

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

New PAC goes after OCA

A new political action committee has filed complaints with Oregon's secretary of state alleging that the Oregon Citizen's Alliance is violating Oregon election laws.

The new group, calling itself Oregonians United Together PAC, alleges that the OCA — a special interest group trying to prevent homosexuals from gaining minority group status — violated several laws.

OUT PAC says the OCA has not notified the secretary of state of its office address change, as Oregon law requires, and has used petition gathers who are not of legal age.

"(It) is our belief that at least one of the Springfield petition gatherers was not of legal age," OUT PAC said in a press release. "And that, upon learning of this, another petitioner signed each petition sheet for him."

Despite the allegations, however, OUT PAC said they cannot verify the accusations. OUT PAC has also filed a complaint with the Postal Inspector's Office and the Oregon Attorney General alleging the OCA committed mail fraud when it allegedly illegally channeled funds through the mail.

Women host columnist

Political columnist for *The Oregonian*, Steve Duin, will be the featured speaker at a League of Women Voters of Lane County luncheon March 19.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, which will be held at the Black Angus Restaurant in Eugene from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

To make reservations for the luncheon called "Open Season on Politics and Politicians" call the League of Women Voters office at 343-7917.

Senator files for delegate

A Eugene state senator filed Monday that he has filed as a candidate for the Democratic National Convention Delegate and wants to put candidate Jerry Brown in the White House.

State Sen. Grattan Kerans, D-Eugene, said that former California Gov. Jerry Brown is the best choice for president because he wants political reform in Washington, D.C. and will "throw off politics as usual."

People interested in filing to be a delegate need to apply by 5 p.m. at one of Oregon's 36 county election offices.

Merchant to try to close Trojan



state

SALEM (AP) — Entrepreneur Jerry Wilson, who's made millions of dollars selling exercise equipment by mail, on Monday began using the same avenue to try to shut

down Oregon's lone nuclear power plant.

Wilson, president of Soloflex Inc., is personally bankrolling an effort to send petitions to every household in Oregon in hopes of forcing a statewide vote this fall on a ballot measure to close the Trojan plant.

It's the first time in memory that anyone has attempted to gather initiative petition signatures solely by direct mail instead of collecting them door-to-door or in public places.

"I've made a lot of money in the mail-order business," Wilson said at a news conference. "We do that best."

The first petitions were mailed to households in the Portland area, he said.

"Within a few months, every voting household in the state should have our mail-order petition drive brochure," he said.

Wilson estimated it would cost as

much as \$400,000 to send petitions to more than 800,000 households across Oregon.

The Soloflex founder said he could easily foresee spending more than \$1 million between now and November on the effort to close the Trojan plant, located 40 miles northwest of Portland.

Wilson, who's been active in various political causes in the past, said he's confident that the direct mail drive will produce the 67,000 valid signatures needed by July to put his Trojan measure on the ballot.

Even though Oregonians have soundly defeated past measures to close the Trojan plant, Wilson said he's confident that this year, voters will agree the time has come to pull the plug on Trojan.

He noted that Portland General Electric Co. recently restarted the Trojan plant after a yearlong shutdown prompted by the discovery of cracks in steam generator tubes that carry radioactive water.

That problem underscored the fact that Trojan is an unsafe plant that shouldn't be allowed to operate, Wilson said.

His ballot measure would close Trojan until PGE meets a variety of safety requirements and force PGE to absorb the costs of closing the plant.

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vice-provost for academic affairs.

"The University formed these regulations to protect the academic integrity of the University and promote the learning process of students," he said.

"To my understanding Dead Week was supposed to be dead," Holbo said. "Dead week is a time for students to study."

If a professor violates Dead Week policy, Holbo talks to the professor's department head.

Every term Provost Norm Wessells sends a memo to faculty and graduate teaching fellows that details the University's Dead Week regulations. The number of policy violators has diminished in recent years, Holbo said.

Marlene Drescher, director of the Office of Student Advocacy, said that since the 1988-89 school year, fewer students have come to her with complaints about professors who violate University's Dead Week policy.

"I think that the administration has made a greater effort to inform faculty of Dead Week policy," she said. "The memo goes out to faculty and it serves to educate them. This is a serious rule that has serious consequences."

Washington State University doesn't have the equivalent of a Dead Week, said Fred Campbell, Washington State's dean for undergraduate education.

No students have expressed interest in having a Dead Week, he said, and Washington's quarter system would make it difficult for administrators to squeeze one in.

"We don't have anything like that," he said. "I think it sounds like an interesting idea."

The University of Texas at Austin has a dead period, where professors can't hold classes or make tests or assignments due during that time, said Jim Vick, Texas' vice president of student affairs. The dead period is one school day and one week immediately before the 10 days professors give finals.

Vick said the school's University Council is pushing for a longer Dead Week.