

# Top townsmen provide tandem for Eugene

No good football team could get very far without outside and inside runners. Eugene's mayor and city manager combine to give city government that kind of tandem.

Mayor Les Anderson, who holds the part-time, non-paying post, does most of the outside running. He holds the tie-breaking vote in city council affairs, fields questions from the press, and serves as the city's official representative to visiting guests. Elected for a four-year term, Anderson divides his time between duties at city hall and his job as publisher of *Random Lengths*, a lumber industry news letter. Anderson says he will not seek re-election in November, but will continue to work on many issues

of concern to students — including neighborhood groups.

"The general program of neighborhood groups is a good one," Anderson says. "They furnish a direct pipeline of opinion and resources through the city council — and the West University Neighbors are one of the more active groups. They're on their way to developing a good neighborhood plan."

Anderson also supports the November ballot measure that would give Eugene fluoridated water. "I'm not in favor of government making that kind of decision," he says. "But I'd support it if the people want it. Personally, I think it's a good thing."

Eugene City Manager Charles Henry does most of the inside running. Appointed by the city council, he handles all the day-to-day chores of running city government in a traditionally low-profile manner. Henry came to Eugene last year from University City, Miss., and got right to work with the neighborhood groups.

"By the middle of July," he says, "we should have set up our Neighborhood Liaison office here in city hall. This should increase communications."

by Rick Bella

# City Council welcomes public input at meetings

The Eugene City Council provides easy access to anyone who wants to work on civic affairs.

Meeting 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month, the council sets aside time for public input. Anybody, including University students, can request council action by contacting the city manager's office to have an item put on the agenda. And if a person just wants to get his two cents worth in, he can write a letter (which will be copied and given to the council members) or appear in person and offer testimony during the public hearings held on most issues.

Another open door is provided by the branches of the old Human Rights Commission. The com-

mission was recently divided into separate committees which study the problems of the aged, the handicapped, youth, minorities and women. These committees, in turn, report their findings to the city council for further consideration and offer guidelines for a preferred plan of action.

City council members are elected to represent citizens in each of the city's eight wards. They serve four-year terms and divide their time between the non-paying positions and jobs in the community. Four members of the council will be up for re-election in November, and one of them, the University's director of orientation Neil Murray, says he will run for mayor.

Maps of the city's wards are available at city hall to help you figure out which council member represents you. Raymond Bradley represents Ward One, a part of Eugene's south hills. Gus Keller was elected from Ward Two, which borders Hendricks Park. Wickes Beal represents Ward Three, an area which includes the West University district. Tom Williams is the representative from Ward Four, which covers the University and land northeast of the Willamette River. Bill Hamel represents Ward Five, which includes Skinner's Butte and land north of the river. Eric Haws was elected from Ward Six, an area which includes the northwest part of the city. Neil Murray represents Ward Seven, which lies downtown, west of the mall. And Enda Shirey was elected to represent Ward Eight, Eugene's southwest hills.

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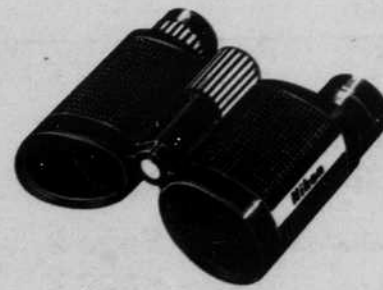
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