

'Celebrating the Earth'

Survival Center promises big week of festivities

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The Survival Center, born out of the first Earthweek 11 years ago, is promising the University the biggest Earthweek celebration on the West Coast this year.

Today through Friday, participants can celebrate, learn about and actively protect the earth and its environment. An alternative energy fair and a recycling exhibit begin today in the EMU and last through the week.

Also today, films on the state of the world food supply and the role of multinational corporations will be shown from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. And at 7:30 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom, Rolling Thunder, a traditional Cherokee medicine man and a civil rights activist, will discuss the mistreatment of the earth, along with his philosophies about its effects and possible solutions.

Rolling Thunder has crusaded to end human abuse of the environment. In the early 1970s, he and other members of the Committee of Concern for the Traditional Indian protested the illegal harvesting of pinyon trees in Shoshone territory and the stripmining of Hopi land in Arizona and the Four Corners Area.

An outspoken advocate of Indian rights, Rolling Thunder is a famed preserver of traditional Indian culture. He is said to possess psychokinetic abilities and to perform miraculous cures using medical techniques developed by his ancestors. He also claims to possess an uncanny ability to predict — or even control — the weather.

Rolling Thunder describes the earth as a living organism. He explains natural disasters as the earth's attempts to dispel its sickness, or pollution.

From the first Earthweek conference

ever held at the University in 1970, came the idea to form a student-funded organization to educate students and get them involved in environmental protection. The organization became the Survival Center.

In the fall of 1969, Sen. Gaylord Nelson, D-Wisc., proposed a national environmental Earth Day. A national "Environmental Action: April 22 teach-in movement" formed throughout the nation's colleges and high schools.

Earthday expanded to Earthweek in the mid-1970s.

In addition to the University's "Can Man Survive?" conference, classes were suspended temporarily so students could attend a "Time Out for Survival" teach-in. Most of the environmental events held on campus and throughout the nation in 1970 focused on combating pollution.

"The biggest environmental issue then was air and water pollution," says Dave Daikh, Survival Center director. "But the pollution issue gave impetus to other environmental concerns, such as preserving public and wild lands, land-use planning, conservation and recycling, alternative energy and transportation, toxic substances."

Daikh says the first class offered by the Survival Center in the early 1970s, called Oregon Environmental Issues, was attended by approximately 3,000 students and had to be held in McArthur Court. The same class today usually enrolls about 30 students.

Although not as many people are actively involved now as during the height of the environmental movement, Daikh says, "There are many more people who are knowledgeable and aware of environmental issues."

"Back then, it was a new thing with high involvement and a lot of publicity. But a large segment of the population saw it as just another new movement."

Another "high involvement" on campus in the early 1970s was the anti-Vietnam War movement. The first Earth Day was accompanied by a 300-student takeover of Johnson Hall, ending in 60 arrests and the ASUO senate declaring a student strike.

Daikh says this year's Earthweek is designed to foster appreciation of the earth's beauty and resources through slides and films.

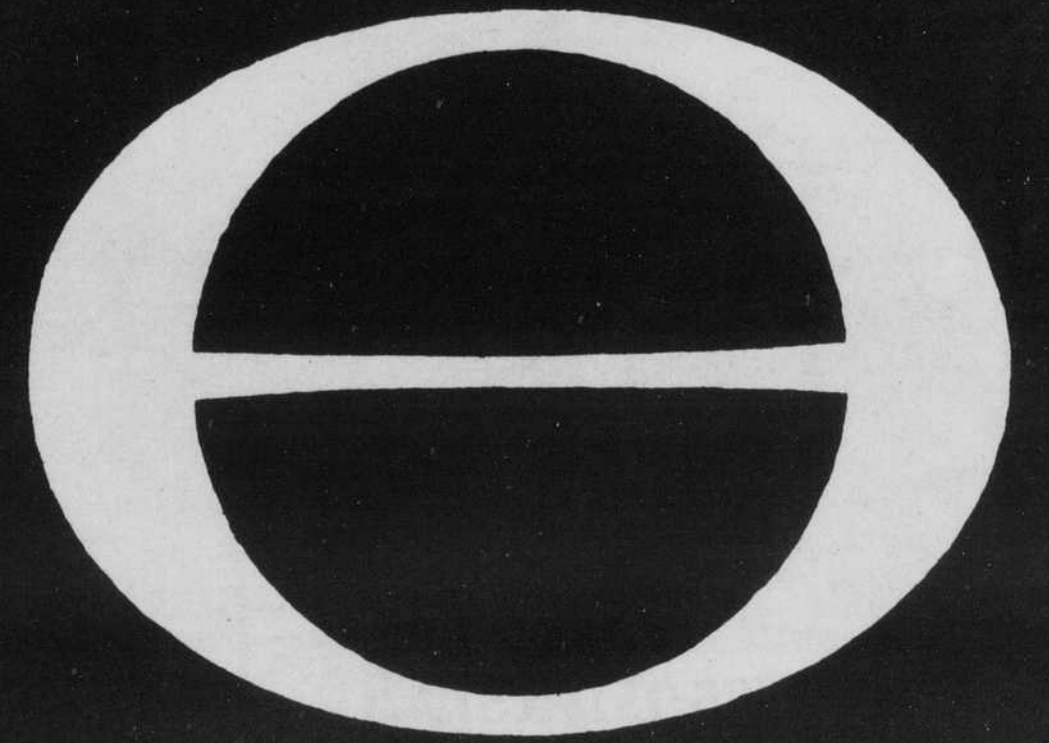
"At the same time we're celebrating the earth, we have to look at how important it is to protect it," he says. "We're stressing active involvement, and one example is the Millrace clean-up."

Students will be stationed on

University and 13th streets on campus stopping cars and to tell drivers about the disadvantage of driving. They will give motorists bicycle maps and bus-route schedules. A variety of bicycle workshops and trips are planned for the week.

"It's important people let it be known there's wide public support for the environment," Daikh says. "Some policy statements being made now by Reagan's new cabinet — Secretary of Interior (James) Watt and Secretary of Energy (James) Edwards — are very damaging to the environment."

"For example, Watt wants to give the U.S. Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines control of resource management in Alaska. They'll open the lands up and mine them, and we'll have no more pristine areas."



Earthweek schedule of events

MONDAY

All day — Alternative energy fair featuring exhibits and demonstrations, Room 167 EMU. Recycling exhibit showing how and where people can reduce waste, outside Suite 1 EMU. Alternative transportation awareness promoting bicycle and bus

transportation to campus.

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — World food production films on the state of world food supply and the role of the multinational corporations, EMU Forum.

12 p.m. — Wilderness congressional hearings of the future of 3 million acres of Oregon forests. Those interested will gather at the Survival Center, Suite 1 EMU, and drive to Corvallis for the hearings.

7:30 p.m. — Rolling Thunder, a talk about the earth by a Cherokee Medicine Man, EMU Ballroom, \$1.50.

TUESDAY

All day — Bicycle repair workshops

showing how to keep bikes running smoothly, outside EMU. Alternative energy fair, 167 EMU. Recycling exhibit, outside Suite 1 EMU. Alternative transportation awareness.

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — Paper making demonstration showing how to make new paper from old paper or plants, outside Suite 1 EMU.

1:30 p.m. — Small scale hydroelectric power in Oregon talk by Dr. Margaret Lambie from the Bonneville Power Administration, EMU Forum.

2:30 p.m. — Endangered Cats lecture and film by Lauri Marker from Wildlife Safari.

7 p.m. — Bicycle touring discussion

explaining bicycle set-up and equipment plus a slide show of a cycle tour in Puget Sound, Outdoor program EMU.

7:30 p.m. — Endangered African Mountain Gorillas slide show and lecture by Stuart Perimeter about the gorillas that were written up in April's issue of National Geographic, EMU Ballroom.

EARTH DAY

All day — Alternative energy fair, 167 EMU. Bicycle repair workshop, outside EMU. Alternative transportation awareness, throughout campus.

4 p.m. — Bicycle touring workshop discussing clothing, overnight gear and places to go on tours, Outdoor program, EMU.

7-9 p.m. — Keynote speech by Cecil Andrus, former Secretary of the Interior, and Mountain Visions slide show by Katy Flanagan and Gary Grimm, EMU Ballroom, \$1.

THURSDAY

All day — Alternative energy fair, 167 EMU.

12 p.m.-dusk — Millrace clean up.

1:30-5:30 p.m. — Solar energy film series, 101 EMU.

2:30 p.m. — Outdoor photography workshop by Galen Rowell, EMU Forum.

7:30 p.m. — Galen Rowell slide show "Skiing the Wild Karakoram Himalaya," EMU Ballroom.

FRIDAY

All day — Alternative energy fair, 167 EMU.

1:30 p.m. — Solar greenhouse construction talk and slide show by Don Williams of Oregon Appropriate Technology, EMU Forum.

2:30 p.m. — Photovoltaic cells talk by Ron Silson of photovoltaic technology, EMU Forum.

8 p.m. — Jazz concert by Pharoah Sanders and Cam Newton, EMU Ballroom, \$4.50 and \$5.50 in advance and \$5.50 and \$6.50 day of show.

SATURDAY

9 a.m. — Bicycling day trips to various points in Lane County.

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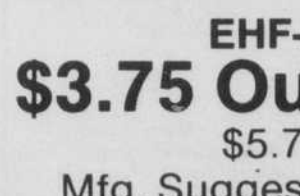
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