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Football tickets on sale

About 500 more tickets formerly allotted for reserve section sales will be sold as student tickets for Saturday's Oregon-Washington football game. The student tickets go on sale for \$3.50 each today at 8 a.m., but non-students will be charged \$13.50 for the seats. Some 1,100 general admission tickets at \$7 each go on sale today.

ASUO frustrated by Olum's delay at looking into ROTC

By Doug Nash
Of the Emerald

In a strongly-worded letter, the ASUO expressed its "impatience" Thursday with University Pres. Paul Olum over his lack, as yet, of setting up a fact-finding committee on the ROTC and its compliance with University policies.

Olum agreed to the formation of the committee last spring, following five months of heated debate in which Philosophy Prof. Cheyney Ryan claimed the military science department violates University affirmative action guidelines by preventing homosexuals from receiving ROTC scholarships, obtaining faculty positions and entering into its upper-division program.

In its letter, the ASUO said it is "disappointed that the ROTC committee has not yet met."

The committee is to be composed of two faculty members appointed by Ryan, two administration officials appointed by Olum, and two students appointed by ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss.

"Both students and faculty agree on the goals of the committee and are ready and willing to begin work," the letter states. "We are impatient at the delay."

Olum was attending the State Board of Higher Education meeting in Portland Thursday and was unavailable for comment.

ASUO Executive Assistant Sherri Shultz, who wrote the letter and who Hotchkiss appointed along with law student Alan Contreras to serve on the committee, said she was "getting a little frustrated" with the delay.

"It's easier to not set up the committee and hope it will blow over," Shultz said. "I don't think he's so absent-minded that it just slipped his mind."

Last March, the University Assembly voted to "indefinitely postpone" Ryan's motion to terminate the department unless it ends its discriminatory practices.

But the issue didn't die there. Students, calling the postponement cowardly, demonstrated on the steps of Johnson Hall. A debate followed, in which Ryan, Olum, military science head Lt. Col. Steven Wolfgram, and Gay and Lesbian Alliance Director Barb Ryan discussed the department's purpose and hiring practices.

After the debate, the University agreed to set up a fact-finding committee that would investigate the military science department. In June, a number of faculty members sent Olum a letter urging him to establish the committee fall term.

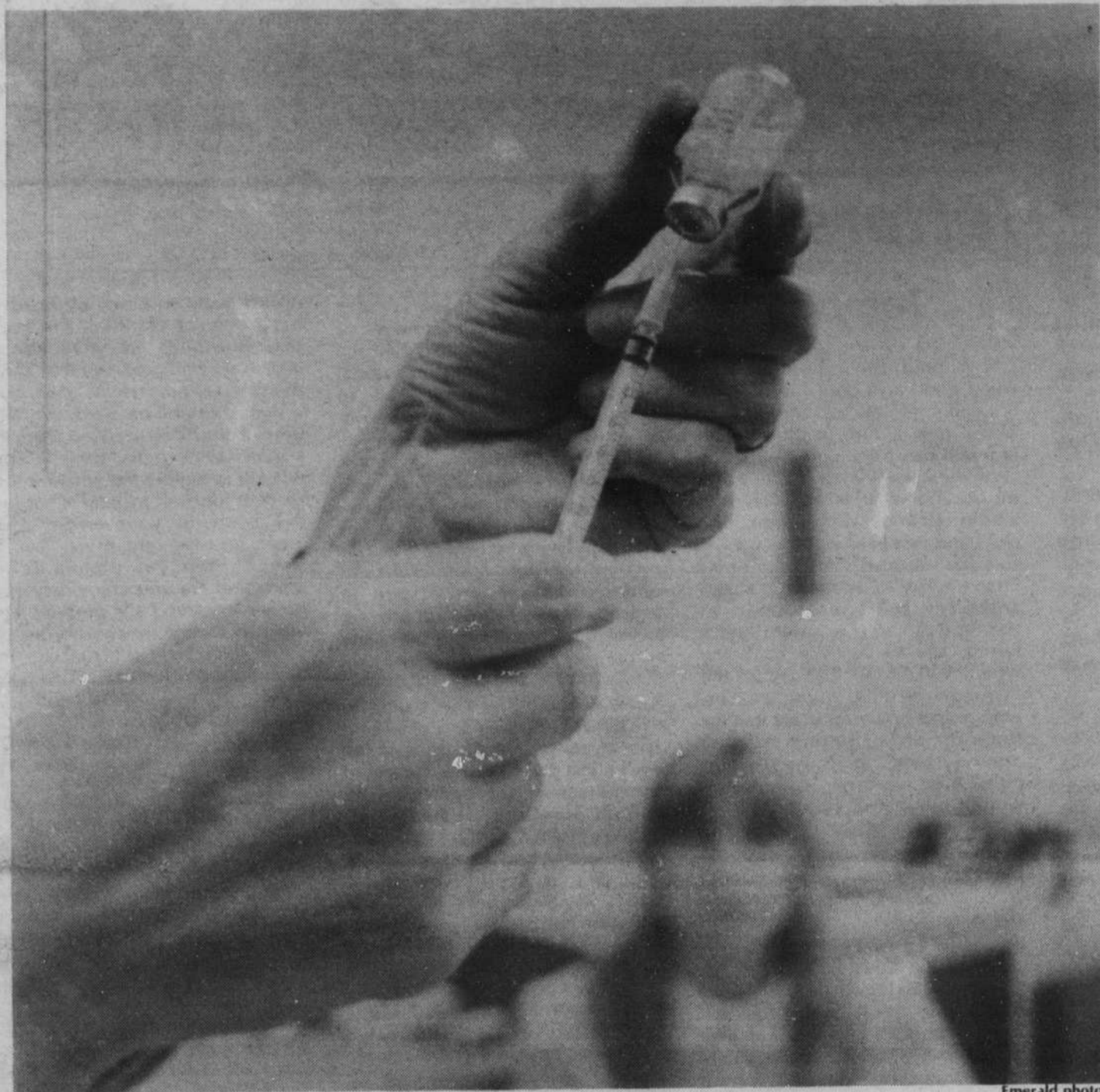
"Maybe the delay is explainable until fall term," said Law Prof. Dominick Vetri, a co-signer of the faculty letter. "We thought it best to wait until the University community was back."

Vetri said he is convinced that Olum will carry out the plan.

"I think Olum, as is characteristic of him, will follow up on it."

Through the ASUO letter, Shultz said she tried to express the "urgency" of the situation.

"President Olum, this issue is of the utmost importance to students, for it deals with the equality of access to educational opportunity which should be a fundamental right of every student at this institution," the letter says. "This kind of investigation, not rallies on the steps of Johnson Hall, are what is needed now."



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OUCH! Swat that flu bug

Though winter is still a few months off, a shot in the arm now can warn away the annual visit of that cold weather pest — the flu bug.

Fevers, chills, headaches, coughing and muscle aches are typical of the flu's bite, says James Jackson, director of University's health center.

"The flu is a hassle for most people," Jackson says. And the flu shot is needed early in the virus' season so that the body can build anti-bodies to fight the bug.

People who have heart or lung problems, are older than 65 or have problems with infections are in the high risk flu group and should have the

shot, Jackson says.

Healthy people need not take the shot but are advised to do so, he says.

The shot, made of strains from the Brazil, Philippine and Singapore viruses, may produce slight side effects with symptoms resembling the flu, Jackson says. These are mild compared to the actual infection.

Shots are available at the health center on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and no appointment is necessary. They cost \$2.50 for students and \$3.50 for faculty and staff.

'Corridor' group begins redecorating image

By Michele Matassa
Of the Emerald

One year after its formation, the Willamette Research Corridor is kicking into gear with a public relations drive to improve the image of the University, Oregon State University, and five Willamette Valley communities.

The "corridor" — encompassing the University and OSU; the city governments of Eugene, Springfield, Albany, Corvallis and Junction City; and several government/economic commissions — is just now beginning the work it set out to do on Oct. 1, 1982, says Cathy Briner, a Eugene staff member working on the project.

But that doesn't mean the group's chief administrators and their staff members have been spinning their wheels.

Representatives spent the past year setting goals and planning strategy for the project, Briner says.

City Manager Mike Gleason represents Eugene on the corridor's 12-member steering committee, made up of one chief administrator from each city and institution. Briner is part of Eugene's Business Assistance Team, which works with Gleason on the corridor project.

To officially mark the agreement between the 12 groups involved in the corridor, the Eugene City Council formalized its commitment to the project Oct. 12. Until now, the group has been working on an informal basis, Briner says.

Currently, research staff members are "taking inventory" of the two universities to learn more about their programs, such as the University's chemical physics institution and its optical science and genetics programs, Briner says.

After they gather the necessary information, the staff will publish a "fact book" for national distribution, she says.

Briner and her associates hope this type of public relations work will help attract new business and industry to the area.

The project also aims at helping local businesses by publicizing university research. There are two reasons the research corridor is needed for that, she says.

First, the project is a way for "the cities to support what happens at the two universities," Briner says. This includes backing the universities during general fund negotiations with the state Legislature, she says.

Secondly, the corridor should help make the universities' programs "coordinated and complementary to each other."

For example, if OSU knows about University research in a basic science, then it can work at finding applications for the research findings, she says.

This blend of publicity, support and coord-

ination will combine to improve the economy and quality of life for the communities involved if the corridor's plans go as expected.

That's why Eugene is so interested in supporting the project, Briner says.

"The city of Eugene feels its future is closely tied to the University of Oregon," she says. Because the University is largest employer in the city and contributes highly to the quality of life here, the city has "put a lot of effort" into supporting it, she says.

"We hope to enhance what already exists at the two universities and diversify the economy in the region as a result of that," Briner says.

She admits it may be several years before the project shows any results.

"It's tough to set a timeline for setting a reputation for yourself. This is a major, long-range project, but we're in it for the long haul."