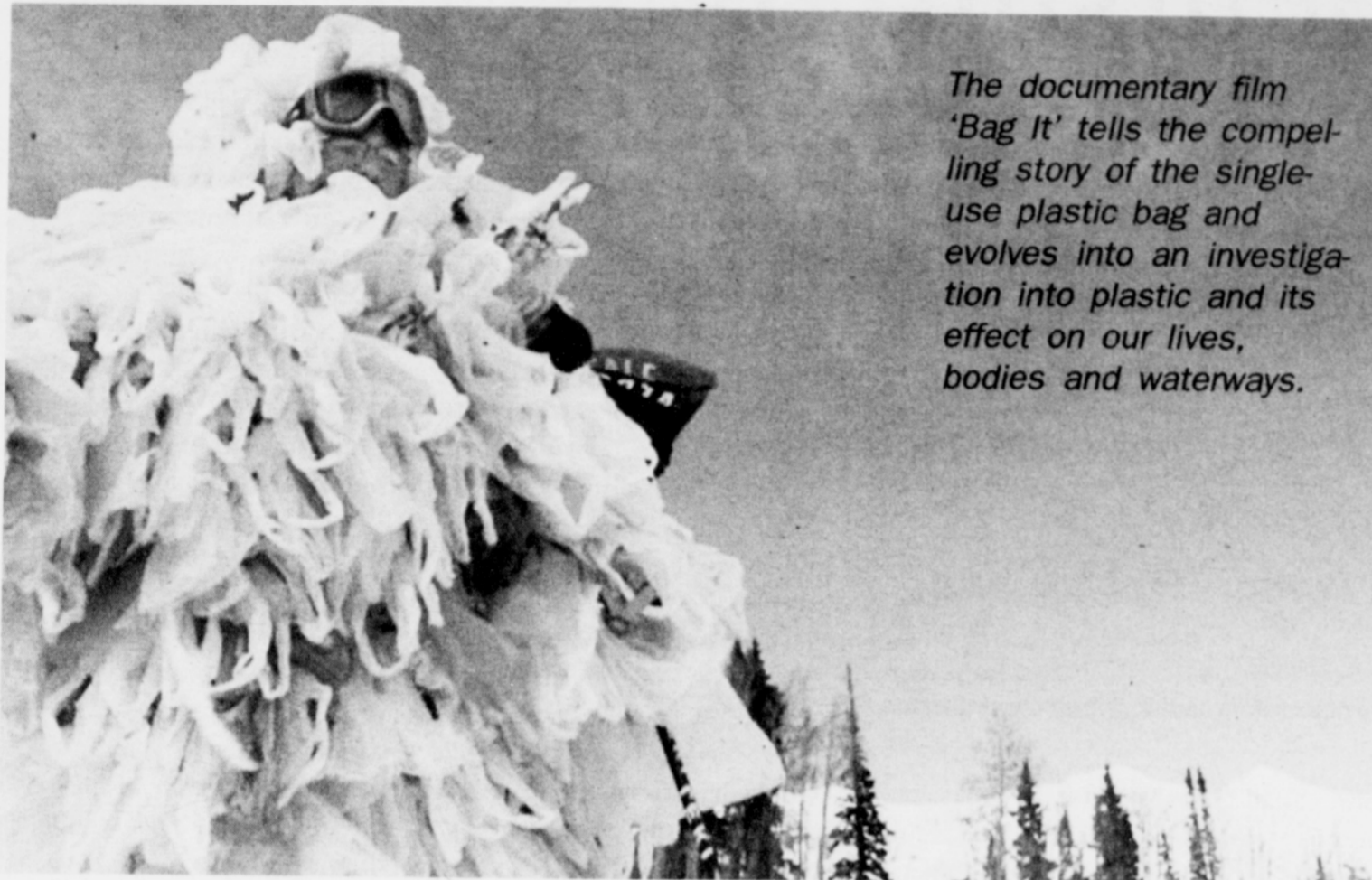


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The documentary film 'Bag It' tells the compelling story of the single-use plastic bag and evolves into an investigation into plastic and its effect on our lives, bodies and waterways.

Advocates Seed Cause with 'Bag It' Film Documentary examines use and abuse of plastic

A coalition of local organizations will stage an historic film and public engagement event featuring the Northwest premiere of the film "Bag It," a compelling story of the single-use plastic bag that evolves into an investigation into plastic and its effect on our lives, bodies and waterways.

The documentary focuses on plastic as it relates to our society's throwaway mentality, our culture of convenience, our over con-

sumption of unnecessary, disposable products and packaging — things that we use one time and then, without another thought, throw them away

The Oregon Legislature is considering a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags, and each screening of the documentary will include a discussion of the issues with advocates of the ban. The coalition hosts include Environment Oregon, Surfrider Founda-

tion, Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Willamette Riverkeepers, Tualatin Riverkeepers, Recycling Advocates and Audubon Society of Portland.

"Bag It" will open with a grand premier on Friday, March 4 and continue with showings through March 13 at the Hollywood Theater, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Shows are nightly at 7 p.m. with weekend matinees at 5 p.m.

Earning Gold on Sustainability

Portland State University has earned a STARS Gold rating in recognition of sustainability achievements.

The high grade from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education comes after PSU had the third highest score in the U. S. for measuring sustainability in all aspects of

higher education.

"This is PSU's first comprehensive sustainability assessment and it really highlights our longtime strengths in community-based learning and the university's conscious effort to build a healthier campus," said Noelle Studer-Spevak, sustainability coordinator. "But we're not going to

rest on our laurels; three years from now we're going to see significant reductions in energy and solid waste."

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