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Group seeks to close nuke site

□ Soloflex founders bankroll second effort to close Trojan power plant

By Tim Neff
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A group sponsored by the founders of Soloflex is launching a second initiative to close the Trojan nuclear power plant.

The Do It Yourself Committee is conducting a state-wide direct mailing to collect petition signatures. The group must collect 67,000 signatures by July 3 to get its initiative on the November ballot.

Soloflex founders Jerry and Marilyn Wilson and Hillsboro certified public accountant Lester Fordham Jr., the effort's chief sponsors, are funding the campaign out of their own pocketbooks.

In 1990, Oregon voters struck down an initiative that would have closed Trojan. Portland General Electric, which owns and operates Trojan, spent more than \$3 million opposing the initiative.

In addition to the Do It Yourself Committee campaign, the Don't Waste Oregon Committee, which sponsored the 1990 initiative, is launching an initiative for the 1992 ballot.

Jerry Wilson said the two groups will continue to campaign separately.

"It's like two armies showing up for battle instead of one," he said. "It gives us more credibility."

The initiative drives were prompted by concerns

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Banking on the future



Photo by Michael Shindler

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation bank examiner Debra Meyers talks with University senior economics major Tony Brown during Wednesday's Career Day in the EMU Ballroom. "There were a lot of things I was interested in, particularly in economics," Brown said.

Symposiums cover diversity, rights

□ The discussions of gay and lesbian concerns and the celebration of diversity will coincide with Gay Pride Week

By Rivers Janssen
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The University will play host to two symposiums Friday and Saturday dealing with world diversity and gay and lesbian rights.

Entitled "Celebrating Human Diversity" and "Claiming the Past/Creating the Present," the two symposiums are intended to foster dialogue within the campus community on human rights issues.

"Claiming the Past/Creating the Present" is co-sponsored by University President Myles Brand's Task Force on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns. The symposium is divided into two segments, the first of which will take place from April 9-11 and will include discussions of gay and lesbian issues within Latin America, a history of oppression within the gay/lesbian community, and the present and future of gay/lesbian rights.

The second segment will be from April 24-25 and will include more gay and lesbian history as well as defining the parameters for social change. The symposium's two segments will bracket Gay Pride Week, which lasts from

April 13-17.

Dominick Vetri, co-chair of the gay and lesbian task force, said the symposium will help people on campus understand the value of gay and lesbian studies.

"We want to give people the opportunity to learn about gay and lesbian scholarship in the United States," Vetri said. "We hope to open up the community to the reality of gay and lesbian life, that there is literature and history on gays and lesbians that deserves attention."

The "Celebrating Human Diversity" symposium will kick off today with a rally at noon in the EMU courtyard. The symposium is co-sponsored by the University School of Law.

The rally will feature law school Dean Dave Frohnmayer and Vetri, as well as Donna Albro, director of affirmative action at Lane Community College. It should encompass a mix of celebration and criticism, said Jane Gordon, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at the law school.

"People recognize that the University has come a long way with diversity issues," Gordon said. "But now there are second-generation diversity issues to concern ourselves with, along with some remaining first-generation ones. This rally will hopefully celebrate the gains we've made while also facing up to what we still have to do."

Following the rally, a film festival and panel

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University Senate votes to simplify class requirements

□ Students can use major courses to fulfill course requirements for graduation

By Carrie Dennett
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The University Senate voted in the last moments of its meeting to allow students to use courses in their majors to fulfill one of the three required course clusters.

The vote was a last-ditch attempt to simplify the University's degree requirements and will be forwarded to a vote of the University Assembly.

The course requirements under the original motion, which failed 11-6 with five abstentions, were in four parts:

- A. A total of 16 credits in each of three groups (social sciences, natural sciences, and arts and letters) including one approved cluster carrying a minimum of eight credits, taken as two four-credit classes or three three-credit classes.
- B. One race/gender/non-Euro-

- pean-American course.
- C. Two introductory writing courses.
- D. Two years of foreign language for bachelor of arts candidates, one year of college level mathematics for bachelor of science candidates.

Under the current requirements, students take six courses in each of the three groups, for a minimum total of 54 credits. Of the six courses per group, three must form an approved cluster.

Item A was the main point of contention. An amendment to item A, which would have done away with the stand-alone requirements but required a three-course cluster in each of the three groups, also failed 14-3, with four abstentions.

The attempt to simplify the University's general education and cluster system stems from comparisons with other colleges and universities and from student complaints about the current system.

The University is the only in-

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VIOLENT MUSIC

The Violent Femmes bring their alternative style of music to Portland tonight and Oregon State University Friday night for two shows.

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ARAFAT'S BACK

Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, was found alive and only mildly bruised Wednesday after his plane was reported missing.

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RUNNING MAN

University graduate student Bob Stoltz will make a run at the U.S. Olympic team.

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