

Jack Delay doubts Carter's energy plan

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Jack Delay, Eugene city councilman, expressed doubts about Pres. Carter's energy plan at an informal meeting Tuesday night.

The open meeting was called by Eugeneans who attended the Third National Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies, July 7 through 10, to share information they acquired. Delay commented on a speech delivered by Barry Commoner, author of several books on energy, regarding the National Energy Program (NEP).

Referring to the rhetoric that preceded the release of the

plan, Delay said, "Either the nature of the program was poorly portrayed or else they changed their minds during the process."

However, Delay did emphasize that the Carter proposal was to be commended as the first national integrated energy plan.

On July 1, the Office of Management and Budget released budget projections and statistics for 1985. According to these figures, there will be a 4 per cent greater reduction in energy consumption under the NEP than if no plan were followed.

The figures also indicated a 30 per cent increase in energy consumption over the next eight years and an even larger per capita in-

crease. However, residential consumption will dwindle from 30 to 20 per cent of the total. Delay interpreted this as a shift to industry use in setting consumption priorities.

Only 16 per cent of the additional energy will be generated through conservation measures. Nuclear power will contribute 23 per cent and coal will provide the rest.

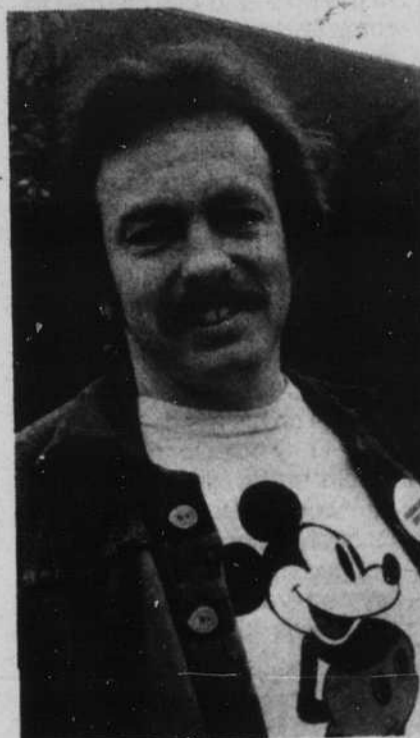
"Based on these figures, the conservation tone of Carter's energy policy is a hoax," concluded Delay. "There are lots of other estimates that conservation efforts can generate a lot more than 16 per cent of our energy needs."

He added, "The conservation end is so weak it does not even include a mass transit component."

Under the plan, three times more money will be spent on nuclear energy than solar energy.

"The commitment is to nuclear

and the commitment is to breeder. We're not abandoning breeder, but we're developing a better one than today's," he said.



Delay also worried about the economic repercussion of turning to nuclear and coal energy, calling the move "a tremendous opportunity cost to the public." He explained that solar energy requires little capital outlay and has the potential to employ many people. But the capital investment required for nuclear and hydroelectric generation excludes all but large corporations from entering into the production of fuels

Delay sees the NEP as having a detrimental effect on the Pacific Northwest. "It continues the Bonneville Power Administration trend of going to much more expensive electricity through hydro. We'd be in good shape compared to the rest of the country if we relied only on conservation."

The NEP, according to Delay, will lead to financial "strife" due to the burden put on the average consumer and lower income bracket person to meet their future energy bills.



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Family Vacation College: leisurely paced education

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Until this week at the University's First Annual Family Vacation College, Margaret Keller of Forest Park, Ill. hadn't been able to enjoy a full day of activities without having to take some time out to care for her son, born 17 months ago.

Then she read an article about vacation colleges in the Sunday Section of the Chicago Tribune which included a blurb on the University's unusual offering for whole families.

"For me it sounded perfect," she remembers. "Since Andy was born I've never really had an opportunity to have a complete day free. My husband and I wanted to come out and visit the West Coast and the family vacation college sounded like a great way to do it in a relaxed way."

The Kellers are one of six families visiting the University

campus through Friday. They are staying in the dorms, one hall for parents and another for their children. The younger participants are supervised by University students who take them on recreational trips while the parents meet in lectures and for campus tours.

Both parents and their children, aged 17 months to 14 years, agree that vacation college is a real vacation. For children there are picnics, hikes, swims, movies and other activities planned all day long and through the evenings, while parents spend leisurely days hearing guest lectures, socializing and touring the campus.

"The families are almost never together during a whole day," Keller smiles. Effie Fairchild, director of the vacation college planned it that way. "We set it up so that parents are doing one thing, while staff have the kids off doing something entirely different."

Fairchild got the idea for having

families on campus from the University's much older adult vacation college. "That's been going on for 14 years and we've found it very successful."

"Reading through letters from past participants in the adult vacation colleges, I found many of the people attending said they regretted having to leave their spouses or families at home. The idea of bringing families just sort of suggested itself and I took the initiative to go ahead and do the planning."

Fairchild uses students from her Leadership and Programming class from recreation and parks management to plan activities for the kids.

Students from Fairchild's class volunteer for certain hours and completely direct the children's activities. They plan possible activities and then re-plan each day to accommodate impulses of the young vacationers.

The children are divided into three age groups and the 13 University students working with the program work some part of every day depending upon their class schedules.

Adults attending the college pay \$136 for the entire week. Food and lodging is included. In addition, charges for children range from \$50 to \$10 for those less than five years old.

At those prices the college can't be making money, as Fairchild admits, "but it's not costing anything either," she readily volunteers. "We're totally self-sufficient."

One reason is that the larger adult vacation college is linked to the family prototype and advertising revenues for the family college may be borrowed from the adult account.

The adult college is scheduled for August 15 through 22 at the University Inn. Vacancies still exist for the August session and interested adults should call Fairchild at x4134 for reservations.

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