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## Music to die for

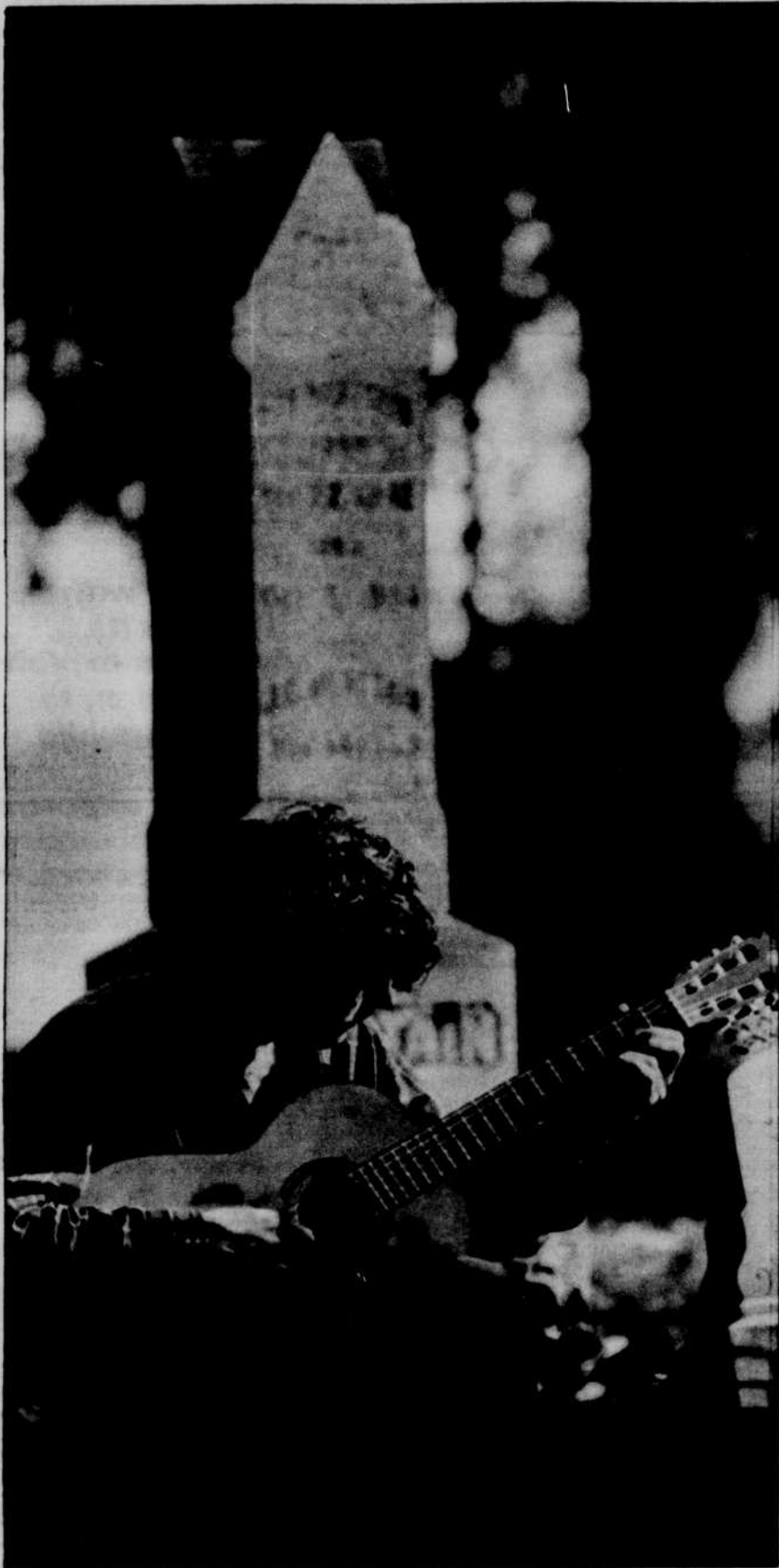


Photo by Jeff Paslay

Undeclared sophomore Liam Cassidy sits in the sunshine and practices on the guitar he got for Christmas.

## Student Senate confirms controversial IFC nominee

□ Some current committee members oppose approval of *Commentator* editor

By Pat Malach  
Emerald Editor

Despite heavy opposition by some current Incidental Fee Committee members, the Student Senate Tuesday confirmed Ed Carson to fill a recently vacated IFC seat.

Accusing Carson of being racist and homophobic, IFC members Steve Masat and Zoe Pargot, along with former committee member Barbara Rodgers, submitted a two-page letter urging the senate not to confirm Carson's nomination.

The accusations against Carson stem from his involvement with the *Oregon Commentator*, a student-run journal of opinion.

"The *Commentator* has also frequently been the focus of controversy in regards to opinions expressed concerning race and sexual orientation," according to the letter, which was submitted in advance to the senators.

Other students opposed to Carson's nomination said they were troubled by the opinions expressed in the conservative journal.

"He has created a non-hospitable climate for women and people of color on this campus," said Diana Collins, ASUO multicultural advocate. "(Carson's) nomination would send a bad message to students of color on this campus."

Carson said he was not surprised by the turnout against him.

"I didn't feel like it was a parade in my honor," he said.

Carson said labeling him as a racist and



Ed Carson

homophobe was an attempt to blacklist him because he works for the *Commentator*, which has often been critical of student government.

"They couldn't say they didn't want me on the committee because they are opposed to a different viewpoint," Carson said, "but they could be labelling me as a racist and homophobic."

Pargot said Carson should be held responsible for what is printed in the *Commentator*.

"(Carson) is responsible for slamming people who don't need to be slammed," she said. "You can't write that all women are potential bull-dyke lesbians (referring to an unsigned graphic on the back page of the December *Commentator*) and not

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## Students learn creative biology with computers

□ Computers take the place of animals in science laboratories

By Demian McLean  
Emerald Reporter

In Heustis Hall, human physiology students get to play architect with the human body. Using computer graphics, general sciences senior Greg Hoefeldt can design a circulatory system that second-guesses nature's original design.

"Should this body have two hearts?"

he asks his partner. "Or maybe three? Or maybe we should just remove a lung — the body might be able to function without it," he said.

Sitting before a Macintosh computer, Hoefeldt and his partner are studying human physiology in a bloodless

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## WEATHER

Cloudy weather and rain may return later in the day, with temperatures in the 50s.

### Today in History

Feb. 3, 1959 was "the day the music died" as a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa, claimed the lives of rock icons Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson.

## FORGED TICKET WINS BIG

ASTORIA (AP) — A forger failed to check an Oregon Lottery Monopoly ticket altered to win only \$1, missing out on a legitimate \$5,000 win. The error was discovered when a woman presented the forged ticket to a convenience store clerk last week, claiming it was a \$1 winner.

"The clerk looked at it and said it's not a \$1 winner, it's a \$5,000 winner," said Officer Denise Kotaniemi of the Astoria police. "She was floored. She said, 'This is great.'"

But a second look revealed that the number had been altered to make the ticket appear to be a \$1 winner, voiding the legitimate \$5,000 combination, Kotaniemi said.

## SPORTS

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys began making changes in their coaching assignments Tuesday.

Line coach Butch Davis was named defensive coordinator, replacing Dave Wannstedt, now head coach of the Chicago Bears, and offensive coordinator Norv Turner was given the additional title of assistant coach, replacing Wannstedt in that capacity.

"It's a great feeling to be taking over the league's top defense," Davis said. "We'll just try to get better and better. Dave did a great job and I learned a lot from him."