

'Tide is turning'

Nuclear power fight looking up

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A nuclear power opponent said Thursday he believes the tide is turning in the fight against nuclear power plant construction in the Pacific Northwest.

John Bartels, a candidate in the May 23 election to represent Wards 4 and 5 on the Eugene Water and Electric Board conducted a seminar on nuclear power in the Northwest at part of Earth Week in the EMU. Bartels has been active in the nuclear power controversy, both as a journalist and as an energy adviser to Jim Weaver, Fourth District congressman.

"Even though we've been up against the wall on this thing for 10 years, my feeling is that people are beginning to understand what is going on and we're starting to turn this whole thing around," Bartels said. "I feel more confident about beating the rap than I ever have before."

In his talk, Bartels outlined the history of hydroelectric dam construction in the Northwest and the private utilities decision to turn to nuclear plants to supplement future power needs in 1967.

He said Portland General Electric, the major stockholder in the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant at Rainier, is in a financial crisis because of its decision to build Trojan. If nuclear construction is continued, he said, "it would bankrupt the Northwest."

Bartels contended the region's future power needs could be met by measures other than nuclear power. These include energy conservation methods for meeting peak power demand:

the development and financial support of so-called exotic methods of power generation such as solar power and the use of "pump storage" at the hydroelectric dams already in existence. Pump storage uses reverse turbines to pump water back above the dams at night when the demand is low for use during day when demand is much greater.

"We won't need thermonuclear power at all if we develop our pump storage potential," Bartels said.

Bartels envisions a bleak future if the private utilities such as PGE and Pacific Power and Light continue to be charged with supplying a large share of the region's power.

"We must make Oregon a public power state," he said. "The answer is to skip the private utilities and go to a public power system throughout the Northwest."

He said although the power companies have said thermonuclear power would help keep power rates low, this contention hasn't proved to be correct. He said PGE's rates have doubled in the past five years because of costs incurred by Trojan, and said it is projected their rates will double again in the next five years.

ECK seminar planned

ECKANKAR, the path of total awareness, total responsibility and total freedom, will be discussed Sunday, at a Day in ECK seminar entitled "The Divine Journey." The seminar will be held from 2-5 p.m. in the North Columbia Room of the Valley River Inn in Eugene.

Joy Jacobson from Portland will

speak on this ancient spiritual path. A panel, skit, music and poetry will further explore the meaning of ECKANKAR, through which man learns to live without fear.

For more information contact the Eugene ECK Center, 1122 Alder St., 343-2657. There will be a \$1 donation asked. Babysitting services will be provided.

College appoints dept. heads

The University College of Arts and Sciences has appointed four department heads to new three-year terms.

Donald Van Houten and Robert Fagot have been reappointed as heads of the departments of sociology and psychology, respectively.

Robert Lang was named head

of the history department and Ronald Sherriffs was named department head of speech.

Van Houten, 42, has been at the University since 1968. He has served as head of the Department of Sociology since 1975.

He has been doing research on complex organizations for a number of years and he is cur-

rently writing a theoretical work on bureaucracies.

Robert Fagot, 56, has been at the University since 1956 and he has served as department head for psychology since 1968. Before coming to the University, Fagot served as a meteorologist with the U.S. Naval Reserve in Kodiak, Ala.

Fagot has published in a number of professional journals and he is now doing research in the area of perception.

Ronald Sherriffs, 45, has been at the University since 1965. He has been the director of the speech department's telecommunications area since 1967.

In 1964, Sherriffs served as acting director of the Division of Broadcast Services and managed the radio station at the Texas Technological College. Sherriffs is doing research on violence in media and public responsibility concerning media.

Robert Lang, 45, has been at the University since 1964. He served as acting head of history from 1976 to 1977.

IFC pleases BSU

Black Student Union (BSU) members were pleased Tuesday night after the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) awarded them \$9,599.55, almost all of the figure they requested.

The program was given about a three percent increase this year. Last year they received \$6,757.57. The only stipulation the IFC made was that two films the BSU sponsors next year be put on a "pay-back" plan. The group will pay the IFC about 75 percent of the admission charged at the film.

Both the EMU Board and the

Women's Resource and Referral Service were granted the total amount asked. The IFC gave the EMU Board \$1,614.

Women's Resource and Referral obtained \$3,471.60. About \$500 under "special events" will be put on reserve. The group must present plans for the events before the IFC grants approval.

The Repertory's Dancer's budget was cut about \$100 Tuesday night. The group received \$3,375, which is an increase of 6.3 percent over last year. The \$100 was subtracted from the dancer's guest artist request.

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