

# ... Of environmental concern

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**Trojan Decommissioning Alliance** members said Friday Portland General Electric officials appear to have given different information to TDA representatives and the news media.

At a meeting last Wednesday to discuss plans for next Friday's oc-

cupation of the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant, PGE officials said the Visitors' Information Center would be closed during the occupation because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Steve Loy, PGE public relations manager, told the Emerald that the Visitors' Center would be closed for security reasons.

Simon also said Loy's state-

ment to the Emerald that "The TDA leadership...doesn't necessarily have complete control over the demonstrators," was inaccurate.

"We don't have a leadership," Simon emphasized. "All decisions are made by the entire group — we never said anything at the meeting about not having control over demonstrators."

Everyone participating in the occupation must go through the TDA non-violent training, Simon said.

"We wouldn't let anyone spontaneously join the occupation," he said.

The **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** wants more nursing mothers from the Siuslaw National Forest area to volunteer for a study that will analyze human milk for traces of dioxin.

Dioxin is a poison used in herbicides intensively sprayed in the national forest to control undergrowth.

Milk samples from Oregon will be collected next week.

Mothers interested in volunteering for the study should contact Dr. Michael Watson, Pesticides

Branch, EPA, 1200 Sixth Ave., Seattle, Wash. 98101. He may also be reached at 206-442-1090.

**Oregon can lay claim** to the Northwest's only hazardous waste disposal site. Deadly pesticides, acids, mercury and other dangerous debris from industry and agriculture are stored in trenches in the High Plateau in Eastern Oregon.

Chem-Nuclear Systems Inc. opened the site in May 1976. It accepts everything at the burial site except radioactive waste materials.

"The fundamental fact about hazardous wastes," according to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publication, "is that they are a menace to human health and the environment. They can poison, burn, maim, blind and kill people and other living organisms."

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality monitors the site and must approve each shipment of waste buried there.

The Emerald plans an in-depth story on the site and its operation.

**Tom Henstead, bike path planner** for the city of Portland, will be at the University Tuesday to examine the Springfield "D" Street bike path. Henstead, who was invited by the University OS-PIRG board, will ride the "D" Street path at 2 p.m. and will speak in the EMU at 4 p.m., room to be posted.



**Environmentalists say new changes** in federal clean water laws will slow the pace of cleaning up the nation's waterways.

The revisions, approved Nov. 17 by a House-Senate conference committee, extend by a year the deadlines industries must meet to install improved water pollution equipment. The revisions also accept less efficient equipment.

Larry Silverman of the Clean Water Action project said the revisions mark a step backward in pollution control.

A spokesperson for another environmental group called the changes "a disappointment."

But industry spokespersons said the committee's agreement represented "a reasonable compromise" between environmental and economic concerns.

The changes are included in a bill authorizing the expenditure of \$24.5 billion through 1982, mostly on federal grants for local sewage treatment plants.

The committee also eased requirements designed to preserve the nation's environmentally delicate wetlands.

The conference committee lifted a requirement that the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation meet stringent requirements before beginning to dredge or fill in wetlands.

The conferees replaced that requirement with one requesting preparation of environmental impact statements for each project before congressional approval is given.

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