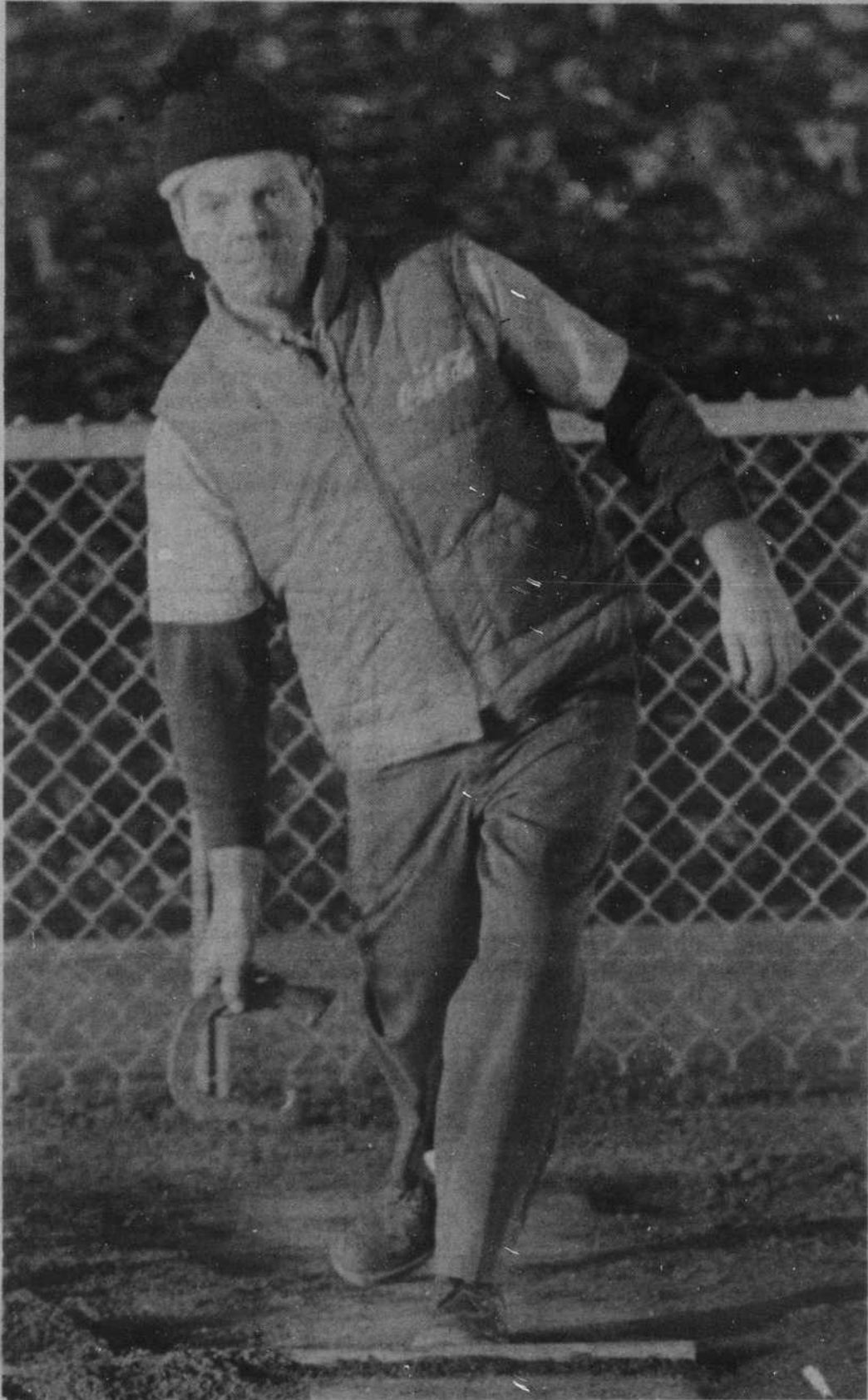


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Perfect Pitch

After three weeks of the "big freeze," Eugene residents were glad for the chance to limber up Monday and John Connel did his share by playing horseshoes in the pitching pits under the Jefferson Street overpass.

Draft bill introduced in house

Shortly after the 96th Congress formally opened its two-year session Monday, a House member introduced a bill to reinstate draft registration before the end of the year.

Rep. Charles Bennett, D-Fla., Monday presented his proposal which has yet to be assigned a bill number. Bennett is the ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee and sits on its subcommittee on military personnel, which is expected to conduct hearings next month on reinstatement of draft registration and classification.

Bennett's bill proposes that draft registration be commenced no later than Oct. 1, but does not include provisions for classification. The bill would require Pres. Carter to report to Congress by June 30 his plans for administration of a draft registration system.

The bill also would require an annual report assessing the nation's

capabilities "to mobilize ... additional manpower as may be needed to meet national security requirements under emergency situations." Such reports are now conducted every two years by the Department of Defense.

Marion Barnes of the Eugene chapter of Clergy and Laity Concerned, says the bill's introduction is not surprising, but came sooner than she had expected.

"It seems to be happening according to our worst fears," she said Monday afternoon.

"From what we understand, draft registration would include waiving provisions of the federal Privacy Act by allowing the military access to Social Security records and so on to gain information about a whole generation of Americans," she said.

"We are concerned about that kind of intrusion into people's lives and the militarization of American society," Barnes added.

Graduate fellows divide health fund

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The \$25,000 health care fund awarded to graduate teaching fellows in their recent contract settlement with the University will be divided among GTFs who apply for a share, representatives of the University and the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation decided Monday.

According to a proposal worked out by an ad hoc health fund committee, GTFs who apply for a portion of the fund must give evidence showing that they'll use the money to pay existing medical expenses or to purchase health insurance.

The fund, an extra contractual appendix to the collective bargaining agreement signed last November by the University and the GTFF, consists of \$25,000 raised from private sources.

The money has been held on deposit with the University Foundation (formerly known as the Development Fund), which receives and disperses private contributions to the University.

In a letter to GTFF Pres. Charles Aker, University Pres. William Boyd said, "The offer (of the fund) is made to emphasize the University's recognition that many graduate teaching fellows have a problem in meeting health care expenses and to provide some means of ameliorating that problem on a non-recurring basis while a more permanent solution is being sought."

The health fund committee, consisting of three GTFs, a Eugene attorney and a student health center administrator, also decided to grant GTFs with dependents a proportionally larger share of the fund, according to how many dependents they have.

Any student officially designated as a GTF may apply for a share of the fund, according to Dan Zwick, a GTF who sat on the committee.

GTFs who face no medical bills or who don't have or want health insurance also may apply for a share of the fund, Zwick said. In such cases, the GTFs' share will be held in trust until the proven need for it arises.

However, Zwick added, the committee's

proposal stipulates that money remaining in the health fund after Sept. 15, when the current contract expires, "will no longer be available to GTFs."

Zwick said he hopes an application form and a letter of explanation concerning the health fund can be composed in time to mail them to the University's 900 GTFs this week.

A deadline for requesting a portion of the fund will fall about two weeks after application forms are mailed, Zwick added.

According to Curtis Simic, the University's Vice president for public services, the University Foundation's board of directors will meet Feb. 8, to approve disbursement of the \$25,000. Simic said getting the directors approval will be "no problem" since the foundation's officers and executive committee already have voted to spend the money.

Therefore, Feb. 9 would be the earliest possible date that GTFs could begin receiving proceeds from the fund, Simic said.

Zwick cautioned that if many GTFs apply for the fund, less money will be available for each. He said he wanted to "discourage those who feel they aren't as needy as others" from applying.

"Being a fairly well-off GTF myself, I'm not going to apply," Zwick said.

If all eligible GTFs were to apply for the funds, Zwick noted, each GTF would receive only about \$30.

"Given the size of the fund, it's the best plan we could've come up with," said GTFF pres. Aker. "It's certainly not sufficient to meet the health care needs of GTFs."

Aker estimated that a group health insurance plan for GTFs would cost at least \$100 per year for each GTF.

Oregon law prevented the GTFF from negotiating a health insurance provision during collective bargaining last year.

Statutes allow state agencies to contribute to only one health insurance plan, to which all state employees working halftime or more belong.

Nearly all GTFs at the University work less than halftime and are therefore excluded from the state health plan.

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Lane County's commissioners will decide this week on the future of county jail finances. **See Page 3.**

Oregon residents give funding of education a high priority, but seem dissatisfied with their educator's ability to instill knowledge of basic skills in their students. **See Page 3.**

A Eugene woman who urges support of the boycott on Nestle Co. products pleaded innocent to charges of trespassing at Valley River Center. **See Page 8.**