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## NUCLEAR POWER SYMPOSIUM SET MAY 10 AT EVERGREEN

"Nuclear Fission Power: A Faustian Bargain?" is the title for an all-day symposium scheduled May 10, beginning at 9 a.m. at The Evergreen State College.

Organized by a group of Evergreen students, the symposium will "provide a forum for airing of a diversity of views on the critical moral, economic, and technical issues involved in the decision to 'go nuclear' for energy production," according to Ann Beug, an Evergreen research technician who is advising the student organizers.

" It is geared to the general public and based on the conviction that information on these critical issues can and must be presented to the public in an informative, objective and comprehensive dialogue," Ms. Beug, a chemist, explained.

The symposium, which is free and open to the public, will examine such questions as reactor safety, radioactive waste disposal, long-term, low-level radiation exposure effects, food-chain concentration of radionuclides (both aquatic and terrestrial), economics of fission plants, and possible alternatives to a fission-based economy.

Confirmed symposium speakers include Dr. John Gofman, nuclear physicist and medical doctor, and Larry Bradley, from the Washington State Department of Commerce and a member of the Thermal Power Plant Site Evaluation Council.

Morning activities will serve as an introduction to the rest of the symposium and will concentrate on elementary principles of nuclear fission and nuclear reactions. Highlight of the symposium will be an afternoon panel discussion on the topic: "Shall

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the United States develop a nuclear fission-based electrical power supply system, including use of the so-called 'fast breeder reaction'." The discussion will air both pro and con views of the controversial topic.

Evening activities will focus on public access to the decision-making process as it concerns siting, construction and operation of nuclear power plants and their attendant facilities. Consideration will also be given to local issues, including the proposed nuclear reactors at Satsop and in Skagit County.

The symposium, which will be held in the main lobby of the Evergreen library, is open to everyone and all interested persons are invited to attend. Audience participation will be encouraged.

The symposium will also be broadcast live on Evergreen campus radio KAOS (89.3 FM).