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Professor deems Clark not as qualified as Watt

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While Interior Secretary-designate William Clark will be easier to deal with than current Interior Secretary James Watt, he is less qualified than Watt, says Sanford Tepfer, University Biology professor and Sierra Club Secretary.

Watt regularly dealt with environmental issues "over a period of many years... although he was always on the other side of the issue than we were," Tepfer says. Watt is a former head of The Mountain States Legal Foundation, which Tepfer calls "an anti-environmental organization supportive of major industries."

Clark's experience with environmental issues came during his tenure as a California Supreme Court justice, a position to which he was appointed by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan in 1973. Like Watt, Clark "came down on the wrong side of every issue as far as we're concerned," Tepfer says.

As a judge his opinions on cases were not "politically motivated," and therefore, Tepfer believes were his own opinions.

Clark's judicial record leads Tepfer to believe Clark, the National Security Adviser, will be a "pro-development and anti-preservation" interior secretary.

In 1980 a survey in the UCLA Law Review ranked Clark as the most pro-development and "least pro-preservationist" of the seven state justices. The survey listed about 50 environment-related decisions which Clark participated in.

Included was a 1974 case that required an environmental impact statement for test holes that Occidental Oil Co. wanted to drill a few hundred feet inland on the Los Angeles coast.

In his dissent on the 4-3 ruling, Clark wrote that no environmental impact statement was required because the drilling would have "no significant effect on the environment."

Sierra Club Pres. Denny Shaffer has tried to set up a meeting with the Interior Secretary-designate, and Tepfer says he "expects that he will meet."

The Sierra Club and other environmental groups made similar overtures to Watt, but Watt refused to meet with environmental groups he considered extremists, Tepfer says.

However, "we don't have any illusions," that interior department policies will change or that those policies are and will be anything but a reflection of the Reagan administration's policies, he says.

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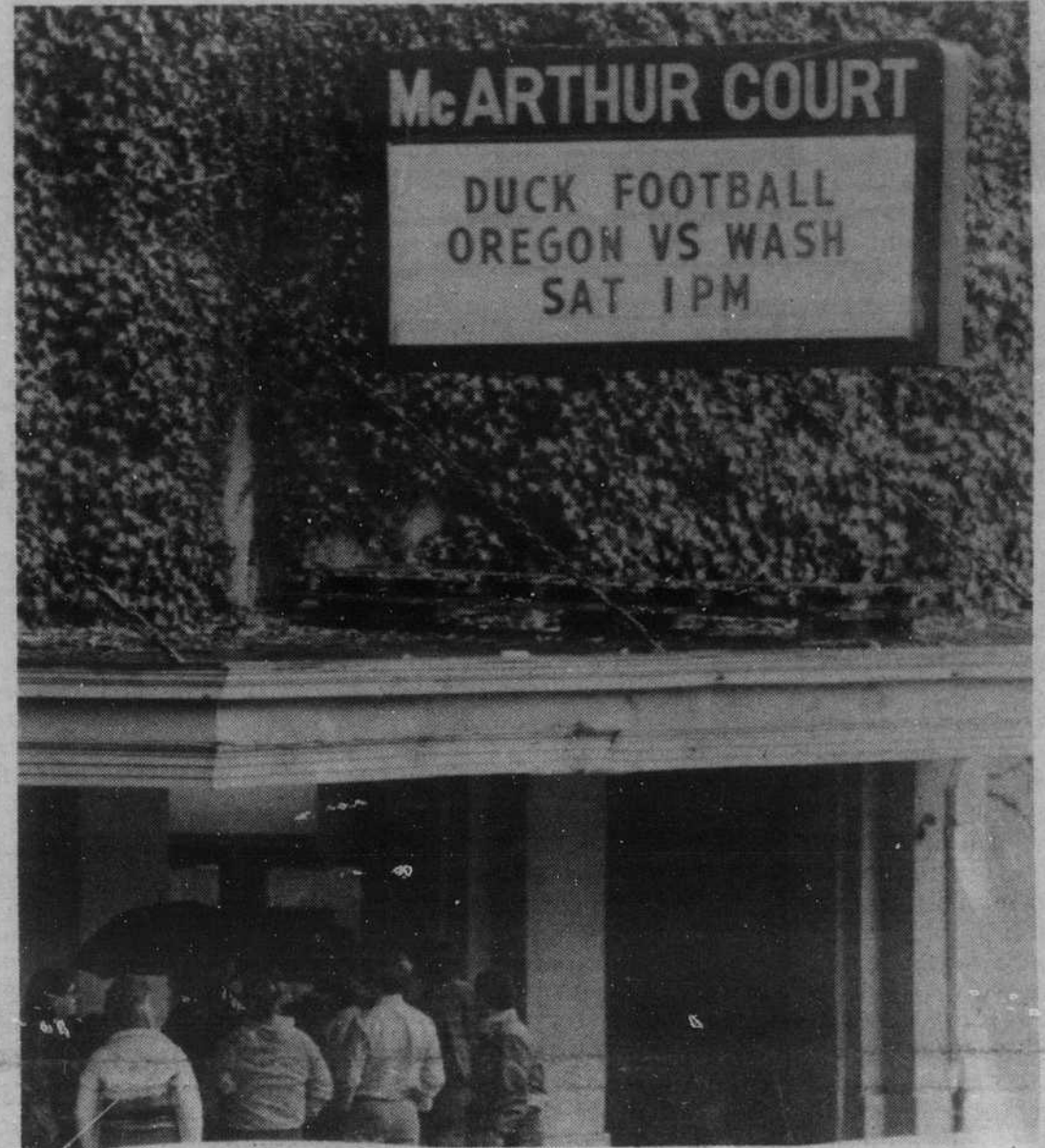
"Watt made a good target," Tepfer says. "but basically we're fighting Watt-ism," which he defines as an "exploitive" approach to resources and the environment.

Tepfer resents being labeled a radical by people like Watt, claiming he's the conservative. "Reagan and his cohorts are the real radicals today," he says. "If you're a conservative you don't chop (all) the trees down."

Nor does Tepfer think all conservatives are in the other party.

If you compare the Reagan administration with the Nixon administration, "Nixon comes out smelling like roses." For instance 1080, a non-discriminatory poison used against coyotes which affects the whole food chain, was banned under the Nixon administration in 1972.

Reagan, on the other hand, was made "a fool" by the National Academy of Science, on acid rain, Tepfer says.



Quack attack hits hard

The almost unheard of happened Monday as people arrived at Mac Court as early as 7:30 a.m. to buy tickets to an Oregon football game.

More than 1,200 tickets were sold, according to Hunt Holsapple, athletic ticket manager, when 100 would be a lot for one day.

About 6,000 reserve seat tickets remain and about 2,200 student tickets are left. General admission tickets won't go on sale until later this week.

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Greens activist Tom Todd believes nuclear war is a certainty.

Activist opposes deployment

By Doug Nash
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A member of Germany's left-wing "Green" party was on campus Monday, charging that next month's planned deployment of American Pershing II and cruise missiles will make nuclear war a certainty within the next 10 years.

"The deployment of Pershing II is absolutely irresponsible because it increases the probability of nuclear war in Central Europe," said Tom Todd, a 27-year-old, English-born activist now living in Hamburg, Germany. "The only way we're going to get out of the situation is with a unilateral disarmament."

Todd is representing the Green's views in the Rock Against Reagan tour, a series of concerts across the country that protest the policies of the Reagan administration.

"This is not only a Green party thing," Todd said about the deployment issue. "It is a very wide movement."

Indeed, Todd said the movement includes not only the far left, but unions, protestants and the Social Democrats, the country's second-largest party.

"Four million people, or 7 percent of the population, are expected to be on the streets all over the country" in the coming weeks, Todd said. "There are differences (between specific factions of the movement) but there is one central thing that everybody agrees on: nonviolent action against Pershing II missiles."

Todd expressed hope that a large political coalition would be able to pressure the conservative government of Helmut Kohl to prevent the missile deployment.

"If we succeed in getting them to accept this point of view and if they put pressure on Helmut Kohl, then there's a chance he will put pressure on the Americans."

In addition, Todd said the Greens plan to call for a na-

tional election to decide the issue. He was doubtful, however, that his party, which comprises 5.6 percent, or 27 members of the federal parliament would be able to gather the necessary support for such a proposal.

Todd conceded the eventual missile deployment could cause some loss of support for the Greens, which is really a four-year-old conglomeration of formerly small, liberal, environmentalist, grass-roots organizations.

"Once the Pershings are deployed, perhaps a certain amount of defeatism will arise," he said.

But the party's "non-dogmatic" structure, which Todd said has no political parallels in this country, will continue to attract individuals, he added.

"It's possible to work in local political groups at the local level and still be involved in a national network," Todd said. "Decision-making (within the party) is taken down to the lower levels of the hierarchy. That's the difference."

Todd said the party is so concerned with preventing individual power that its representatives in parliament are replaced every two years by other Green members.

Furthermore, he denounced the perception by some parts of the population that equates Greens with communists.

"We are friends with the Russians in so far as when the atomic bomb drops, they're going to be affected by the fallout just as we are, so we do have one thing in common."

Todd said Reagan's assertion that the Soviets hold nuclear superiority in Europe "is a lie." Rather, he said, the United States is deploying the missiles in order to have a "first-strike" capability.

"The basic feeling (within the Green party) is there's going to be a war in the next 10 years. This war is going to be started by Reagan."