

# Hatfield supporting Panama treaty

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The Panama canal, labor reform legislation and the energy problem are the three major issues now confronting Congress, said U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Oregon, Saturday.

Hatfield addressed more than 75 people gathered to hear him at the law school. The senator was on a brief speaking tour during his three-day visit to Oregon before returning to Washington, D.C.

The Panama Canal issue is generating an emotional response according to Hatfield.

"I've not found that great an emotional reaction of the people since the Vietnam war," said Hatfield. He said that opponents condemn his stand in favor of approving the treaty in terms of "super patriotism and claiming it is the will of God."

Hatfield believes that failure to ratify the treaty would create an obstacle to good hemispheric relations.

Turning to the labor reform bill pending in Congress, Hatfield called it "one of the poorest drafted pieces of legislation I've ever seen."

He does not see that passage of the bill will help resolve current coal miners strike. Criticizing efforts to resolve the strike he said, "You don't build future peace on the



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Sen. Mark Hatfield: Panama Canal an emotional issue

backs of broken bodies and spirits. You might find a contract, but you don't resolve the issue."

On the energy problem, Hatfield said he has "come full circle" in his thinking towards nuclear energy. Once an active proponent

of nuclear power, Hatfield says now he does not support the expansion of the energy source. "We must move to develop renewable forms of energy, such as solar, tide and geothermal energy generation."

Unhappy with the Carter administration's

energy plan, Hatfield called it a "blueprint for disaster," because of its dependency on fossil fuels and nuclear energy.

Citing the increasing costs of nuclear energy, Hatfield said that private industry can no longer afford to produce the power.

"The economics of the matter indicate the Carter plan is a major step toward nationalizing nuclear energy," he said. He concluded the White House is moving toward public take-over of nuclear power operations.

In response to a question on Carter's performance in office, Hatfield evaluated him as "the least qualified, poorest trained man to be president in recent history." He said Carter has alienated the Congress from him and has failed to show effective government leadership.

Hatfield also responded to a variety of questions:

- Gay rights — "I do not necessarily condone that life style, but I do tolerate it." He said he looks at the issue as one of civil rights.

- Extension of the Equal Rights Amendment — "I am perhaps a little cool toward that idea." He warned supporters of the extension they will also have to deal with whether states can rescind their approval.

- Abortion — "I can't accept the proposition of abortion on demand unless it is saving the life of the mother."

## Environmental expo to examine alternatives

By MELISSA HILTON  
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Where can you learn about Mechanical Mule gardening aides, holistic health, composting toilets, windmills and yurts, while listening to bluegrass, traditional African music and jazz?

The Whole Earth Environmental Exposition '78 will offer these and many other options March 24-26 in Portland.

"There are many small efforts going on in Oregon," says Janet Howey, an assistant organizer of the exposition. "We want to bring together in one place a whole lot of

what's been happening."

The show will include more than 150 displays on new solutions to the problem of limited energy and resources, in the fields of alternative energy, gardening and small farming, shelter, transportation, recreation and nutrition.

There will be speakers,

workshops and films on all three days, as well as music, dance and theater.

"There's a lot of technology people don't know about, such as composting toilets, ways of using solar energy. This is a place for them to find out," Howey explains. "People in the Northwest are interested in learning about it, but they don't have a lot of information."

The exposition is intended to be a festival of alternative life styles as well as a source of information.

"A lot of emphasis in the discussion of energy and environmental issues has been negative, telling us what we have to do without," says Howey. "This exposition is to make it an exciting thing, a celebration of choices and new ways of doing things."

The exposition was organized by a small group of Oregonians working independently. Nels Gabbert and Ed Mitchell, small farmers living near Forest Grove, wanted to arrange an exposition of self-sufficiency and independent farming.

Andrea Scharf, a co-organizer of the Portland Saturday Market, and Tomas Fentz, an arranger of poetry festivals, were planning a

show on food supplies and nutrition. The four got together and, with the help of assistants, arranged the Whole Earth Environmental Exposition.

The exposition's featured speaker Saturday evening will be Ernest Callenbach, author of "Ecotopia." Gov. Bob Straub will appear at 3 p.m. Friday, and former Gov. Tom McCall at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Other speakers include Mark Tager on holistic health, Lee Johnson on wind energy and Peter Chan, the author of "Better Vegetable Gardens the Chinese Way."

Music will be provided by Corn's Bluegrass Remedy, Dumi, Baba Yaga and Minanzi, a group playing traditional and contemporary music from Africa. Other entertainment includes Portland's Dancer's Workshop and Stonesoup Theatre.

The exposition will be held in the Memorial Coliseum in Portland, from 2-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday. A tabloid with a complete schedule of events will be distributed on campus during finals week. Admission is \$2.50, or \$5 for all three days.

## Minimum wage complaint filed

A difference in Supreme Court case readings may enable students at Oregon institutions to receive the federal minimum wage.

Jenny Tompkins, Southern Oregon State College student body president, recently filed a complaint with the wage per hour division of the Labor Department to find out whether the State Board of Higher Education is in compliance with federal law.

No official word has returned from the Labor Department, but Jack Condliffe, head of the student food service worker's union on campus, says "they did indicate there was certainly a very high likelihood the State Board has to comply."

In 1968, the Supreme Court extended the minimum rate to all state hospitals, institutions and schools. In 1974, the ruling was

further extended to cover all public agencies, but was then found unconstitutional.

Condliffe says the State Board bases its payment of less than minimum wage for some students on the 1974 ruling and ignores the earlier decision. The labor department will report back to Tompkins, who says she will keep Condliffe informed.

## CSPA students to advise peers

Beginning March 28, students will take over the advising office of the Wallace School of Community Service and Public Affairs (CSPA) to offer peer counseling services for the school.

The peer academic advising program is being started because CSPA Adviser Dick Crawford is leaving after this term and won't be replaced.

Pre-majors will be sent to the University academic advising of-

vice, but according to public Affairs graduate Eva Smekens, CSPA students hope to have enough volunteers to staff the office full-time and handle advising services for declared CSPA majors.

Smekens said if students are interested in either using the service or being volunteers, they should contact coordinator Jo Davenport in the CSPA advising office, 121

Hendricks, 686-3507.

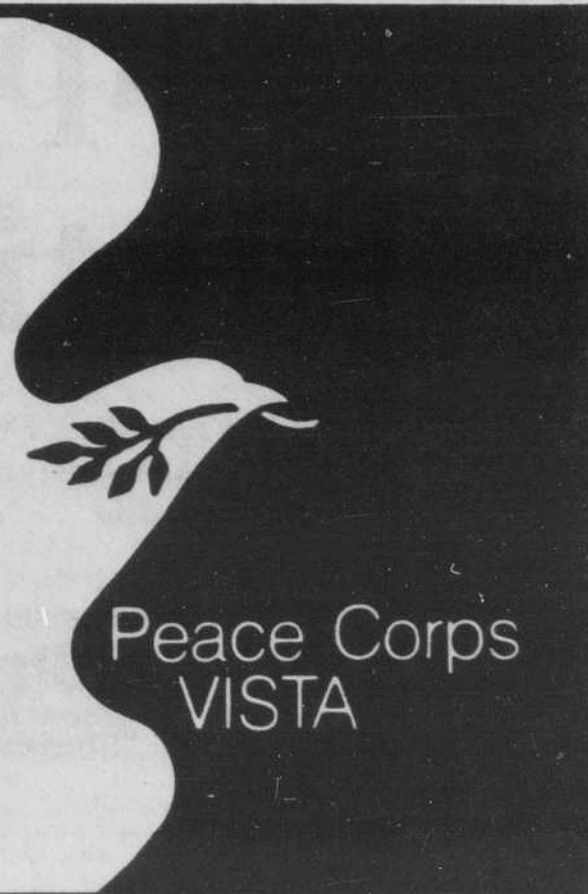
The first orientation meeting and in-service training for volunteers will be March 27 at 1 p.m. in the advising office.

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