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Almanac

Today is the last day to drop a class without a recorded "W". It is also the last day to change from credit to audit.

Inside

Incidental Fee Committee candidate Anthony Stumbo thinks the IFC is currently financing unnecessary student expenses, including travel funds for trips that may not have been essential.

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The University chapter of Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group celebrates its 20th anniversary tonight at 7 in the Gerlinger Lounge.

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Sports

Oregon's softball team will host Oregon State in a non-conference doubleheader today at Howe Field at 2:30 p.m.

International

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — The European Community agreed Monday to end sanctions on imports of iron, steel and gold coins from South Africa, the last remaining bans imposed by the trading bloc on Pretoria's white-ruled government.

The EC, however, will continue to observe the U.N. bans on sports events with South Africa as well as U.N. embargoes on arms and crude oil from the country.

The foreign ministers of the 12 Western European nations said President F.W. de Klerk should be rewarded for his efforts to end the country's policy of racial segregation.

In Cape Town, South Africa, de Klerk called the community's action "positive and most encouraging."

But the decision was immediately criticized by the African National Congress, the main South African opposition group.

"The kinds of things that were protested about prior to the implementation of sanctions are still here," ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said on a local news program in Johannesburg.

"All that one has heard are noises that they (apartheid rules) may be removed, and for many people it doesn't (appear) that with the current violence, they'll even live to see those things," he said.

No grapes, Chavez says

By Colleen Pohlig
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United Farm Workers Union leader Cesar Chavez made his message plain to a University crowd on Monday: NO GRAPES.

"In our quest for protection (of migrant workers), justice and to save lives, we ask you to join with us in what we call public action — boycott anything that looks like a grape," Chavez told the large crowd in the EMU Ballroom, kicking off the first day of Earth Week activities.

Chavez, on the first leg of a tour to promote the current grape boycott, congratulated the University and the 4J School District for supporting the boycott of California table grapes.

Chavez said the consumer boycott was necessary to halt the spraying of harmful pesticides, to improve the working conditions of laborers and to get supermarkets to stop buying grapes.

"The fields are daily showered with pesticides by airplanes and helicopters," Chavez said. "The pesticides are in our soil, our air and our water."

"Pesticides are deadly and are only used for one purpose: to kill living things," Chavez said. "There can be an argument made for safer pesticides but not for safe pesticides."

The working conditions of migrant farm workers are worse today and there are more workers today than 10 years ago, Chavez said.

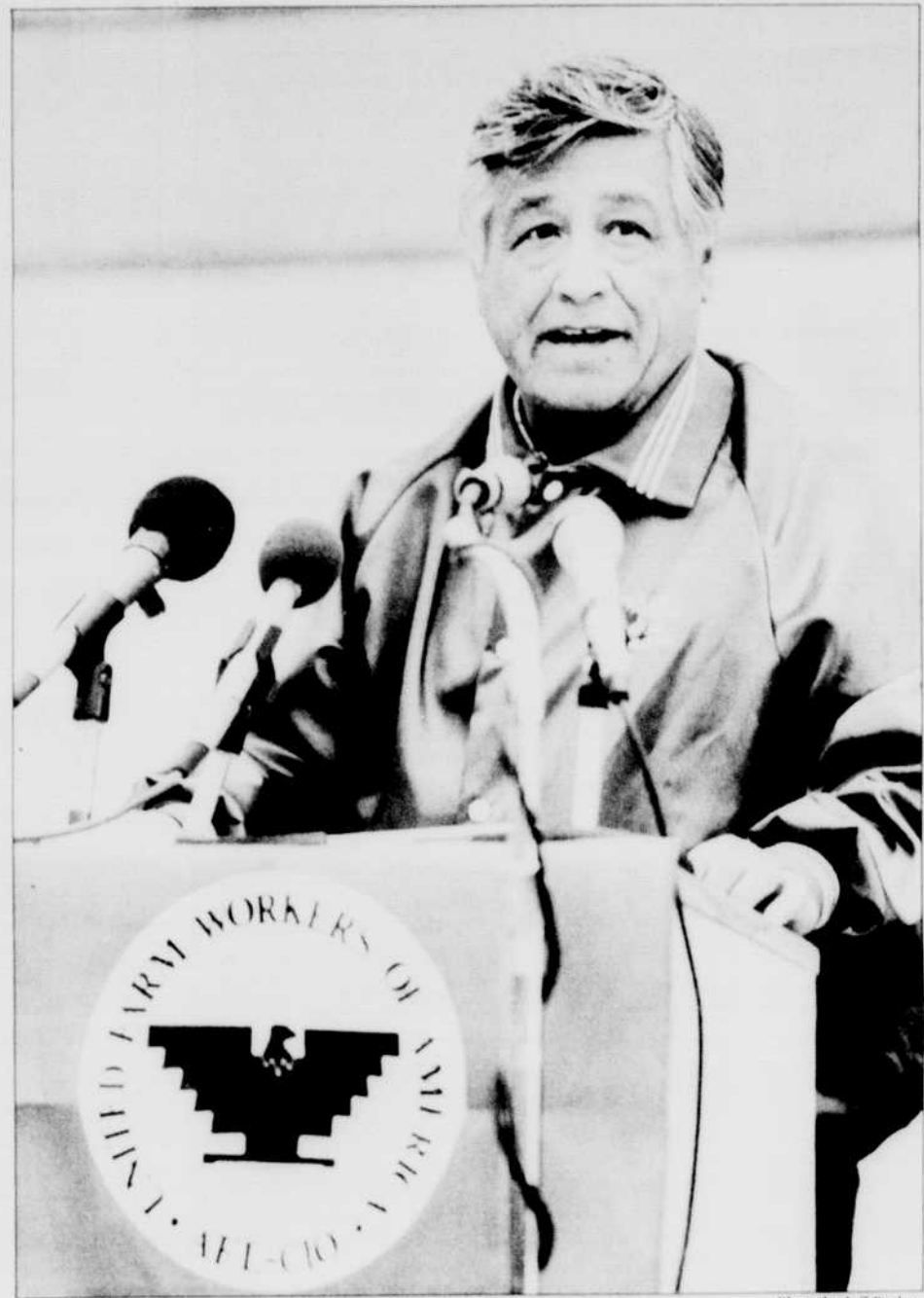
Today, there are 54,000 migrant workers; thousands of them are children younger than 12.

"Cancer clusters are very controversial, but the victims are very human," Chavez said. "Defenseless children of migrant workers between the ages of 4 and 12 are being hit the hardest" presumably from exposure to carcinogenic pesticides, Chavez said.

After nine months of picketing, Chavez recently persuaded California's largest supermarket chain to boycott grapes. Von's is the first major food chain to do so.

Chavez is hopeful that the "snowball" effect will prompt other food stores to follow suit and boycott the fruit as well.

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United Farm Workers Union leader Cesar Chavez urges a University crowd to join the boycott against grapes.

Senate bills aim to help disabled

By Rene DeCair
Emerald Reporter

Trying to get to class while dodging bicyclists or, for riders, pedaling through pedestrian obstacles is challenging enough.

But for someone who is blind or in a wheelchair, getting to class becomes even more difficult as minor inconveniences become major hassles.

"The problem I have is first finding the building, then finding the door, now finding the classroom," said University sophomore Pat Henderson.

Henderson, who is blind, is among the approximately 200 disabled University students who would be affected by two Oregon Senate bills aimed at making buildings more accessible for students attending any university in the state.

Senate Bill 974 would establish committees from each university to make recommendations to their university administrators on areas that need improvement. SB 973 would give universities money from the state's General Fund to ensure administrators do something



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about the problems.

Michael Krostag, a University student who uses an electric wheelchair, testified to the Senate Education Committee considering the bills that "one person's idea of accessibility may not suit all persons' needs for accessibility."

Krostag said that as a quadriplegic he has limited use of his arms and is not able to open doors. He explained that during winter and at night he

has to wait outside in the cold when there are few people around to assist him.

"I have found many a time when buildings that I need to get into are not equipped with automatic doors," he said. "These are times when I must wait for someone to open the door for me. This time spent waiting may be as short as a minute or as long as 20.

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Today's Earth Week events



Recycling Day — Direct Action Theater, all day

• 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. — Info Fair/Alternative Energy Fair, EMU Fair Room

Room

• 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. — Trash Audit, EMU Courtyard

• 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Local Music, EMU Courtyard

• 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. — Open Mike, EMU Courtyard

• 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. — Forest Action Workshop, EMU Ben Linder Room

• 7:00 p.m. — Earth Ball benefit, WOW Hall, 291 W. Eighth Ave. (\$6 admission)