

# EWEB may get anti-nuclear slant

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The five-member Eugene Water and Electric Board underwent some surprising upsets during the May 23 election — the two liberal candidates, Bartels and Jack Craig, won their respective Ward 4 and 5 and at-large races.

The two new board members, with long-time minority member Camilla Pratt, create a new balance of power on the utility's governing body. The new majority character may well prove to be anti-nuclear, conservation and alternative-energy oriented.

"The board's been a preserve of Eugene businessmen," Bartels said. "Craig and I are liberal Democrats."

Bartels pointed out that Craig's opponent, incumbent Cal Schmidt, has said he was elected in 1974 for his pro-nuclear stand. "So this election is a big change," Bartels said.

Craig said he ran for the EWEB at-large seat in order to make policy changes in "the conservative board's power structure."

Bartels, Craig and Pratt take similar environmentalist stands on the utility's part-ownership of the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant, though Bartels said it's hard to make any direct predictions on the way the new majority will handle EWEB's Trojan share.

"It's a very complex issue," he said. But he and Craig both campaigned on strong anti-nuclear platforms which emphasized the economic weaknesses of nuclear power, he said. Pratt also won her seat with an anti-nuclear stand. He feels their wins at the polls indicate the voters' anti-nuclear position.

Since he promises the public will be "a lot more involved" in EWEB policy decisions, the utility's commitment to Trojan is probably scheduled for reexamination.

Pratt agrees that the new members will help "open the board up to generating public discussion of issues important to us all, such as the regional energy plans."

However, she said though she "hates nuclear power with a passion," she's never advocated closing the plant, because of the difficulty of getting out of Trojan ownership and the economics of EWEB's financial involvement.

Former EWEB board member John Reynolds said before the election that Bartels and Pratt would jointly help move EWEB more rapidly toward energy conservation and the utilization of local, small-scale energy sources.

Instead of simply helping the utility move toward those goals, Bartels said his and Craig's election means "we've taken control of the board, and we'll definitely move toward it."

He sees changes in board policy as a "pragmatic, problem-solving trend, not a political one."

Pratt said the change in the board should accelerate the pace of alternative resource research, but points out that the utility's staff is "extremely progressive" in this area. "Having board members who consider alternative energy very important encourages the staff to get on with it," she said.

## High Court okays newspaper search

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled 5-3 today that police with a warrant acted within constitutional bounds in searching a newspaper office for photographs of a crime, United Press International reported Wednesday.

### Election, ROTC resolutions pass

Two motions affecting current University faculty election procedure and a resolution of appreciation for ROTC were approved by the University Senate on Wednesday.

One election proposal submitted by journalism Prof. Charles Duncan requires that persons nominated for both the Advisory Council and the Faculty Personnel Committee be notified by the faculty secretary. The nominee will have to choose which office he wishes to run for.

The "Modified Hare single transferrable vote system," presented by music Prof. Robert Hurwitz, would permit persons to vote for as many candidates as they wish, up to the number of positions available. Voters will then rank the candidates in order of preference.

The motion passed after considerable discussion about the feasibility and costs of implementing a new system.

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The justices reversed a lower-court ruling that police violated the Constitution when they entered the Stanford University newspaper offices with a warrant in 1971 and searched it for photographs of a demonstration.

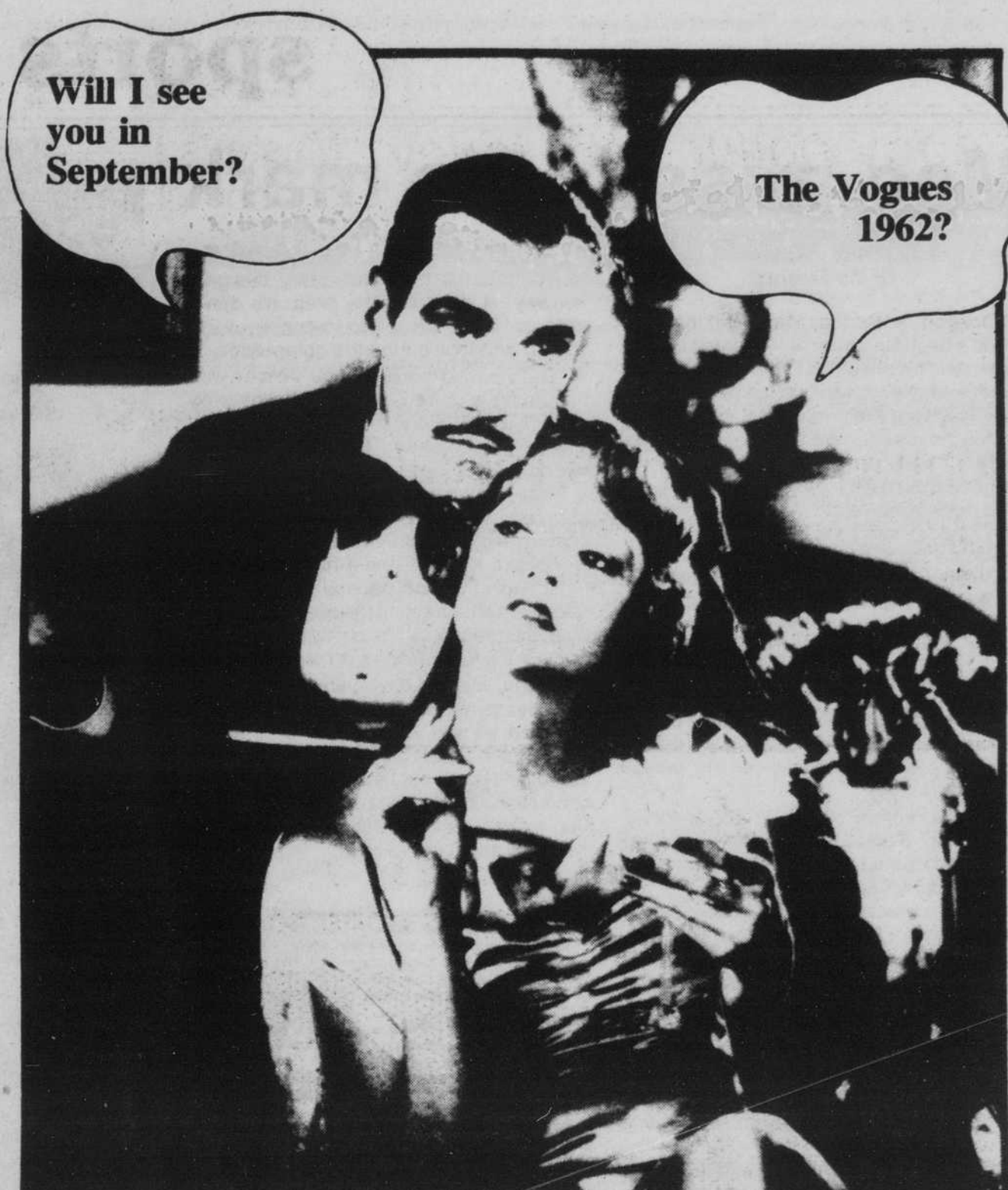
Most of the time when police obtain search warrants, they are to search the property of a suspect for evidence of a crime.

The lower court said non-suspects, or "third parties" not involved in a crime, must be given greater protection from unreasonable searches — especially when they are newspapers. It said police first must try to subpoena pictures of documents in cases like this one, rather than suddenly entering with a warrant and making a forcible search.

But Justice Byron White, writing for the Supreme Court majority, disagreed, saying:

"The critical element in a reasonable search is not that the owner of the property is suspected of crime but that there is reasonable cause to believe that the specific 'things' to be searched for and seized are located on the property to which entry is sought."

White said the lower-court ruling might undermine law enforcement, because evidence could disappear while officers were out getting a subpoena. He rejected arguments that such searches could "chill" the gathering of news by a free press.



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