

League desires to protect natural resources

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You may not have heard of the Izaak Walton League of America, but lack of PR has not kept the league from involving itself in conservation issues since 1924, when it began.

Acting Pres. Ray Banta says the league believes in "wise use of our national resources." Its interests run toward seeing that

our forests and watersheds are managed properly.

The League instigated the suit leading to the decision, which threw Congress and the timber interests into such an uproar when it banned all clear-cutting. Banta says the suit was intended to bring some responsible legislation before the Senate, rather than to actually ban clear-cutting.

Banta counts the real estate developers and the sawmill owners among the chief threats

to conservation in Oregon.

In mentioning Ballot Issue 10, which would put an end to the LCDC and long-term planning, Banta said, "It's very selfish interests that are doing this. The real-estate developers stand to make a lot of money if 10 passes. I know they have raised at least \$6,000 already among themselves to aid its passing."

Banta further said that if the bill passes, it will do away with the 1990 plan in Eugene, which controls and limits real estate

development outside the city limits.

He said that if development is not limited, developers will be able to build as much as they like, with the inevitable result of city taxpayers picking up the cost for sewer systems the developments will need.

The league counts among its 400 members many sawmill workers and Banta said the League actively tries to enlist them. He believes that since sawmill interests control our

economy, they control state politics, and said in reference to sawmill owners, "They try to scare the pants off people if they don't vote a certain way."

Some of the League's other activities:

- educating Oregon voters about ballot issue No. 9, an issue advocating stricter nuclear safeguards.

- aiding the Forest Service in conservation projects, such as one in which members planted grass seed in outlying foothills here to insure that a transplanted herd of elk would not starve.

- activities instrumental to the passing of legislation protecting Hell's Canyon.

- encouraging Dr. David Charleton, a member since 1927 when the Oregon chapter began. His job is, and has been for nearly fifty years, to get the Willamette River in Portland cleaned up. Good luck, Dr. Charleton.

The image of the Izaak Walton League seems distinctly unlike other, more famous organizations with more radical aims in conservation. Many of its members are hunters, and few are students. Nevertheless, image notwithstanding, the league's activities clearly exhibit a strong desire to protect our natural resources.

Now if someone can just tell me who Izaak Walton is.

Program seeks applications from students

University Year for Action (UYA), a federally funded program set up last year to help disadvantaged persons in the community, is taking student applications.

Students receive six credits and a monthly stipend of \$200 for their work. They also are required to take a three credit seminar of their choice each term. Volunteers focus on planning and developmental projects.

Anita Runyan, UYA program head, is accepting applications. The program is looking for people who are willing to work with a low income population, have had some previous volunteer experience, work well with people, can take initiative in planning and in carrying out projects and can show good judgment. Runyan is planning to recruit 36 students for placement.

Applications may be picked up at the CSPA reception desk in Hendricks Hall and returned to Runyan's mailbox. Students will be contacted later for an interview. For further information call 686-3813.



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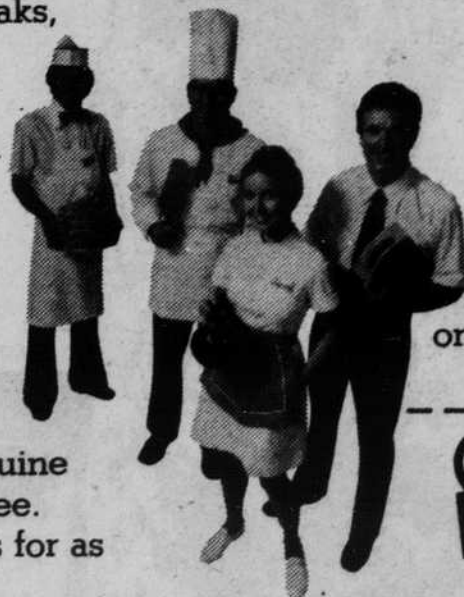
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