

County waits on nuclear waste law

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The Lane County Commissioners say they will not take any action on a restriction of transportation of nuclear material through Lane County until next March.

Both proponents and opponents of the ordinance testified at the meeting. Previously, the commissioners had decided to postpone voting on the issue because of the highly complex nature of the ordinance.

The next reading of the ordinance will be March 7 at Harris Hall.

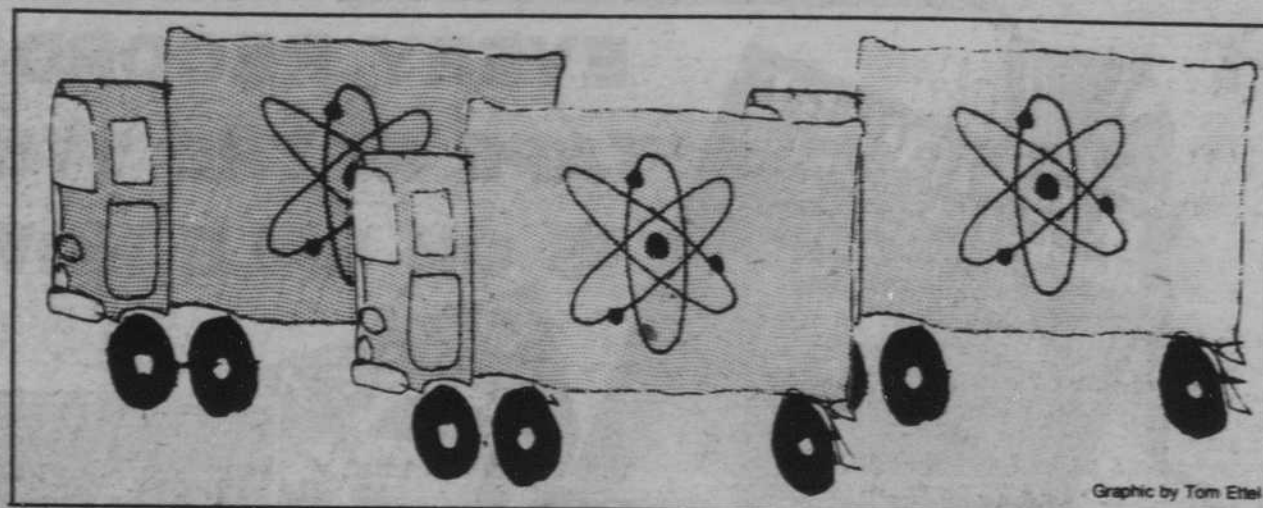
The proposed ordinance would require anyone transporting shipments of radioactive material through Lane County to obtain a Certificate of Emergency Transport. These certificates would be

required for both trucks and trains.

Although permits would be required for all nuclear material, shipments of small amounts for medical or research purposes would not be affected, according to members of Clergy and Laity Concerned, who proposed the ordinance.

There are similar laws already in effect in New York City; New London, Conn.; Shaker Heights, Ohio; Carteret Borough and Union City, New Jersey, and 38 other cities and towns in Vermont that either ban or restrict shipments of nuclear material.

The transport permits would be issued through the county health officer. Valid reasons for shipment would be restricted to national security matters and emergency situations. Economic



Graphic by Tom Etzel

concerns by themselves would not be considered sufficient grounds for the permit to be issued.

The proposed ordinance required the shipper, if a permit is granted, to bond the shipment to

cover the costs of cleanup and decontamination should a spill occur. The shipper would also assume liability for any immediate or residual effects on the public health and safety resulting from exposure to radioactive

materials.

At the Dec. 20 meeting, commissioner Bob Wood, who left the board at year's end, said the

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of environmental concern

The wheels of government continued to turn and affect important environmental issues over winter break.

The Trojan nuclear power plant near Rainier will be ready for operation this week after a nine-and-a-half month shut-down.

After extensive hearings, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ruled the plant could be safely operated while the control building walls are strengthened.

Interveners in the proceeding intend to

appeal the NRC order, however, and the problems Portland General Electric Co. has had with Oregon's only nuclear plant seem destined to continue.

In a related area the Lane County Commissioners postponed until March 7 an ordinance restricting consideration of transportation of radioactive waste through the county. (See related story above.)

The same day the commissioners deliberated on the ordinance Trojan Decommissioning Alliance member George Plummer was notified that a train carrying radioactive material was at the moment

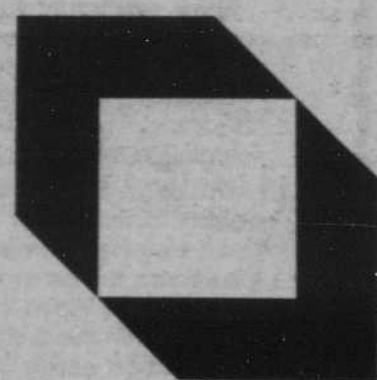
heading through Eugene.

Plummer made several phone calls, including one to the local media, and sped off to catch the train. Finally, he caught up with it near Junction City and ran to the tracks carrying a sign bearing anti-nuclear sentiments.

The train's engineer was undaunted, however, and Plummer jumped from the train's path to avoid being hit. Later, it was discovered the train carried material with a military classification and was therefore exempt from any regulations requiring notification to local officials.

The city's two new Eugene Water and Electric Board members will be sworn in Monday night during the board's first meeting of 1979. The election of John Bartels (representing Wards 4 and 5) and Jack Craig (citywide) promises to bring changes to the board and affect upcoming decisions on rate increases and management of the utility's 30 percent interest in the Trojan plant.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday night in the EWEB board room, 500 E. 4th Ave.



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UO SPORT ACTIVITIES — WINTER TERM



Activity	Minimum # Players	Entry Deadline	Play Begins
CO-ED			
Basketball I	(6)	January 11, Noon	January 16
Basketball II	(6)	January 11, Noon	January 16
Inner Tube Water Polo	(6)	January 11, Noon	January 16
WOMEN			
Basketball I	(5)	January 11, Noon	January 16
Basketball II	(5)	January 11, Noon	January 16
Soccer	(11)	January 26, 4:00 PM	February 3
Cross Country	(3)	Roster Due, February 28 4:00 PM	March 1
MEN (Team Events)			
Basketball I	(5)	January 10, 2:00 PM	January 12
Basketball II	(5)	January 9, 4:00 PM	January 12
Handball	(4)	January 9, 4:00 PM	January 12
Racquetball	(3)	January 23, 4:00 PM	February 2
Cross Country	(3)	Roster Due, Feb. 28 4:00 PM	March 1
Soccer (Open & IM Divisions)	(11)	January 26, 4:00 PM	February 3

Each team or organization entering men's team intramural, women's team intramural or team co-ed activities must deposit a ten dollar (\$10.00) forfeit fee prior to turning in the entry form to 103 Gerlinger. Pick up entry form prior to paying forfeit fee, the forfeit fee must be deposited in Room M108 Mezzanine level.

ALL-CAMPUS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Activity	Entry Deadline	Play Begins
Tennis Singles & Doubles (men's & women's)	January 19	January 25
One Day Tennis Tournament (singles — men & women)	February 8, Noon	February 10
Two-Mile Cross Country Run IM Field		January 16 February 6 March 1
Badminton Singles (men)	January 11, Noon	January 15
Badminton Singles (women)	January 11, Noon	January 15
Badminton Mixed Doubles	January 11, Noon	January 15
Badminton Tournament — One Day	February 22, Noon	February 24: 9:00 AM

Get involved in open recreation — Open rec hours posted on bulletin boards in men's and women's locker rooms. Entry forms for men's intramural and all campus championships available in 103 Gerlinger, x4113. Entry forms for women's co-ed and intramural activities available in 103 Gerlinger, x4121.

White or yellow crew neck "T" or polo shirts are on sale at the University of Oregon Bookstore. The shirts may have imprinted some features of the on-campus sports program. For example, if you are on a football team the imprint may show IM SPORTS, FOOTBALL, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON. If you participate in all campus championships the imprint may show ALL-CAMPUS CHAMPIONSHIPS, TENNIS, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON.