

Guest speaker talks during seminar

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Governmental intervention responsible for stagnating activity in the energy industry, according to Dr. Kevin Kelly, guest speaker at a large energy seminar March

Kelly, who is the vice president and manager for corporate development and planning at U.S. Bancorp, claimed that by controlling prices, the government is removing the guarantee that all new energy alternatives will get some type of hearing.

Regulation in price stifles natural market changes," he continued. "If consumers pay more than market prices, there is no reason for them to check for energy or buy a fuel efficient car."

Two more energy experts on the panel enhanced or debated Kelly's points, as well as initiating a few of their own. Joel Schatz, former energy advisor to Governor Tom McCall, was present as well as Tom Simpson, a weatherization consultant at Northwest Natural Gas.

Meanwhile, Kelly supported his incentivist stance. He stressed that he would not connect the word "crisis" with today's energy situation. Crisis, he said, defines a situation

which demands an immediate change. He indicated that the current situation is a static one, rooted to the economic problem: people trying to satisfy unlimited desires with limited resources.

Schatz, who is currently a writer, lecturer and energy con-

sultant, pointed out inefficiencies involved with today's energy usage. He said that resources, once easily extracted, are gone, leaving only the more elusive reserves. Because of that, he claimed, that extraction costs are getting higher.

"There is a need for a more stable source of energy," he said, "that will not cost increasing amounts to produce the same bottle of milk."

Simpson was more optimistic. He said there are "tremendous reserves in natural gas" in Canada where the prices are not controlled and people have the incentive "to go out and find it."

"There is a crisis for the people who can't afford it," he admitted, "but optimism in knowing the supply is out there." Kelly responded to

Schatz's analysis. He said that increasing cost of energy production exemplifies why "free pricing is essential."

Prompted by this analysis, one member of the audience wondered whether technology could find an energy source to offset dependence on oil imports.

Kelly responded optimistically, saying decontrolled prices were sure to "unleash a lot of attempts."

"It is important to let some win and some fail," he said. He maintained, however, that this "trial and error" must take place in the free market.

"The government does not have the ability to see all of the alternatives," he stated.

Kelly shared one economic overview of the United States today.

"I had an economics professor who told me women's hemlines are a good economic gauge. In the worst economic times, like the '30s, the hemlines fall. Then they rise in the best times, like the '60s."

"If you look hemlines today, you will see they are just below the knee, then slit up to the thigh."

Tuesday's seminar was the second in a series of three. It was sponsored by the College, the Oregon City Jaycees, the Tri-City Chamber of Commerce and several other Clackamas County groups.

On April 13 the seminar will focus on, "Energy: How Will It Affect The Way We Live?" Kirby Brumfield from Channel 2 will be the guest speaker.

Harry Christensen, news anchorman for the radio station KXYI, is the moderator for the series.

College offers Saturday classes for kids

The College's successful Saturday program will be expanding to include "Kid's College" beginning April 5 and continuing through May 24.

Children from kindergarten through eighth grade will be able to take part in educational activities that are fun, too, according to Community Services program coordinator, Julie Heaton.

The Saturday offerings will range from a four-week OMSI science-oriented class to arts and crafts workshops. The classes will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

According to Bill Hargadine, associate dean of Community Services, the College has offered various children's classes during the summer which have been met with very favorable response in the past.

"We were curious to see if children would be as interested during the school year and so preliminary registration indicates there is a large interest. We have already had to add a second OMSI class to the schedule," Hargadine said.

For "Kids College" during a regular part of the

Saturday College program, Hargadine believes they will just have to wait and see.

"The primary concern with offering "Kids College" on a regular basis throughout the year would be whether our budget could afford it, as our main emphasis is on adult education," Hargadine stressed.

The registration for most of the one-day classes is \$2 and persons may pre-register by contacting the College Community Services Office, 656-2631, ext. 208. The schedule of events is:

April 5, 12, and 26—OMSI science discovery program, Orchard Center, room 108, 9 a.m. Grades 2-4. Fee \$18.

April 5 and 12—Friendship Power (and a little Disco Dance), Community Center, room 117, 9 a.m. Grades 5-8. Discover how others see you and how you communicate yourself both verbally and non-verbally.

April 19—Gettin' It Together, Community Center, room

101, 9 a.m. Grades 5-8. Time management techniques that can be used to provide more time for what you like best.

April 26—Plan a Party—What to Eat?, Community Center, room 101, 9 a.m. Grades 5-8. How to prepare easy to make snacks and drinks for your next party.

May 3—Clay Art, Art Center, 9 a.m. Grades K-4.

May 3—Learning About Wild Things and How They Live, Environmental Learning Center, 9 a.m. Grades 5-8. Learn about wildlife and their habitats via a tour of the ELC.

May 10—Nature Crafts, Art

Center, 9 a.m. Grades K-4. Create a unique work of art from items gathered from nature.

May 10—Learning About Plants, Environmental Learning Center, 9 a.m. Learn about plant types and their value to man and animals through a nature hunt at the ELC.

May 17—Learning About the Plants and Creatures of the Water, Environmental Learning Center, 9 a.m. Explore plant and animal life in and around a pond. Grades K-4.

May 17—Soft Sculpture, Art

Center, 9 a.m. Make dolls, ornaments and gifts out of nylon stockings and stuffing.

May 24—Dough Crafts, Art Center, 9 a.m. Grades 5-8.

May 24—Learn About Leftover Things—Why or Why Not Recycle?, Environmental Learning Center, 9 a.m. Grades K-4. Learn the importance of recycling and how plants and animals help to recycle the land.

Cornelius, Wright win board election

Incumbents retained their seats on the College Board of Directors last week, as Gary Cornelius beat Tom Disch in Zone 2 (North Clackamas-Happy Valley), and Larry Wright outdistanced challengers Al Harmon and Don Porter in the race to represent Zone 7 (Molalla-Canby).

Cornelius received 426 votes, compared to 315 cast for Disch, a Clackamas restaurateur and developer.

An editor at the *Enterprise Courier*, Cornelius considers his occupation an advantage in the position, enabling him to bring to the board "a keen knowledge of local issues," such as taxes, inflation, housing, and energy.

Wright, a Canby High School administrator, took 861 votes, compared to 601 for Porter and 408 for Harmon. As a district resident of 35 years and a member of numerous local organizations, Wright says, "I have a feel for what they feel the College should be doing for its constituents."

Defeated candidate Porter, current ASG president, is happy with his showing in the race. "I had a real good showing," he said Monday. "I didn't think I had a chance to win, but I took it real seriously."

Asked about his future political plans, he said he will remain politically active, "because I like it!", and will run for state representative, "after I get my bachelor's degree."

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