

# Weaver lambasts WPPSS 'fiasco'

Energy planning by public needed, he says

Lack of public participation in regional energy planning results in chaos, Congressman Jim Weaver said here yesterday.

Weaver kicked off the Northwest Regional Energy Symposium with a speech before about 50 people in the Gerlinger Hall Alumni Lounge. The symposium, sponsored by the Solar Energy Center and the Survival Center, continues through Friday.

The WPPSS "fiasco" is a perfect example of lack of public participation in regional energy planning resulting in chaos, Weaver said. Ever since the idea of building nuclear reactors in Washington was conceived in the late 1960s, the Bonneville Power Administration and utilities have kept the decision-making process secret, he said.

Public utilities assumed energy demand would increase eight percent annually "until Armageddon," Weaver said. They decided building "massive" nuclear reactors would meet the anticipated demand, he said.

"They didn't want anyone to know it was a club," Weaver said. They were using the "pappa knows best" philosophy, he added.

WPPSS was approved by the congress-

sional appropriations committees as a one-line rider to an appropriation bill, he said.

Rising costs, however, hampered WPPSS construction and the "empire builders" were forced to write a bill in fall 1976. The public was finally allowed into the planning process through hearings on the bill, Weaver said.

"That really broke their hearts," he added.

The bill "failed miserably" in those legislative hearings and was withdrawn, Weaver said. The bill was approved one year later by incorporating elements of Weaver's conservation bill, he said.

Washington put a limit on the "utility complex actors" with Initiative 394 that requires a vote before more bonds can be issued to finance WPPSS. The public gained a voice in the decision-making process, Weaver said.

A judge ruled the initiative unconstitutional, and utilities and nuclear power advocates are secretly preparing for a possible appeals reversal of that decision, he said.

The congressman successfully sued



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**Congressman Jim Weaver**

WPPSS to free Oregonians from paying \$450 million on contracts for reactors No. 4 and No. 5, Weaver said. A suit should be brought against the contracts on reactors No. 1 through No. 3, which are "worse than the contracts on four and five," he added.

## Accountant to lecture, meet faculty

University News Bureau

Susan Suran, an accounting executive, will be the partner-in-residence this fall in the University accounting department. Her first visit to the University campus is today.

Suran, a partner with Suran and Co. Certified Public Accountants in Portland, will observe and lecture to classes, give seminars and hold office hours. She will also meet with faculty and administrative officials to gain a better understanding of the University's accounting program.

Considered a leading figure in the accounting field, Suran is a member and past chairman of the Oregon State Board of Accountancy. She also serves as liaison with the state legislature on several bills.

## Jackson

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When you come to the end of a period, you assess, and suggest what it is that will need to be done. That's my professional credo."

Jackson graduated from Washington State in 1954 and has been a broadcast journalist since. His voice took him from riding to church in a horse buggy on a farm in Georgia to drinking whiskey and playing golf with guys who walked on the moon.

"The profession has been good to me," Jackson says.

But he's not happy with the course of history. "I feel an incumbency on my generation to leave something for the next generation. We know what we're gonna leave — a hell of a mess."

"I happen to think that Penthouse magazine should be jerked off the stands, or at least forced underground. I don't believe that every motion pic-

ture has to have sex and violence."

On another subject he says, "The single most important secret to any life is finding where you fit. Those that find it are lucky. Relatively few of us find it. I think I've found where I fit. I'm just as happy as I can be. I wouldn't want to do anything that I'm not doing."

And despite its misgivings about the morals of the media, the Jackson voice rolls on.

## Kulongoski to speak

Ted Kulongoski, Democratic candidate for governor, will address student-related issues and answer questions today at a 2 p.m. rally in the EMU courtyard.

The rally, sponsored by Students for Kulongoski, will probably focus on higher education and nuclear freeze issues, says Kelly Buntjer, coordinator of the organization.

The rally will last about 45 minutes, she says.

Buntjer, a political science and biology senior, feels confident of student support for Kulongoski.

"We have seen a lot of real positive feedback from students" at tables set up on campus, she says.

The group has 35-40 active members, Buntjer says.

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