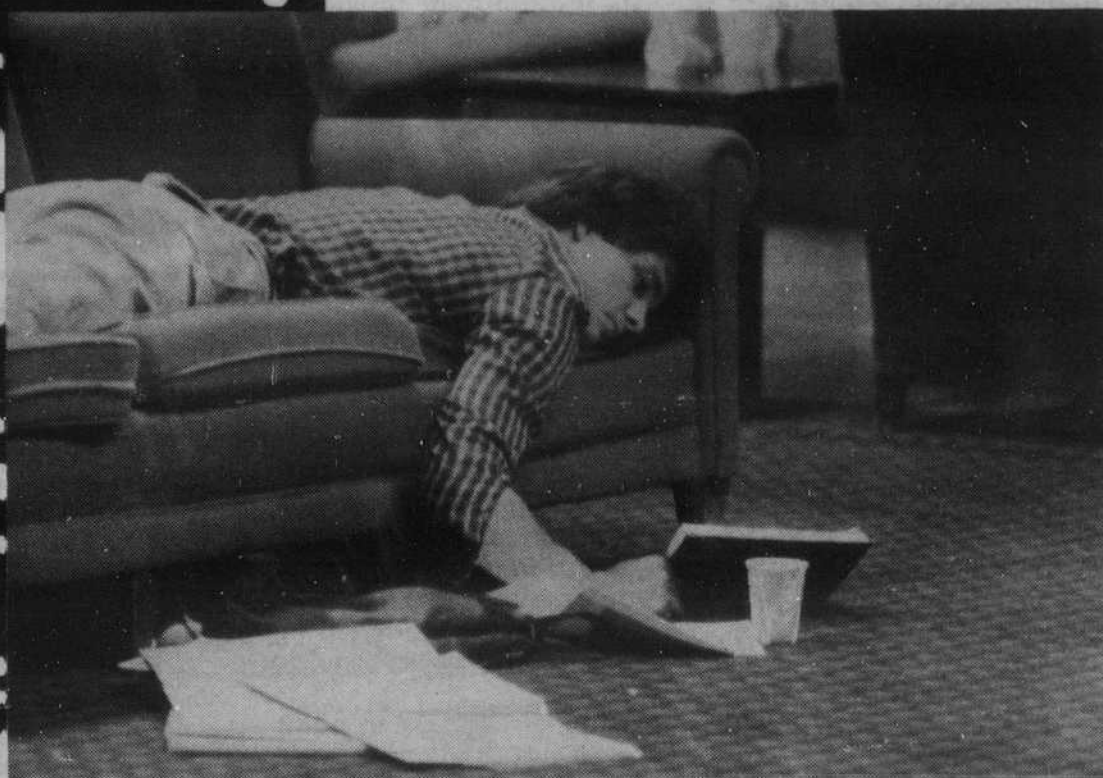


Prohibited



Bay supports banning freshman athletes' play

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Athletic Director Rick Bay says he supports the idea of prohibiting student athletes from competing during their freshman year.

His comments came in response to a University Senate decision Wednesday to set up a committee to investigate "the question of the student athlete and minimum academic standards," according to chairer Gerald Bogen. The committee will release its findings at the next Senate meeting, scheduled for Oct. 26.

The Senate action was spurred by a letter from the University of California, Los Angeles, Academic Senate, which last spring recommended the National Collegiate Athletic Association adopt stiffer rules regarding eligibility in football.

The letter proposes that "Only those students who have completed at least 24 semester units or 36 quarter units of academic credit are eligible for varsity competition in football.

"Students who compete in football shall complete their four seasons of competition within five years," the letter continues.

Bay says he generally supports the UCLA proposal, which would only allow freshmen football players to prac-

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City offers sensitive solution to bicyclists

Bike riders frustrated in attempts to change red lights to green by rolling over the thin magnetic-sensitive wire implanted in the pavement can take heart in a recent innovation.

By painting markers over the wire, the city traffic division has made it simpler to trip the light signal.

These markers are already in use in the left turn lane of three intersections on a three-month long experimental basis — 29th Avenue at Amazon Parkway, and Hilyard Street at 33rd and 34th avenues.

Along with being a convenience to the many bicyclists in the area, the markers should decrease the risk of accidents, says Diane Bishop, bicycle coordinator for the traffic division. The markers eliminate the need to leave and enter the flow of traffic to use the pedestrian walk buttons.

One possible problem with the markers is that they are so thin they could rub off too soon with heavy tire tracking and rain, Bishop says. Too much paint, on the other hand, increases the slipperiness.

Bishop says another problem that usually occurs with new markers is informing the public of their existence and proper use.

Some University intersections including Franklin Boulevard and Agate Street may qualify for the markers, Bishop says. But the extended use of the markers on the streets of Eugene still depends on public awareness and public acceptance, she says.

See you in court

Rajneesh city not incorporated, commission ruling declares

SALEM (AP) — The Central Oregon city inhabited by disciples of Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh was improperly incorporated, the state Land Conservation and Development Commission ruled Thursday.

On a 5-2 vote, the LCDC decided the procedures used to incorporate Rajneeshpuram were flawed and Wasco County officials should be required to take another look at the issue.

Despite the LCDC's ruling, however, the long-standing dispute over the incorporation of Rajneeshpuram appears far from being resolved.

Eldon Hout, deputy director of the state LCDC, said the matter probably would be tied up in the courts for the foreseeable future.

"It could go on for another couple of years," Hout said.

Swami Krishna Deva, mayor of the town that's inhabited by about 1,200 of the guru's followers, said the Rajneeshes will take the LCDC ruling to the Oregon Court of Appeals.

"We're not going anywhere. We have no intention of leaving," Deva said after the commission's vote.

Meanwhile, an attorney for 1000 Friends of Oregon, the land-use watchdog group that's challenging the formation of Rajneeshpuram, hailed the commission's decision as a victory for the group.

The attorney, Mark Greenfield, also said 1000 Friends plans to

seek a court order immediately halting any further construction at the town that was formed by Rajneesh's followers two years ago.

But LCDC Chairer Stafford Hansell said he doubts that Thursday's ruling will have any immediate effect on Rajneeshpuram.

"These people are not going to leave," Hansell said of the guru's followers. "I regret having to make this kind of decision knowing that we're not going to really solve anything."

At issue in the legal battle is whether Wasco County officials followed the intent of Oregon's land-use laws in approving in 1981 an incorporation election for Rajneeshpuram. Voters crested the city in the May 1982 primary election.