

In the past, city council goals haven't been very important. Most city staff time and money is already committed to the daily operations of the city and meeting goals and projects established by prior councils. Some earlier councilors have criticized city staff for simply listing what they already are doing as working toward the broadly worded council goals.

There did appear to be at least some hint of consensus on not having any goals at all.

"We haven't even decided if we need goals," said Councilor Jennifer Solomon.

Taylor, Solomon's political opposite on the council, appeared to agree. "I'm not sure we need goals." —Alan Pittman

DON'T FIGHT

A free introductory nonviolence training workshop will be held next Sunday, April 13th.

The training focuses on the philosophy, principles and tools of nonviolence. Participants will learn the stages of organizing an effective and progressive social movement, and plan together for future political actions and continued community building. The Sunday, April 13th free training is from 1 pm to 6 pm in the EWEB Training Room. Call the Nonviolence Response Network, 896-3996 for registration and information.

BIKES NOT BOMBS

Members of Students for Peace at UO are finding different ways of drawing local attention to world problems, including a new once-a-month, rain-or-shine bike ride in protest of our nation's dependence on foreign oil as a primary energy source. Rides are the first Thursday of every month, beginning at 3:45 pm. Riders gather in front of the UO Amphitheater. A ride is scheduled for Thursday, April 3.

About 35 students rode bikes and carried signs through the streets of Eugene in the first Bikes Not Bombs ride March 6. The cyclists circled the Federal Building several times to make their presence felt.

Although "Bikes not Bombs" does not formally protest a war in Iraq as the name implies, the connection is unavoidable. "Oil consumption has led to countless environmental, economic and political problems in the U.S. and abroad," says one organizer. The U.S. Office of Transportation Technology reports that the U.S. consumes 840 million gallons of petroleum daily, a cost of \$1.5 billion. —John Husby

URBAN ENVIRONMENTALISM

The 9th annual HOPES (Holistic Options Planet Earth Sustainability) Conference will be held April 10-13 at the UO. The theme is "Ecological Urbanism." The conference is presented by the Ecological Design Center, of the UO School of Architecture and Allied Arts, an interdisciplinary organization committed to the development and promotion of work that "strives to create environmentally responsible communities and places."

Organizers note that while most demonstrations of ecological living to date have focused on rural living, the fact is that most of the people in industrialized countries live in urban or suburban areas. "How do we move ecological design from remote and often

fringe experimentation to becoming the mainstream way we design our urban environment?" they ask.

Featured speakers include Stuart Cowan, Kathryn McCamant, Lois Arkin, Mark Lakeman, Richard Register and Jim Leach. Live music, networking and a showing of the film *Visions of Utopia* will be part of the conference. For further information and a complete schedule of events, see <http://edc.uoregon.edu>

WEED HEATER

The city of Eugene has a new weapon against weeds that doesn't involve chemical warfare.

An "eco-weeder" system kills plants with

infra-red heat. The device superheats the targeted weed, causing it to dry up and die. The eco-weeder works well in sensitive natural areas because it doesn't harm nearby plants or pollute waterways. It can also be used in rainy weather where chemical spraying is not very effective.

But the city still plans to use plenty of toxic chemicals in parks. The eco-weeder doesn't work well on grasses and bigger weeds and takes more time to use than herbicides, according to a city newsletter that stated, "Although it will not entirely replace the need for chemical-based products, this system will reduce the amount of herbicides used in Eugene's park system."

—Alan Pittman

A WORLD AGAINST WAR

Anti-war protests and rallies have erupted around the world during the past two weeks. According to the BBC, more than 100,000 people marched through Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia — the world's most populated Muslim country — in an angry protest against the U.S. war on Iraq. Many wore traditional Muslim dress.

China held its first ever officially sanctioned anti-war protest, although only about 100 students gathered at Beijing University. Students held a banner that read "Respect life, oppose war."

The BBC further reports that in Genoa,

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