

Future Cities

University Park, Pa. - Will space age technology provide us with futuristic cities complete with Star Wars-type rapid transportation?

Probably not, says Dr. Ronald F. Abler, associate professor and head of the Department of Geography at The Pennsylvania State University.

"The only possibility for changing our cities radically in the next decades," Dr. Abler says, "is for some new technology of individual mobility to be developed and I don't see any indication of that kind of technology on the horizon."

"There has been a lot of speculation and hope that mass transportation will enable us to change our lifestyle, but one of the legacies of the 30-year boom period after World War II is a physical structure that make large-scale mass transportation simply out of the question."

Dr. Abler doesn't foresee any new cities springing up in the United States but expects the biggest growth in those cities whose economic base is recreational or rooted in the amenities of certain sites in the west and south.

"These are new towns in the sense they are young and they are growing rapidly," he notes. "Atlanta is a new city because of its spectacular growth in the 60s and 70s even though it's a century old. That kind of new city is a product of shifts in the way the nation does business and in the locations in which it can do business."

According to Dr. Abler, new planned communities comparable to Columbia Md., and

Reston, Va., are not the wave of the future.

"There was a great deal of excitement in the late 1960s about experimental cities which were to be a series of new towns," he said. "However, most of the new planned communities that were started in the United States have not done particularly well. Most fell victim to the recession in 1972 and thereafter. They were expensive social experiments that haven't caught on."

Dr. Abler predicts the largest population growth in the next decades will be on the outer fringe of the metropolitan area. However, he expects a continuation of the move back to the center city by young professional couples who have either small families or no children at all.

"Much of whether or not there will be a central city renaissance depends on child-bearing habits of young adults," he notes. "If birth rates remain as low as they are, that augurs well for the center city."

Dr. Abler doesn't see any "new" problems in the cities of the future, but he predicts a lot more cities will go bankrupt in the next couple of decades.

"New York, rather than being a unique case, is, as it has always been, our largest and most spectacular place. Problems there become more evident and visible simply because it is so huge."

"A number of the older cities in the East will, like New York, get themselves into very serious financial difficulties. Because we see more of it happening, we may think of it as a 'new' problem."

Auction

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Approximately 2,000 volunteers from throughout South Central Pa. work on the Auction, some beginning in mid-winter. Since the end of February, hundreds of "go-getters" have been calling on prospective donors for contributions of new merchandise, services, artwork, crafts, antiques, and cash.

The first night of the Auction is devoted to the sale of original arts and crafts, but the selection of items sold during the rest of the week is as varied as the business community itself, and viewers are likely to find almost anything from home appliances to vacation trips, from building materials to sporting goods, from lawn and garden supplies to furniture, from carpeting to belly dancing lessons.

Among the higher value and more unusual items received to date are: a trip to Disney World, a mink jacket, \$2,000 worth of kitchen remodeling supplies, a stair elevator, a complete wedding reception, a home security system, several suites of living room furniture, oak flooring, a moped, an oil-fired hot water heater, color television sets, and a Penn State autographed football.

During Auction week, some 1,500 volunteers are part of 13

different committees working in and around the Hershey Community Theatre. Production preparations in the Theatre begin a full week in advance and involve hundreds of hours to construct the set, hang lights, install more than 50 telephone lines, sort and warehouse merchandise, and arrange the dozens of production details.

Merchandise is delivered by the truck load from branch warehouses in Harrisburg, Lancaster, Halifax, and York, and then stored by category on four floors of dressing rooms behind the Theatre.

Traditionally, a great deal of merchandise comes in during Auction week itself, and contributions are welcome at any time. Businesses and individuals who have not been contacted are encouraged to call WITF in Hershey (534-3333).

The Auction idea originated 23 years ago at public television station KQED in San Francisco, and now 72 non-commercial stations use the Auction as an important annual fundraising event. Last year, 56 stations raised a total of more than \$13 million nationwide, as compared with \$5 million raised by 35 stations in 1971.

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EES officials believe the extent to which an enterprise can remain effective depends almost entirely upon up-to-date technology. For successful operation, every company, agency and institution must have access to the latest information and be able to interpret and apply it.

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Keggars

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During the event in case of any damages, disruptions or disturbances contact Roberta McLeod at 944-9437 or call the Police Services answering number at 787-7936.

In order to have a keggar it is imperative that a keggar letter be completed in triplicate. All plans for sponsorship of keggars should be discussed with the Coordinator of Student Activities and must be approved by the Student Government Association.

When organizations reserve the Student Center for a keggar the whole Student Center will be reserved for the event. There will be no access to the games area or study lounge for any individual not participating in the keggar during the time of the event. All events in the Student Center will end at 2:00 a.m. or earlier.

Each organization is responsible for cleaning the floors and counters in the bar area, removing all rubbish and mopping any spilled liquids in

that area. Other areas of the Student Center which have been used for keggars must also be put in order, however, the organization is only required to put cans, cups, bottles and other rubbish in the trash containers and wipe any liquids on the floor and tables but is not required to scrub that area. This will be done by the maintenance men the following morning.

The responsibility for all aspects of the student events rests with the sponsoring organization. If the organization fails to meet its obligations, the organization will lose its privilege of sponsoring events on campus. Individuals who violate University rules are subject to disciplinary action as noted in the **Policies and Rules for Students**.

If there are any questions concerning these guidelines, please contact Roberta McLeod, Coordinator of Student Activities, or Craig Hocker, President of the Student Government Association.

