



Photo by John Rimel  
Friends of the Earth Pres. David Brower

## Environment workshop attracts western students

Last weekend's Northwest Environmental Taskforce Conference (N-WEST) attracted students from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia to the University of Washington campus to coordinate and share information on environmental action.

A keynote address by David Brower, former executive director of the Sierra Club, and founder and current president of the Friends of the Earth, called for a 50-year goal of working toward a sustainable economy and working for a concerned society instead of an economic society.

Brower said it was up to the students to help the transition take place.

He predicted that the current nuclear issue is only the tip of the iceberg and that it would become as large of an issue as the Vietnam War during the late 1960's.

An advocate of nuclear power from 1945-69, Brower but now considers himself a "born-again anti-nuke."

Following Brower's address the students broke up into groups to attend the first workshop sessions. On

Saturday there were more workshops, followed in the afternoon by a panel discussion that focused on "Coalition Building: Jobs and the Environment." The panelists were David Brower, Friends of the Earth; Jim Bauermeister, Washington State Grange; Nate Ford Jr., Boilermakers Union and Jim Sawyer, professor, Seattle University Institute for Policy Studies.

The conference ended Saturday night with a slide show and a vegetarian banquet.

N-WEST was organized last year as a coalition of student environmental groups in the Northwest. N-WEST has applied for a \$55,000 grant from HEW and a \$10,000 grant from Puget Power. The 1978 conference was sponsored by the ASUW Environmental Affairs Commission.

Twenty-five students from the University of Oregon attended the conference. About one hundred students from throughout the Northwest were at the conference. The University students traveled in a carpool organized by the Survival Center.

## Wood officially enters gubernatorial race

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Lane County Commissioner Bob Wood is officially in the race for governor. Wood, who announced his intention to campaign for the democratic gubernatorial nomination over a year ago, officially filed as a candidate yesterday in Salem.

Wood, 40, criticized Oregon Gov. Bob Straub for his "eyedropper understanding" and his "weak responses to issues and problems" facing Oregon. Wood's comments were made at a press conference yesterday morning, called to announce his official entrance into the race for governor.

Wood said he is not a "front-

page politician with oversimplified answers" and added he had recently returned from a 16-city tour in Oregon which backed up his assumption that Oregonians are dissatisfied with Gov. Bob Straub's leadership.

Wood stated he would as governor introduce legislation for incentive programs for the development of wind and solar energy, geothermal power, use of forest slash for home and industrial fuel, recycling of solid waste for products, reuse and fuel.

"Study after study has shown a well-managed, aggressive energy conservation program could save Oregon utility ratepayers millions of dollars as well as saving the state's cheap hydro-electric power for Oregonians' use," he said.

Wood commented that Straub's attempt to battle high unemployment figures in Oregon "with traditional job programs in the state are temporary band-aid measures at best." He favored tax incentives for the building of low-income housing, reforestation and manufacturing use of raw forest products to help cut the jobless rate.

He added he is strongly in favor of increasing incentives for private businesses to hire unskilled labor and is in favor of skilled-training programs at the high school and community college level designed for local job opportunities.

Straub said he thinks 30-40 percent of the state budget is spent on inter-agency hassles. He advocated for increasing the government's service to Oregonians and minimizing of bureaucratic spending and delay.



Commissioner Bob Wood

Wood favors improving nursing home services and higher nursing home employee wages. He favors prevention in the health field, stating he thinks health care providers have little interest in supplying preventive health.

Wood agreed property tax is a big issue. He said he has "no specific proposal" at this time, but spoke about a sales tax to relieve

the burden of financing education from the middle-income bracket.

He also supported the two cent gas tax increase, space-age transportation systems and opposed legalized casino gambling. Marvin Hollingsworth, a democratic gubernatorial candidate, advocates legalized gambling to pay for state education costs in Oregon.

## Masked bandit flies coup with the Cuckoo nest's loot

As Randall McMurphy was raising havoc in the second showing of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," another man wearing a stocking cap grabbed \$80 worth of ticket receipts Sunday night.

Judy Maljai, who was taking tic-

kets for the EMU-sponsored movie, in PLC, told police that at about 9:30 a man carrying a flashlight ran up to her and yelled, "Hold it right there."

The man was last seen disappearing into a nearby apartment complex, police said.

The man was wearing a light blue ski jacket, blue jeans, white tennis shoes and black leather gloves. Maljai described the man as being about 5 feet 9 and weighing about 170 pounds.

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