

but we're not close to a catastrophe like some other parts of the country," Sutton noted. "St. Louis and Michigan, for example, had to cut back their utility service."

The BPA also contracts for direct delivery of electricity to the region's energy-intensive industries. It is considered interruptible energy because it can be cut 25 per cent. These direct service in-

In addition to energy shortfalls, Oregon may also face a water shortage for recreation and irrigation. A spokesperson for the Army Corps of Engineers said Fern Ridge Reservoir is not dependent upon snowpack in the mountains for its water supply. Instead, they wait until Feb. 1 to begin their water impoundment with spring rain for the summer.

sively for its runoff and the snowpack is down about 20 or 30 per cent this year. The Santiam Pass which usually has about 80 inches on the ground by this time of the year, has only 14 inches.

The low runoff can cause both energy and environmental problems.

Lookout Point generates 120 kilowatts of power, but a spokes-

account when determining the severity of the situation that he agreed with the Corps of Engineers spokesperson — no one wants to bet on the weather.

The lack of precipitation (i.e. energy) and the unseasonable warm weather are inversely related. If the famous Oregon sunshine is accompanied by warm weather, the scales will tilt favorably toward more energy and less demand. The opposite, no rain and bitter cold, could also be the forecast and produce a shortage, he said.

Another major factor is the effect the dry winter has had, or may have on wildlife. The snowpack runoff assures downstream pollution abatement.

Without enough water to act as a flush, the Willamette River with the industrial wastes poured into it could become polluted in July and August.

Earlier this year spawning salmon and steelhead became trapped in shallow coastal streams and pools, making them easy prey

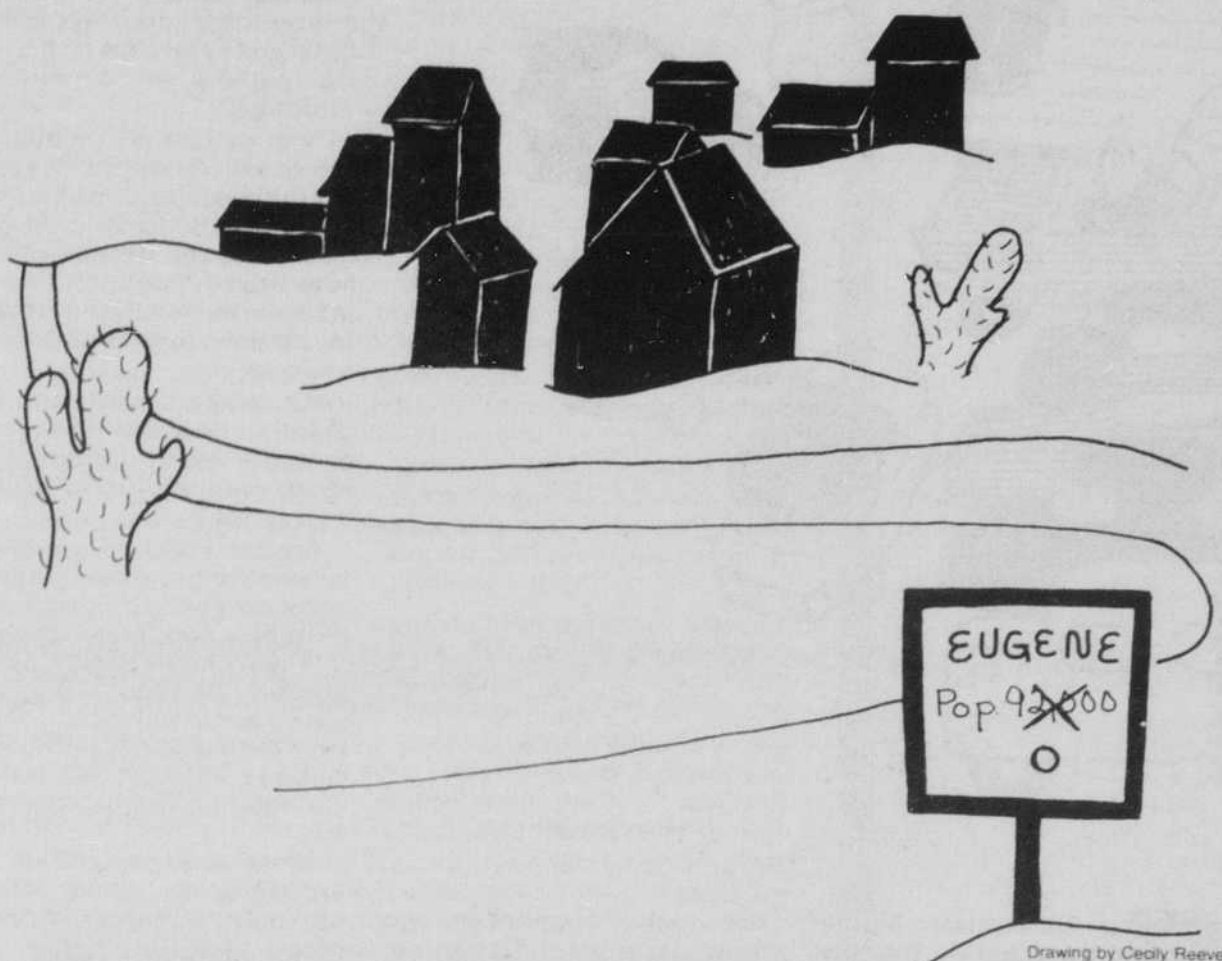
for ungainly fisherman.

This prompted the temporary closure of coastal streams until enough rain had fallen to give the migratory fish a chance. A similar situation may arise in spring with a prevailing dry winter.

Bob Jubber of the State Fish and Wildlife Department said the mammals and birds fared well against the hunters this year. Because of the absence of water on waterfowl areas, birds stayed north longer.

Big game, like deer and elk, stayed higher in the mountains than usual, leaving the lower winter range almost exclusively to the hunters. Jubber said he is looking for an increase in the number of healthy animals this spring.

With EWEB and BPA concurring that an energy crisis is unlikely and persons from local reservoirs predicting enough water with normal rainfall, it appears Oregon will remain green and electrified — in the near future, anyway.



dustries can go elsewhere to buy power or buy advanced energy, which is like buying on credit and hoping the market picks up. This energy conserving device may go into effect next month if present conditions continue.

The consumer's utility power would never be cut back except in an extreme crisis, which no one foresees. However, if industry is forced to pay more for its power by buying outside the BPA energy pool, the consumer may end up picking up the tab in the form of cost increases for products and services, Sutton said.

Fern Ridge serves as a flood control dam and is used primarily for irrigation and recreation. The Long Tom and Coyote Rivers, with headwaters in the coast range, are tributaries.

Asked whether he anticipated any problems getting Fern Ridge ready for the summer months, the spokesperson said he would either be "a newcomer or a dog-gone fool" to make any predictions about Oregon's rain.

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sively for its runoff and the snowpack is down about 20 or 30 per cent this year. The Santiam Pass which usually has about 80 inches on the ground by this time of the year, has only 14 inches.

Like Fern Ridge and the other dams in the area, Lookout Point keeps a minimum conservation pool until early February when it begins its water build-up for the summer. With normal, or perhaps a little more than normal, precipitation in February and March no cut-back in power production will occur, he said.

The spokesperson said there are so many variables to take into

Museum displays Third World photos

The Third World Exhibition of Photography, displaying the work of 170 photographers from 86 countries, will be featured in the main floor galleries of the University art museum through Sunday, Feb. 20.

Graphics by New York artists of the sixties will be shown in the museum's South Mezzanine Gallery, and winged and wheeled vehicles/sculpture by Eugene artist Tom Urban will be exhibited in the Focus Gallery.

The Third World Exhibition of Photography is from Hamburg, Germany. The University's art museum is one of 367 cultural institutions in 51 countries sharing in the organization of the collection, entitled "The Path to Paradise." It is exhibited in conjunction with the German magazine "Der Stern."

"Works by Artists in the New York Collection for Stockholm," shown in the South Mezzanine Gallery, features graphics by well-known New York artists of the 1960s and was assembled by the Experiments in Art and Technology in New York. Among the 30 artists featured in the collection are Andy Warhol, Lee Bontecou, Jim Dine, Roy Lichtenstein and Robert Rauschenberg.

A fanciful exhibition entitled Oregon Daily Emerald

"Wings and Wheels, Vehicles/Sculpture" will be in the Focus Gallery of the museum. Urban, the artist who created the collection, is director of University's craft center. The sculpture features wings and wheels and, according to Griffin, some of the pieces can actually be

ridden. A preview opening, to which the public is invited at no charge, will be held Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The University Museum of Art is open, free of charge, Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

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