

Groups plan alcoholism action seminars at LCC

More than an estimated 16,000 Lane County citizens are afflicted with the nation's number one health disease and four civic groups plan to take action against it.

Alcoholism, according to David Pratt, executive director of Serenity Lane, an alcoholism treatment center, is the disease and fewer

than five per cent of the 16,000 will receive alcoholism treatment.

Serenity Lane and three other local and national groups will sponsor a seminar on alcoholism and its treatment today at 2 p.m. in the Forum Building at Lane Community College.

The seminar, "Alcoholism — A Treatable Disease," is sponsored

by Lane County's Council on Alcoholism and Mental Health Division, and Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, an affiliate of Ambassador College, Pasadena, Calif.

Five speakers are scheduled for the meeting, with a panel discussion following the presentations. Sam Graves, director of

counseling at Serenity Lane, will outline the problem and leading area alcoholism specialist Lowell Grabau will lecture on the symptoms and the illness concept of the disease. Dale Hampton, a noted recovered alcoholic, will speak on the life of an alcoholic.

According to Pratt, the seminar is designed to provide an educational program for the public. "Alcoholism is no longer a stigma, it is a disease and it should be treated as such," Pratt said.

Though the success ratio of those treated for alcoholism is as high as 80 per cent, 35 or more people annually will die with it, according to Serenity Lane statistics.

Pratt is expecting at least 200 people at today's seminar, although similar programs have drawn only light attendance.

More community education programs on alcoholism and its treatment are planned for the next few months, he said.

Programs still open for recreation

It's not too late for adults to join summer recreation programs at Amazon Village Community Center, 2700 Hilyard Street.

For physical activity, there's a free jogging program and a low-cost yoga class. Beginning calligraphy, basketry and intermediate pottery are crafts classes with

space for new participants.

Children ages three-and-one-half to five can still be part of the Amazon Anklebiters play experience. The program, which is held at Roosevelt Junior High, meets Tuesdays and Thursdays for games, crafts, and activities of all kinds.



Photo by Doug Lamb

Eat your heart out, Morris

These three swimmers took time out from diving and sun-bathing over the weekend to give a little pampering to a feline friend at the Edgewood Swimming Pool. Though the cat was probably

warm in its one-piece, fur-lined bathing suit, he certainly appears comfortable here. The girls must not have been talking about dog-paddling.

Board calls for timber plan

The Oregon Board of Forestry should require individuals and companies engaged in commercial timber cutting to submit a Timber Harvest Plan, the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group, (OSPIRG), recommended Wednesday.

Randal O'Toole, OSPIRG representative, said the timber harvest plan should describe management practices that would be used to control water quality problems, and the potential for unavoidable water pollution. O'Toole suggested the timber plans should be approved by licensed foresters and soil scientists and should be open for public review.

The OSPIRG proposal was made before the Northwest Regional Forest Practice Committee meeting in Salem, Wednesday.

Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 requires states to insure that "best man-

agement practices" are used to protect water quality from "non-point" pollution sources, such as timber harvesting activities. The report, by George Brown, Ph.D., Oregon State University School of Forestry, was commissioned by the state with \$20,000 in federal funds.

O'Toole told the committee that Brown's report does not address the question of whether or not Oregon's Forest Practices Act is protecting forest lands and streams. He said OSPIRG does not believe the rules are specific enough to meet best management standards.

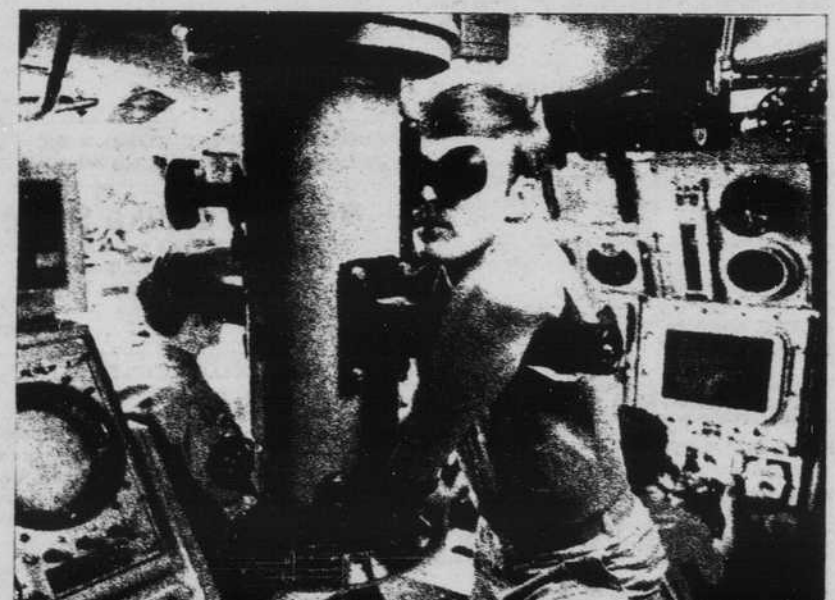
The OSPIRG representative noted that California's Forest Practice Rules are stricter and more specific than Oregon's present rules. "The lack of specificity is the greatest failing of Oregon's rules," O'Toole pointed out.

OSPIRG said that conclusions of the Brown report simply reiter-

ated his testimony before a committee of the Oregon State Legislature in 1975. "Brown gave us his opinion for free in 1975. Why did U.S. taxpayers pay \$20,000 just to hear it again in 1977?" asked O'Toole.

"The Federal Water Pollution Control Act requires that alternative management practices be examined. George Brown has failed to look at these alternatives. In fact, his entire report is a whitewash," O'Toole said. "Oregon Forest Practice Rules will need significant changes if they are to meet best management practice standards."

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