

Eugene will get 'nuked' this week

Simulated emergencies begin

Lane County will suffer the simulated after-effects of a hypothetical nuclear attack this week, according to Lt. Howard Kershner, civil defense coordinator for Lane County.

Starting today a week-long series on theoretical civil defense

emergencies leading up to a nuclear attack is being staged in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

Interior hallways and base-

ments of schools and other large public buildings have been designated as fallout shelter areas.

Kershner says the tests will be conducted to measure the effec-

tiveness of the region's civil defense reporting system.

Lane County is "pretty well prepared" to handle emergencies, he says. In order to increase the level of preparedness however, he says the public would have to be willing to spend more money to build fallout shelters and increase emergency food supplies.

In case of an actual nuclear attack, Kershner says the county should fare better than other areas in the region. He cites government studies that claim Eugene is not a likely nuclear target. Kershner adds that even though Eugene would be subject to some radioactive fallout, the fallout would be mitigated by prevailing winds from the Southwest.

During the test, local civil defense coordinators will compile and transmit reports to the federal government's Increased Readiness Information System (IRIS).

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According to the Associated Press, Seattle IRIS officials are projecting food sales would rise to 100 percent above normal, gasoline sales up 150 percent, withdrawals of savings and other funds from banks up 100 percent, absenteeism from schools up 75 percent and absenteeism from work up 35 percent, in the event of real emergencies.

IRIS officials said these figures will be used during the test, because similar figures were reported during the Cuban missile crisis.

Kershner says his figures are substantial lower for the Eugene area because Eugene is not as likely a target as the Seattle area.

Kershner estimates that locally food sales would increase to 25 percent above normal, gasoline sales up to 25 percent, bank withdrawals up to 15 percent, absenteeism from schools up 5 percent and absenteeism from work up 10 percent.

Volunteer groups begin campaign at University

Would you like to work in Jamaica, Morocco, Alaska or maybe the Fiji Islands? You can, by becoming a volunteer in the Vista-Peace Corps program, which has recently opened an office on campus.

Eugene was picked as the site for the new office, because of its productivity, according to Anna Gottlieb, campus program representative.

The University location makes it accessible to students, especially those who are graduating with no definite career plans.

Gottlieb says all kinds of volunteers are needed, including liberal arts graduates to plumbers, carpenters, accountants, lawyers, architects, journalists, city planners, civil engineers and cattlemen.

"Skills are important, but so are dedication and adaptability," says Gottlieb. Volunteers could gain valuable experience and carry home a better understanding of different ways of life, she adds.

The Vista (Volunteers In Service To America) volunteer works one year with a poor community in the United States. Gottlieb estimates about 50 available job openings.

The Peace Corps has been helping combat problems of pov-

erty, illiteracy, hunger and disease in developing nations since 1961, and has a listing of more than 2,000 jobs in more than 60 countries. A volunteer spends two years overseas, after becoming acquainted with a country's problems, language and culture in a three-month training program. All expenses are covered for both programs during the one- or two-year period, including transporta-

tion and medical care.

Volunteers also receive a "readjustment allowance," Gottlieb says, when they complete their service.

The University office is located in Room 18, Hendricks Hall, and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. General information pamphlets are available, as well as interviews, job applications and lists of job descriptions.

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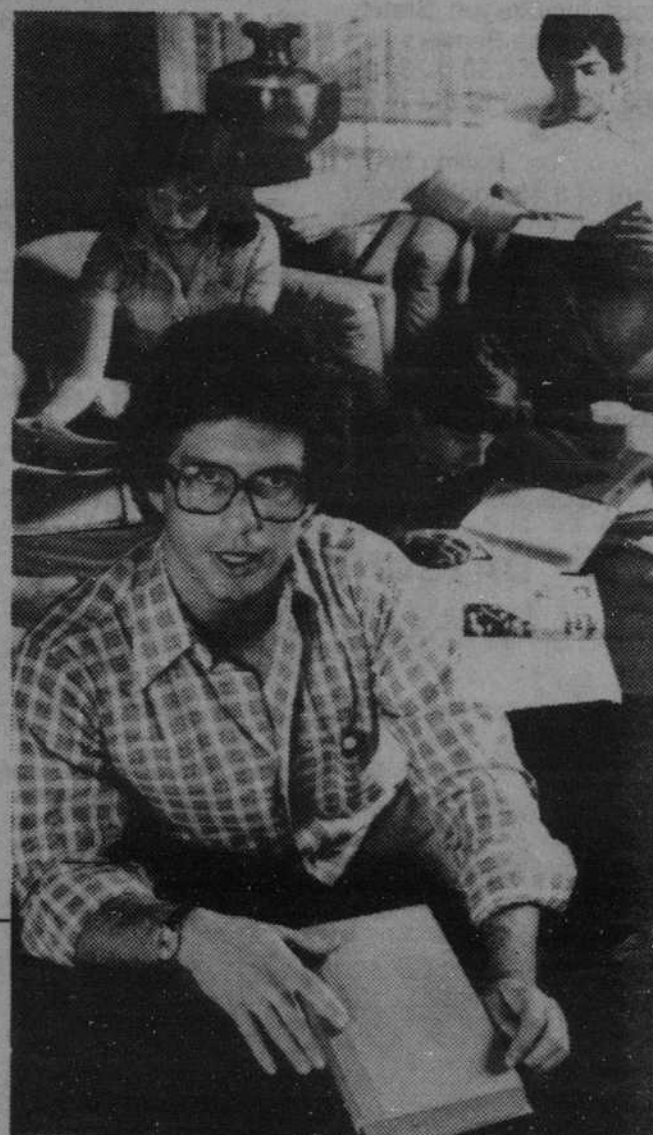
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