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Tavern owner charged in racial sign incident

Message may have prevented entry

By Janet Paulson
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A representative of the Bureau of Labor and Industries heard testimony Monday regarding the case of a Noti tavern charged with violating public accommodations laws.

Mary Roberts, state commissioner of labor and industries, filed a complaint against John Masepohl, owner of the Pub Tavern, 22506 Highway 126 in Noti, for violating ORS 30.670. The statute in question concerns public accommodations and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, marital status, color or national origin.

Early in March, Register-Guard columnist Don Bishoff received a tip that the Pub Tavern in Noti was displaying racist signs, according to Beverly Russell of the Eugene office of the Bureau of Labor and Industries' civil rights division. Bishoff called the Bureau's Portland office, which immediately requested the tavern be investigated.

Russell, an investigative supervisor with the Bureau, testified Monday that she went to Noti to investigate the

charges on March 4. She found one sign at the entrance to the tavern door that read, "No shoes, no shirt, no service." Hand written under the sign was the word "Niggers" with an arrow pointing from the word "No," so as to read "No Niggers."

Russell observed a second sign reading "Viva Apartheid" above the "No Niggers" sign.

Inside the tavern, Russell observed a third sign hanging behind the bar. Hanging from the sign was a chain with spikes on either end of it. The chain is a device used in logging, commonly referred to as a "log dog."

On its front, the sign read "Discrimination — Webster — to use good judgement." On its back side, printed so it could be read while looking in the mirror behind the bar, the sign read "Authentic South African Apartheid Niggers 'Black' Handcuffs." "Directions: Drive Points Through Wrists, Bend Over Wrists."

Commissioner Roberts, who may file a complaint if she is aware of an unlawful situation,

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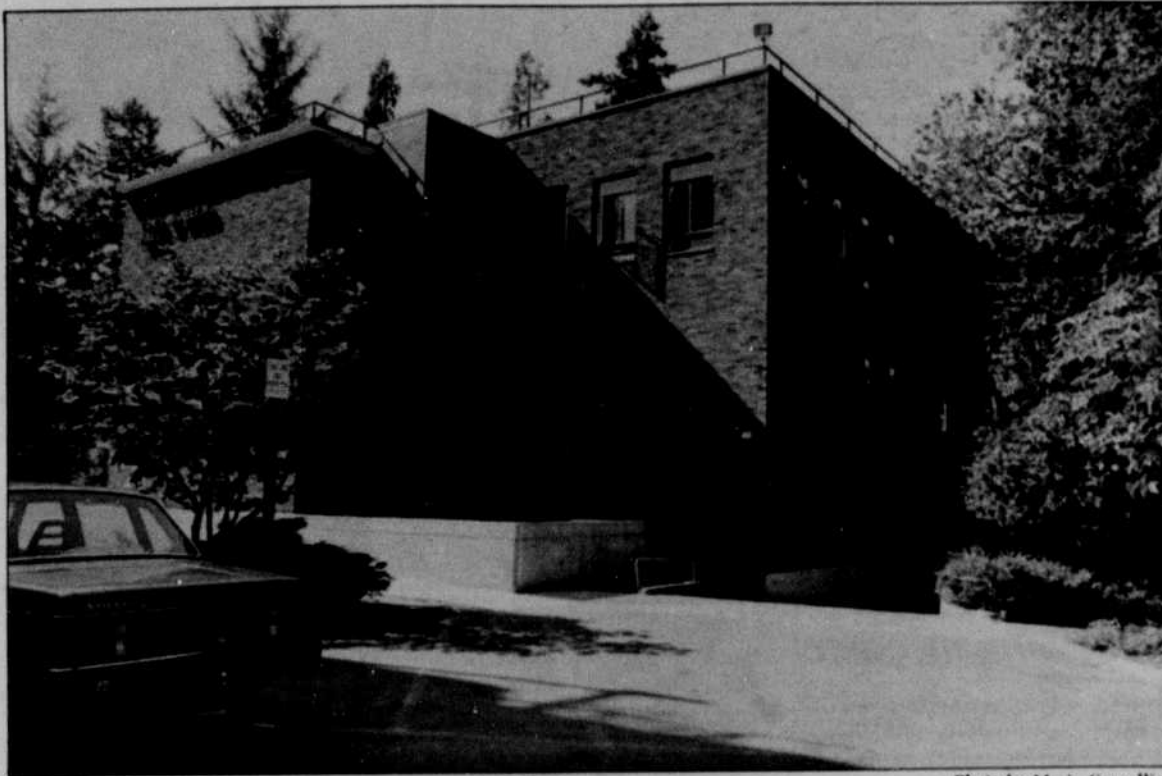


Photo by Maria Corvallis

Trucks visiting a docking area behind Allen Hall routinely send noise and gas fumes up to a second story classroom, irritating professors and students alike.

Noise, fumes disrupt classroom

By Alicia Gano
Of the Emerald

In Allen Hall, printing sometimes takes precedence over education as classes are disturbed, even canceled, by noise and fumes from truck deliveries to the ground floor printing department.

Room 221, the School of Journalism's largest classroom seating more than 170 students, is located above the loading ramp for the University's printing plant. The plant receives up to eight truck deliveries of paper and supplies each day, according to Wayne Merritt,

superintendent of the printing department.

Delivery trucks weave through a maze of students and cars, negotiating the loading ramp on the east side of Allen Hall. Backing through the nar-

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Request for routine AIDS testing underscores problem

By Deborah Janes
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President Reagan's request Sunday for certain segments of the American population to receive routine testing for AIDS drew mixed reactions in the Eugene public health community.

While many health officials are concerned that "routine" could eventually become "mandatory," they agree that

Reagan's request illustrates the severity of the problem.

"The tests should be voluntary and anonymous," said University associate director of Public Safety, Don Brooks, who has closely followed the issue for three years and has attended national conferences on AIDS. "If we make them mandatory for immigrants, it may be students who receive government grants next," he said.

"People are realizing that it's a silent, deadly disease, right here in Eugene, and that you don't have to be in the high risk category to get it," said Dr. James Jackson, director of the University health center. While he knows of no University students who are presently infected with the AIDS virus, he expects that to change.

"In the next five years there will be a problem with the stu-

dent population," he said. "The problem is that bells don't go off when you get it. The incubation period could be up to seven years. During that time, you're a walking time bomb, infecting other people."

Students are generally young enough that they still consider themselves immortal and unaffected by the disease, both Jackson and Brooks said.

"It's hard for students to

think that they might be exposed," Brooks said. "But the virus doesn't know gender. It just happened to start here in the gay community." He added that the large AIDS epidemic in Africa was started within the prostitution community.

While testing for AIDS, referred to as HIV (human immunodeficiency virus), has

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New construction closes 13th

By Chris Norred
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Drivers heading past the EMU on Monday morning found road blocks and one-way traffic, as one-half of 13th Avenue was closed.

Thirteenth Avenue will be limited to one-way traffic westbound in the block between University Street and Carson Hall Dormitory while construction on the University's new science building complex is underway.

University Street will be limited to one-way traffic between Johnson Lane and 13th Avenue.

"Unless you really want to get in that mess, I wouldn't drive down there," said

David Rowe, University planner.

The fence around the construction site will take up one lane of 13th Avenue, directly across the street from the EMU. "It's a means of providing enough room for the contractor's field offices and storage," Rowe said.

Blocking 13th Avenue could not wait two weeks until school lets out, he said. "We're already a couple of weeks behind where we'd predicted we would be," he said. "This shouldn't surprise anybody."

The construction is the beginning of work on the first of four buildings that will

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Construction on the new science complex will block parts of 13th Avenue and University Street.