

Professor appointed to energy board

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University Architecture Prof. John Reynolds has been appointed to a new state Alternative Energy Development Commission created by the 1979 Oregon Legislature as part of Governor Victor Atiyeh's alternative energy program.

Reynolds and the other committee members met last week to discuss goals and to organize committee work.

"What the legislature wanted when they formed the group was to study the development possibilities of alternative energy sources," Reynolds says. Another goal is to "get the state to utilize its resources rather than import its energy," he adds.

Reynolds says his personal goal is appropriate use of solar energy. "Appropriate" usage of solar power would include utilizing it to heat water and air, he says, adding that solar power

is not suited to run electric motors or to be used as a lighting source.

"We will be required to do a lot of work quickly — and an enormous amount of work will have to be accomplished by spring."

Task forces will research alternative energy before the committee tackles the issues.

Lynn Frank, director of the Oregon Department of Energy,

has appointed 72 people to the task force. Commission members will also serve on task forces.

The task forces will begin reporting the results of their work later this year, Reynolds says.

Public input will be sought, and the reports will be presented to the commission for further polishing.

Final reports will be presented to Gov. Vic Atiyeh in September

1980. He will consult the reports when making alternative energy proposals to the state legislature in 1981.

"I'm optimistic," Reynolds says, adding that he will be pleased if the commission is as successful as the Department of Energy was when it was started.

John Gray, a Portland resident and chairman of the board of Omark Industries, was selected to head the commission.

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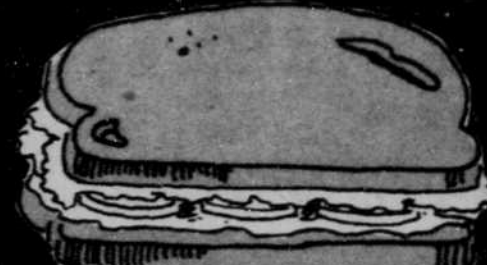
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GTF's receive 7% pay increase

Graduate teaching fellows will find an increase in their Nov. 1 paychecks, and those increases were officially authorized, according to Gerald Bogen, head of the University's bargaining team for negotiations with the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation.

Bogen says the University decided to implement the salary increase prior to the signing of a new contract between the University and the union. The GTFF executive council has been informed, he says.

"At the time the decision was made, we didn't see an immediate end to the negotiations," Bogen says. He is hopeful a new contract may be signed as early as next week.

The Nov. 1 paychecks will reflect the University's final offer of 7 percent, and will include the increase both for September and October. "We're giving the graduate teaching fellows all we



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have to give them," he indicated.

Bogen says the GTFF has indicated the organization wants to see modifications in the salary package regarding amount of increases for each of

the salary levels. "We are likely to accept those modifications and graduate teaching fellows will see those modifications reflected in a paycheck subsequent to signing the new contract," he says.

Petition launched to abolish tenuring of school teachers

A petition to abolish teacher tenure in Oregon public schools will be launched officially Thursday, Nov. 1, by Dr. Edmund Davies, an Oregon School Board Association representative.

Dr. Davies, chair of the Canby School Board, will make an official policy statement at 7 p.m. at the Alvalore firehouse near Fern Ridge and Orchard Point, located northwest of Eugene.

It will be the first public statement made by the OSBA regarding its intention to seek a state constitutional amendment

that would make Oregon the first state in the U.S. to abolish teacher tenure in its public schools.

A petition to gather 72,000 signatures necessary to place the proposed amendment on the November 1980 election ballot will begin circulation following the meeting.

A major political struggle between the OSBA and the Oregon Education Association, an opponent of the proposed amendment, is expected to be waged in the upcoming year, according to Bill Milius, an Al-

vadore resident and organizer of the meeting.

The OSBA wants tenure abolished because it wants to provide school boards with the power to fire teachers, Milius says. It is almost impossible to fire a tenured teacher, he adds.

The OEA will likely argue that tenure is necessary to protect the firing of teachers for such reasons as personal or political views and physical appearance, Milius says.

Milius calls the proposed amendment "the most important single issue in the State of Oregon."

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