

OSPIRG report criticizes State Land Board

The State Land Board issued a joint statement Wednesday in response to an OSPIRG report charging the board with "incompetence bordering on scandal."

The OSPIRG report, which came out last Tuesday, accused the board of having "a record of weakness" amounting to "administrative negligence."

The report claimed that the land board cost the taxpayers of the state hundreds of thousands of dollars by not collecting royalties on material taken from state-owned lands by gravel companies and that it failed to collect rents estimated to be between one hundred thousand dollars and two million dollars from businesses along Oregon waterways. OSPIRG recommended, among other things, that the board conduct a review of the performance of its

director, William Cox. The other members of the land board are Governor Tom McCall, Secretary of State Clay Myers, and State Treasurer James Redden.

One of the specific charges made by OSPIRG was that requiring leases could bring \$100,000 to the state annually, but that the board did not adapt leasing policies until one year after the state attorney general's office Oct. 1972 decision allowing for the collection of monies. The decision authorized such leases, yet according to OSPIRG, not one dollar has been collected from the operators of marinas, moorages and other waterway structures built on state owned rivers.

In its statement, the State Land Board thanked OSPIRG for its "intensive study of the State Land Board" and added that "OSPIRG recommends and the

land board recommends the implementation of a comprehensive long range approach to Oregon state-owned lands and waterways." The land board's statement also said, "OSPIRG's major criticism is that the land board is not moving fast enough. We agree that the land board's responsibilities have been neglected in past decades."

"However, the State Land Board has made more progress in the past year than in its previous history. Even so, we'd like to move faster, if the limitations on the personnel and budget will permit."

"Several important programs, such as ownership programs along the Willamette river, have been put on the back burner so that the staff might devote priority attention to more urgent assignments, such as the leasing program and the lower

Willamette river plan."

Myers told the Emerald Wednesday that the land board has done more in the past five to six years than it has in past history and that it has done more in the last year than in those five or six years. Myers stated that the land board was one of the groups asking the former attorney general to reconsider his decision on leasing, and that then they couldn't collect payment because it was against the law.

Richard Kennedy, an aide to Redden, said that Redden appreciated the intensive study made by OSPIRG and that many of its criticisms were similar to those he had made since taking office. Kennedy told the Emerald that leasing policies for businesses along the waterways should be implemented within thirty days. He said that it has taken so long because it is a complicated subject which requires public hearings to be held, implying that these kinds of things take time. He also pointed out that the last legislature restricted the budget of the land board "which has caused unnecessary delays."

In response to OSPIRG's recommendation that the land board conduct a review of Cox's performance, Myers claimed that two have been held on Mr. Cox. Myers also said that to his knowledge OSPIRG didn't talk to him or either of the other two board members about it.

He also said that some of those OSPIRG did talk to had applied for Cox's job.

The State Land Board said in its statement that it "will make a thorough study of the OSPIRG report and discuss it in detail at its next regular meeting," which will be held on Dec. 12.

Christmas lights equals 35,334 refrigerators

Energy shortage may be early sign of more dangerous situation

The current energy shortage could be an "early warning sign" of a far more dangerous situation, according to Jere O'Brien, director of public affairs for the Lane Council of Governments (L-COG).

Speaking at a meeting of the Joint Energy Conservation Council of Lane County in Springfield Tuesday, O'Brien gave a slide presentation titled "Limits of Growth." The presentation described what has become known as the "doomsday model," a prediction of future world conditions prepared by a group of scientists at M.I.T.

The group made extensive use of computers and incorporated factors such as population, agricultural and industrial production, pollution and natural resources, to predict that, unless drastic controls are introduced on these factors, people will be faced with worldwide starvation and suffering well within the next 100 years.

The model takes technological developments into account, and claims that the introduction of more nuclear power facilities, the "green revolution" to produce more food and other countermeasures will not delay the catastrophe for long unless we reduce population, production and pollution.

The slide show will be included in a special 60-minute TV program about energy produced by L-COG. The show will be broadcast Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. on Channel nine.

O'Brien strongly emphasized that the "doomsday model" represented the viewpoint of only one group of scientists, but urged council

members to "look at what is happening in Lane County. The current energy crunch could be an early warning to this type of situation," he said. O'Brien added that some utilities have been running announcements about energy conservation through the media and that these results will be included in the program.

Bob Rassmussen of the Bonneville Power Administration reported that the efforts of Oregonians to conserve power have resulted in a substantial savings. "As of Nov. 15th, we have a 9.9 billion kilowatt deficit as opposed to 12.2 billion kilowatts when we started. By Dec. 22 we could reduce that deficit by another billion kilowatts," he said.

Reporting on the heating oil situation, Bill Irfsfeld of Automatic Heat Co. said that many dealers have already sold 75-100 per cent of their allotment and that if fuel oil distribution is curtailed, it will be based on the 1972 usage by households.

JECC will have speakers at numerous schools throughout the area during Energy Week (Dec. 1-7) to inform students about the energy situation and to give them ideas about what they can do to help.

Jim Soukup, JECC vice-chairman, said that the council has no official position yet concerning Christmas tree lighting, but said that the advertising impact of not using the lights would help the energy conservation campaign. Dave Coon of EWEB, who had obviously been doing his homework, cited that the energy which is normally used by EWEB customers to light Christmas trees could keep 35,334 refrigerators running.

BRIEFS

INTERVIEWS

Sign-up now for job interview workshops using videotape feedback to refine your interview skills. More information available at main desk, Career Planning and Placement Service, 246 Susan Campbell Hall.

The following employers and educational institutions will be recruiting on campus. Interview sign-up sheets are now posted in the office. Students must turn in a resume 24 hours before the day of the interview.

Dec. 3. Stanford University, Graduate School of Education. Minorities and women are especially urged to apply. Deadline for filing applications for admission and financial aid is Jan. 15.

Dec. 6. Electronic Data Systems. Computer science, math, and business degrees; all majors and degrees considered. Systems Engineers, Operations, Corporate Recruiting.

Dec. 6. Lewis & Clark Law School, any major, any degree considered.

Dec. 13. Tenneco. Interviewing in Geology Dept.

MEETINGS

Meet Sen. Bob Packwood at "Faculty at Four," an informal wine and coffee hour for faculty, administration and staff at Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid, St., today at 4 p.m.

with the Cooperative Christian Ministry staff. Music by Ed Coleman and Friends.

The Rubicon Society luncheon speaker this week will be Chief of Police, Dale Allen. He will speak at noon today at the House of Lee, 165 W. 11th Ave.

Dick Speight, registrar of the University of Oregon Medical School, will hold a meeting for pre-med students at 8 p.m. Tuesday in 103 Fenton. A question and answer period will follow the meeting.

A meeting for the School of Journalism faculty members will be held at noon Dec. 6 in the Faculty Center (room to be posted). Topics include accreditation, non-discrimination policy and several reports.

Druids, Junior Men's Honorary, will be meeting today at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Sigma Nu house. New members will be tapped.

Impeachment and world problems will be the subject of a public meeting Saturday at noon in the basement of Harris Hall. Wayne Morse will speak, and information will be provided by local peace groups.

The Undergraduate economics Forum will meet today at 4 p.m. in 412 PLC. All economics majors are invited to join the Forum.

MISC.

A new over-20 adult group is being formed. If you are interested in restoring your life philosophies, shopping for new roles, building a new life, solving problems through empathetic listening, and exploring and assessing your skills and attitudes for new occupations, call the Counseling Center, 686-3227.

Gay women in straight jobs who are looking for a closed confidential rap group are invited to call One Step Beyond at White Bird, 342-8255, 3 to 5 p.m. or 7 to 10 p.m. Fridays, or between 2 and 4 p.m. weekdays. Men's and women's groups 7 to 10 p.m. Fridays at White Bird Annex, 323 E. 12th Ave.

Are you interested in sharing ideas related to religious studies? On Saturday, Jan. 12 the religious studies department at the University is sponsoring a meeting in conjunction with the religious studies department at OSU. The meeting will be at this university from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will include the sharing of formal papers and discussion groups. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are interested in contributing a paper, please send an abstract, title, your name and where you can be reached to Linda Berman, 361 E. 13th Ave., Eugene, Oregon 97401. All abstracts are due by Nov. 30. For more information, Berman can also be reached at the religious studies office or by calling 343-1921.

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