

# Timber spokesman asks loggers to back Straub's election try

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Governor Bob Straub's re-election campaign received a healthy boost from the Oregon timber industry Wednesday night when Aaron Jones, a long-time spokesman for the industry, urged industry members to re-elect Straub.

Speaking at a testimonial dinner given for the governor by the Northwest Timber Association and the Western Forest Industry Association, Jones said Straub has helped promote Oregon timber industry interests.

"We need someone like Gov. Straub who understands our industry. He's a timberland owner and his track record shows that he understands the issues. I strongly urge all of you to give Bob Straub your support," Jones said.

Jones told the audience he feels Tom McCall will win the Republican gubernatorial primary but that industry members should still support Straub in the general election.

"In my opinion Tom McCall has developed a Messiah complex — Bob Straub has not. I don't think we dare take a chance with a governor who is not a good listener — who is not a good follower of the responsible dictates of the people," Jones said.

Straub responded to Jones' endorsement by saying the timber supply issue is the biggest economic problem facing Oregon. He said he would put pressure on the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service to see that federal timber land is more efficiently managed.

The governor said further delays of a review of potential roadless recreation and wilderness areas, RARE II, currently under study by the federal government, would decimate the Oregon timber industry.

"If RARE II isn't resolved within the year, I'm going to raise Hell all over this country," he said.

Arnie Ewing, Northwest Timber Association executive vice-president, and Bill McCracken, Western Forest Industry Association executive vice-president, both said their organizations could not officially endorse any political candidates, but they agreed that Straub has helped promote timber interests.

McCracken said, "The industry would be pleased if Bob was re-elected. The fact that these timbermen are here tonight indicates they like Bob."

Jones said Straub has been "100 percent behind our timber tax programs in the last legislature." He added that the governor "realizes the need for continued use of forest management tools, such as herbicides, if we are to improve the productivity of our forest lands."

"Governor Straub has consistently gone to bat in support of our position — that we need to protect and improve our timber supply situation," Jones said.

## Education panel starts Friday

J.P. Guilford, internationally known psychologist, and State Rep. David Frohnmayer, R-Eugene, will highlight the fifth Oregon Conference on Contemporary Issues in Educational Measurement Friday and Saturday at the University.

Guilford, author of the structure of intellect model, will speak on

"An Odyssey in the Realm of Intelligence." Frohnmayer, a University law professor, will address the conference on "The Legal Implications of the Oregon Graduation Requirements."

The conference is sponsored by the University Educational Psychology area of the Division of Developmental Studies.

# Utility program attacked

By LAURY MASHER  
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Should a landlord require his tenants to pay rent five to ten years in advance to help finance his expansion plans?

According to Bob Vian, state representative of Oregonians for Utility Reform, Portland General Electric (PGE) and Pacific Power and Light (PP&L) "in concept" are doing exactly that through "Construction Work in Progress" (CWIP) in the financing of new

nuclear power plants.

In a press conference held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the EMU, three petitions were proposed regarding the practices of PGE and PP&L as part of a Public Power Movement.

Speakers included Bob Vian of Oregonians for Utility Reform, Lloyd Marbet of Forelaws on Board, and Commissioner Jerry Rust.

Vian was the first to speak regarding the initiative petitions to

be placed on the November ballot to stop the practices of CWIP. He says the petitions, which are now half-way to their goal of 55,000 signatures, would save Oregonians millions of dollars annually on their electric bills.

Vian describes the concept of CWIP as being "very simple." "It allows the utilities to earn a profit on new nuclear power facilities while they are still under construction," says Vian. "It means today's customers are paying for tomorrow's power."

CWIP makes a mockery of the long-standing regulatory principle that utilities should earn a return only on equipment which is used and useful in the production of utility services, he said.

Vian further explained that CWIP, by requiring utility customers to contribute capital involuntarily, is forcing customers to bear the burden of any mistakes made by the utility in building new nuclear power plants.

For more information, contact Forelaws on Board, phone 637-2549, or Mark Cogan at 485-4908.

## IFC cuts program funds from student unions, DIC

The Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) took clippers to most of the programs presenting budgets for approval Tuesday evening.

The program most drastically cut was Phi Beta Lambda, a business, computer science, public relations and accounting student union. The group requested \$4,616.90, but was awarded \$180.

At the first set of hearings in February, the IFC decided not to approve a series of conferences the group wanted to attend as a goal: That left general office expenditures and publicity as goals.

The Architecture and Allied Arts Student Union had about \$5,000 shaved from its budget. Originally asking \$7,136.65, the group was given \$2,615.75. The director's salary was cut from \$95 to \$50 monthly (because it is an academic student union) and the speakers, films, special projects, newsletter and reference material line items were all reduced.

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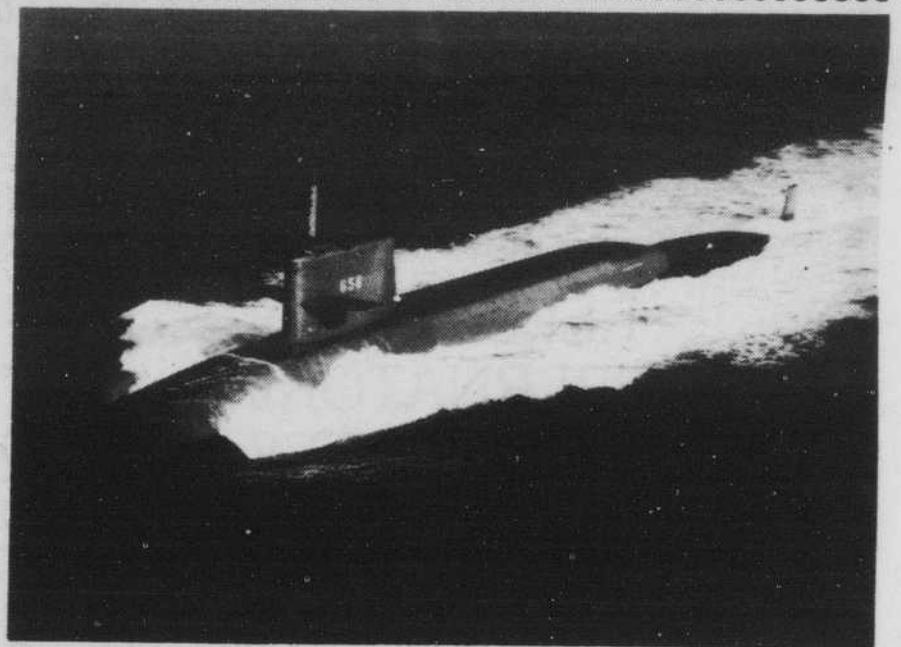
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