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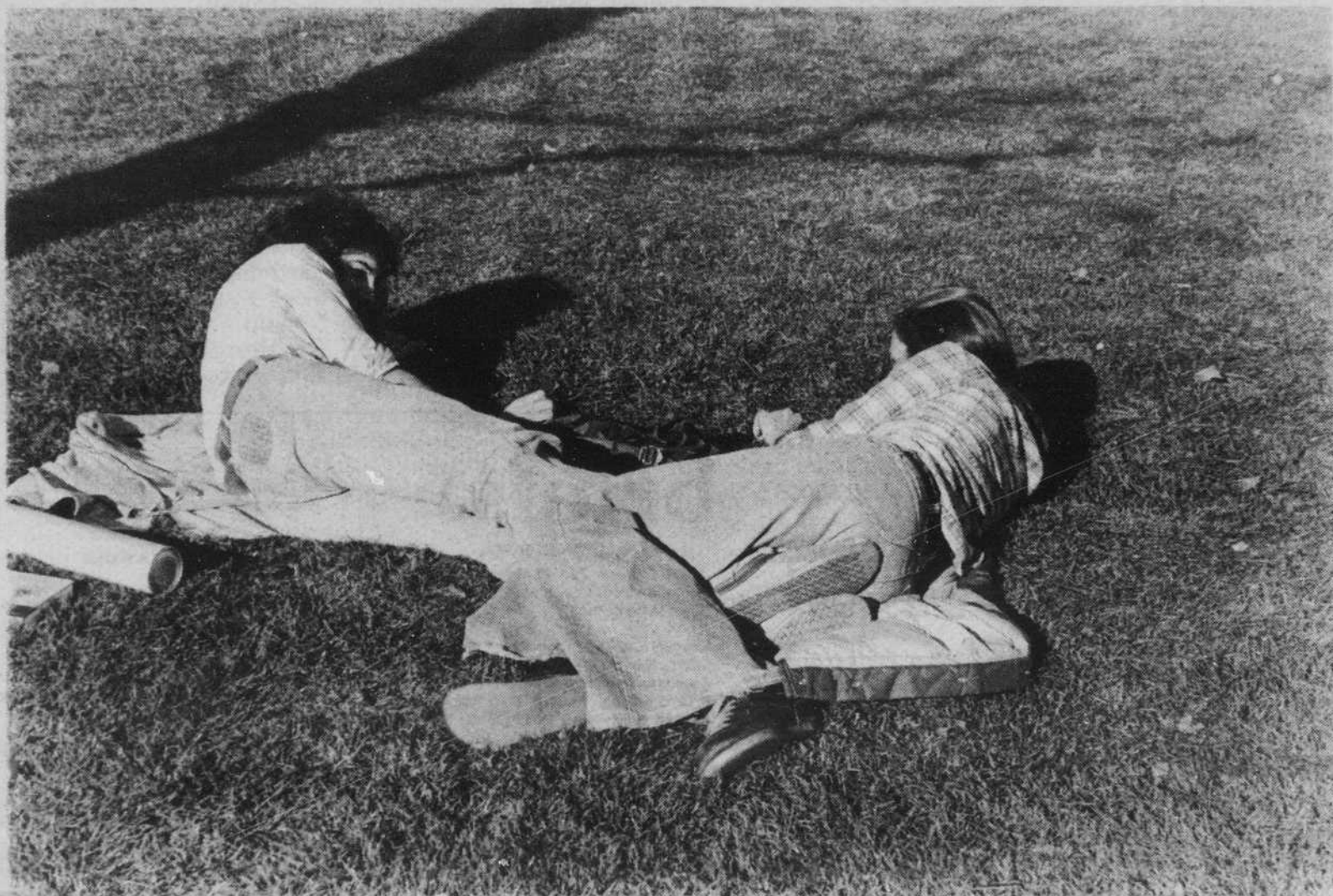


Photo by Adrienne Salinger

*A sunny day,
our legs entwined*

Some like holding hands. Some like holding legs. Ah, romance. Pam Breyer and Paul Thimm put a sunny Monday to good use. Valentine's Day brings out lyrical in all of us. It's the time to file Marx on a dusty shelf, and to stick a Valentine in your love's ear. It's Valentine's Day. See related photos Page 10.

Birthday Transition women hit first year

By CHARLOTTE FOX
Of the Emerald

Valentine's Day usually means hearts and flowers for girlfriends or boyfriends, but for a group of University women, Feb. 14 has a different meaning. For the University Women In Transition, today marks their first anniversary.

In celebration, the group plans to meet with University Pres. Boyd today. Alva Scherich, the group's founder, says "We want to show him that we're not all little old ladies in tennis shoes."

Scherich says the group ranges in age from 25 to 60 and all have varying backgrounds. Almost 50 women now belong to the group and Scherich reports their mailing list includes about 200 people.

Scherich herself is anything but a typical student. A 52-year-old mother of four, she has been going to school off and on for the last 33 years. Two years ago she received her Associate of Arts degree from Blue Mountain College in Pendleton. About a year ago when she separated from her husband, she decided to come to the University, so she moved to Eugene with her youngest daughter.

"I'm a survivor," says Scherich. "When I came to this school I was terrified and needed some kind of a support system. So I built myself one."

Women in Transition is part of a small network that is beginning to grow in colleges and universities. Scherich says the number of non-traditional students is also growing and that more such groups will probably spring up accordingly.

Currently, the University group meets monthly and also holds informal sessions. Scherich says the meetings have been helpful. "I even got the nerve to take cross-country skiing last term. I never would have done it, except that five of us went together. It was hilarious."

The problem many women have when returning to academia is that they don't fit into the social system. "A professor once told me that women like me are on the garbage heap of society," says Scherich. "I hate to think of it that way, but it's true."

McCall enters governor's race

PORTLAND (AP) — Former two-term Oregon Gov. Tom McCall said Monday he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for his old job in the May 23 primary election. He called a news conference at 10 a.m. Wednesday to make the formal announcement.

Two Republican legislators are among the candidates for the GOP nomination. They are state Sen. Victor Atiyeh of Beaverton and state Rep. Roger Martin of Lake Oswego. Both have been campaigning for several weeks.

McCall was governor for two terms

ending in 1975. He was prohibited by state law from running for a third consecutive term, but he is eligible again after sitting out four years.

He was succeeded by Bob Straub, elected in 1974 after being beaten twice by McCall.

McCall, a television commentator before he entered politics, returned to broadcasting after he left office. He also lectured on communications and politics for one quarter at Oregon State University.

McCall's decision to run for governor was announced in Tuesday editions of the

Oregonian. The newspaper quoted "a source close to McCall."

Other newspapers have made similar predictions in recent months, but previously McCall refused to confirm speculation.

This time, McCall said in a telephone interview the newspaper report "is substantially correct."

He said the decisions necessary to make the race for governor have only been reached in the last few days.

The Oregonian report said McCall has not as yet sought funds to finance his campaign.

Student survey shows women more liberal

By RICHARD SEVEN
Of the Emerald

College women have come a long way, according to a University survey conducted by the Office of Student Services.

The University, participating in a nation-wide American Council of Education (ACE) survey sampled last fall's incoming freshmen on their attitudes, backgrounds and future plans.

The survey was sent during the late summer to 609 students and was responded to by 209, representing 8 percent of the freshman class in 550 colleges and universities.

See if you can answer the following questions on which sex groups, males or females, felt the strongest about the following issues:

1. Which group is more supportive of government intervention in matters such as consumer protection and public welfare?
2. Who is more confident of changing society?
3. Who believes preferential treatment for the disadvantaged by busing to achieve balance is desirable?
4. Who thinks criminals have too many rights?
5. Which group is less supportive of a ban on homosexual relations?

6. Who is more likely not to have "no religious preference"?

7. Who is more in favor of legalizing marijuana?

If you answered "female" to all of the above, you're right on target. Here are a few harder ones.

Which group believes it's more important to be financially well-off (Men 53 percent, women 50 percent)

Which group believes sex is okay if people really like each other? (Men 60 percent, women 48.5 percent)

Which sex expects to be married within a year after college? (Men 15.0 percent, women 13.3 percent)

Comparisons with national statistics also

showed some interesting results. A smaller percentage of University freshmen students said they "were well prepared" for college than the national averages. Almost 80 percent said their high school grading was "too easy."

Bob Bowlin, dean of Student Services, says the statistics represent considerable differences from the national norm. However, since his is the first year the University has participated in the national survey, he feels no generalizations can be made about the results.

Bowlin also says the sample's 8 percent return was sufficient to make it valid, however he questions how representative it was.