

Environmentalists slow one city's growth

1969: An off-shore oil derrick near Santa Barbara, Calif., blew up, coating the beaches of that southern university town with oil.

1972: Repercussions of the oil slick were still showing up. In a surprising election, four progressive environmentalists were elected to the city council, gaining control of the traditionally conservative local government.

1976: City planning in Santa Barbara has changed directions with emphasis on environmental planning and citizen participation.

As a speaker Monday night in the University's "Livability for Oregon's Future" series, Santa Barbara City Planner Rich Applebaum said the new council temporarily discouraged further population growth until a new urban planning study could be developed. The city sought planning proposals from several sources, including numerous consulting firms from outside of the Santa Barbara area.

"Any consulting group was suspect — we didn't trust them," Applebaum said of the city's plight to find urban planners. Finally, he and other members of the Santa Barbara community gave up and decided to do the job themselves. They didn't want outside "experts" controlling the future of their community.

"We decided to draw up our own proposal," Applebaum explained. Our aim was to conduct a study that was inexpensive and imaginative."

The five-member planning group was made up of two doctors of sociology, a mathematician, an unemployed teacher and what Applebaum called "a notorious local ego freak." Together, that unlikely group of planners put together a proposal for Santa Barbara's future growth.

Much to their surprise, the proposal was accepted. They were funded with \$50,000 — a small fraction of the other bids.

"We felt most city planning was too technical and confusing," said Applebaum. "Our plan was to keep things as simple as possible. We wanted to de-mystify the role of experts. We tried to be collective in our decisions, yet democratic."

The amateur city planners grew more confident and effective as time passed. And they were successful in enlisting volunteer help from the city's residents.

"We laid this guilt trip on people, telling them they had a moral obligation to work for their community," Applebaum said.

The planners rejected the standard method of predicting population growth by economic analysis.

Growth, they concluded, results from political decisions. "You can't predict growth. Growth depends on what people decide to do with the city," Applebaum said.

"We considered the impact of

population growth in areas such as housing, traffic patterns, crime, health and pollution."

The planners concluded that Santa Barbara, a city about the

size of Eugene, could sustain a growth rate of less than one per cent annually through the year 2000 without lowering the quality of life there.

Mushrooms grow in popularity

Spring is finally here, bringing with it all the joys of the season — footballs, frisbees, flowers...and mushrooms. The 'shrooming' season has unofficially started, and that could mean trouble for the novice 'shroomer,' unless he knows what he's picking and eating.

After a six-month wait, the Drug Information Center has received a shipment of guides which they term "the absolute best" on the subject of identifying mushrooms. The guide, by Richard and Karen Haard entitled "Poisonous and Hallucinogenic Mushrooms" is now available for \$3.95 at the DIC.

"This year we're going to have an extreme danger because of the

popularity of mushrooms," said DIC member Mark Miller. "I honestly have to say that the most commonly used guide on mushrooms, the one that we used to use, is no longer adequate. The illustrations were in black and white, and I don't think anyone could identify a species of mushrooms by it easily."

"The authors traveled around the northwest and included information and illustrations of mushrooms found in this area. Like any drug, people should understand psilocybin (the active drug found in mushrooms) before they take it."

According to the authors, the new paperback contains almost

everything about mushrooms, including:

- an illustrated mini-course on mushroom terms
- instructions on making mushroom keys for fool-proof identification
- a quick reference chart for proper diagnosis and treatment of toxins

- the most complete and up-to-date information on poisonous and hallucinogenic fungi.

"We also have a very extensive mushroom reference section at the DIC," Miller added. "If anyone wants mushrooms identified, they should call us, not bring them in, and we will arrange to have them checked."

ARCHIE WEINSTEIN SPEAKS:

I am a candidate for Lane County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket for Position #1, primary election May 25, 1976.

I appeared with a number of other county commissioner candidates on Wednesday, April 7, at a forum held in the ERB Memorial Building.

I came to Eugene in August 1942 and have lived in Eugene since that date—over 33 years. During my residence in Eugene, and several years prior to that, I have been in the retail merchandising and had stores all over the state of Oregon and have also engaged in developing commercial buildings.

Most of the issues in the Lane County commissioners race do not hold a great amount of personal interest for the majority of the students who come to Lane County in order to attend the University and leave when they have completed their education. However, most of you reside in Eugene during your enrollment and naturally have a great deal of interest in areas of city government that have a direct effect on you while you are here.

You have some problems here at your campus and it appears that you students could solve several issues that concern yourselves. You have the ability to do so, in my opinion, and what better education experience could you ask for than to participate in the government process while attempting to solve your own problems.

If you students do not act to solve your own problems, then the odds are that they won't be corrected, and if, by chance, someone else does do something about them, it may very well not be to your liking.

Three areas of student concern that could be solved or changed by student action are:

PARKING

I think one of your main concerns is the parking problem around and/or near your campus. I was up to your campus and drove around the block several times and couldn't find a place to park. I finally had to park in the Sacred Heart Hospital parking lot. I do not complain about the 25¢ I had to pay for parking and even in the Sacred Heart Hospital parking lot I had to park the car in a space marked "for compact cars only" as there wasn't any room in there to properly park.

In my opinion this parking is one of your main concerns and something should be done about it and done immediately. You need several parking structures with capacity from 200 to 400 cars. There are a number of avenues open for the construction of these parking structures. If unable to get state funded parking or legislative action, or through your Board of Higher Education, you can by an asserted drive, secure contributions and donations and by paying off bonds derived from revenue similar to the ERB Memorial Building which was built on this plan. I will be happy to cooperate with you on such a program.

TUITION

As to tuition, (you just had another raise) I believe that a plan could be worked out that tuition should be on a graduated scale according to the ability to pay. I am a member of a minority that feels that education is a priceless possession. No student who has an honest desire to further his or her education, particularly college, should not be barred because of their inability to pay the high rising cost of tuition. If you like, I'll work with you students to formulate a plan along these lines.

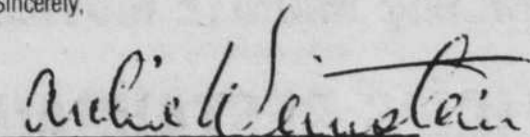
AUTONOMOUS

If you students (and professors) have in mind having more self-government on your campus and functioning more independently or developing independently along the lines of self campus government, I would like to cooperate with you in dealing with this activity.

I wish to assure you at this time that you shall have my 100% rapport in the above stated matters or others of a practical nature that you might desire to promote.

I would like to appear at meetings or any forums that you may have on your campus and if you would request your professors to invite me to speak in any of your classrooms, please advise me at my office at 1315 Willamette Street or telephone 343-7411 or 343-6815.

Sincerely,



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