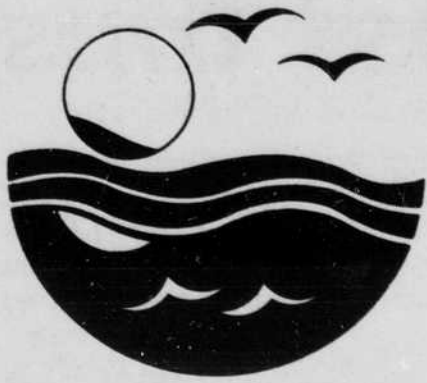




By KATHY MONJE
Of the Emerald

ALTHOUGH THE FEDERAL government has said it will plan storage facilities for spent nuclear fuel, the proposal won't end the controversy over storing the waste in Oregon.

Anti-nuclear groups have claimed that it is illegal for Portland General Electric to apply for permits to store the spent fuel at the Trojan Nuclear Plant. Lengthy hearings on the subject have

Of environmental concern

not yet produced a decision.

The federal storage facilities will not be ready to accept wastes from nuclear fuel for at least five years. Until then, the utility company must find some way to dispose of its spent fuel.

PGE's present plans, if approved, are to store the waste in underwater racks as a temporary measure.

A STUDY BY the American Friends Service Committee indicates that children who harvested Oregon crops have been exposed to pesticides.

The report, issued in Philadelphia, says no information was available as to how harmful the contact with pesticides may be to the children.

The state does little or nothing to check field

spraying and its effects on workers, said Mike Rodia, assistant manager of the occupational health section of the Oregon Workers' Compensation Department.

THE WASHINGTON PUBLIC Interest Research Group (WASHPIRG) last week said the energy picture in the Northwest is not as gloomy as utilities have painted it.

The group, which has been studying Northwest energy needs, says the regional power plan proposed by the utilities and now before Congress does not place enough emphasis on conservation.

The report said utilities have overstated estimates of future electrical demands, ignored potential savings from conservation and can meet energy needs through 1995 without expensive new nuclear plants.

Students to question IFC office-holders

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Students will have a chance to question Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) candidates at a special candidates forum today from noon to 2 p.m. in the lobby of the EMU.

Beth Kurtz of the ASUO Elections Board says the candidates will make brief statements and then the floor will be open for questions. Participating candidates will include IFC incumbents Doug Benson, Steve Herlocker, Dave Hebert, Jeff Warren and Dave Tyler. They will be joined by challengers Ted Walker, Toby Barlow, Scott Bassett, Jay Donaldson, Janet Eggleston, Gary Laing, Mary Gilmore, Kelly McKirdy and Larry Hollins.

There are seven positions up for grabs on the IFC in runoff elections. Voting in the runoff will be Wednesday and Thursday. Absentee votes can be made in the ASUO's Suite 4 office today and Tuesday.

Also to be contested in the runoff election this week will be two positions of the Student University Affairs Board (SUAB) and one for OSPIRG.

Mark Stevenson will face Mike Kehoe in the race for SUAB position no. 8, Biology and Pre-Health Sciences. Greg Hallquist will be opposed by Gordon Hallon for position no. 18, Languages, Classics, General Arts and Letters, Linguistics, Religion, Computer Science, Geography, Philosophy and Comparative Literature.

Friday's Emerald incorrectly reported that John Koford and Paula Duthoy would runoff for position no. 3, Business Administration. Koford won the position outright by gaining a majority of the votes cast in that race.

The lone OSPIRG position remaining to be filled is the Environmental Concerns. Randal O'Toole will be opposed by Carey Critchlow.

The status of write-in candidates in runoff elections remains unclear after students defeated a constitutional amendment proposed by the ASUO executive. The amendment would have banned write-in candidacies in runoff elections.

The confusion over write-ins came about last spring when Craig Geary attempted to mount a write-in campaign in the runoff election for ASUO president. Geary's candidacy was ruled invalid by the ASUO and votes for him weren't counted. Geary challenged the ruling, arguing that the status of write-ins isn't specifically addressed in the ASUO Constitution. An opinion issued by state Atty. Gen. Jim Redden this summer concluded that the constitution's failure to refer to write-in candidacies would make such a candidacy allowable.

Students voted against banning write-ins in runoff elections by a vote of 281 to 250. ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman says he was surprised by the results.

"I think the amendment may have been a little confusing. I'm in favor of write-ins in the general election, but a runoff is just what the name implies — a contest between the top two candidates," Feldman says. "The constitution calls for a candidate to receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected. A write-in candidacy could prevent a plurality from being attained."

Feldman says he was pleased with the results of the voting on the other two constitutional amendments. An amendment to abolish class officer positions was passed, 278 to 247. This year's class officers will continue to serve in their positions for the remainder of the year.

Students also turned down a proposal that would have allowed individuals to simultaneously hold more than one elective or appointive ASUO position. The vote was 215 in favor of the amendment and 310 opposed.

"I'm pleased with anything that will maximize the total number of students participating in the ASUO," Feldman said.

Outdoors

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guides or certified instructors in CWA, each adventurer legally assumes his own risks. Within a self-organized group, different emerging leaders will help the group solve problems as they occur. If the group of adventurers does not have the strength, aggressiveness or knowledge to accomplish a difficult wilderness adventure, it may choose easier

alternatives or they may return to civilization. Each participant of the trip has a voice in the decisions.

The wilderness serves as an excellent educational setting for self-motivated learning of the necessary skills for safe outdoor recreation, according to Gary Grim, Outdoor Program director.



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