

Don't call her 'Father;' she's just Linda

By LAURA HUBBARD
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University students who were raised calling their priest "Father" might want to be less formal with the Episcopal priest at the Campus Interfaith Ministry. Just call her Linda.

Linda Harrell Bruno was ordained a priest of the Episcopal church in January of 1979, though not without the misgivings of many a bishop.

Clergymen still are bucking the decision made by the church's triennial convention in 1976 that authorized the ordination of women into the priesthood.

To make matters more interesting, Linda Bruno is married to Rev. Jon Bruno and is the mother of two children. Her husband, an ex-Roman Catholic, is also an Episcopal

priest. Together the Brunos are the only Episcopal husband and wife priest team in Oregon.

Bruno's desire to study for the priesthood came when her husband was attending the Virginia Theological Seminary, and she was teaching high school. It was a calling rather than a choice, she says.

"I would have never thought of being a priest," Bruno says of her college years in the mid-1960s. She had been active in the Episcopal church, but not active enough to consider the priesthood.

Predictably, Bruno says because of her gender she had a hard time finding a job as a priest. But in April of 1979 the diocese of Western Oregon reversed a decision that kept women from working as priests, and the Brunos were asked to

work as a team for St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Eugene.

Currently Bruno is the only woman priest in this diocese, and the clergy apparently opposes her.

"Their behavior is painful to me, but they're limiting the church and God," Bruno says. "Human beings are the only ones who know this gender limit because it's our limit, not God's limit."

"I see the major reason that women should be ordained is that we are saved by the Christ event. Jesus is the Saviour of all people, not just men. If a woman can be baptized, a woman can be ordained."

The principal difficulties concerning her gender arise within the clergy rather than the lay people, she says.

Children love having a woman

priest, and many adults in need of marriage counseling prefer having a husband-wife team to empathize with them, Bruno adds.

Although feminists criticize the church for being too patriarchal, Bruno disagrees. "This is not true. We make room for them."

Rosalyn will visit

Stumping for husband Jimmy, Rosalyn Carter will make a brief appearance in Eugene Tuesday.

Carter's appearance is followed Wednesday by the arrival of Independent presidential candidate John Anderson.

Carter is scheduled to meet with senior citizens at the Celeste Campbell Center, 155 High St., immediately following her arrival at Mahlon Sweet Airport at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday. She also is scheduled to meet with the press at the center at noon, after which she will leave Eugene.

Anderson is expected to arrive at Mahlon Sweet Airport at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday. Following an airport rally, he will go directly to his hotel.

Anderson will speak Thursday during a breakfast sponsored by the Lane County Anderson for President Committee. The breakfast will be held in the Agricultural Building at the Lane County Fairgrounds beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Activists fear mining rush

By GABRIEL BOEHMER
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New mining technology and scarcity of minerals have corporate interests tunneling into Oregon's once-low grade mineral resources.

About 50 people met Saturday at the University to discuss the environmental impact of large-scale corporate mining and outline strategies to oppose it.

"Oregon has always been considered mineral-poor. There's always been better sources somewhere else," said Andy Kerr, Oregon Wilderness Coalition representative.

"But now, thanks to new technology, our low-grade ore has become high grade ore."

Environmental groups from throughout the Northwest were represented at the three-day conference, including the Uranium Resistance Coalition, Josephine's Environment Matters, Cascade Holistic Economic Consultants, the Oregon Environmental Council, the Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group.

"Nearly everyone here is an activist," said conference chairer Joe Doyle.

University law Prof. Terry Thatcher briefed participants on federal mining laws.

Regional and local environmental impact statements and

environmental analysis are the areas where citizens can have some input, Thatcher said. "The leasee has to submit a mining plan, but it isn't very specific."

"It's hard to determine what kind of environmental impact a mining operation could have on an area at that point. And after the prospector has a lease, there's a real question of whether you can stop the mining at that point."

Thatcher said environmental groups should make sure prospectors have filed an impact statement before receiving a lease.

"We don't have a lot of good controls. It's hard to mitigate impacts because vague laws apply. There are environmental controls on mineral leasing, but nothing is required by state laws."

"As far as citizens go, there isn't any enforcement of bad-land reclamation. The Oregon state system does not give citizens a lot of power to sue state agencies."

However, the owners of surface land can deny a prospector rights to mine land, Thatcher said.

Coal mining requires long-range planning. "You have to show need, have a regional leasing target and comply with the land-use planning process."

"The federal government has to go through unsuitability determination for coal mining.

Then they have to go to competitive leasing."

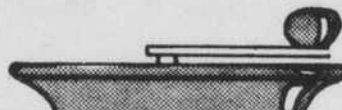
Thatcher said the coal leasing process is more desirable because the operator must prove he can comply with environmental standards. "They're not supposed to be able to mine if they can't prove they can reclaim the land — this is where citizens can get involved."

Citizens can receive federal money to participate in hearings, Thatcher said. "Financially, citizens have a lever. The government will pay attorney fees and expert witness fees if you win (the case)."

And the coal-leasing process is subject to mandatory enforcement, Thatcher explained. "An operator has no more than 90 days to fix it — if not, then the mine closes down."

Thatcher said the Surface Mining Act gives citizens several courses of action. Citizens can become involved with land-use planning, environmental impact statements on the regional and local level, the permit process and the enforcement system, he said.

"The coal mining act internalizes costs — that's why it's successful."




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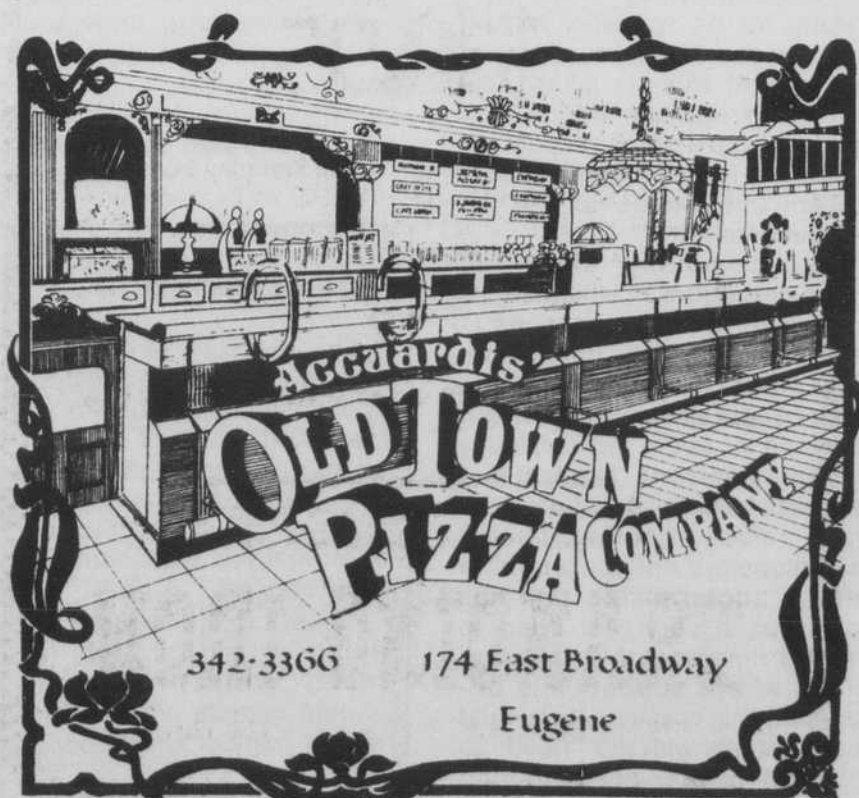
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