



## ... Of environmental concern

By Catherine Siegner

transmission line along a 16-mile corridor through the Reservation in Central Oregon.

The right-of-way, for which BPA will pay the Tribes \$4.5 million, will facilitate completion of a transmission grid that will tie in the plants being constructed at Hanford, in Washington, Boardman, in eastern Oregon, and the two planned nuclear facilities at Pebble Springs near Arlington, with the main BPA line in the Willamette Valley.

**Conservationists and wilderness advocates** are urging the Canadian government to join in a cooperative venture which would create an Arctic International Wildlife Range in northeast Alaska.

The area along the Beaufort Sea and on both sides of the Alaska-Yukon border supports the annual migration of one of the last sizable barren-ground caribou herds to and from its calving grounds along the arctic seacoast.

Canada's Minister of Indian and

Northern Affairs, Hugh Faulkner, announced in January that Parks Canada was initiating consultations on a proposed 5.2 million acre Yukon wilderness park adjacent to the Arctic Wildlife Range. Canadian action on the proposal would have implications for a section of the Alaska lands legislation before the U.S. Congress which currently designates a large portion of the Porcupine caribou calving area as a "special study area for oil and gas exploration."

**A petition** that would simplify the procedure for forming Public Utility Districts (PUDs) was filed Monday, June 26, with the Secretary of State by the Public Power Coalition, a group including the Oregon State Grange, the Consumer Power League, the Oregon-Washington Farmer's Union.

The Coalition turned in 65,835 signatures, which is thousands more than was necessary to place the measure before the voters in November.

"We're confident the measure will pass," said Mildred Norman, secretary to the State Grangemaster, W.C. Harris.

"We hope to have the same success in November that we had getting the signatures."

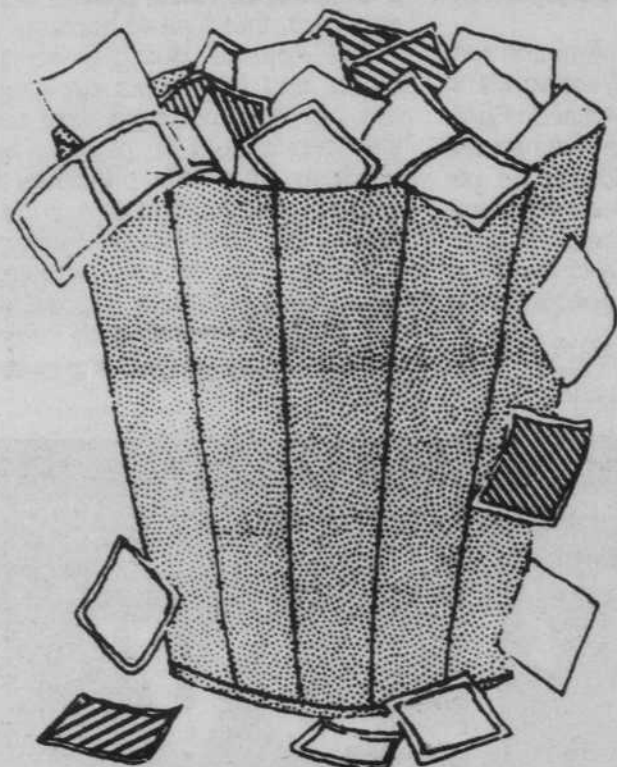
**Voters of Gilliam County** in eastern Oregon may have a chance to vote on whether the proposed Pebble Springs nuclear plants should be built near Arlington.

An initiative petition has been submitted by Bob Maginnis and McLaren Stinchfield, both of Condon, to the Gilliam County Clerk, that, if signed by 62 registered voters of Gilliam County, would put the following measure on the November ballot:

"Initiative would prohibit the construction and operation of nuclear power plants in Gilliam County."

The legal effect of the measure, if passed, is in doubt because the Gilliam County Planning Commission has already granted a Conditional Use Permit for construction of the plants. Hearings are now underway in Portland before the state Energy Facility Siting Council on whether a construction permit from the state should be granted.

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## Fran Iverson wins award

Fran Iverson, administrative assistant of the German and Russian department, was recently named "Employee of the Year" by Chapter 88 of the Oregon State Employees Association.

According to Velma Mulleley, chair of the OSEA Screening Committee and last year's winner, the final selection is made by an "outside committee" made up of members of the community who evaluate the departments' re-

commendations.

Winners are selected on the basis of their 1) attitude toward their job 2) attitude toward the public and fellow employees 3) competence 4) effort to increase job skill and efficiency, and consideration of their community involvement.

Iverson's nomination and selection was well-received by faculty, staff and students who frequent the language departments of

Friendly Hall. "She's always helpful and cheerful to everyone," said Christine Martin, GTF and graduate student in German. "She shows personal interest and concern for all the students and is well-loved by everyone."

"She's extremely conscientious," said Carolyn Jamison, administrative assistant of the Romance Languages department. "She's the ideal employee..."

## Bridge names sought

The Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) would like suggestions from the public on what to name the new bicycle bridge now being built over the Willamette River.

The topic was brought up during the EWEB Board meeting Monday when EWEB Manager Keith Parks informed the board that the suggestion had been made to name it "The Willy Knickerbocker Memorial Bridge."

The board will take suggestions from the public at its next meeting, July 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the EWEB building at 500 E. 4th.

In other business, the board approved a project totalling \$36,129 to extend electric and water service to the new Tadmor Subdivision north of Beltline Rd. and east of the Willamette River.

The board also okayed a \$336,200 expenditure to install capacitors at the Willakenzie and Weyerhaeuser substations to reduce line losses and increase efficiency in electric transmission.

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