

Students struggle with nuclear war issue

by SCOTT NEWTON

Instead of causing depression, Cedar Ridge instructor Paul Pick feels the movie "The Day After" sparked students' curiosity.

One question the students had was, "Why do cockroaches survive a nuclear blast?"

Of course, Pick and Mike Jarrett, another eighth grade social studies teacher, feel the film and a classroom exercise called Firebreaks did a lot more for the students than spark an interest in entomology.

"I have seen a great deal more concern about what they can do to help the world get control (of the nuclear issue)," said Pick. And, of the five students interviewed Monday, it is obvious at least a couple have a good grasp of the military goings-on in the world.

Firebreaks is a game where students make decisions concerning realistic world confrontations, with the decisions having international ramifications.

Brian Juenemann was in a class that was on the Russian side of the confrontations. "We all just started thinking like Russians. You really get into it,"

Juenemann said.

"People sit around and criticize the government," said Mike Sullivan, "but sometimes it's really hard to make a good decision. Sometimes you have to choose between several bad alternatives."

As for making those decisions in real life, say as secretary of state, Juenemann doesn't care for the idea. "I don't want to be stuck with those kinds of decisions. It was hard enough as a game."

The students got four moves in the game, with each move leading to a response dictated by the game's master plan.

Monday — the day after "The Day After" — students learned the outcome of the Firebreaks game. Out of seven eighth grade classes at Cedar Ridge, none opted for a nuclear strike as a way out of sticky situations.

Although not all students showed maturity beyond their years, Pick said for the most part the students were serious about the decisions they were making.

Other teachers incorporated the theme of the nuclear issue in their lesson plans along with Pick and Jarrett. In

English literature readings dealt with nuclear war, and fusion and physics were discussed in science classes.

Although Pick has been dealing with the nuclear issue for the six years he's been at Cedar Ridge, he was a little concerned about all the publicity generated by "The Day After."

But he has been pleased with the support of Randi Leuthold, Cedar Ridge principal.

At the Sandy Elementary board of directors meeting last week, board member Dorothy Mills said if the dinner-time discussions at their home were indicative, Pick was doing a good job. Your approach "is a highly educational one," Mills said. "You're handling it very well."

Ken Ouderirk said he would like to be president of the United States, and it seems he understands how difficult a job that would be.

Early in the Firebreaks game he was for making a tactical nuclear strike, and he is glad his classmates talked him out of it. "It would have been the biggest mistake of my life," Ouderirk said.



Tanya Schwartz, Ken Ouderirk, Mike Hogen, Brian Juenemann and Mike Sullivan.

Photo by Scott Newton

Board votes 4-0 for sales tax referendum

The Sandy Elementary board of directors voted to put the sales tax referendum to a vote of the citizens of Oregon last week.

Board member Dennis Traxler said he is in favor of the election but not necessarily the sales tax.

Board member Dorothy Mills said, "I'm a little concerned about the amount of money that will be spent on persuasion (for the sales tax)" if it is put up for a vote.

Ralph Gibson, bus driver for the transportation cooperative, said "I'd personally like to see us vote against it."

"A sales tax would give them (the state) more money to work with with no guarantee they will give it back to the school district," Patron William Lenon,

like Traxler, said he is in favor of letting people vote on the issue, though he doesn't necessarily support the sales tax.

The motion passed 4-0. Barbara Herget wasn't present.

In other business, the board voted unanimously to enter an agreement with the McKinstry Company for \$7,500. The McKinstry Company had the low bid on a natural gas pipeline installation.

About the four bids, Superintendent Clark Lund said, "As far as I'm concerned, they're all high — higher than they should be." However, he said it would be prudent to go ahead with the work.

The district wants to have the option of burning either oil or natural gas.

Referendum passed

It didn't take long for the Sandy city council to approve the sales tax referendum Monday night.

Don Wilson, representing the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce, said a survey of their nine-member

board showed unanimous approval for putting the issue before the public for a vote.

No one spoke in opposition to the referendum. The council passed the motion 7-0.



Gale Meier

Problem exists at Shorty's

Gale Meier is getting tired of the sound of automobile horns sounding. Everytime he hears one, he says, it means another accident has been narrowly avoided in front of his place of business.

Meier owns and operates Shorty's Corner, near the intersection of Firwood Road and Highway 26. Meier's son, Greg, said there are an average of five accidents a year at the in-

tersection, facts bore out by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

DMV records show seven accidents in the area so far this year and Meier is hoping something can be done to slow the rate. He suggests warning signs as a first step.

"With cars coming around corners from both directions, and the grade of the highway, it makes it difficult to judge the speed

of traffic on the highway," said Meier.

There are embankments on each side of the exit and entrance points to the highway and Meier said this is another problem.

"It is really a narrow road at that point," said Meier.

"I have pulled a lot of people from there who just missed the turn," said Greg.

Student off to sunny skies

by KATHY BECKMAN

Eric Marter was learning a lot in the confines of the classrooms of Sandy High, but he dropped all of that for the vastness of the open sea.

Marter, a junior at Sandy High School, has tackled the rigorous job of cabin boy on a 68-foot yacht, sailing from San Diego to Mexico. He will be making \$5 an hour, working eight-hour days.

While it is drizzling rain on the Oregon coast,

Marter will be wind surfing, sailboating (on a 12-foot boat), waterskiing and sunning himself in the 80 to 100 degree weather around Mazatlan.

Marter, who left the end of last month, will be finishing the rest of the school year through the mail, sending projects back and forth from the boat to Sandy High. This may not be the best way to fulfill his high school requirements, but he will be learning a wide variety of skills and sportsmanship

on his own.

Marter, who finished 17th at the state ski meet last year, will be greatly missed this year, according to Coach Robert Karsten.

"Eric's leaving will certainly injure the ski team, not only in competition but in team morale also," said Karsten. "I will be hurt more than the team. He helped me so much over the last two years, losing him is like graduating."

Kathy Beckman is a junior at Sandy High School.

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