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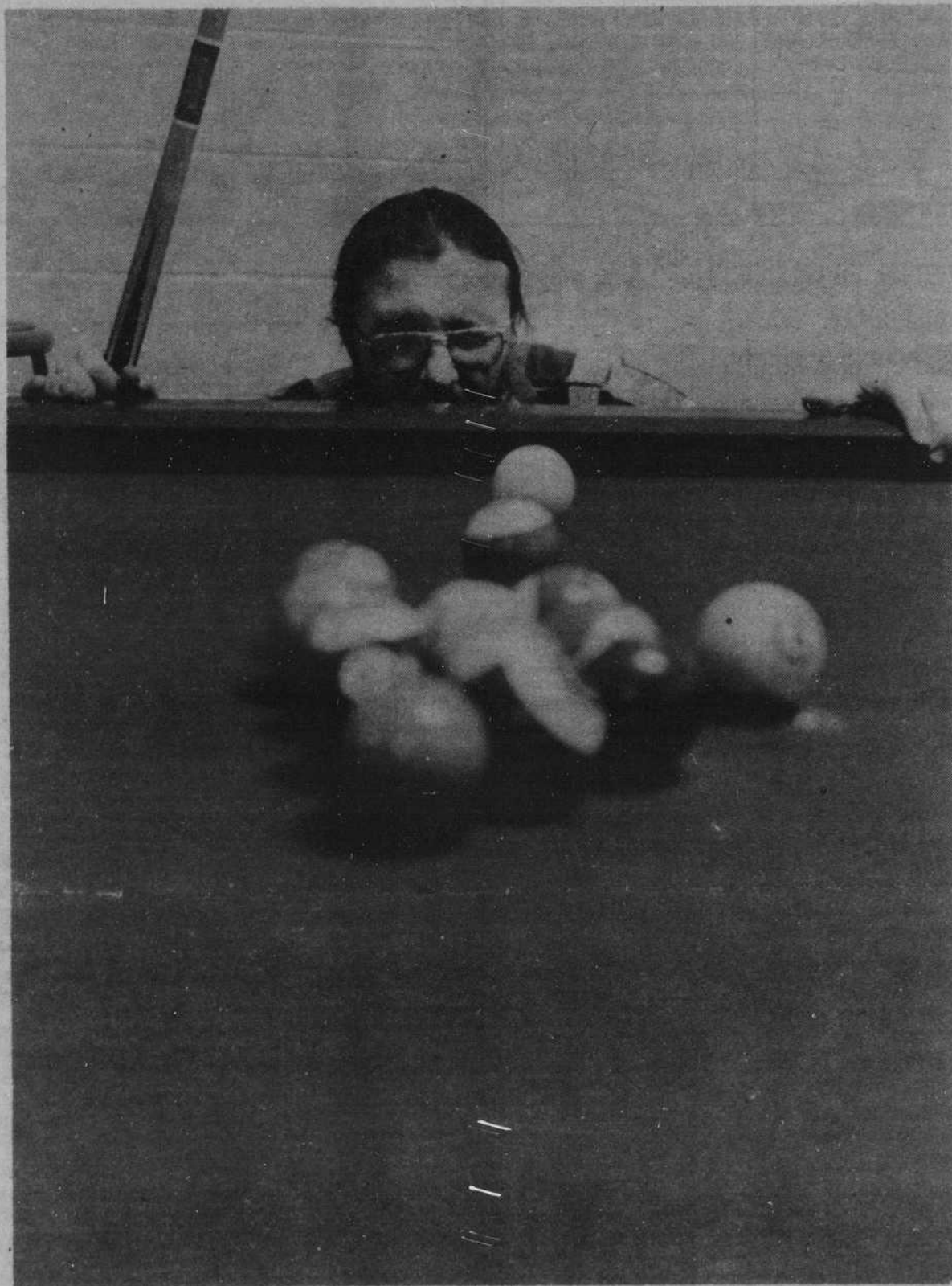


Photo by Doug Williams

Cue-ing up

Kim Maynard won Friday's billiards tournament sponsored by the EMU Recreation Center. This week's tournaments are chess, bridge and foosball; cribbage and backgammon tournaments will be held the following week. For more information contact the EMU Recreation Center, 686-3711.

Faculty group hires lobbyist

By KELI OSBORN
Of the Emerald

The newly formed Association of Oregon Faculties has contracted a Salem lobbying firm to represent faculty concerns before the Legislature.

The faculty groups' primary lobbyist will be Robert Davis — a former circuit judge, state representative and aid to former Governor Tom McCall. Davis is also president of Public Affairs Counsel Inc.

"He's in Salem, he has contacts, he knows the issues," says James Tattersall, a University economics professor serving on the Lobby Activating Committee for the faculty group.

The group came to terms with Davis in a meeting Saturday in Corvallis, Tattersall says, adding that it had selected Davis as lobbyist earlier in the week.

The group has not disclosed its retainer for the lobbying firm. Fa-

the faculty to form a lobby, but added, "I welcome another player on the team."

Davis is responsible for ascertaining the concerns of state college and university faculties, specifically concerns requiring action by the Legislature or the governor. He is also charged with pressing for adequate solutions to problems.

Hiring a lobbyist two weeks into the legislative session will give the faculty group a "very slight disadvantage," Tattersall says. Fortunately, he adds, their lobbyist is qualified and capable.

"But our biggest problem is our own committee being a bit late in developing priorities and issues," he says.

Tattersall says the group will send out its first newsletter—with a questionnaire for faculty—in about two weeks. "We'll try to ascertain their positions on critical issues," he says.

Although the faculty group will

"He's in Salem; he has contacts; he knows the issues," are the stated reasons for Davis' employment by the teacher's group.

culty members at the eight schools in the State System of Higher Education are continuing a \$50,000 fund drive to support lobbying efforts, and have currently raised about half that amount, Tattersall says.

About 600 faculty statewide have pledged membership in the Association of Oregon Faculties, with 111 of them from the University, he adds.

Both Oregon State University Pres. Robert MacVicar and University Pres. William Boyd have joined the organization, Tattersall says. Earlier Boyd had said he wished it were not necessary for

operate on a grass-roots level, seeking consensus from faculty statewide, Tattersall says the Lobby Activating Committee has identified some major faculty concerns.

Among them, he says, are improving the retirement program for faculty, the underfunding problem, salaries, and the future of regional colleges and colleges of education.

The committee adopted a statement of purpose this weekend, which commits the faculty group to working "for the best possible climate for higher education in Oregon."

After the thaw — damage assessed

By KATHY McMANUS
Of the Emerald

University officials have yet to determine the final cost of damages created by the cold weather of last month and early January, but some—in hindsight—have some ideas on how to prevent future problems.

Dorm and family housing residents should either have stayed in town during the winter break, or they should have left radiator valves open and water running slightly, physical plant director Harold Babcock says.

With valves and faucets shut off for vacation, water in the pipes froze, expanded and caused pipes to burst in several University buildings, creating a repair job that may last for months, he says.

In the Amazon Family Housing complex, 20 units had frozen pipes or drains, says Donald Moon Lee, associate housing director. In addition, 30 east campus miscellaneous housing units experienced heater and pipe damages, he says.

Exposed pipes and insufficient insulation may have contributed to problems at Amazon, Babcock says. West-

moreland, the newer family housing complex, was spared any major damage.

Radiators and the pipes leading to them broke in several rooms in Hamilton Dorm complex causing students to be temporarily displaced. Lee said Friday he expected students would be able to return to their rooms by that night.

Although the dorms are back in business, it will be several months before everything works as well as it should, Babcock says. At least one result of the freezing temperatures probably won't be discovered until spring, he says, referring to the outdoor sprinkling system.

The EMU also had trouble weathering the cold when its water main broke over vacation. When the EMU was built, a section of insulation was apparently left off the concealed pipe, Babcock says.

The cost for repairing broken pipes and radiators will be "well over \$100,000," he says, adding that the exact figure is not yet known.

Lee and EMU Director Adell McMillan say they expect all repairs to be covered by the restoration fund, a state insurance plan.

today

University Vets are protesting the upcoming draft bill as a violation of their rights, saying: "We will not have our 'obligation' extended." See Page 3.

Oregon's women's basketball team won the civil war match up with Oregon State last Friday. The win extends their undefeated streak to 10. See Page 5.

An updated Metro 1990 plan, hot off the planners' tables, offers three alternatives for growth in the Eugene-Springfield areas. See Page 7.