

Ashworth espouses environment

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Most of the public attention afforded the governor's race has been concerned with the Republican primary. But Democratic incumbent Bob Straub doesn't have his party's nomination sewed up and his major opponent was in town Tuesday criticizing Straub and making an appeal for bucks.

"If you haven't given your contribution to someone," she told the Lane County Demo Forum, "I'd appreciate it. We're buying radio for the last week and we need money."

Ashworth has run a campaign emphasizing the environment and one of her main commitments is to work for the deactivation of Portland General Electric's (PGE) Trojan nuclear plant.

"The PUC did a study which indicates you could mothball Trojan for 10 years with no appreciable effect on the economy."

Ashworth said most of Trojan's power is being shipped out of state, but Oregon ratepayers are paying the cost of construction of this and planned plants.

"Four years ago electric bills in PGE land rose dramatically. People seemed to think it was because of the oil em-

bargo. Not true. The cost of PGE electricity is tied to the cost of building atomic reactors."

Ashworth also touched on field burning saying the federal Clean Air Act should be enforced and not be politically compromised. She predicted the issue would eventually be decided in the courts.

Bays and estuaries and how they are developed concerns the candidate, too. Efforts have been made to extend the airport in her hometown of North Bend, an extension which would destroy some of the estuary.

"When we're talking about bays and

estuaries, we're talking about jobs; we're talking about a global food supply. And we're talking about land that's acre for acre more valuable than the best wheat field in America."

Ashworth said if she loses her quest for the nomination, she plans on staying involved in environmental politics.

"I think there's a new political force in Oregon. It's a combination of environmentalists who haven't had an opportunity to really be heard. There's a broad-based coalition of concerned people forming to speak out."

Ashworth aims to be a part of that coalition.

Ebony editor speech set

Alex Poinsett, senior staff editor of Ebony Magazine, will speak at 7 p.m. tonight on "The Black Situation Today" in the EMU Forum as part of this week's Black Art Festival.

Poinsett has authored several books, including "Beyond Watergate: The Challenge to Black Politics" and "Common Folk In an Uncommon Cause."

The Festival, and Poinsett's speech, are being sponsored by the Black Student Union. Other activities scheduled for today include "Black Odyssey," an historical and arts exhibit by George Norman, a Black cultural arts specialist from Detroit, showing in EMU Room 167 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and a beauty clinic.

Washington to negotiate fishing rights

OLYMPIA (AP) — The state of Washington has taken steps to seek a negotiated settlement of environmental issues not addressed in the original Indian fishing rights ruling, Gov. Dixy Lee Ray announced Tuesday.

"I feel that it is in the best interest of all citizens of this state, Indian and non-Indian alike, and the federal government that Phase II of the Boldt decision be settled out of court," say Ray during a news conference.

The governor said she has conveyed that belief to Attorney General Griffin Bell and set up a state task force to evaluate the unresolved issues.

The Phase II case deals with Indian claims for relief to prevent further destruction or impairment of their fishing rights due to state authorization of logging, pollution and other activities.

Ray said it's likely the treaty Indians plan to ask U.S. District Court to maintain continuing jurisdiction over land use activities "which threaten to diminish treaty fishing rights by impairing or destroying salmon and steelhead habitats."

Ray said that type of action could result in the federal courts exercising a veto power over a wide variety of proposed development.

U.S. District Judge George Boldt spelled out the fishing rights in a ruling handed down in 1974. In that ruling, Boldt interpreted century-old treaties to mean that Indians must be guaranteed the opportunity to catch 50 percent of the harvestable salmon and steelhead runs entering Washington waters.

That decision precipitated what has come to be known as the Great Northwest Fish War that has led to violence, civil disobedience and confrontations between the state and federal courts.

EWEB approves solar data system

The Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) unanimously approved at its Monday meeting the appropriation of \$15,000 for a University project to systemize the data received from solar radiation collectors.

"This is an excellent opportunity to join the state-wide efforts for solar energy," EWEB Commissioner Camilla Pratt said.

This data acquisition system will replace the slow manual collecting of information. It will be assembled by the University.

The heart of the system will be a computer, which will convert radiation readings to magnetic tape.

The computer will be bought commercially.

Solar radiation data are collected from an installation on top of the Science I building. The data measure how much solar energy is present on sunny days using a pyrheliometer and on cloudy days using a pyranometer.

Physics Prof. Dave McDaniels, Science Services supervisor, Vern Chi, architecture Prof. John Reynolds and research assistants Steve Baker and Dan Kaehn, will head the data systemization project.

"The system will probably be operating by January 1979," McDaniels said.

Specimens to be tested in Eskimo whaling dispute

ANCHORAGE (AP) — The National Marine Fisheries Service has sent specimens from one of the disputed whales taken by Barrow whalers to a laboratory to confirm that the animal is a bowhead.

Bill Marquette of the fisheries service said the lab tests, which will take a few weeks, are being done to check Eskimo claims that the so-called "inutuk" whale is something other than a bowhead.

At issue is the species of two of the four whales taken by Barrow whalers this year. The village was entitled to only three bowheads under the newly established quota system.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said the quota violation will not be prosecuted because the violation resulted from "an honest dispute."

The North Slope Borough released a statement saying the two disputed animals are black right whales not covered by the quota. That contention is disputed by the fisheries service.

Meanwhile, Marquette said that even if the tests should indicate the disputed whales are not bowheads, "it's extremely unlikely that they would be" black right whales.

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"Solar is not ready as an alternative form of energy at this time."

Another proponent for the increased storage capacity was Joe Friday. Friday asked the Council to revise the reactor core limit from the current one-and-one-third

cores to three-and-one-third cores.

An "in-depth study by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission... has shown that the switch to coal-fired plants is economically, environmentally and socially unacceptable," says Friday.

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