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Pres says new staff is 'good crew'

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ASUO Pres. Ramon Herrera calls his new staff a "good crew" and says he chose a "good balance of people that are new and people that have been around" who will keep the executive from "getting stale."

Perhaps the biggest surprise is that Jeff Warren will act as vice-president for state affairs next

Herrera says executive won't be 'getting stale'

year. After Herrera announced Mike Lockwood as his constitutionally-appointed vice-president, Warren commented that he would not consider working in Herrera's administration.

"I didn't have all the facts when I made those comments," says Warren. He wasn't aware that Lockwood's position is more of a "catch all or utility person," and "not someone who can order everyone around; not that this is a military operation," he says.

Warren says he feels he "can make a good contribution" and that it would "have been hard for me to be a private citizen next year."

Herrera agrees that Warren's statements were "based on a misunderstanding of what Mike's position was" and that he's "looking forward to working with" him.



Photo by Adrienne Saling

Ramon Herrera has taken the first step in his new administration, choosing his 1978-79 staff. Pictured left to right are: Gary McMahan, new SUAB chair; Rich Reigal, press officer; Mike Lockwood, executive vice-president; Terry Vaughn, Student Administration Board director; Jeff Warren, vice president for state affairs; Maria Meza, vice-president for programs and community; Scott Hopkins, assistant comptroller; Lisa Barnhardt, vice-president for administration and finance, and, of course, Herrera.

"Jeff is a really knowledgeable person. I picked him because he was the most qualified," he said.

Warren will work with the Oregon Student Lobby and the legislative lobbyist recently funded by the Incidental Fee Committee, as well as on his own on legislative issues before the ASUO.

Lisa Barnhardt and Maria Meza will fill the other two vice-presidential spots. Barnhardt, a

Jeff Warren decides to join administration

sophomore in political science is next year's vice-president for administration and finance. Meza, a business management sophomore, will be vice-president for programs and community affairs.

Barnhardt worked in Gary Feldman's administration as an administrative aid to Molly Devlin, this year's vice-president for administration and finance. Meza was on the MEChA, Chicano student union staff this year.

Larry Beard was chosen ASUO comptroller and Scott Hopkins assistant comptroller for next year. Terry Vaughn will head the Student Administrative Board, a position he also held this year. The board authorizes student fund raising events and assists new groups seeking ASUO recognition. Rich Reigal, this year's editor of the ASUO course guide, was chosen as press officer.

Eugene housing supply not up with demand

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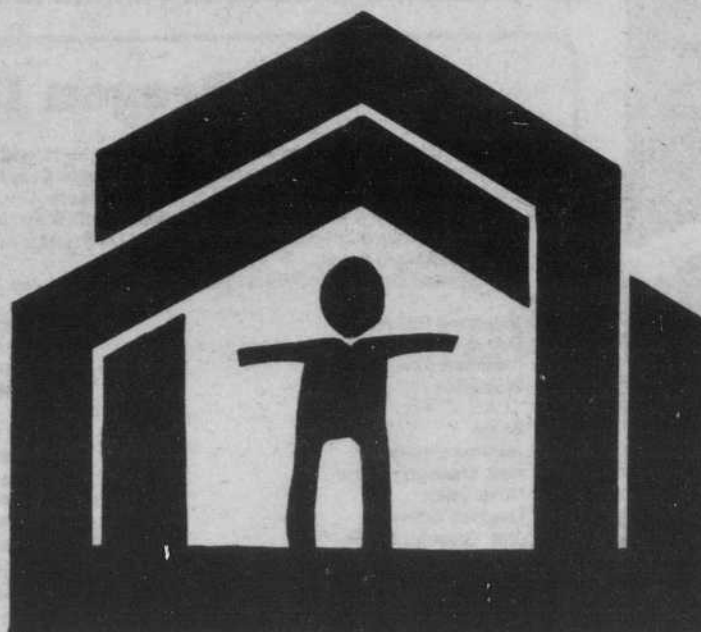
Editor's note: This is the first article in a five-part series that will examine different sides of the housing situation in Eugene. Today's article concentrates on Eugene's shortage of housing and the causes behind it.

By many standards, Eugene is a great place to live. People who pass through town like what they see and stay. The city's natives like it too much to leave.

But Eugene, like much of the rest of the nation, is becoming a more expensive place to live. One big reason: Housing is more scarce and more costly than ever.

That's the conclusion of local planners, housing personnel and economists who have spent countless hours studying and writing about Eugene's housing situation in efforts to come up with answers to the questions: How "short" is Eugene's housing shortage and what can be done about it?

"It's an extremely complex situation," admits Betty



Niven, chair of Eugene's Joint Housing Committee. A Eugene resident since 1947 and a former member of the city planning commission, Niven has seen Eugene's population triple in the past 30 years. Any city that has grown so much is bound to suffer growing pains; in Eugene, the housing supply is hard-pressed to keep up with the housing demand.

How much — or how little — housing is actually available? To find out, Eugene periodically takes housing vacancy surveys to determine the city's "vacancy rate." A vacancy rate is the percentage of all existing housing that is unoccupied at any given time; the higher the vacancy rate, the greater amount of housing available.

An "appropriate" vacancy rate for the Eugene-Springfield area, according to Lane Council of Governments (L-COG), is about six percent. But Eugene's vacancy rate is way off the mark — currently, it hovers around .9 percent, "an incredibly low figure," Niven says.

The low vacancy rate — or the shortage of available

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