

Students have only today left to pay fees without late fines, the University Business Office says. Students may pay fees between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at Oregon Hall. Fees for adding and dropping courses begin Monday.

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'Hell no, we won't go - or will we?'

Weaver airs opposition to draft

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U.S. Rep. Jim Weaver announced his opposition Tuesday to any efforts to return to a system of draft registration and classification.

Weaver's statement comes almost one week after the head of the Selective Service System urged Congress to resume registration and classification of 18-year-olds, calling the present standby system inadequate to meet national mobilization requirements.

In a statement released by his Eugene office Tuesday, the Fourth District Democrat said, "To require millions of our citizens to register with another federal agency, to then require them to carry a registration and classification card at all times, to notify the government within 10 days whenever they change their address, and to live with the constant threat of being uprooted and pressed into service, is a needless government-

tal intrusion that would not be balanced by any real increase in our security."

Reviving the "giant Selective Service bureaucracy" should be the last resort under present circumstances, not the first, Weaver said.

"I will oppose any effort to reinstitute draft registration or classification," he added.

Three studies commissioned by Congress last month point toward renewed Congressional efforts to bring back compulsory Selective Service registration and classification, according to the National Interreligious Service Board for Conscientious Objectors, which is based in Washington, D.C.

The first study, commissioned by the House Armed Services Committee, was released by the Congressional Budget Office last Dec. 1. The study claimed the present "deep stand-by" draft could not respond quickly in the event of war, and made three recommendations — including one for compulsory peacetime registration and classification.

The General Accounting Office sent a second study to Congress Dec. 14. The report suggested that the Selective Service request a waiver of the federal Privacy Act in order to compile a list of draft-eligible people from the records of other governmental agencies.

A third study commissioned by the Senate Armed Services Committee was released in late December by the Department of Defense. The report rejected the idea of a return to the draft, but recommended that debate focus on compulsory peacetime registration, testing and classification.

"Permission to resume continuous registration and classification (of 18-year-olds) would place the agency in the best operational capability mode," Robert Shuck, acting director of the Selective Service Administration, told Congress in a report released last Thursday.

Rep. Melvin Price, D-Ill., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, called the current system a "serious problem" and said it would get an early review by the new

Congress.

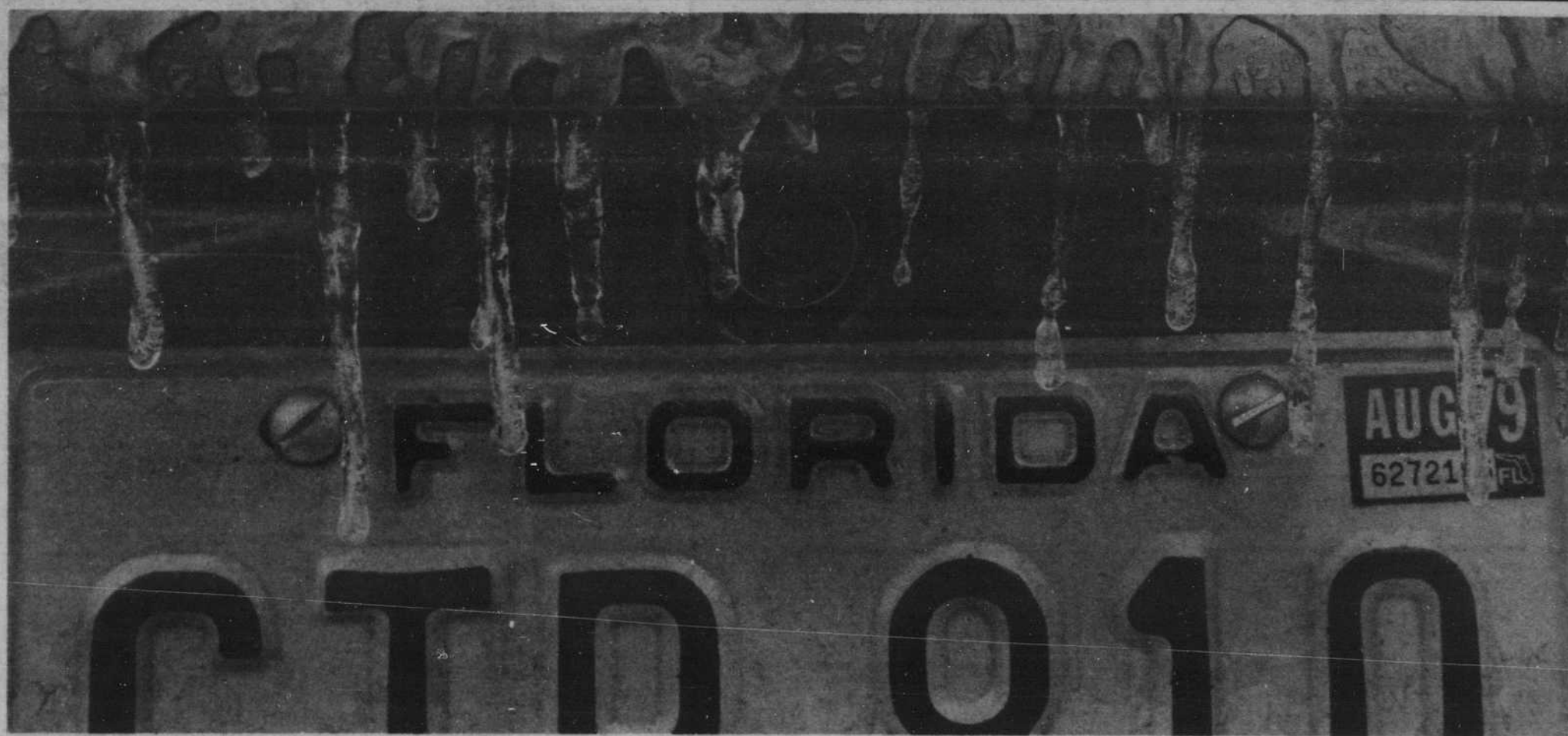
Both the Eugene chapter of Clergy and Laity Concerned and the statewide Campus Ministry organization are now readying themselves for the possibility of draft registration.

During the winter break, ministers from throughout the state met in Eugene for a briefing by the University Veterans Association.

University campus minister Kurt Hoelting says his organization is committed to counseling persons concerned about draft registration, but adds that it is proceeding cautiously until more is known about how the new Congress will act.

Hoelting admits that some students may be hesitant about seeking aid from campus ministers, "but it is in occasions like this where our commonality is more evident."

The Eugene chapter of the National Lawyers Guild recently announced it will cooperate with other groups in the Eugene-Springfield area to establish a draft counseling center if and when needed.



This Floridian may have been warned about the Oregon rain. But this? The Willamette Eugene office. They forecast temperatures near 40 with a 40 percent chance of rain Valley's ice coating should be gone today, according to the National Weather Service today, 60 percent tonight.

Photo by Doug Williams

Icy weather freezes traffic, but classes continue

Freezing temperatures Monday and Tuesday had an immobilizing effect on many Lane County residents as icy streets created hazardous driving conditions and Lane Transit District, Mahlon Sweet Airport and local taxi companies curtailed their activities.

The weather did not cause the University to close down, and ASUO President Ramon Herrera is unhappy with that decision. The decision to keep the University open last Thursday, Monday and Tuesday was "irresponsible and sad," Herrera said late Tuesday afternoon.

"They're not taking the facts into consideration," Herrera said. "Not all students live in the perimeter area,

and even for those who do, walking around campus is not that safe."

Many students rely on buses and bicycles for transportation to the University, Herrera added, pointing out that weather conditions halted both.

"I think it's an example of the administration not giving a damn about students," ASUO vice president Jeff Warren said.

Paul Olum, University Vice President and Provost for Academic Affairs, disagreed. "Our intention was simply to keep the University open for those students who could make it," he said. Olum reaffirmed the University's

official policy of excusing those students unable to attend classes.

Closing the University would probably prove to be more of a disservice to students, Olum said. "I'm confident that we did the right thing."

Most students needn't worry about transportation now. LTD resumed full service at noon Tuesday after shutting buses down at 7 p.m. Monday.

Mahlon Sweet Airport reopened at 1 p.m. Tuesday, and taxi companies have resumed full service.

According to the National Weather Service, weather conditions should improve today.

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The Legislature is still without a speaker after another Democratic Party caucus. Legislative correspondent Greg Wasson reports on this and a Portland to Eugene light rail proposal on Page 3A.

In this week's sports supplement, Ken Sands and Steve Jett preview the Pac-10's men's basketball teams. For a look at the competition, turn to Pages 4B and 5B.