

ALERT drops complaint

Jeanne Knight, program director for ALERT, says she has dropped plans to file an affirmative action complaint against the ASUO.

Knight says ASUO Vice Pres. Dennis Mohatt was cooperative in allowing her to hire a secretary at \$3.75 per hour. Monday, Knight threatened to file an affirmative action complaint because she had only enough money to hire a secretary at \$3 per hour.

The going rate for work study secretaries is between \$3.50 and \$4 per hour, she says. With only \$3 per hour she could not hire a secretary, which prevented her from hir-

ing a quadriplegic assistant director. That gave her grounds for the complaint, she claims.

Mohatt says a surplus has been built in ALERT's secretarial position line item since the beginning of the term. That surplus can be used to hire a secretary at the higher wage.

"They've had the money all along. They just didn't know it," Mohatt says.

Chester Faller, 1978-79 ALERT director, says the program will be able to pay \$3.75 per hour by using the surplus funds.

"If we use the money that's been going by the wayside, we

can pay \$3.75," he says.

Mohatt says the problem was one of communication, not finances.

"They didn't come ask us about it," says Mohatt. "When they did, we were able to help."

Knight says she was amazed how quickly the ASUO responded after an Emerald story on the situation was published Monday.

"I think that the ASUO has been fairly cooperative," she says.

"Dennis has been very cooperative, even to the point of searching for money for us in all their (ASUO's) little pots."

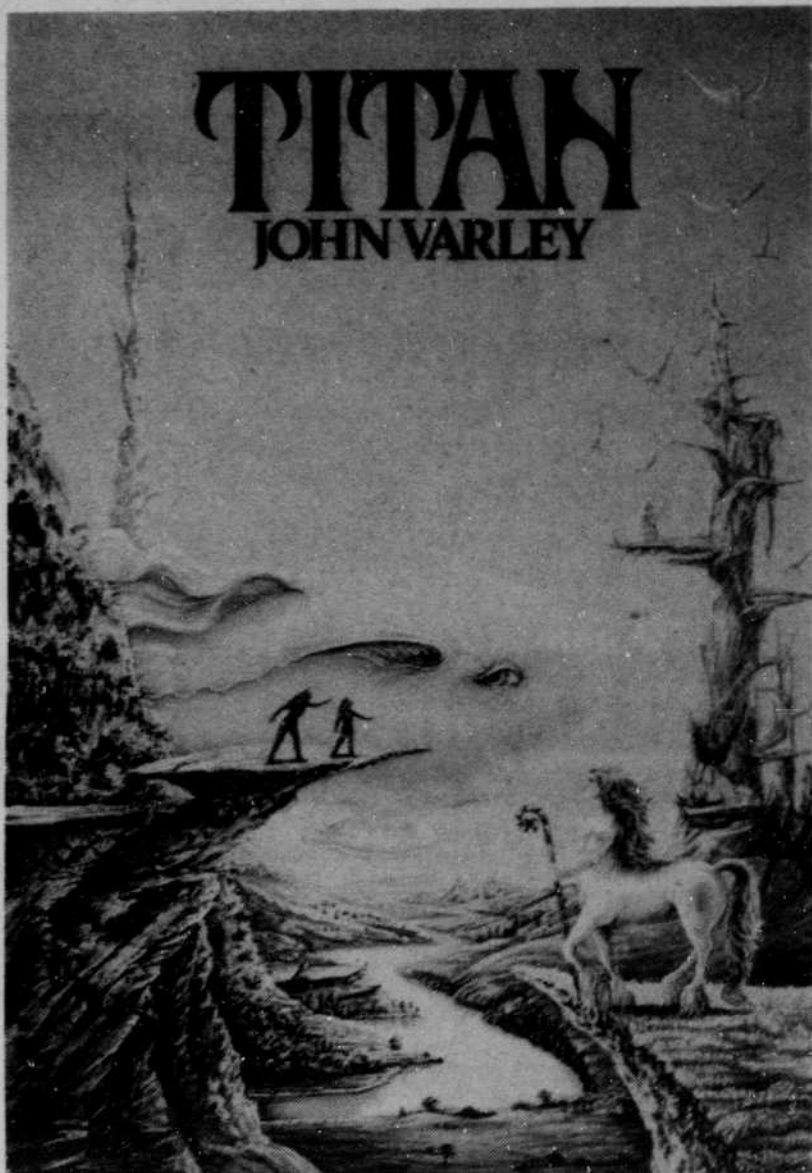


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BPA outlines power plan

By GLENN BOETTCHER
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The Bonneville Power Authority's proposed regional power allocation plan met with an inquisitive audience Tuesday evening in the Eugene Hotel during a public information forum on the proposal.

Executives of the federal BPA, one of five power marketing agencies in the country administered by the U.S. Department of Energy, presented the plan and fielded numerous questions from an audience that included Eugene Water and Electric Board members and state Sen. Ed Fadely, D-Eugene.

The public information sessions began Oct. 29 in Portland and will continue this week with additional sessions throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Public comments on the proposal will be solicited during meetings expected to be held during September, 1980.

However, several agency representatives said written responses would also be accepted and responded to any time before final approval of the proposal, not expected until May of 1981.

BPA representative Jack Horton said the proposal contains "complex, technical subjects," and is intended to direct the allocation of power when current customer contracts expire, beginning in 1983.

The BPA currently supplies about 50 percent of the region's energy needs, said Horton. Included among BPA customers are consumer- and publicly-owned utilities, industrial customers such as aluminum plants and some federal agencies.

The proposal is also designed to encourage the development of effective conservation programs by utilities and also encourage those utilities to construct needed power generation facilities, he added.

The burden for implementing effective conservation programs, as described in the proposal, rests solely with the utilities, said another BPA representative.

The proposal would allocate a fixed amount of power to customers two years in advance. Utilities needing additional power would have to purchase power from other sources, implement more conservation measures or build new power generation plants.

Conservation efforts by utilities amounting to 15 percent or more would be rewarded with power from the BPA purchased from a proposed "conservation reserve" at cheaper rates.

The conservation theory is based on two studies done for the BPA which indicate that sizeable power reserves could be tapped in the region by the year 2000 through effective conservation measures, Horton said.

Any excess power generated by utilities would, under the proposal, have to first be offered to the BPA for filling any deficiencies.

The "heart and soul" of the proposal, said Horton, calls for "sharing of benefits and costs" among publicly owned utilities. That portion has already proved to be controversial among those dealing with the plan.

The provision would force those utilities with allocations of BPA power greater than their "pro rata" calculation, a figure calculated through to assure each customer an equal proportion of power, to exchange that low-cost power for more expensive power from another source.

The BPA allocation proposal is based on calculated impending power shortages. In June of 1976 the BPA notified its customers that the demands of customer utilities would soon be greater than the amount of inexpensive hydroelectric power in the federal system.

The plan would become effective in 1983 and is the result of almost two years' work by BPA officials.

Beginning with a "scoping" meeting in Portland on Dec. 3, the BPA will start drafting environmental impact statement of the proposal.

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