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Dispute Brewing Over St. Helen's Land

By Carrie Gevirtz

A disagreement is brewing between Weyerhaeuser, the Forest Service, The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) about how to refurbish and preserve the devastated Mount St. Helens land.

In June, 1980, Cowlitz County requested assistance from the SCS to restore the Mount St. Helens' land with emergency funding. The SCS ended up cleaning up 6 1/2 miles of the Toutle and Cowlitz Rivers. They also re-seeded most of the land between the blast zone and the Cowlitz and Lower Toutle River. This land is owned by Weyerhaeuser, The Forest Service, The Department of Natural Resources and other private parties.

The seeding was completed late last spring but it was expected to be done earlier. And there was a lot of opposition from the landowners at the SCS's efforts. Last Fall the seedlings needed to be re-fertilized and the landowners weren't interested in funding more of SCS's procedures. The landowners want to use the land for timber capital.

Ron Shavlik, spokesperson for the SCS, said that the SCS "beat their heads against several walls." He also explained that it is clear that the two sides are benefit for the land and people vs. tree companies. Weyerhaeuser, The DNR and The Forest Service all want the land put back in production as fast as possible. The SCS said that they are primarily interested in keeping the ash on the ground, not in the water, and in controlling erosion. SCS said these were the main reasons for planting the seedlings.

The SCS is still involved with keeping the Cowlitz and Toutle Rivers clean and flowing properly. Shavlik said that the two debris-retaining dams at the north and south forks of the Toutle River are currently full and about to overflow, defeating their purpose. These dams are 600 feet long and 2 feet high and hold 600 cubic yards of water. They are made of Gabion construction, a wire basket filled with rock. The dams allow the water to flow through but holds back the sediment. The Army Corps of Engineers constructed the dams but have no funding to keep them in working condition. They are waiting for a congressional hearing and expect to receive the necessary funding late in November.

Shavlik expressed concern that the coming heavy rains will ruin the Army



nitrogen in the soil, and that also the seedlings would dry out the following summer and result in an extremely hazardous fire problem. Also, the seeded area is infested with ambrosia bark beetles that eat the bark on the fallen timber and impair the salvage value of the wood.

Weyerhaeuser, who owns 68,000 of the 180,000 affected acres, has made an intensive effort to remove wood from the land. However, Weyerhaeuser owns the largest plant site in the state, employing 5,000 people. They are making great profit on the fallen timber.

An area of 84,710 acres have been designated a National Volcanic Area for research and public access. But 180,000 acres were damaged. John Johnson, spokesperson for the Gifford-Pinchot National Forest Service, said that half of the land will be used for timber capital.

The privately owned land will be used entirely for revenue. "Why else own the land," was Johnson's comment on the decision to get the land back in working order. "I don't see any conflict. We need money in our pocket to manage the land. There are stockholders out there who are expecting proceeds," he added.

Harper, from the DNR, said that by August 1, this year, they already made 15 sales off the damaged land. He also said that "if the land isn't reforested, it will be unproductive."

So far the 16 salvage sales have grossed 72.6 million board feet which was sold at \$16.1 million as of October 19, 1981. Six more sales are expected this year that will gross approximately 26 million feet.

Mike Bircford, spokesperson for Weyerhaeuser, explained that they take "a philosophical point of view about land preservation." He said that they are dedicated to the land and they aren't quarreling with the conservationists. But, he continued, they depend on the land for jobs and necessary products and it can't just sit there.

Conservation Corps efforts and cause flooding that could wash out the Interstate 5 bridges, creating another disaster.

Shavlik said that "the water level at the bottom of the Toutle River will increase with the overflow of the North Fork dam." He also explained that there will be abrasive water in the rivers. If the dams over-

flow the water could deteriorate the structure of the river banks.

Robert Harper, spokesperson for the DNR, claims SCS didn't help the damaged land. He explained that the reseeded will cause problems for them when they reforest the area later. He said that the seedlings created competition for the

Students Plan Statewide Rally

By Theresa M. Connor

The State Legislature will be getting a large dose of student opinion on Friday, November 13, when students from across the state gather at the state legislature to protest cuts in higher education.

According to Greg Sobel, president of the Student Body at Western Washington State University, students from the four-

year colleges and universities, as well as the community colleges will be participating in the rally.

Western has organized a Students Opposed to Reductions in Education (S.O.R.E.) committee which is working with similar groups from the other campus to sponsor the event.

The Evergreen S.O.R.E. is helping to plan the statewide rally and will be hold-

ing an informational meeting Friday, November 6, at 3 p.m. in Library 3200 to organize students for the demonstration. The group is sponsoring a campus-wide meeting Tuesday, November 10, at noon in the library lobby to discuss the final rally plans and to brief students on lobbying tactics.

The statewide student rally was unanimously endorsed by the Evergreen Council and members of the faculty at their meetings on Wednesday. The faculty also expressed support for the Tuesday campus rally.

Other colleges and universities have been holding on-campus rallies to organize students for the Olympia rally. Wednesday afternoon, the Western Washington University students, staff and faculty staged a walkout and rally which was attended by over 2000 persons.

Students and faculty from the other campuses will be arriving in town at noon for the Friday rally which will begin at 2 p.m. The House and Senate Higher Education and Appropriations Committees will be holding hearings at 4 p.m., after the rally, to hear students opinions regarding the budget cuts.

Joe Deere, former President of the Evergreen Alumni Association, will be speaking at the rally along with Senator Jim McDermott, John Terry, President of the State Community Colleges, representatives from the Washington Association of University Students (WAUS) and the Committee of Representatives and Presidents (CORP) (which represents the community colleges), and a spokesperson for the State Teacher's Union.

"I plan to be coming down for the 13th," said Parker Trewin, President of the Student Body at the University of Washington. "We're trying to get as many students to come down as possible. I hope we're effective in persuading the legislature to see our point."



Speakers Denied Asylum

By F.W. Fatsias

Early this month, as they prepared to embark on a speaking tour of the United States, two Salvadorans, David Mendez and Mauricio Emilio Henriquez, were apprehended by the U.S. Immigration Service in Miami, Oklahoma. Although they had already applied for Political Exile status with the I.N.S. in San Francisco at the time of their arrest, the pair were ordered held without bail and deportation proceedings began immediately.

On Friday, Oct. 16, a hearing was held, at which Mendez and Henriquez were not present. Bail was set at \$25,000 and \$10,000 respectively. They were charged with being in the country illegally.

Arrested with Mendez and Henriquez was Carol Tsuji, a Japanese-American woman, and the promoter of the tour, and Manuel Campos Sevilla, a Chilean-born interpreter. Ms. Tsuji is an American citizen and Sevilla is a legal resident of the United States. They were charged with transporting illegal aliens and held on bonds of \$25,000 and \$10,000. Their bonds were subsequently lowered to \$2,500 and \$7,500.

All four were finally freed on bail with the help of contributions from supporters around the United States, but the two Salvadorans and Sevilla are still being threatened with deportation.

U.S. Attorney Ben Baker had requested that bail on the Salvadorans be revoked, but Federal Judge Boyes, presiding in the case, refused the request. The original terms of the release stated that the Salvadorans must remain in Oklahoma, but attorneys argued that that would make their already scheduled tour impossible. Finally they were allowed to begin their tour, provided that they kept the government informed of their whereabouts.

Supporters of the arrested pair say that deportation to El Salvador, in light of the anti-government nature of their talks, would result in a death sentence. The United States government as a matter of policy does not grant political asylum to refugees from El Salvador, whose government is officially supported by the U.S. Without political-exile status, their supporters say, Henriquez and Mendez would be considered illegal aliens, and subject to deportation.

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS

KAOS is a premier member of the NFCB. Here is the text from an advisory memo which spells out the definition of membership in the NFCB.

At its meeting of June 18, 1976, NFCB adopted the following amendment to its bylaws:

Article One, Section 1.01 Qualification of Participants

The National Federation of Community Broadcasters exists to serve the needs and interests of radio and television broadcasters—groups operating stations and those seeking to build them—who work to bring a measure of humanity and excitement to the airwaves, who approach their efforts with an experimental and open-minded view to the potential of the spectrum, and who care a great deal about both the aesthetic beauty and social force of the material they bring to their communities. Participation in the National Federation of Community Broadcasters is open to those radio and television broadcast organizations that:

1. are incorporated as not-for-profit organizations;
2. are governed by a group broadly representative of the community they serve;
3. have a stated and demonstrated commitment to the participation of women and Third World people in all aspects of their organization and operation;
4. have a stated and demonstrated commitment to access by the general public to the airwaves;
5. provide or seek to provide a service to the general public and not to any single group, organization or institution;
6. seek to reflect a diverse range of culture and opinion found in their communities through their broadcast operations.

For more information you can write to the National Federation of Community Broadcasters, 1716 21st NW, Washington, DC 20009.

MONDAY NIGHT READERS THEATER

For the past nine months, Monday nights Readers Theater has been a forum for at least one local writer's work. By December 1 David Goldsmith's novel *49 Days in Bardo* will be complete. Who would like to follow in this tradition? All you poets & prose writers here is an opportunity to have a forum for your work. Contact David at KAOS, Box 41, before Dec. 1 if possible. Collaborating or alternating spots are encouraged.

RADIO THEATER CLUB

Come to the Halloween Sound Effects Party between 5-7 p.m. for a general meeting of the Radio Theater Club. Bring toys and ideas. We will be discussing the Friday evening comedy serial, as well as the Thursday Evening "Question Mark Theater" variety shows. If you can't make it, and are still interested, stop by afterwards for a guide to producing radio theater for airing on KAOS.

After the Halloween Meeting (7 p.m.) we will be doing some improvisational

spots between 7 and 11 p.m.

Messages/scripts/comments, etc., are welcome: KAOS, Box 26.

There is an opening for a Radio Theater Club Coordinator. Please inquire during daytime business hours at KAOS or leave a message in Box 26.

NEXT MONTH: Public Affairs connections (combining music programming with research.



photo by Mary Deraitus

musicians:

KAOS is interested in scheduling musicians for airtimes. There is a sign-up sheet on the studio door. We will try to connect musicians, engineers and appropriate time slots. Please make yourself known to us and be patient, as some arrangements take time to make. All

kinds of music is appreciated: folk, classical, rock, jazz, new/experimental, and others too numerous to mention.

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