



Jeff Robinson (center) is the victim of an ambush by a bum (left), played by Don Heauser, and Chris Kennett (right), who plays the surgeon.

Photo by Ellen Keusink

Wingard urges public to face energy crisis

State Sen. George Wingard (R-Eugene), speaking Friday at the weekly meeting of the Rubicon Club, said that it will "take an energy crisis on the level of Pearl Harbor" to force serious changes in the present approach to energy conservation.

"People know there's a shortage, but no one is ready to step forward and accept the hardships that will effect his personal livelihood," Wingard explained.

The underlying cause of the problem, he added, is the mislocation of national priorities. He thinks the money spent in traveling to the moon could have been spent on developing nuclear fusion energy systems. "The Russians know what's happening: that's why they are ten years ahead of us in this area." Should an energy crisis of lasting severity occur, Wingard foresees industry becoming local and provincial, with thousands of Americans working on the farms to replace the energy of farm machines.

Wingard has been an active advocate of energy conservation. He has sponsored and co-authored two bills introduced in the last state legislature that deal exclusively with energy planning. One bill created an Energy Conservation Board to formulate rules for the conservation of energy in buildings that are "heated, cooled or illuminated by energy." This bill was passed but vetoed by the Governor. The other bill, which passed and was signed into law in July, established a nine-member commission to develop a comprehensive plan to maximize Oregon's energy supplies.

Wingard regards this state-wide plan as just one means to better adjust resources to the varying demands for power. One effect of the study so far, he remarked, is the discovery of some unquestionably wasteful practices. In Oregon, 66 trees are consumed daily to provide newsprint for grocery ads in newspapers. And every day, 280 thousand gallons of gas are burned by shoppers traveling to and from grocery stores.

The commission will also make strong efforts to develop housing codes that will efficiently use heat from the sun, Wingard said. For an initial expense of \$200, for proper insulation, home owners in Eastern Oregon can save \$135 yearly in heating costs. "This is just one possible area where significant results can be made," he suggested.

Kids create Halloween play for TV

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A special television play, *Trick Or Treat*, makes its television debut this evening. The play is special because it is the project of students aged nine through 13. The children, under the supervision of Ken Bierly, have written, planned and acted in this spooky play, especially for Halloween.

Bierly, a research assistant at the Center for Educational Policy and Management, and a doctoral student in educational administration, had originally planned on doing

a series of similar programs, all written, planned and acted in by students of the Eugene area. The series was to serve as his dissertation, and to give "creative kids a chance to develop their creativity."

The dissertation idea was dropped, but Bierly decided to go along with the project anyway. He and his wife, Pam, auditioned 30 children from Eugene area schools and selected 11 as their troupe.

The kids rehearsed two nights a week for a month, perfecting their program. Filming was done under the direction of Ron Compesi, a doctoral student in broadcasting, and one of

the kids served as technical assistant. PL-3 and John Sheppard, director of broadcast services also co-operated with the filming.

"These kids are super-creative and innovative, and a hell of a good group," Bierly said. "This is a great chance to give the kids an outlet for their talents, and for all of them to become involved in the mass media."

The children all loved doing the program, and their group reaction to doing the play was "groovy."

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Roberts confirms candidacy for governor

State Senator Betty Roberts, (D-Portland) became the first major candidate to announce candidacy for next year's Democratic nomination for governor Monday morning.

At a press conference in Eugene's Harris Hall, Roberts said she had not planned to make the decision for several months, but reaction to her proposed candidacy was so positive she opted to clarify her intentions now.

"The wonderful and enthusiastic response by people from all over the state has convinced me that I have a solid base of support on which to conduct a successful campaign," the eight-year veteran of the legislature declared. "I am tired of games which are traditionally played by candidates who maneuver and shadow-box with the public over the question of candidacy."

Roberts, who has been a legislator since 1965, has served two sessions in the House and three in the Senate.

In this year's Legislature, Roberts chaired the Senate Committee on Consumer and Business Affairs, co-chaired the Joint Committee on Aging, was the vice-chairer of the Joint Ways and Means Committee and served on the Senate Education Committee. In addition, she was assistant majority leader of the Senate.

Eugene was the second stop on Roberts' announcement tour. Her first press conference was in Salem. She also met with reporters in Medford and Portland Monday.

The 50-year-old lawyer and teacher said she believed the voters "want and deserve a straight and candid approach from their public servants." She quickly identified land use planning and resource development as the key issues in the 1974 race. She added that, after Watergate, honesty and competence in public affairs is also a crucial issue to Oregonians.

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Betty Roberts

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