

Regents, apathy undercutting PIRGs

(CPS) — College regents and lack of student interest are teaming up to cut the budgets — and in some cases close up the shops — of a number of students' public interest research groups (PIRG) scattered across the country.

The PIRGs, which began in the early 70's under the tutelage of Ralph Nader, use student money, usually collected through students' fees, to investigate environmental, consumer and student issues. Begun in Oregon and Minnesota, PIRGs exist in 22 states on 144 college campuses.

At some campuses, student interest has waned. Referendums of non-support were passed at Rensselaer Polytechnic and a Minnesota college last year, cutting off PIRG funding at those schools.

Two of the more serious problems with regents were at Penn State and the University of Minnesota. PIRG organizers claim. Wrangling over the collection method to be used at those schools for PIRG funding brought charges that regents were protecting special interests or their own interests in approving funding schemes that threaten to cut the amount of money the groups will collect.

After a majority of Penn State students approved a \$2 per term increase in student fees to fund a PIRG, regents agreed to a "positive check-off" plan, where only students who authorized the university to collect PIRG fees would pay.

PIRG organizers favored a "negative check-off" under which each student would pay the fee, but would collect a refund later if they didn't wish to support the program.

Nader, angered by the Penn State decision which he said would keep students from examining the social, political and economic system and making constructive change, launched an

investigation last summer of colleges and universities to discover who runs them, pays for them and profits from them.

Volcanoes are all steamed up

CPS — People who live on the West Coast and Hawaii should prepare themselves for some volcanic eruptions which the National Geographic Society predicts for the last half of this century.

Already Mount Baker in Washington — silent for the past 125 years — has been producing steam from its 1600-foot-wide crater since last March. Scientists observing the reactivated volcano said this could be the prelude to a major eruption.

The Cascade Mountain Range running through Washington, Oregon and northern California contains other volcanoes capable of flaring into renewed activity, the US Geological Survey reported earlier this year. In addition, active volcanoes in both Alaska and Hawaii hold the potential for future eruptions.

Emerald wrong on Boyd quote

Monday's story on the new faculty records law incorrectly quoted University Pres. William Boyd on the subject of student course evaluations. Boyd actually said he endorsed the idea of student course evaluations. "But I hate to be involved in it."

The Emerald regrets the error.

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Former student requests new trial

Last June, former UO student Eva Kutas was convicted of harboring escaped Oregon State Penitentiary prisoner Carl Bowles. She received a two year prison sentence.

On Friday, Kutas will face a hearing on a motion for a new trial. The hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the U.S. Federal Courthouse, 7th and Pearl St.

Kutas is the former house manager of the Women's Transitional Living Center, a halfway house for women prisoners here in Eugene. She attended UO as both an undergraduate and graduate student and received a master's degree in Corrections from the University in 1974.

Students plan marathon dance

Three University students are sponsoring a dance marathon to raise funds to fight muscular dystrophy.

The marathon will start 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7 and last until Saturday, Nov. 8. Participation is limited to 15 couples, so interested persons are encouraged to sign up early.

Each couple participating will ask sponsors to pledge money for every hour they dance. Prizes will be awarded to the couples who bring in the most money.

For further information, contact Mindy Bernstein or Colleen Knotts at room 401-d, Carson Hall.

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MEETINGS

The Christian Science Organization will hold its weekly service tonight at 6 p.m. in the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St.

There will be a meeting to form a Committee to Fight for the Right to an Education tonight at 7:30 in the EMU. The Revolutionary Student Brigade is sponsoring the committee.

Alpha Kappa Psi will meet today at 3:30 p.m. at 1609 Agate St. Those who want to join the fraternity are welcome to attend the meeting.

There will be a meeting today of the Junior Class Council at 4:30 p.m. in the EMU, room to be posted. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Asklepiads will hold another meeting Monday at 4:30 in the EMU, room to be posted. Please attend.

AV FILMS

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MISCELLANEOUS

Psychotherapies, biochemistry and nutrition: a series of discussions beginning tonight at 7 p.m. The public is invited. It will be at Blake College, 300 1/2 N. Jefferson St., phone 344 8144.

Paul Landrum and the Outdoor Program's Thursday night slide series will present a show of technical mountaineering in the Tetons, Sierra Nevada and Cascade ranges. Though mostly entertaining, many of the slides have an instructional value. It's free. Thursday night at 7:30 in Room 101, EMU.

SPATAC, the Student Promotion and Tenure Review Advisory Committee is the only all-student committee with an influence on promotion and tenure decisions at the UO College of Liberal Arts. SPATAC will conduct an impartial, thorough and constructive evaluation of all candidates who request this service. Candidates are invited to investigate this alternative by calling the ASUO office, ext. 3724.

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