

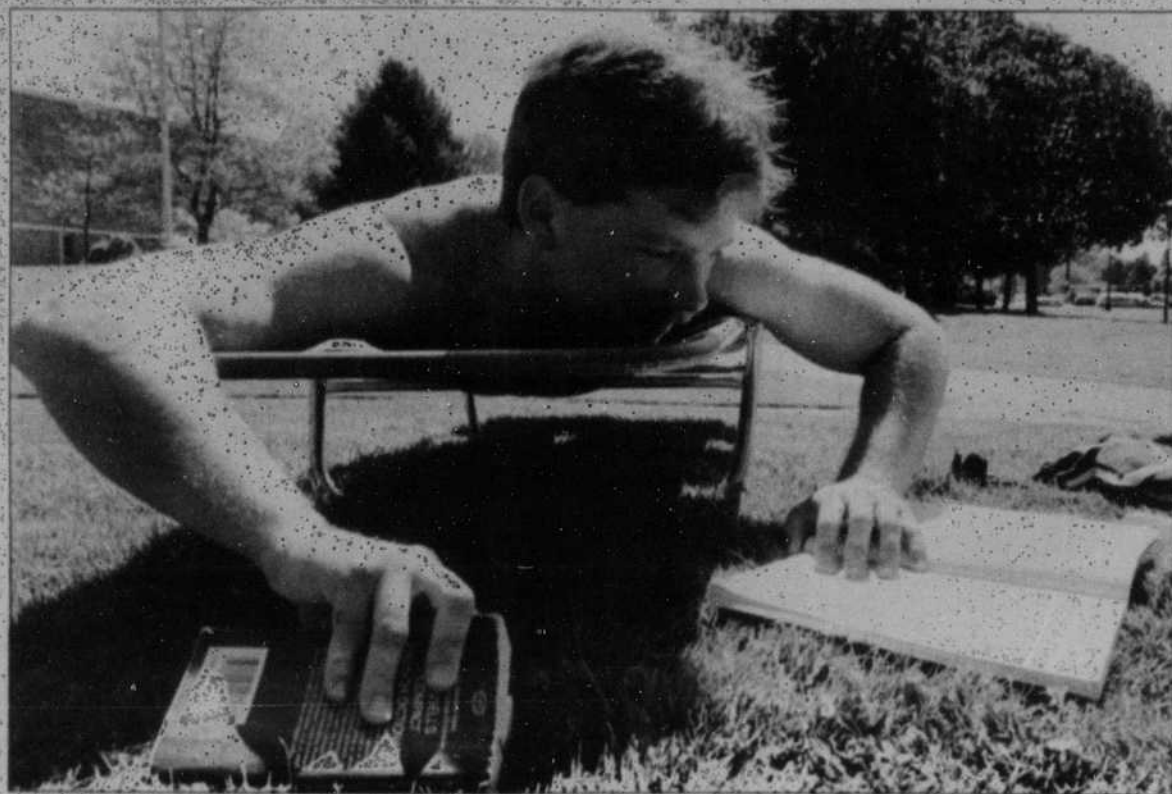
Letterman's sidekick
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to tickle Eugene's funnybone
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Cultivating mental muscles

Rick Klessig, a resident of Robbins dormitory, maintains a leisurely posture while exercising his mind. The warm Thursday sunshine contrasted with a cool spring breeze to provide an enticing lure for many students.

Photo by Derrel Hewitt

Smokers to 'kiss butts goodbye' in a new anti-smoking campaign

By Michael Rivers
Of the Emerald

Students who smoke will be given the opportunity to exchange their cigarettes for kisses at a kissing booth to be located in the main lobby of the EMU Monday.

The kisses won't be coming from human lips, however. They'll come in the form of Hershey's chocolate kisses and a stamped kiss on the cheek. The "kissing booth" is sponsored by the American Lung Association of Oregon.

The group's newest anti-smoking campaign is asking smokers to "kiss your butt goodbye." This provocative slogan proved so successful in a western New York campaign that the Oregon chapter elected to use it in its state-wide campaign, says Laury Girt, campaign coordinator. The campaign began April 1 and will continue through the end of the month.

Girt, a community health major at the University, has been working with the Lung Association since Jan. 1 as a practicum student.

In addition to chocolate and stamped kisses,

Girt says the group will be giving away helium-filled balloons. She also hopes to have slices of lung tissue that show the effects of smoking and emphysema on display at the booth.

The lung slices were on display at a kissing booth at the Springfield Mall April 4 and proved "very effective, especially with the kids," Girt says.

The campaign is aimed more at increasing awareness about the dangers of smoking rather than actually trying to get people to quit, Girt says. The campaign is a response to the U.S. Surgeon General's report on smoking and health, which documents that smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States.

Every year, 340,000 Americans die prematurely from diseases caused by cigarette smoking, according to the report. In Oregon, people die from chronic lung disease at a rate 20 percent higher than the national average, Lung Association statistics show.

The American Lung Association, one of the oldest nationwide, non-profit, voluntary health organizations, is dedicated to the control and prevention of all lung diseases and some of their related causes, including smoking, air pollution and occupational lung hazards.

Other services the Oregon association provides include self-help "Freedom from Smoking" kits and research funds for local physicians engaged in pulmonary research.

Manpower and support for the University booth is being provided by the lifestyle planning program, located in the Student Health Center.

Carol Bodnar, one of the coordinators of the lifestyle planning program, says their emphasis is on wellness and health promotion.

Information on how to quit smoking will be available at the University booth as well as at the booth that will be set up at the Lane County Home Show April 17-20.

For more information about the anti-smoking campaign, call 343-5864.

Contras and U.S. backers target of federal probe into drug-related charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal investigators are examining allegations that Nicaraguan Contra rebels and their private American backers have engaged in gunrunning and drug trafficking, say U.S. officials and sources close to the probe.

The investigation, first disclosed Thursday, immediately prompted calls from Democrats for defeat of President Reagan's plan to send \$100 million in aid to the rebels, scheduled for a House vote next week.

"In view of these very serious concerns, the House should vote down the president's request... and consider the issue again when these issues have been resolved," said Rep. Michael Barnes, D-Md., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Latin America.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., a Contra aid opponent who has been closely following the investigation, said, "because these charges involve important aspects of American foreign policy, it is vital for Congress to investigate these matters fully in order to uncover the truth."

The investigation, conducted by the FBI in conjunction with other federal agencies, has spanned at least seven states and Central America and is under the direction of Leon Kellner, the U.S. attorney for southern Florida, according to sources who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

They say it focuses on possibly illegal shipments of arms from New Orleans and southern Florida to rebels based in Honduras and Costa Rica, on potential Neutrality Act viola-

tions, and on allegations of cocaine smuggling to help finance the war against Nicaragua's leftist government.

The Neutrality Act makes it a crime to initiate or organize, on American soil, military attacks against a country with which the United States is not at war.

Twelve American, Nicaraguan and Cuban-American rebel backers interviewed by The Associated Press said they had been questioned over the past several months by the FBI.

Jack Terrell, who was a leader of the American paramilitary group, Civilian-Military Assistance, said FBI agents and prosecutors from the U.S. attorney's office in Miami have met with him several times.

Terrell said the investigators asked him about alleged weapons shipments from the United States to Contra base camps in Central America, Contra involvement in drug smuggling and a reported conspiracy to assassinate the U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica, Lewis Tamba.

Prior FBI inquiries into possible Neutrality Act violations and illegal arms exports in connection with the Contras were conducted as early as October 1984 — when Congress barred U.S. government aid to the Contras — but no charges have been brought. Sources said some aspects of the previous probes have been reopened.

The White House had no immediate comment on the current investigation. White House spokesman Edward Djerejian declined to respond to six inquiries from the AP over two days.

University art museum given reaccreditation

The University Museum of Art passed with flying colors a visit by the American Museum Association last November, receiving word earlier this month the facility has been reaccredited.

As one of only four such museums out of 57 in the state, the museum has achieved excellence in a wide range of areas, said Richard Paulin, the museum's director.

"Accreditation is based on physical facilities, staff, budgets, endowments, exhibitions and traveling exhibitions" among other things, Paulin said.

Accreditation for a museum simply means it has been recognized as a professional organization, which helps in obtaining loans, for example, Paulin said.

The museum was first accredited 10 years ago, coming up for review again last fall, he said. To receive accreditation, museums must be reviewed every 10 years by AMA-designated museum directors, he added.

The campus museum is one of the 625 out of nearly 5,000 museums nationwide to receive the honor, Paulin said.

The other accredited Oregon museums are the Art Institute of Oregon (formerly the Portland Art Museum), the Oregon Historical Society (Portland) and the Maritime Museum (Astoria).

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