



Photo by Hank Trotter

A "Let Them Eat Cake Day" booth will offer cakes with a political flavor this weekend as part of the Eugene Celebration.

Cake-display slices Reagan

On the surface, Pres. Ronald Reagan and Marie Antoinette don't have much in common. Yet several local organizations claim the two leaders respond similarly in troubled times.

Those local groups will make that point during "The First National Let Them Eat Cake Sale," which is being held Saturday and Sunday as part of the Eugene Celebration.

Historical buffs will remember that Queen Marie, when asked how to feed France's poor in the 18th century, replied with the now (in)famous line: "Let them eat cake."

And since Reagan is essentially doing the same with America's hungry, according to the groups staffing the sale, the display is being called the "Let Them Eat Cake Display."

Nearly 200 cakes, some donated by local celebrities, will be displayed at a downtown "mini-carnival." Slices will be sold and cakes auctioned.

Eugene and Springfield mayors Gus

Keller and John Lively, along with Mary Burrows, Ed Fadeley, Margie Hendrickson and Jim Weaver, are among those donating cakes to the auction. The auction will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

A raffle at 4 p.m. Sunday will award a "Grateful to Be Alive" cake donated by the Grateful Dead.

Citizens miffed by Interior Secretary James Watt's latest slur might want to take a bite out of the "James Watt Clear-Cut Forest Cake," a burned sheet-cake with toothpicks sticking out of it. There is also the "Pentagon Sponge Cake," with little American flags, and of course, the "Half-Baked Policy Cake."

Left-over cakes will be on display at the University Bookstore on Monday — which has been declared national "Let Them Eat Cake Day."

Participants will also march in the Eugene Celebration parade Saturday morning with a banner linking Reagan and Antoinette.

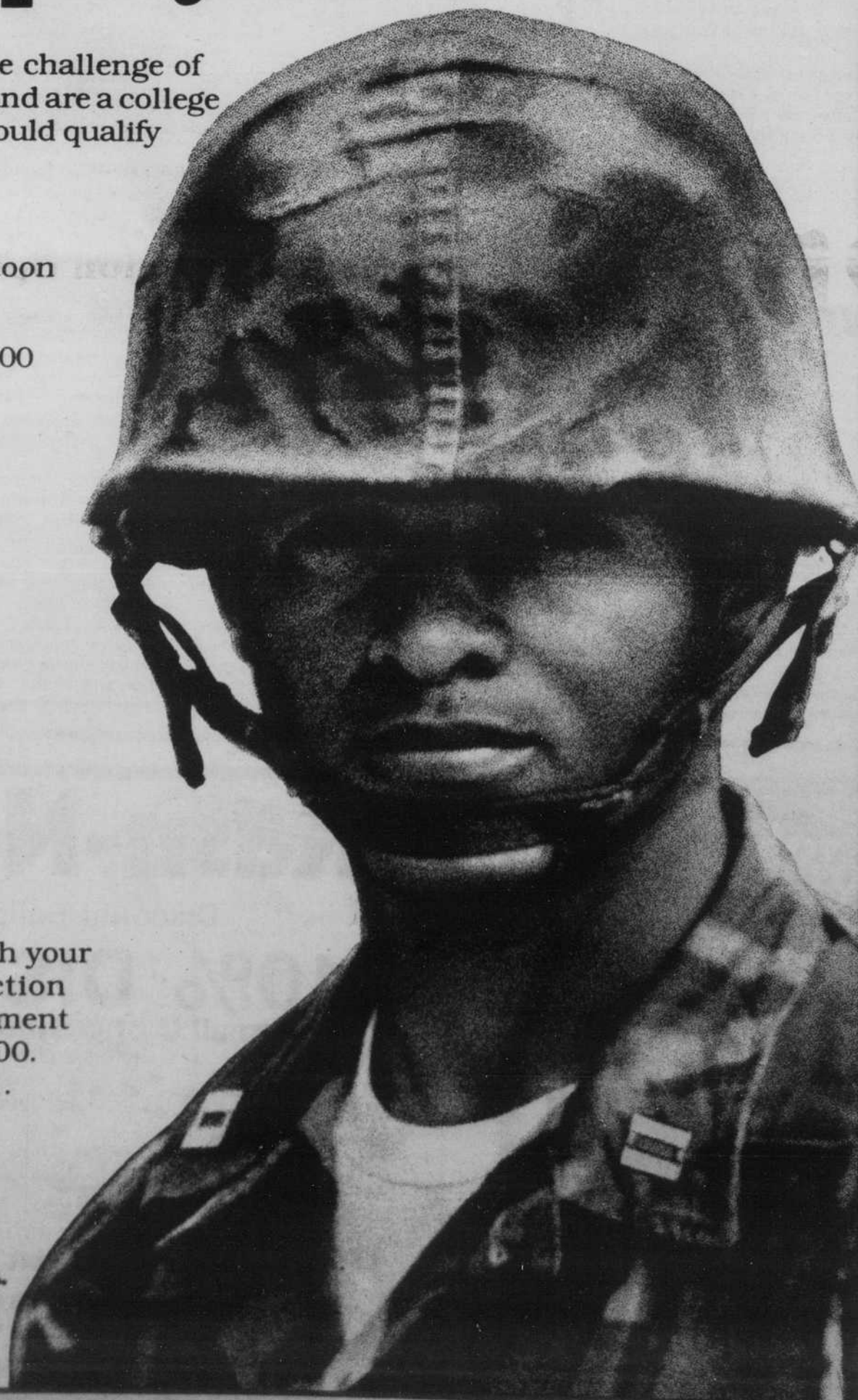
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Bay

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tice with the varsity team. However, Bay says he would go further.

"I would agree with the UCLA resolution," he says. "I think it should be a national standard that a student should not be allowed to participate his first year."

Bay insists that student athletes excel at least as well academically as non-athletes.

"I don't think student athletes have to apologize for their graduation rate," he says. "Whatever the University average is then I would say their graduation rate is at least as high as the non-athletes."

Bay is unable to give exact graduation figures but points at a recent American College Testing survey that says 52 percent of all athletes graduate within five years, compared to 41.5 percent of non-athletes.

Bay says he disagrees with freshman non-eligibility rules that apply only to football players, however.

"There's a general perception that football takes more time than perhaps other sports," Bay says. "The pressure on them (other sports) is just as great as that on football and basketball."

From an academic point of view, Barbara Nichols, counselor for student athletes, agrees with Bay's assessment that all freshman athletes are under considerable pressure, not just football players.

"People will always point at football because it is the most visible," she says.

College appoints department heads

The arts and sciences college has named nine professors to three-year appointments as department heads.

Five were new appointments and four were re-appointments.

The new department head are:

- Thelma Greenfield, English, a member of the faculty since 1963, who replaces George Wickes.

- Ralph Falconeri, history, a member of the faculty since 1964, who replaces Richard Brown.

- Charles Wright, mathematics, a member of the faculty since 1961, who replaces Theodore Palmer.

- Perry Powers, romance languages, a member of the faculty since 1946, who replaces Randi Birn.

- David Curland, Russian, a member of the faculty since 1966, who replaces Joseph Hynes.

- Department heads re-appointed are Aaron Novick, biology; James Tattersall, economics; Norman Savage, geology; and Robert Herbert, philosophy. All four have been department heads since 1980.