as elementary and secondary private schools.

The proposal, known as the Packwood-Moynihan Tuition Tax Credit Act of 1977, boasts 41 co-sponsors, almost half of the senate.

Lane Johnston, press secretary for Packwood, is optimistic over the bill's chances. Johnston says Sen. Russell Long, D-La., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has already promised public hearings on the bill for January. She

also points out that 12 of the 18 finance committee members co-sponsored the bill.

"That gives it a great deal of weight," Johnston says.

"Studies show tuition is a major factor in enrollment decisions, Packwood said in a prepared statement. There has been a 20% drop in lower and middle income students in enrollment.

"Students have been priced out of range," Johnston adds.

Johnston says the plan will not add to federal bureaucracy, because it will be ad-

ministered through the existing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) structure.

The amount will either be deducted from the tax bill owed by the student or parent, or else a refund will be given where the tax bracket is low enough.

The bill will cost \$4.7 billion to implement and maintain, but Johnston hastens to point out that the figure represents less than one per cent of the projected 1980 budget or four per cent of what taxpayers are cur-

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