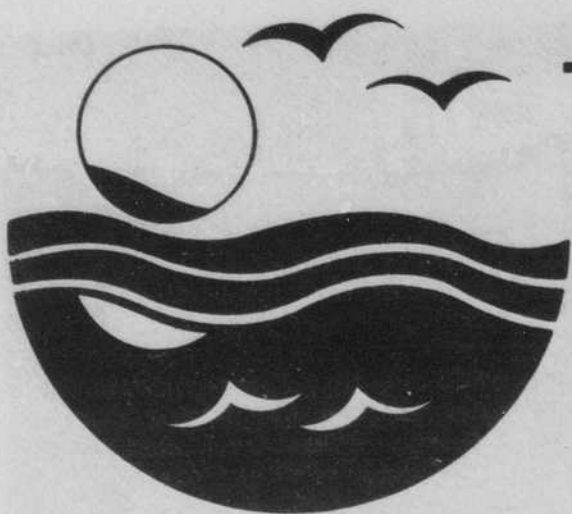




By KATHLEEN MONJE
Of the Emerald

The Trojan Nuclear Power Plant in Rainier will get its first refueling in March, Portland General Electric Co. (PGE) announced Saturday.

The plant will shut down for six to eight weeks during the refueling.

Hearings are now in progress in Portland to determine whether PGE will be allowed to increase its plant storage capacity for spent fuel.

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PGE officials contend that unless storage capacity is increased, the plant will have to shut down permanently within 10 years. Major opposition to the PGE plan comes from environmentalists, who argue that long-term storage of nuclear wastes is forbidden by Oregon state law.

The Oregon Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) has opened applications for its summer internship program. The program is open to students, who are paid \$1,000 for researching their own topics or those suggested by OSPIRG.

Research topics are of social or environmental interest, such as wildlife funding, health insurance, water law and economic development.

Application forms are available at the University OSPIRG office, Suite 3 in the EMU.

The federal Department of Energy (DOE) reports that it has received more than 1,000 proposals for appropriate energy technology, from four western states.

"Appropriate technology" is the use of locally available and environmentally sound

energy resources.

The DOE pilot program will award a total of \$500,000 in grants to develop the most promising projects.

"Appropriate technology ideas do not have to be new ideas," said Don Beattie, DOE's acting assistant secretary for Conservation and Solar Applications. "They can involve novel applications of existing technology. The technology is usually small-scale and decentralized, and should be simple to install, operate and maintain."

Beattie says the DOE was "pleasantly surprised and encouraged" by response to the program and the "high quality of the ideas" received.

Janet Gillaspie, University Survival Center director, has been appointed to serve with more than 20 other Eugene-Springfield citizens on a metropolitan "Sludge Advisory Committee."

The committee will advise the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission on ways to put the area's sewage sludge to good use. It will study alternatives to burial of the sludge, such as fertilizer manufacture.

Senator hits timber proposal

Oregonians are victims of "bureaucratic indifference" and "bumbling" in timber management policies on federal lands, Sen. Mark Hatfield told the Associated Oregon Loggers meeting Saturday in Eugene.

Hatfield, who has publicly announced his campaign for reelection to his Senate seat, spoke before a luncheon meeting of 460 loggers and their guests as part of a weekend conference.

Hatfield repeatedly singled out the U.S. Forest Service for criticism, accusing the agency of "playing games with us" by claiming a 17 percent increase in regional timber sales.

The Forest Service estimate is "bloated" because it includes culled timber not sold in past years and scheduled timber sales delayed by environmental appeals, Hatfield said. The actual increase in timber sales is probably closer to 5 percent, he added.

Hatfield cited the Forest Service Roadless Area Review and Evaluation, (RARE II), as an example of the agency's practice of "coming up with plans and more plans," when it should be making affirmative timber management decisions.

Hatfield finally directed his fire at efforts to set aside 280,000 acres in southern Oregon's proposed Kalmiopsis Wilderness. That proposal, supported by Rep. Jim Weaver and Pres. Carter, compares to a 92,000 acre version supported by Hatfield and the Senate.

Housing office makes its move to Walton

By DEBBIE MILLER
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The University Housing Office has moved to Walton Complex, and in order to introduce the new office to students, an open house is scheduled for Thursday from 2-4:30 p.m.

Preceding the affair faculty and staff members will be able to tour the new office Wednesday from 2-4:30 p.m.

The move this term was a difficult one, according to Marjory Ramey, assistant director of housing, because the business office had to remain open during the confusion.

Ramey says no major structural changes were made in Walton during the remodeling process that took three months for physical plant workers to complete.

Five unused dining rooms and one end of the Walton kitchen

were remodeled to create the reception area, staff lounge, business offices, workroom, conference room and a special feature, a department library, which contains current housing reports, faculty meeting minutes, reference publications, plus a variety of current staff readings.

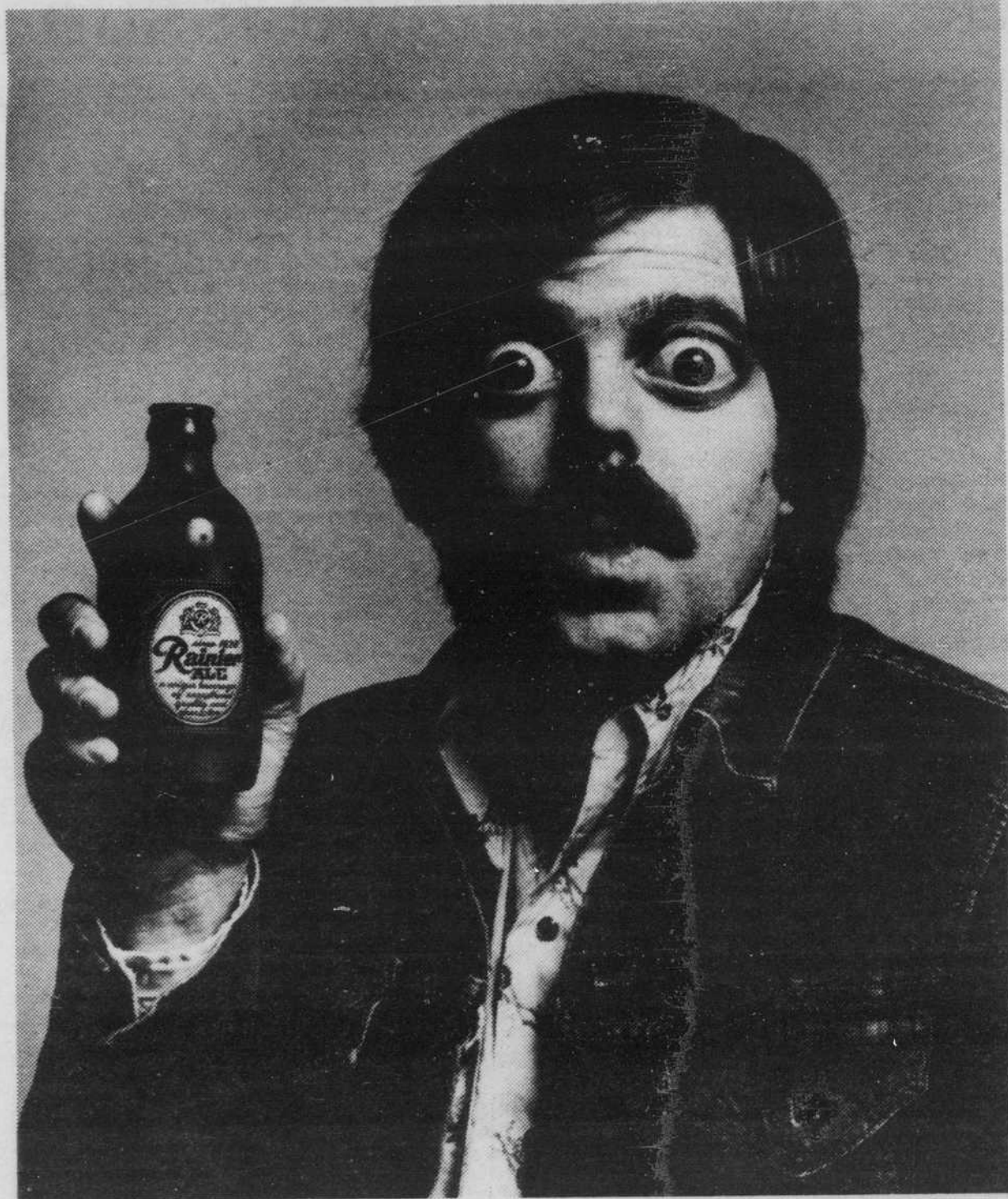
Ramey says she feels the new office uses its space efficiently. She says the initial reason for the move was to return eight student

rooms used as offices in Carson to ease the housing crunch. She adds that in Walton all the offices are placed together for students' convenience.

Ramey says the new location will benefit the students. "Our goal is to give the best service we can," she says, "and we feel we can give the students better service in the new location."

The Housing Office is open 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in its new location on the south side of Walton Complex for any questions concerning reservations for either the dorms or family housing complexes.

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