

Uris enters race for Portland City Council



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"A breath of fresh air in the stale corridors of government." That is how Dr. Joe Uris, a sociology instructor at the College, describes his campaign for Seat 2 on the Portland City Council currently held by Mildren Schwab.

"I think I can do a better job than the incumbent," Uris said. "Schwab is in the hands, and supports the interests, of the large companies in town."

Uris, a Democrat, has been teaching at the College full-time since 1976, and has a doctorate in urban studies from Portland State University. If he wins the election, Uris feels he will take a leave of absence or resign from the College staff.

Uris has never held public office before, but has a record as a strong anti-war activist, civil rights worker, and has been active in the Democratic party.

Uris' campaign focuses on changing the perspective of city government. "The city and the state are at an economic crossroads," he said. "The people are afraid; afraid of the future, afraid of the poor, and afraid of being poor themselves."

Uris has several plans that will change this problem, he said. "We need a diversified economy. We also need labor-intensive industry, which would mean jobs in the neighborhoods."

His other objectives include making the city commissioners elected by district and having the various city bureaus run by non-council members. He also feels the Portland Development Commission and the Port of Portland leaderships should be elected, not chosen by the council.

Uris supports the idea of a civilian board of inquiry to look over cases of abuse leveled at the police department. However, Uris feels that the recently constructed civilian board plan is "very mild." Uris also pointed out that, although Schwab has repeatedly come out in favor of such a board, she voted against the current plan.

Other changes that Uris feels are necessary include an Office of Management and Budget, which does not currently exist, and a revised, comprehensive plan for Portland. "We need a plan that would be more responsive for neighborhood needs," he said. "The needs of Sellwood are not the needs of Albina."

Uris is anticipating stiff competition from Schwab. "She has a lot of name recognition, but then so do I," he said. However, he does not believe that Schwab has strong popular support. "She shows up at a lot of places, and shakes a lot of hands, but if you look at her record, she doesn't do much for the city," he said.

About Life... By Laura Henkes

Mastering the art of love

With the advent of spring, the birds and the bees, and the flowers in the trees, there is a new hopefulness about life, no matter how corny it sounds. It is a time for those involved in relationships to re-evaluate them and those who are not involved in relationships to enter into them.

Choices are no longer dependent on religious, traditional and social values. Thus, with new lifestyles, choices in relationships have increased considerably. In many ways this could be related to a kind of emancipation of women through effective birth control, which has enabled large groups of women to hold jobs, giving them both financial and social independence.

As a result of all these changes, relationships have new significance. They appear to be more complex. But they also appear to be more meaningful because opportunities for change (choice) are available.

With this new approach to life, there is a demand for information on relationships, caring, trusting, living with someone, etc., which is reflected on television and at the book or magazine rack in any local store.

Leo Buscaglia, professor of education at the University of Southern California, has added his knowledge and perceptions on love through a class he teaches here called "Love Class" and a paperback simply called "Love." This topic, he says, is one the scientists won't touch!

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ing themselves feel better about themselves. According to Buscaglia, it all begins and ends with "love."

Often, though, individuals take the same approach to love as they do to a fad diet—a piecemeal approach. As can be expected, the results are only temporary. They do not realize that long-term results evolve from a change in lifestyle.

And it is lifestyle, beginning with "you" that Buscaglia is advocating. "You have a responsibility to become you," he states. "There is no limit to our potential." He stresses with great importance the fact that "You are the best you."

Buscaglia emphasizes the fact that there is something within each of us that makes us different and makes our potential different from everyone else. Conformity, though, strikes us all in our pre-school years, all through the educational system (including college), and in our social lives.

His concern about the conformity structures in our society is related by one of his statements: "That uniqueness is what worries me because it seems to me that we're dropping it, we're losing it. We're not stressing it; we're not persuading people to discover it and develop it."

Buscaglia's theory reflects many of the concepts currently discussed about relationships—that of growing and changing—not only for the individual's own needs, but also for the needs of others. He feels "You can only give to others what you have yourself." "This is especially true of love. You cannot give what you have not

learned and experienced."

Trust and sharing are considered positive traits that are necessary for healthy relationships. Loren Wolford, psychology teacher at the college, agrees and gives his thoughts on trust: "Trust is where you can give yourself to someone else—that they are going to take care of you and not damage you psychologically."

Wolford, who heartily agrees with Buscaglia's philosophies, feels part of this trust relates back to being able to be that unique you. It is important, he said, "that you can be who you are with another human being, and that they are still going to be there with you."

For those who do trust and eventually feel slighted, Buscaglia reminds that love can only be voluntarily given. He indicates our lack of control with the comment, "Love cannot be captured or tied to a wall. Love only slips through the chains. If love wills to take another course, it goes and all the prisons, guards, chains, or obstructions in the world aren't strong enough to detain it for a second."

Learning about love, though, can help, Buscaglia claims. He indicates that it can clear up much of the confusion and loneliness that many persons feel.

His advice is to always greet love with open arms. Buscaglia says, "With arms open you allow love to come and go as it wills, freely, for it'll do so anyway. If you close your arms about love, you'll find you are left only holding yourself."

News Flash

Horticulture happening

The Environmental Learning Center will be holding its 7th annual plant sale tomorrow through next Saturday. It will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day at the ELC nursery.

The sale, which is one of the major fund raisers for the ELC, will include such plants as flowers, trees, shrubs, landscape stock, and bedding stock.

"The money made from this sale will go to help our ELC educational programs and some may also go to help finish our recycling depot," Nan Herman, ELC staff member said. "We're not sure how much money we'll make, but we should clear \$3,000 easily."

ELC nursery is located near the Clairmont Building in their new location south of the pole bar. People helping in the sale are staff and work-study students who work at the ELC nursery.

RSVP needs chauffeurs

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program at the College is looking for volunteer drivers to help transport senior citizens to and from medical appointments.

The volunteers will be used to aid senior citizens who don't live near a bus line and can't use the county's TRAM transportation system. Drivers will be reimbursed at 20 cents per mile. For volunteers over 60 years of age, a defensive driving course and reduced insurance rates are available.

Class slated for teachers

A workshop focusing on alternative directions and skills for educators is scheduled for May 6 from 6:30-9 p.m. in Orchard Center, room 121.

Taught by Marv Thornley, career and placement director, and Sue Jacobs, career development specialist, the session will examine options for educators to be used in or out,