

# World-record lapsit scheduled

Saturday's football game may not be world championship material, but pre-game activities just may be.

Before the onslaught of the annual Civil War between the University and Oregon State University, there may be some north-south cooperation as 6,000 attempt the largest "lapsit" in history.

Naturally, the goal is a place among the pages of the Guinness Book of World Records.

Sponsored by the University's recreation and park management department, the participants will form a continuous chain of human chairs. Upon a predetermined signal, the participants will squat slowly until they are sitting on the lap of the person behind them.

The lapsit is one of numerous "new games" that encourage fun, fair play and participation.

The current record for the event is held by 5,180 people who formed a chain of human chairs in Japan last September.

The first 6,000 people to report to the west side of Autzen Stadium by 10 a.m. Saturday will participate in the event. From there, people will be directed to specific areas of the parking lot to practice.

Each section will contain 250 people led by a coordinator and six staff members. Each section will practice in groups of 25, 50, 100 and finally 200 before joining with the other sections at 10:30 a.m. to attempt the record.

To break the record, participants must keep the chain intact for 15 seconds.

"Anyone who wants to participate can," says Joan Schaller, an organizer for the event.

Lapsitters are asked to check in at the headquarters, just off the main parking lot's main entrance on Centennial Boulevard. Participants are reminded to dress for the weather.

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Norman and Elizabeth Boyles donated half of their 1981 "renters refund" to the University and the other half to Oregon State University. The Boyles' donated \$140.72 to each university because they felt education was more important than a tax rebate, they said.

"We have to make a statement

of our beliefs," the Boyles' said. "Property tax relief is all wrong — especially when essential programs, especially education, is being cut," the couple wrote to University Pres. Paul Olum and OSU Pres. Robert McVicar.

The money will be used to purchase a number of titles, among them a collection of poems written by Sylvia Plath and a history of American wars from 1745 to 1918, says George Shipman, University librarian.

## Staff

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"Those are the people who tell us to break it up," the staff member replied.

If materials still are usable, they should be salvaged, Olum said. An auction will be held later this year when enough used equipment is accumulated.

Responding to a question about staff morale, he said more consideration can be placed on that problem, if it exists, but usually financial problems cause morale problems.

Olum repeatedly asked employees to bring grievances out in the open and to come to him if dissatisfied with the way problems are resolved.

He said he's received letters from staff complaining about superiors who "mistreat" or "run off" employees.

"If there's a problem in the University and there's no other place to get it solved, yes, I want to know about it."

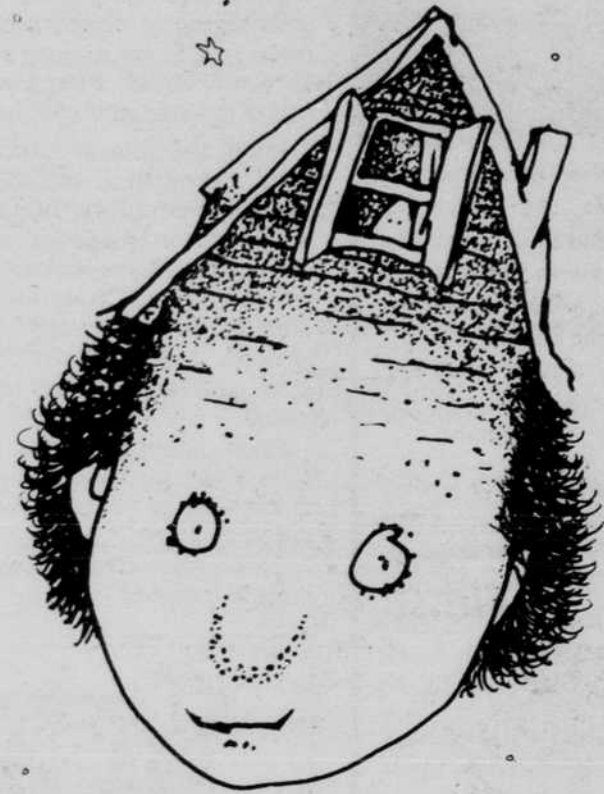
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