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of environmental concern

Concern about herbicides seems to be increasing. The Upper Mohawk Community Council has asked the University to monitor Weyerhaeuser Co's aerial application of Silvex and 2,4,5-T on its land in the Mohawk River Valley.

The council previously requested that Weyerhaeuser not

use the herbicides. The forest products company then scheduled a tour of its timber property 15 miles northeast of Eugene to explain to council members its plans for spraying the area.

The Environmental Protection Agency is now studying dioxin,

one of the most poisonous substances known, and may decide to remove products containing it from the market. Both Silvex and 2,4,5-T contain small amounts of dioxin.

The Mohawk Council fears aerial application of the herbicides will contaminate the area's drink-

ing water. Weyerhaeuser has indicated it plans to continue using herbicides as a necessary forestry tool.

Wind measurement towers have been installed on Seven Mile Ridge west of The Dalles and on the Goodnoe Hills in Washington to assess the potential for "wind farms," clusters of windmills capable of meeting a significant part of the Northwest's energy needs.

E. Wendel Hewson, atmospheric scientist at Oregon State University, says the time for field testing windmills is here.

"The most significant fact is that we've proven there are substantial numbers of wind-generating sites in the Pacific Northwest," Hewson says.

Two types of windmills are being developed. One is Boeing's 2.5-megawatt turbine with 300-foot blades mounted on a 200-foot high tower. The other is a 3-megawatt unit designed and being built by Wind Power Products of Seattle.

Environmental problems with windmills are limited to visual pollution and possible television interference.

Should the Trojan nuclear plant receive a Golden Fleece

Award? Four Oregon environmental groups have nominated the facility for the somewhat less than prestigious award, which is sponsored by Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., to recognize wasteful projects.

In a telegram to Proxmire signed by the Columbia Environmental Council, the Coalition for Safe Power, Forelaws on Board and the Trojan Decommissioning Alliance, the organizations said Trojan operated at "about 16 percent efficiency in 1978."

"Trojan merits an award recognizing the fiscal repercussions of the improper partnership between the federal government and the nuclear industry, which profits while we foot the bill," the telegram said.

The groups also called Proxmire's attention to the fact that 30 percent of Trojan's \$460 million price tag was financed by the Bonneville Power Administration through contractual arrangements with the Eugene Water & Electric Board.

The Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) meets tonight at 7 p.m. at 500 E. Fourth Ave. Two new members of the board, John Bartels and Jack Craig, will take the oath of office, and new officers will be elected.

Credit offered for environmental work

The University Survival Center will offer academic credit for environmental work during winter term. No experience is needed for most of the available positions.

Jim Stratton, Survival Center Director, says his staff has compiled a project notebook that describes more than 40 projects the center would like to undertake. Individuals with projects of their own can also get credit, Stratton says.

Generally one to three credits are given and three hours work per week for each credit is required. More credit can be arranged.

Some of the positions available include:

• **Wilderness** — The Survival Center hopes to write an Oregon Wilderness Handbook. The handbook would be a directory for use by outdoor recreationalists.

According to Stratton, there are also opportunities available for

field work in wilderness areas and roadless areas as a part of the environmentalist fight against the just-released RARE II study.

• **Project Intercept** — Persons are needed to run the project, which collects and recycles paper on campus.

• **Energy** — The Survival Center is doing research on a number of energy issues that may result in legislation during the current session. Legislative Coordinator Peter Gray says no experience is required for the research.

Topics in the field include nuclear decommissioning bonds, spent nuclear fuels, solar retrofitting of state buildings and elimination of product packaging using polyvinylchloride plastics.

• **Mapping** — A compilation is needed of endangered species in Oregon, determining the geographical range of these animals and plants and transfer the infor-

mation to maps.

• **Water** — In conjunction with the Oregon Environmental Council, the Survival Center is doing a number of studies on water conservation, including minimum water flows, water conservation, in other western states, agricultural water use and state and federal involvement in water policy.

Stratton says he is particularly excited about a study of the effects of logging and hydroelectric power generation on salmon. Stratton emphasizes that no expertise is required for these research projects.

Stratton also says the Survival Center is seeking a person to do graphics for its newsletter and flyers, and another person to do displays on the Survival Center bulletin board outside Suite 1 of the EMU. The phone number is 686-4356.

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