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Henri and Barbara Brod (pictured with their dog, Cybelle) quit their jobs at the Hemlock Society in order to run the Lyon and the Lambe Inn in Eugene.

Innkeepers seek quieter lifestyle

□ Running bed and breakfast is harder than it seems, some owners say

By Tammy Batey
Emerald Associate Editor

Three years ago, Peggy and Fred Ward decided enough was enough.

The couple quit their jobs, sold their Southern California home, packed their bags and used their savings to buy a "neat, old house" in Eugene.

The couple converted the house, which was built in 1926, into the Duckworth Bed and Breakfast Inn.

The Wards say earning their living from operating the inn is more satisfying than their former, high-pressure jobs. Peggy was a corporate officer at a bank, and Fred was a truck driver.

"We decided the rat race of Southern California was dictating what we were going to do," he said. "I would literally spend hours stuck in traffic jams with the sun glaring on me."

Peggy said she enjoys being able to sit down and have conversations with the people she encounters on the job, instead of "rushing them through," as she did at the California bank.

Several owners of local bed and breakfast inns say they quit their former stressful jobs in the business world to operate their inns. Running an inn, however,

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ASUO voter ed day turns into debate on Measure 6

□ A small crowd also listens to views on two other proposed state initiatives

By Chester Allen
Emerald Reporter

Campaign representatives from both sides of Ballot Measure 6, which would force the closure of the Trojan nuclear power plant, argued over the safety and efficiency of Trojan to 18 people Wednesday night.

Sponsored by the ASUO, Ballot Measure Day gave representatives from both sides of ballot measures 5, 6, 7 and 9 a chance to present their positions at the University.

However, only Ballot Measure 6 was represented by both sides.

John Davidson of the Lane County Do It Yourself Committee said Trojan is a dangerous and expensive source of electricity for Oregon.

Davidson compared Trojan to an old, beat-up car, and said no amount of money would make the plant safe or efficient.

"Trojan was shut down for over a year during 1990 and 1991, and they were fined over \$100,000 dollars by the Nu-

clear Regulatory Commission," Davidson said. "To think the plant over the next four years will be more reliable is just absurd."

Davidson said Trojan was unsafe because the plant is near several earthquake faults, and the nuclear waste produced at the plant is being stored improperly.

"There is two to three times as much radioactive waste in the storage pools as they were designed for," Davidson said. "Another safety concern is that the plant is sited near earthquake faults."

Jim Gitteau, field director for the No on 5 and 6 Committee, said that Pacific Gas and Electric planned to close Trojan in August 1996, but in the meantime, Oregon needs Trojan's electrical power.

Gitteau said PGE needs four years to develop new sources of power to replace Trojan's output.

"PGE has a four-year phase-out plan that gives them a chance to develop new sources of wind, geothermal and gas-fired sources of energy," Gitteau said. "We can't replace Trojan's lost power overnight."

The premature closing of Trojan

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One for the road



Photo by Michael Shindler

Students simulated victims of drunk driving Wednesday during the event Ghost Out across from Johnson Hall. The demonstration, intended to raise awareness about alcohol abuse, was sponsored by Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol, the Eugene Century Council and University fraternities and sororities.



WEATHER

Today will bring possible heavy showers and a high of about 50. Tonight will also be damp with a low of about 40.

Friday will be rainy with possible clearing in the afternoon. Highs should be in the 50s.

Fun Facts

Giant Olympus Mons on Mars is the tallest mountain in the solar system at 10 miles higher than Mount Everest.

CAMPUS CROONER CLEARED

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) - A campus crooner had something to sing about Wednesday after a judge dismissed the charges that his alfresco concerts were a breach of the peace.

"This is great," Rick Starr said after the hearing in Berkeley Municipal Court. "We're aiming for the Fairmont," he said of the swanky hotel and lounge on San Francisco's Nob Hill.

Starr, 46, was in court to face a charge of disturbing the peace.

Thomas Ventresco, administrator at the University of California at Berkeley, filed a complaint that Starr's serenades were striking a sour note. The stress of working 50 yards from Starr's off-key concerts "is causing me to lose sleep at night," he said.

SPORTS

SEATTLE (AP) - Beer and hockey don't mix, says an attorney whose client is suing the city and the Seattle Thunderbirds for a head injury suffered at a hockey match.

Curtis Dennison, 25, was in a coma for 12 weeks after he fell and hit his head in the Seattle Coliseum during a fistfight. The fight occurred at intermission during a Thunderbirds match on Sept. 29, 1990.

The man who slugged Dennison was arrested but never charged, and basically has no money, said Dennison's attorney, D. Michael Tomkins. Dennison decided not to sue the man, but instead filed a personal injury suit against the T-Birds and the city, which owns the Coliseum.