

Nuclear Energy

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of the Battelle Laboratories showed that the smaller the concentration of soil plutonium, the greater the percentage picked up by plant roots. Concentrations of plutonium in roots were much greater than in other parts of the plants, suggesting previously unsuspected food contamination dangers to root crops such as potatoes, carrots, beets and onions.

The scientists suggested that previous experiments, which measured concentrations in leaves rather than roots, may have used soil concentrations of

plutonium so high as to injure the plants and thereby inhibit uptake of plutonium from the soil.

It had previously been assumed that plutonium does not spread rapidly through the soil because, being relatively insoluble, it is not easily transported by water. Wildung and Garland's findings challenge this assumption in an important way. As roots grow downward they carry with them plutonium picked up near the surface. When they die, their plutonium-laden decay products may be soluble and thus subject to long-range transport.

This may explain why an earlier study found that successive clover crops grown in soil contaminated by plutonium fallout be-

come increasingly laden with the substance. Decaying roots of each crop may add soluble material to the soil that is more easily taken up than is raw plutonium.

"With increased production and use of plutonium which will accompany increased world dependence upon nuclear energy," the two scientists concluded, "it is essential that the potential for plutonium entrance into the food web at the soil-plant level be assessed."

Empty Pages hold mistake

"Reader-writers" will not have to wait as long as reported in Wednesday's paper to fill the Emerald's Empty Pages.

The next publication date of the bimonthly feature spotlighting readers' poems, short stories and drawings is Oct. 29. Deadline for reader-submitted material is Friday before Empty Pages publication, set for Wednesday, twice a month.

The Emerald regrets the error.

Polls draw few voters

A possible all-time low of 386 students voted Tuesday in the ASUO primary elections.

"I haven't seen a lot of campaigning, but it could be students are just disinterested," says Jo Nugent, an election board member, in attempting to explain the low voter turnout.

Fellow board member Cindy Eder blamed it on a lack of "blazing issues." The only semi-hot issue, she says, is the election of the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC), which controls \$1.3 million of student funds.

Final polling for the IFC will be held during the general election, narrowing a 14 candidate field. The general election is slated for Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 27 and 28.

The whole primary election process so far has been filled with problems. In addition to the low voter turnout, pollworker Dan Garner says that "one guy took all the ballots we gave him and wrote 'bullshit' across them."

Also, a voting booth was removed from Carson and Walton dormitories sometime between Monday night and Tuesday morning.

When asked who took the booth, ASUO Vice-Pres. Jamie Burns said he figured it was "probably just some punks." Physical plant worker John Evans recovered the booth from a dorm patio before the polls opened Tuesday morning.

Today is the last day to vote in the primary and voting booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Editors slate office hours

Since newsmen aren't the only ones who need information, Emerald associate editors are available to handle reader questions and input between 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m., Sunday through Thursday. They can be contacted in the Emerald's third floor EMU office, or by phone at 686-5511.

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Candidates and Issues: Today

7 a.m.—Springfield mayoral candidates will appear to discuss their campaigns at a breakfast meeting of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. At the International Steak 'n' Brew Restaurant, I-5 and Belt Line.

10 a.m.—Eugene mayoral candidate Neil Murray will discuss his campaign at a meeting of senior citizens at Kaufman Center, 996 Jefferson St.

10:30 a.m.—A coffee for Norma Paulus, Republican candidate for secretary of state. At the home of Peg Powell, 4936 Mahalo Dr., Eugene.

Noon—Congressman Jim Weaver, D-Ore., will discuss his re-election campaign at fourth Demo Forum meeting of the week. At the Col-

onial Inn, 1626 Willamette St., Eugene. The \$225 lunch is optional.

Noon—Eugene mayoral candidate Neil Murray will speak at the weekly meeting of the Eugene Active 20-20 Club. At the Eugene Hotel. Lunch is optional.

12:15 p.m.—The five Lane County commissioner candidates will discuss environmental issues at a brown bag luncheon meeting of the Sierra Club. At the Erb Memorial Union (room to be posted). No charge.

12:30 p.m.—Norma Paulus, GOP candidate for secretary of state, will discuss her campaign at the University law school (Room 129). No charge.

6:30 p.m.—Jerry Rust, independent candidate for county commissioner, will discuss

"The Local Economy" at meeting of Women in Insurance. At the Asia Garden Restaurant, 44 E. Seventh Ave., Eugene. Dinner is optional.

7 p.m.—Neil Murray, candidate for Eugene mayor, will discuss his campaign at meeting of Lane Transit District drivers. At the Eugene Hotel. No charge.

7:30 p.m.—Springfield mayor and city council candidates will appear at a forum sponsored by the Page Elementary School PTA. At Page School, 1300 Hayden Bridge Rd., Springfield.

8 p.m.—A coffee for Vance Freeman, Republican legislative candidate in House Dist. 42 (East Eugene, Springfield). At Luckey's Woodman Restaurant 117 S. 14th St., Springfield.

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MEETINGS

The Black Student Union will meet tonight at 7:30 in the EMU (room to be posted). Old members should attend and new members are welcome. For further information call 686-4379.

MISCELLANEOUS

Geoffrey Loftis, a professor from the University of Washington, will speak on "Visions of a Theory of Picture Memory" today at 3:30 p.m. at a psychology colloquium in Room 146 Straub Hall.

The entry deadline for WRA's women's "B" tennis tournament is today at 4:30 p.m. The draw for Saturday's tourney will also be held then. Come to Room 8 in Gerlinger Hall for entry deadlines and additional information.

National Student Exchanges: return your responses for the potluck dinner by 3 p.m. Friday. Return them to Room 202 EMU (International Education Center). If you have any questions contact Michele Mourraile 686-3721.

Dana J. Pratt, assistant director of the Yale University Press, will deliver a guest class lecture today at 2:30 p.m. in Room 307, Chapman Hall.

Pratt will speak on "University Presses and Scholarly Publishing in the United States."

Admission to his talk is limited to students in the School of Librarianship.

German author Uwe Johnson will discuss the problems and techniques of writing a novel at 3:30 p.m. today in the second-floor lounge of Gerlinger Alumni Lounge.

Poet Olga Bourmas, visiting instructor in women's studies at the University will present a reading of her own work today at 3:30 p.m. in the Forum Room in the EMU.

INTERVIEWS

A faculty member from the University of Puget Sound law school in Tacoma, Wa., will be available Friday to interview students who may be interested in attending that institution.

Interested pre-law students should schedule interviews at the Career Planning and Placement Service office, Room 246, Susan Campbell Hall.

AV FILMS

The following instructional rental films have arrived early. Faculty members may schedule them for classes with the Instructional Media Center before 2:30 p.m. the day before they are needed. Students or faculty members may request showings on a first-come basis Monday through Friday between 6 and 10 p.m. Films are not available after the showdate listed below. For more information, call 686-3091.

Date	Title	Dept.
Oct. 22	Ed Media: Communications Generation	C&I
Oct. 22	War On Bureaucracy	Librarianship
Oct. 27	Sydney-Hobart Race	P.E.
Oct. 27	Kicking Tires Is Not Enough	Consumer Ed.
Oct. 22	How A Hamburger Turns Into You	Nutrition
Oct. 25	Tanzania: Quiet Revolution	Anthro.
Nov. 2	Imaginerio	Anthro.
Oct. 27	Marble	Speech
Oct. 28	Talk Reform	Ed Psych

The following paragraph was omitted from the ASUO Voter's Guide Statement of Mary Gillan, Candidate for the Incidental Fee Committee.

I strongly believe in students' ability and responsibility to involve themselves in management of programs and institutions that affect their lives, and as an IFC member I would actively seek student input into the decisions of the committee. I would continue my present involvement with the EMU Board, which this summer completed a new governance document increasing student control of the EMU. I support ACT's efforts at tenant-managed housing, and will actively join in the renewed struggle for student control of Mac Court.

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