

Hearing set for Loera

An open hearing to review the firing of former High School Equivalency Program resident assistant Manuel Loera has been set for 1 p.m. Wednesday by the Office of the Provost.

Loera, now the director of MEChA, the Chicano student union, asked for the hearing after HEP director Jim Romero fired him for "misconduct and non-fulfillment of duty" at the end of fall term.

Loera contends the charges brought against him are untrue and libelous and says he was fired after a disagreement with Romero over whether two new HEP counselors were qualified to deal with the mostly Chicano HEP students. Romero says he gave Loera the chance to resign, but Loera refused and instead returned to the dorms in January.

Loera says the housing department then "kicked me out in the street," at which point he went to the state Legal Aid Society and was given a lawyer.

Romero would not comment on the specific charges he made against Loera, but said that Loera's actions "were not in the best interests of the HEP students, the HEP program, or the University."

Romero said Loera was not a good "role model" for the HEP students, adding that "the position in the dorms is critical to the (HEP) program. No matter what we say in the classroom, if they don't have role models in the dorms, the whole thing falls apart."

Loera says that he got along well with the students last term, but now they've left and there's a new group of students studying for their high school equivalency diploma who don't know him.

Loera says he wants Romero to "prove his accusations" and to "pull the bad things from my file," if they can't be proved.

"He's determined to see this through," said Romero, adding that he had witnesses to back up his charges of misconduct.

Loera says that Romero's charges were excuses to get rid of him, adding that he has witnesses to defend him. If Loera wins and is able to finish out his one-year contract which expires in June, he says he'd be working for the students and not Romero. "It's the students that need the help, not me."

Fall orientation aides needed

The Orientation Office is searching for undergraduate students to work in various programs involving new freshmen coming to the University in July for the Early Orientation and Registration Program.

These aides will also be needed at the beginning of fall term 1979, for International Student Orientation and New Student Week. Successful applicants act as Orientation Aides and will be paid hourly wages for their work.

Applications are available in Room 270, Oregon Hall, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Deadline for receipt of the completed applications is April 13.



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Low-level materials, on the other hand, are by-products of Oregon industries. The Wah Chang plant in Albany dumps its radioactive waste in sludge ponds near the Willamette River — a river that serves 50 percent of the state's population, she says. The company also spreads the sludge on two large fields, up to 200 tons of it to one acre.

To Fadeley's knowledge, one of the fields is not even fenced. "And you should have seen them brag about how fast things grew there," she comments. "They were actually thinking of using it (sludge) as a fertilizer. It's absolutely macabre."

No one knows how dangerous low-level radioactivity is, Fadeley says. But no one wants to find out the hard way, so the material must be stored — and the problem is where.

Because Oregon law prohibits storage of radioactive waste here, it has been shipped to tanks in

Hanford, Wash. Now, the state of Washington has decided to stop accepting it — Hanford has simply run out of room.

A bill before the Oregon Legislature, SB 394, would repeal the Oregon law, and Fadeley thinks this is a good idea. "We have to do something with the waste that's already been accumulated," she says.

She favors storing it in strictly regulated, remote places in the state. For the future, she would like to see a strict permit requiring all industries to safely store their waste. If they do not comply, they

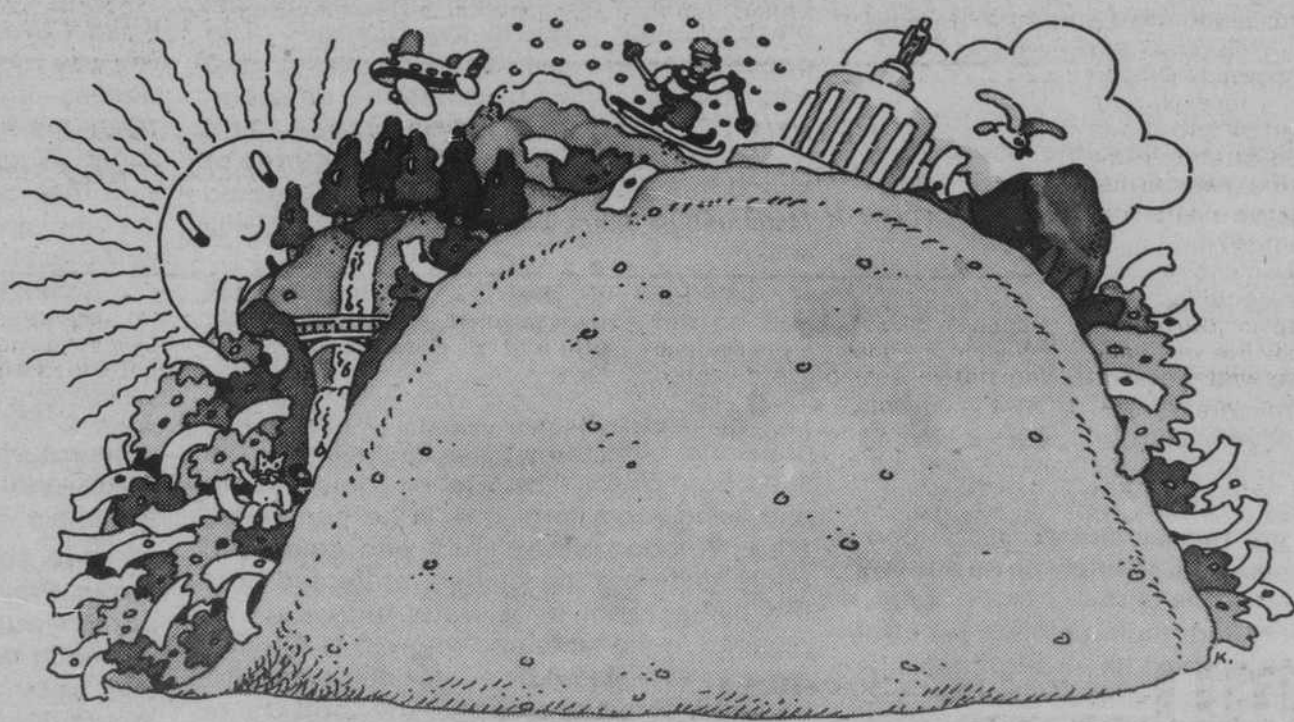
are denied a permit to operate.

"If this waste stays in places where it can get into our water supply," Fadeley says, "the cost will be terrible to future Oregonians."

When she talks about environmental issues, Nancie Fadeley is concerned with "the quality of people's lives." And she believes in achieving livability through the "small is beautiful" philosophy.

"We have to satisfy local needs through local means, and not put our faith in faraway oil fields and nuclear plants," she says. "We must be self-sufficient."

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