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Letters

What's Happening would like to open this space up for letters from our readers. We envision this page becoming a forum page, a place for our readers to discuss the issues that are important to them. We can't guarantee that every letter will be printed, due to space limitations, but our goal will be to print all sides to the issues. Please send your typewritten letter of no more than 250 words to Box 259, Eugene, OR 97440.

Quit Smoking

The Oregon Lung Association announced that *Freedom from Smoking* manuals for smokers who want to quit are available at no charge until February 29, 1984. These Quit Smoking programs normally cost \$7 but in order to encourage smokers to kick their smoking habit now, the OLA is making this special offer. The program takes a smoker through a 20-day quit smoking routine, which helps the person cope with withdrawal symptoms, social pressures and the personal commitment necessary to successfully quit. The OLA has sought to reduce the incidence of lung disease in Oregon since 1915!

Science Careers for Women

The Willamette Science and Technology Center will provide an opportunity for girls and young women to explore an exciting array of science career options at the *Women in Science Symposium*. On Saturday, January 21 WISTEC will be host to women who work as engineers, doctors, astronomers, biologists, archaeologists, computer scientists, geologists, veterinarians, nurses, pharmacists and in other fields of science and technology.

All girls, women and their families are welcome to find out about these scientists' backgrounds, what they do, the kinds of tools they use, and what a science career would be like.

Each profession will be represented with demonstrations, models, displays and informal discussions with the women who make science their work.

The Symposium will be held at WISTEC, 2300 Centennial Boulevard. For more information, call WISTEC at 484-9027.

Water Heating

Did you know that water heating accounts for 20% of the average home's energy bill! If wood is burned as a major source of heat, the same woodstove can supply a large portion of a family's hot water. New approaches to heating water with wood will be discussed in a free seminar entitled *Heating Water with a Woodstove*, to be held on Wednesday, January 18 at 7 p.m. in the Extension Auditorium, 950 West 13th.

Land Trust Exchange

Coming up on January 18 on KLCC's Blue Plate Special, the Oregon Community Land Trust Exchange will discuss its agricultural land trust project. This project will acquire land on the urban fringe to put in perpetual trust for agricultural use, and make it available for lease to back-to-the-landers or those who want to farm but are unable to obtain land. For more information call 688-3176.

Waldo Week

Some of the finest, unprotected wild country left in the Cascades lies just southwest of the Three Sisters Wilderness Area. Known as the Waldo Country, this area covers more than 90,000 acres of low to medium elevation old-growth forest. Within this area are ten mountain peaks over 5000 feet in elevation, hundreds of miles of hiking trails, more than 60 named mountain lakes (most containing trout), and dozens of miles of streams and rivers, including the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Willamette, recently designated, along with Waldo Lake, as a state Scenic Waterway.

Fishermen, backpackers, campers, and skiers from all over the country come to the Waldo Lake area for recreation. It is also a habitat for many wild animals including elk, deer, and bear. The lake itself, with a ten-square-mile surface area, is noted world-wide for its pure and crystal clear water which reaches a depth of 400 feet in some places.

Currently, this area is threatened by timber cutting and other developments. The opportunity to protect this area forever is available if the Waldo Country is included in the Oregon Forest Wilderness bill, expected to be introduced in the Senate this spring. Several local conservation groups are working to see that this happens. A rally in downtown Eugene on January 21, featuring a performance by Mason Williams, will cap a week of events promoting Wilderness designation for the Waldo Country. Other events during Waldo week include cross-country ski outings into the area, a multi-media slide show, and a march from the University of Oregon to the rally.

Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENTS	FOR INFORMATION
Jan. 14 8:30 am -5 p.m.	Cross Country Ski Outing Waldo Lake Area	UO Outdoor Program 686-4365
Jan. 19 7 p.m.	Multi-Media Slide Show followed by the film, John Muir's High Sierra 107 Lawrence Hall, UO	UO Outdoor Program 686-4365
Jan. 21 noon-3 p.m.	Parade and Rally March from UO at noon or join rally at 1 p.m. at Hult Center's Studio 1. Features Mason Williams and Friends and other local luminaries.	
Jan. 22 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Cross Country Ski Outing Waldo Lake Area	Many Rivers Group Sierra Club 342-4527
All Week 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Information Display Erb Memorial Union, UO	UO Survival Center 686-4356

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