

Straub sets Friday as day for women

Women have played an important role in bringing qualitative change to the American way of life but barriers still remain which prevent them from participating fully in all phases of society, Gov. Bob Straub said last week.

Straub said he has proclaimed Friday as "Oregon Women's Day" to help encourage participation in the Oregon Women's Conference, which is scheduled to run Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Willamette University in Salem.

Conference organizers estimate that more than 1,000 women from the state will attend the open conference, which begins at 4 p.m., Friday. The event is funded by a federal grant from the International Women's Year Commission in Washington, D.C., and is one of 56 occurring this year in every U.S. state and territory. In addition, each state will send a delegation to a National Women's Conference scheduled for November in Houston,

Texas.

"This conference will give women an unprecedented opportunity to share their mutual concern and inform government, business, labor and community leaders about the crucial issues facing women today," said Straub.

Charlene Holmes, one of the co-chairers of the event, said the conference office will help locate transportation for women who want to attend the conference. She said carpools are being organized and anyone who wants to participate should contact the conference office at 730 Summer St. NE in Salem or phone 378-8189.

Jill Ruckelshaus, former presiding officer of the International Women's Year Commission, will be the keynote speaker. Some 60 seminars dealing with topics ranging from women's health and legal status to women's personal adjustments throughout their life will be presented. Panels and artistic displays also will be featured.

Nations near compromise on ocean-floor caches

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — The nations of the world are moving toward a compromise on the issue of how to parcel out mining claims to the ore-laden nodules on ocean floors, according to negotiators to the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

They also say they have a promise from the Carter administration that if the compromise is reached the United States will put up 20 per cent of the capital of an international enterprise intended to share in the mining.

The aim of the three-year-old conference, resuming Monday, is to write a treaty concerning the seabed, territorial waters, offshore economic zones, marine research, antipollution measures and other aspects of sea law.

The new session starts with 157 countries invited and will run to mid-July. The fifth session, held in summer, involved representatives of 150 countries. The deadlock over the egg-shaped, black nodules — rich in nickel, copper, cobalt and manganese — is between have-not Third World developing countries on the one hand and technology-equipped capitalist and socialist industrialized countries on the other.

The former want a planned International Seabed Authority to gather the nodules, either through its own mining enterprise or through association with private or state enterprises.

The latter want the private and state enterprises to get a crack at the mineral wealth on even terms

with the international authority.

Talk of a breakthrough followed informal talks held by 85 countries in Geneva, Feb. 28-March 11 under the chairmanship of Jens Evensen, Norway's minister for the law of the sea.

In a report circulated privately to delegations last week, Evensen said ideas came out of the talks "pointing in the direction of a possible compromise," a mixed system ensuring the right of individual nations and private businesses, as well as an international authority, to mine the sea's resources.

The Evensen report said the negotiators were considering calling for a review conference 20 or 25 years after the new treaty takes effect to decide whether the mixed system should continue.

The negotiators also were working toward "viable solutions for the financing and the setting up of the enterprise, ensuring its ability to enter into operations at an early stage," the report said.

The mixed system would be good for industrialized countries anxious to get their corporations in on the mining. The review conference would guarantee the developing countries a chance to tilt the competition toward the international authority, to which they look for economic aid.

Accommodating the industrialized countries appeared to be the only way the authority, with its own resource development operations, could be sure of the money and the technology needed for the mining.

Rent

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Bill Groesz, member of Amazon Community Tenants (ACT), said, "This is not the first time she has raised these points." He added, "The Housing office has been sitting on them."

"It confirmed what the residents Oregon Daily Emerald

are feeling," stated Peter Purdue, Amazon resident. "This was actually confirmed by someone within the housing department."

Both Thorpe and Smith were unavailable for comment on the memo.

Access renovation costly

A report outlining costs of making all state system buildings accessible to the handicapped, and another dealing with a rent complaint at the University of Oregon were presented to the State Board of Higher Education Friday during their meeting at the Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT).

The board voted to ask the Oregon Legislature to pay the costs of making all buildings accessible, which will total \$1.4 million at the University alone. The tab for remodeling all state system schools will run \$5.3 million, according to Jack Hunderup, vice-chancellor for facilities planning.

Elevators will have to be installed in many old buildings, according to new federal regulations es-

tablished by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The University will allocate about \$980,000 for elevators in 18 different buildings. The remainder of the money will be used for minor adjustments in buildings.

The proposal now will go to the Ways and Means Committee for consideration.

John Ralston, a spokesperson for Amazon Community Tenants (ACT), presented a housing complaint to the board.

Ralston accused the University Housing Office of "willful mismanagement" of the Amazon (married student) Housing complex. He told board members he hoped they would veto any rent

increases, and he urged them to initiate a "vigorous investigation" of the situation.

The University has proposed a \$10 rent increase for Amazon Housing, effective July 1 but Amazon residents have called a strike against the housing office, charging them with "mismanagement." Many tenants have put their May and June rent checks in escrow, under ACT management.

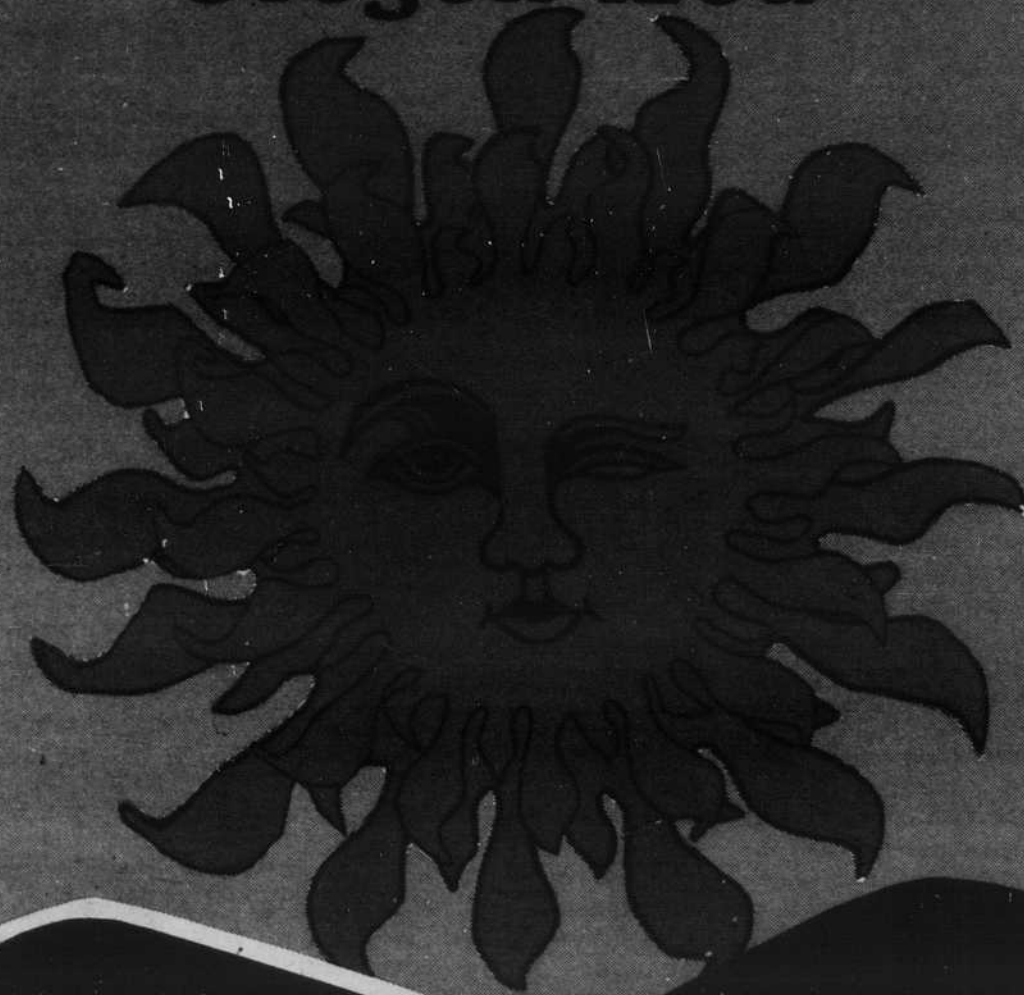
Officials at the University have withheld the proposed increase temporarily and have delayed any eviction action until they receive a report from Haskin & Sells, independent accountants investigating the housing office's material justifying the rent increase. The board will hear the University's request in June at a special adjourned session.

Edward Harms, former Amazon resident and board vice-president, questioned the board's involvement in the rent issue, and said it should be settled by the University.

Loran "Stub" Stewart, board member, said the Amazon rent has developed into a "perennial problem" and one solution might be to "sell the darn stuff...liquidate a problem."

The board also approved a 7.3 per cent increase in faculty salaries for each of the next two years. The salary request will also go to the Ways and Means Committee for consideration.

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