

A truck full o' blues

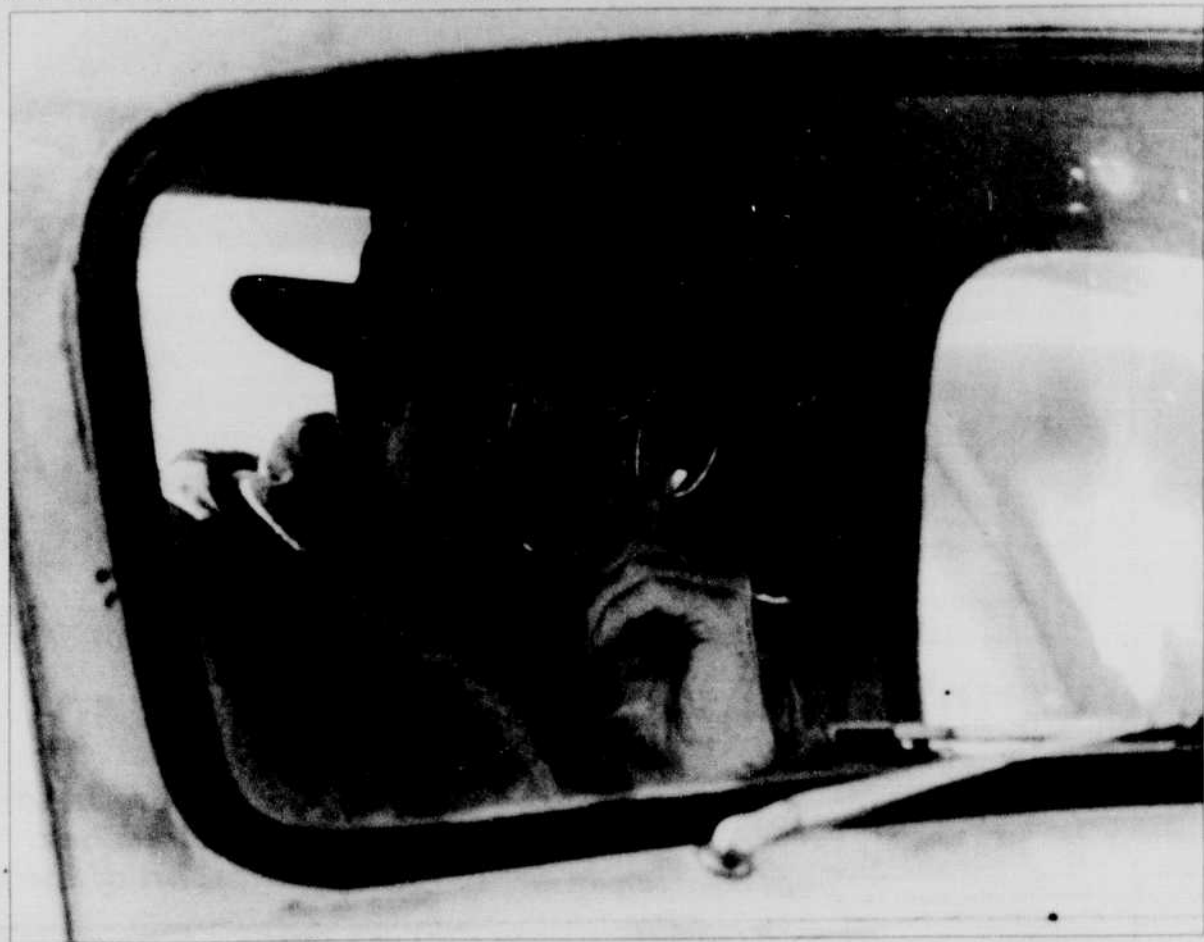


Photo by Michael Shindler

Bob Bloesinger, of Eugene, plays "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" on his harmonica in his truck as he waits for his wife at the dentist's office Wednesday. "It's tough," he said, "I've been playing for about a year." Bloesinger said he sometimes plays along when he hears his favorite tunes. "Neil Diamond, Fleetwood Mac ... I've played with all those people. Only they don't know it."

Undergrads get law school preview

□ Introduction to legal system helps some students decide their future

By Scott Andre
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Before winter quarter started, Stephanie Schafer thought she wanted to go to law school. Now she's not so sure.

"There's too much paperwork and not enough dealing with people," said Schafer, a University senior English major. "Dealing with one case at a time does not make a big enough impact, socially."

Schafer said she changed her mind after attending two weeks of Perspectives in Law, a broad-based survey of the American legal system offered by the University law school this quarter.

While Schafer has written off pursuing a legal career, other classmates are still trying to make up their minds.

"I wanted to get a taste of what a law class would be like with real law professors," said Hugh Jensen, a junior finance and economics major.

Jensen, who has never taken a law class before, said the course has kept his interest so far.



Photo by Brian Henderson

Professor Caroline Forell, who teaches part of Perspectives in Law, said she believes such a course should be a part of liberal arts education.

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School board votes no on condom plan

□ Proposal for more high school AIDS education gains support

By Meg Dedolph
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The 4J district school board on Wednesday night unanimously voted down a student proposal that included installing condom dispensers South Eugene High School's restrooms.

The proposal, submitted by South Eugene students, included several strategies, one of them being condom dispensing. Education and AIDS awareness were among the other strategies mentioned.

The board chose instead to support school superintendent Margaret Nichols' proposal to increase AIDS education and parent involvement, and maintain counseling.

"The students at South Eugene have been very helpful in focusing attention on the AIDS crisis," Nichols said. "I do regret that so many people overlooked the other important issues and focused only on whether or not condoms should be available in schools."

Nichols' proposal focuses mostly on the implementation of a mandatory AIDS/HIV curriculum for sixth through twelfth grade students.

The proposed curriculum will stress abstinence, the dangers of high-risk sexual behavior, technical information about condom use, and the necessary social skills to avoid high-risk sexual behavior, especially in situations where coercion is a factor.

"The most important thing the school district can do at this point in time is to strengthen our education program," said Judy Moseley, school board member. "That's what we do, that's our mission."

Moseley said she believed that by strengthening the education program as recommended by Nichols, the school district would be more effective in preventing AIDS among students than if the schools began dispensing condoms.

"My fear in dispensing condoms at this time," Moseley said, "is that we will mix messages and weaken the messages we are trying to send."

Board member Mike Fox said in order to complement the direct teaching of social skills necessary to avoid high risk behavior, "we have to reaffirm our commitment to do the best we can to teach our children what is good and noble."

Board member Jan Oliver told of speaking to two groups of students after the public hearing, one supporting condoms in schools, and one opposing.

"They both came up to me and said the same thing — 'We want to make a difference — we really do want to do something,' and there was no denying the heartfelt sincerity in those young voices," Oliver said.

"I think that we have much to learn from our youth in terms of our commitment to wanting to make a difference," she said.

WEATHER

Dress warmly and pack your umbrella. Once the rain starts up, it won't be stopping. Highs will be in the upper 30s, but lows in the 20's should prevail.

CRUSHED ICE

CORVALLIS (AP) — Hardhearted vandals with big feet smashed an elaborate eight-foot igloo that took three weeks to build — and the four boys who built it are crushed, too.

"I can't believe anyone would do that," said Daniel Hough, 12, one of the igloo architects. "It's just mean."

The igloo was featured on Monday's front page of the Gazette-Times, their hometown paper. By sunrise Monday, their work had been destroyed.

A sign now erected on the site sums up the boys' disappointment. It reads: "Whoever did this to our igloo, may God have mercy on your mean, miserable soul, you creep."

SPORTS

(AP) — The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference will begin a rules education campaign aimed at players and coaches in the wake of a bench-clearing brawl between Morgan State and North Carolina A&T, the league's commissioner said.

"A poor job is being done to control the players not in the game and other bench personnel," MEAC commissioner Ken Free said Wednesday in a statement released from his office in Greensboro, N.C.

Officials suspended the Jan. 11 game between North Carolina A&T and Morgan State with 1:55 left in the first half when players on both teams began throwing punches. Both benches then emptied.