

Energy panelists hit 'wasteful over-use'

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America's wasteful over-use of power was stressed as a major cause of the energy crisis at a discussion sponsored by the Lane County League of Women Voters Wednesday morning.

The seven representatives of various public utilities and environmental groups who met to discuss the many aspects of energy policy agreed that any long range planning would have to find ways of limiting energy use.

"Ultimately society will find that we as individuals will have to get permits from the state to use electric power," said Kelley Woods, coordinator of the Nuclear and Thermal Energy Council. Kelley emphasized that no matter how we increase power we will eventually deplete all our resources.

"We can't solve our power problems through technology alone," said William Holser, head of the University's Department of Geology. Holser demonstrated the consumer's control of energy waste by waving a light switch, saying that the solution to the power crisis was invented at the same time the electric light bulb was created.

"Our problem goes deeper than technology. If only psychologists could make the over-use of electricity psychologically unpalatable," said Holser.

Harry Garretson, of the Bonneville Power Administration, also brought up the

individual's role in the energy crisis. He said that electric energy was one of the few commodities over which the public has instantaneous control. Residential customers use one-third of the electrical power according to Garretson, and the two-thirds consumed by commercial-industrial interests are under the indirect control of the public.

Eugene Water and Electric Board General Manager Byron Price reminded the audience that EWEB is not a utilities commission. "The board is elected, therefore you, the people of Eugene have control of the system," he stated.

Ron Bessey, Water Resources Consultant and past coordinator of the Department of the Interior for the Pacific Northwest said that planners often focus solely on local needs, therefore, their planning tends to be short-ranged.

"Ideally an energy policy would encompass the whole world. Obviously the balance of energy is not within political boundaries," said David Piper, Assistant Public Utilities Commissioner for Energy (PUC). "The next best thing is an energy policy for the entire U.S." (The administration has scheduled a National Power Policy statement for March 11).

As of now, Piper said, Oregon does not have an energy policy. However, he continued, any energy policy must be at least regional to be effective because all forms of energy are interrelated.

"Conserving energy in Oregon will do little good if California increases consumption," Piper pointed out that depletion of resources must be curtailed universally, not just in selected areas.

Price emphasized the importance of all utilities participating as one regional entity.

Future alternatives to a depleted power supply may be solar, wind, and geothermal energy, according to Hosler.

However, Wilbur McNulty, of the Committee for the Conservation of Energy, commented that such an unlimited, safe energy source would probably be the ultimate polluter. Such a source of energy would allow man to continue to alter the earth's ecology with hindrance, he asserted.

"The calories (of energy) generated now, translate into 100 slaves working for each of us," said McNulty. At this rate, he

added, there will be no resources left in 100 years.

McNulty said that a complete moratorium on power growth would be politically unrealistic and an acceptance of the current rate of growth disastrous. He suggested that an in-between stance be adopted. Such a policy would admit for the sake of the world that we use too much energy now, he said, and that it is imperative to wind down that use.

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Women's Center expanding

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The Women's Study and Research Center is quietly expanding to provide a complete reference for people needing information regarding topics involving the women's movement.

Located in 605 PLC, the center is funded by the University's Office of Scholarly and Scientific Research.

In the small-scale specialized library, files of articles from periodicals, books and magazines all deal with subjects related to the status of women.

"We are encouraging research and holding regular seminars open to those interested," said Judy Grether, a staff member at the center. Included on the mailing list are faculty members, students and members of the community.

Anyone can be placed on the mailing list at their request.

Through the seminars, "we hope to increase the professors' awareness of various things that would influence their teaching," Grether said.

Seminars, held twice a month, are informal and offer no credit, giving a forum to a student or

faculty member who wishes to discuss his or her research.

The center began with a group of people interested in doing research. "They wanted to support each other intellectually and emotionally," she said, so a group of graduate students and faculty got together to discuss possibilities.

The center is interested in all aspects of the family scene, including the division of labor in a family, Grether said.

The center library includes articles on "the impact of legislation on women, the changing feminist consciousness and the different effects this is having," Grether said.

A related group called the Women's Studies Steering Committee concentrates on establishing more courses focused on women.

Initiated by Joan Acker, assistant professor of sociology at the University, the committee also hopes to see more women on the faculty and in higher administrative positions.

The staff at the Women's Study and Research Center is looking for qualified work-study students.

The staff encourages anyone interested in the center to stop by.

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