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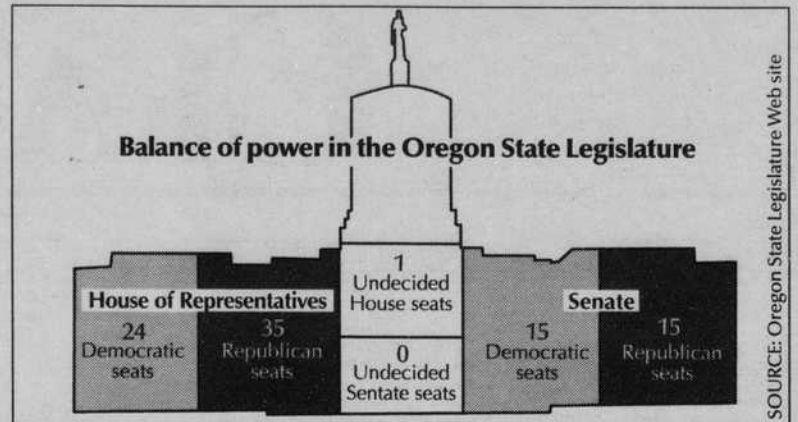


## State

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composition of the Legislature. "Higher education is not a partisan issue," he said. Erickson said that whatever problems may arise as a result of the split, the government must find a way to work through them. "Legislatures always get their work done," she said. "They have to."

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## Barbershops

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hours for a turn at her chair, but an increasingly fast-paced culture has changed that.

"People are in more of a hurry. Now, if the wait is more than a half hour, they'll just come back later," Martin said.

Other modern issues have changed the practices of this classic trade. Vilhauer, who works at Les's Barbershop on East 13th Avenue and Oak Street, says that since the arrival of AIDS as a public health concern, Les's has drifted away from the hot lather and straight razor shaves that were synonymous with barbershops at one time.

Martin seems most concerned about the future of her trade. "I think the days of barbers are kind of dying out," she said.

She added that cosmetology schools have overtaken barber schools around the country. She grad-

uated from a barber school in Boise and said it was the only school of its kind left in the area. Even the instructors were cosmetologists with little experience in barber techniques.

The Northwest is not faring any better, according to Spencer, who graduated from a Eugene barber school in 1966.

"The school I went to closed around 1975, I believe," Spencer said. "At one time, there were four in Portland, one in Salem, one in Eugene and one in Medford. But not anymore."

It could be argued that if barbershops were to fall by the wayside, they would have done so by now. The allure may be less about haircutting than the dynamics created by a few people sitting in a room discussing the issue of the day.

And every day is different in a barbershop. Perhaps Spencer puts it best: "You never know what's going to walk in the door."

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## Butterflies

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added that Pyle's slideshow presentation of local butterflies will offer students a reprieve from the winter doldrums.

"We thought people might enjoy getting a reminder of spring," Juene-mann said.

Bruce Newhouse, one of the founding members of the Eugene-Springfield chapter of the North American Butterfly Association, said "The Butterflies of Cascadia" is a valuable in-depth field guide for butterfly enthusiasts. The book identifies nearly 200 butterfly species in the Northwest, with full-color photographs and illustrations. He added that Pyle's book is better than

many other field guides because it focuses on local butterfly populations.

"Most authors try to cover a large geographic area so their book will have a more widespread appeal," Newhouse said. "But that dilutes the information in the book."

Pyle added that his book will be an ideal introduction to butterfly hunting for the uninitiated. Besides properly equipping yourself for an extended outdoor exploration, Pyle said the most important thing you must do when butterfly hunting is be attentive.

"Watch for the flicker of wings that says 'here's a butterfly' and be like a pussycat and prowl very slowly until you get near," he said.

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