

# making the news

From Associated Press reports

**PORTLAND — The first tavern** licensed at an Oregon college or university opens for business Friday afternoon at Portland State University.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission granted PSU a license to serve beer and wine at the Nordicland Tavern, located in the Smith Memorial Center on the school's campus in downtown Portland.

**WOODBURN — Smoke from a field burn** was blamed for a series of minor accidents Thursday afternoon on Interstate 5 between Woodburn and Wilsonville.

Oregon State Police said a wind shift caused the smoke to reduce visibility to almost zero. Troopers said the smoke triggered six minor accidents involving 15 vehicles. One minor injury was reported.

Traffic in both the north and south-bound lanes was slowed for most of the afternoon, troopers said. The problem was worst between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., they said. During that period they tried to reroute traffic but did not close the freeway.

Late afternoon breezes gradually cleared the smoke, troopers said.

**PORTLAND — The phone company** won a long squabble with a Portland couple — who paid a \$2,000 bill in pennies.

Julian and Mary Sebastian left 200,000 pennies at the downtown offices of Pacific Northwest Bell this week.

"There's no way we can beat them, so we just want to sting them," said Sebastian, 27, who hauled 40-pound bags containing the pennies from his car to the phone company a block away.

The couple said their telephone troubles began three years ago after they allowed a man Sebastian worked with to stay at their house. While the Sebastians were away, the man made phone calls to his girlfriend in the Philippines.

The guest did not pay the nearly \$3,000 in long-distance phone calls. Legal efforts to fight the bill failed, and the Sebastians had already already paid off about \$1,000 of the bill.

Pacific Northwest Bell had said it would refuse the pennies as payment but quickly reversed that decision.

**WASHINGTON — A Washington congressman** has accused Rep. Jim Weaver, D-Ore., of using delaying tactics in an attempt to block passage of a Northwest energy bill.

But Weaver called the accusations by Rep Lloyd Meeds "sheer and utter nonsense."

Meeds, House sponsor of the bill, criticized Weaver, saying chances are poor for passage of the bill before Congress adjourns Oct. 14.

"It has become absolutely clear to me that Weaver wants to kill it," Meeds said. "He doesn't want to be caught killing it in the street at high noon, so he's trying to strangle it to death in a dark alley."

Weaver disagreed, noting he canceled a campaign trip home last weekend to work on the measure.

# House sustains \$10-billion veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under intensive White House lobbying, the House handed President Carter a major legislative victory on Thursday by sustaining his veto of a \$10.2 billion public works bill as inflationary and wasteful.

The 223-190 House roll call fell 53 votes short of the two-thirds majority necessary to override Carter's veto. Had the House voted to override, a similar majority would have been required in the Senate to enact the bill over the president's objections.

After the vote, Carter said in a statement: "This has been a tough fight. I am gratified by the results..." He said the vote amounted to "a long step in the battle against inflation" and that the nation "owes a debt to the Congress for its wise and responsible action."

Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill had warned that the veto — no matter what the outcome — would make enemies for the president just as his crucial energy legislation nears final passage.

Leaders of both chambers said no effort would be made to rewrite the public works bill to suit Carter before Congress adjourns Oct. 14. Instead, a routine continuing resolution would guarantee financing for existing projects, while new ones in the measure will await action next year.

Earlier, the president vetoed the public works bill in the name of "fiscal responsibility." He warned Congress he would "continue this process, no matter how unpleasant it is," as long as he receives what he considers wasteful legislation from the Capitol.

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