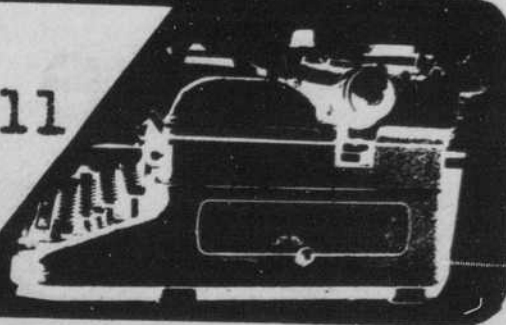


A Typewriter Warmed In Hell

By JOCK HATFIELD
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Next week has been declared a national "Save a Slug" celebration. Groups from gardens around the world will gather together in protest of the merciless slaughter of garden slugs.

Films will be shown of gardeners sneaking up on slugs and sprinkling the cute baby slugs with salt. Viewers will then see the baby slug bubble and sizzle into non-existence.

Tuesday the University will hold a "Slug Sweetheart dance." Slug buttons will be passed out at the door. Slug drinks will be served. A taped lecture by John Squilch will spice up the evening's entertainment. "Slugs don't have legs, you know," says Squilch. Squilch himself has slugged it out with a few gardeners.

Emotions run high among environmentalists as the March Slug hunt approaches. "This kind of slaughter must stop," says Squilch. "If not, the Imertus Gloguci will bubble into extinction. We want our children to know the beauty of the slug."

The law school was kicked out of the rest of the University today for creating too little noise.

Movocaine-brained students were purged from classrooms, libraries and walkways today on suspicion of being law students. Students found guilty will be hung.

Law student Pres. Stupido Eskimo bar was hung early this morning after trying to study on the Deadly Hall steps, with a book.

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Gray Panthers suggest political priorities

By KEVIN HARDEN
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Oregon senior citizens are becoming increasingly aware of the political issues that face them and expect politicians to address

those problems intelligently, says Jim Davis, executive director of the Lane County Gray Panthers.

The days when politicians could visit senior centers briefly before election day and expect to get the senior vote are over, Davis says.

Davis and the Lane County Gray Panthers, part of the statewide senior citizen activist organization, issued a seven-point guideline on senior citizen issues for candidates from both major political parties to be considered

as priorities for their party platforms. Included in the list are such concerns as long-term health care for the elderly, support for legalized denturism, national health insurance and backing of a state ballot measure that would provide multi-family housing for the elderly.

Support for the list of priorities can be beneficial to both the political parties and the senior citizens, Davis says, and can lead to increased support for those keeping up with senior citizen trends.

The list was compiled, Davis says, because of concern that the Republican and Democratic parties have given only token representation to major senior citizens' issues in their party platforms. Although historically the Democratic party has been more receptive, both parties will be asked to consider the major issues in the upcoming November

election, he says.

The list, which concerns both state and national legislation, asks for support of a comprehensive national health insurance program that would provide security for seniors in the midst of rising health care costs, and support for major reforms in long-term care for the elderly that will, among other things, help develop more non-profit nursing homes.

Other concerns are for a subsidized educational program for seniors on effective crime prevention techniques, changes in Oregon denturist laws to provide low-cost dentures for the elderly, continuation of programs that keep senior citizens independent through alternative services and support for a May primary ballot measure that would provide multi-family housing for low-income seniors throughout the state.

Mother can't visit dying son

CINCINNATI (AP) — A woman prisoner who was denied permission by a judge to be at the bedside of her 3-year-old son when he died in a hospital was "taking it hard" Thursday, her minister father said.

The Rev. Millard Sloan said burial will be next Tuesday for his grandson, Jamie Sloan, who died of hepatitis at Children's Hospital on Wednesday afternoon. At the time he died, his 23-year-old mother, Joan Sloan, was sitting in the Fayette County Jail in a courthouse 70 miles northeast of here, facing a term of one to 10 years for trafficking in marijuana.

"We were told there is no sense in releasing her just so she can come down here to watch the kid die," said Frederick Suchy, chief resident at the hospital.

Fayette County Common Pleas Judge Evelyn Coffman had permitted the mother to visit the hospital for an hour Wednesday morning, but when the child's condition worsened later in the day, the judge refused to let her make the return trip.

"She's just a mean old thing," Sloan said of the judge.

Judge Coffman said she "hesitated in the first place, because from her standpoint, I thought it would have been an inhumane thing for her to go down there and see her child in that condition."

"The baby only had an hour to

live," she said. "It was a heartbreaking decision: I have never had to make a decision like that before."

Prison officials would not allow the child's mother to talk to reporters after Jamie's death.

The Rev. Thomas Eisentrout, Episcopal chaplain at the hospital who, along with Suchy, had pleaded in vain for the mother's right to make the visit, said he felt strongly that "people in prison should be allowed to visit loved ones at the time of death."

"What irked us first was they

kept the mother in handcuffs and under guard when she did see the boy," Eisentrout said. "She was embarrassed about the handcuffs, wouldn't take off her coat. She couldn't hug him. 'I believe it is really important to help parents deal with the death of a child,' the minister added. "Our experience has been, if the parents are present, they can understand it, be part of it and get over it easier."

"Psychologically, this could well harm her. Now she's facing one to 10 years for marijuana. How will she face that?"



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