Woman of the year toils for peace

By Oscar Halpert

Oregon's Outstanding Young Woman of the Year wants to see peace in the world. In fact, she has dedicated her life's work to pursuing that goal.

Currently a doctoral student in Counseling Psychology, Barbara Date has worked extensively in interpersonal communications and conflict resolution, which is the basis of her doctoral dissertation.

Date will be recognized for her "civic and professional achievement" by having her biography appear in the 1981 volume of "Outstanding Young Woman of America." The book is published annually by the Outstanding Young Women of America program, which recognizes women age 21 to 36.

Date says her concern with "making the world peaceful" is likely the result of her upbringing. Raised in a cooperative environment not far from a Church of the Bretheren Seminary, she established her values early from her parents, a Japanese-American mother and a Caucasian father. "My parents helped me realize what it means to care about other human beings," she says.

It was this concern with the welfare of people that led her to counseling psychology.

Part of a generation that

pressed for social change, Barbara was moved by those who pursued peace -- Martin Luther King, in particular.

"I guess I see myself the way Martin Luther King saw himself —maladjusted to an insane world," says Date.

A music lover, she has played cello with more than ten orchestral groups and is currently principle cellist with the Emerald Chamber Orchestra in Eugene. Her love of music took her to Vienna, Austria in 1966 to study music. "It gave me a broader perspective of the world. I began to see that it was a luxury I couldn't afford."

She came to the University of Oregon in 1976 to work on an individualized program of interdisciplinary studies and was especially interested in working with Susan Gilmore, a local psychologist.

Currently, she edits the local newsletter of New Call to Peacemaking, a national cooperative effort of the Church of the Bretheren, Friends Meeting, and the Mennonite Church. "We believe the message of the New Testament is to love your neighbor," Date says.

She also is at work on her doctoral degree in counseling, something she says she never planned on "but applied to and was accepted for the counseling psychology program," she says.

Date says her biggest accomplishment was getting an American Psychological Association Minority Fellowship for '80-'82. "This is probably the highest award I could get as a student," Date says of the award given to only 40 students nationwide.

"The American Psychological Association was concerned about the lack of minorities in psychology. I'm pleased that my professional organization has this broad view of the world," she adds.

Date realizes her busy schedule has its drawbacks. "! haven't had much time off working seven days a week," she says, smiling. "My mother says I'm a workaholic. I do it because there's a need in the world. But if there was no need, I'd just as soon take my cello and go play."

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Architecture work goes on display

A term's worth of work by a University architecture class that speculatively redesigned the downtown area near the Fifth Street Market goes on display today at Outright Graphics.

In January, 14 fourth-year architecture students in Prof. Zara Pinfold's site planning and design class began designing changes for the area called the Fifth Avenue Special District. Many historic railroad-related building are located in this district.

The students' work will be on display today through Tuesday at the Outright Graphics shop across from the Fifth Street Public Market.

The special district was the ideal design project because the area's buildings already had a "certain vitality," which the students could build on for the surrounding outside areas, Pinfold says.

"It has been a project that has meshed

internal and external issues," she says. Students stressed "the idea of flexibility in the outside space."

Their sketches are designed "to respond to a variety of events." They explore such possibilities as restricting Fifth Avenue to one-lane traffic to enhance pedestrian and bicycle use, constructing an underground garage with an overhead pedestrian walkway and developing outside gathering and eating spots with some shelter, Pinfold says.

The class has worked with the Fifth Avenue Special District, a group of building owners organized to revitalize the area.

"That's made it a very tangible design project," she says. "We've had that contact with people thinking in real terms."

Pinfold says the ultimate goal of the project is "to stimulate thinking on what the outside area should become."

ASUO official resigns; position remains vacant

Kathy Stebner, ASUO vice president for university and academic affairs, resigned effective last Friday, ASUO Pres. Rich Wilkins has announced.

Stebner, a senior in political science, is graduating at the end of the term, he says.

Because it is near the end of the current ASUO officials' terms and the position's remaining responsibilities can be performed or delegated by Wilkins and Gus Palmitessa, ASUO executive vice president, no one will be appointed to complete Stebner's term, Wilkins said

Palmitessa is serving as director of the upcoming ASUO elections, which have traditionally been coordinated by the university and academic affairs office, he said. A May street fair will again be coordinated by Debra Mellow.

Deadweek legislation and a better working relationship with the Student University Affairs Board have been her two major accomplishments as vice president, Stebner says.

Particularly noteworthy in the improved relationship with SUAB was cooperation on efforts to get students to write legislators about higher education cuts, she says.

Stebner says she resigned not only because of her graduation, but primarily because she wants to "do something without much pressure" for several months before starting law school in California this summer.



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