

Making 'Greens' work

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SANTA CRUZ — More than 100 people attended the third meeting of the Central Coast Greens at UC Santa Cruz Saturday.

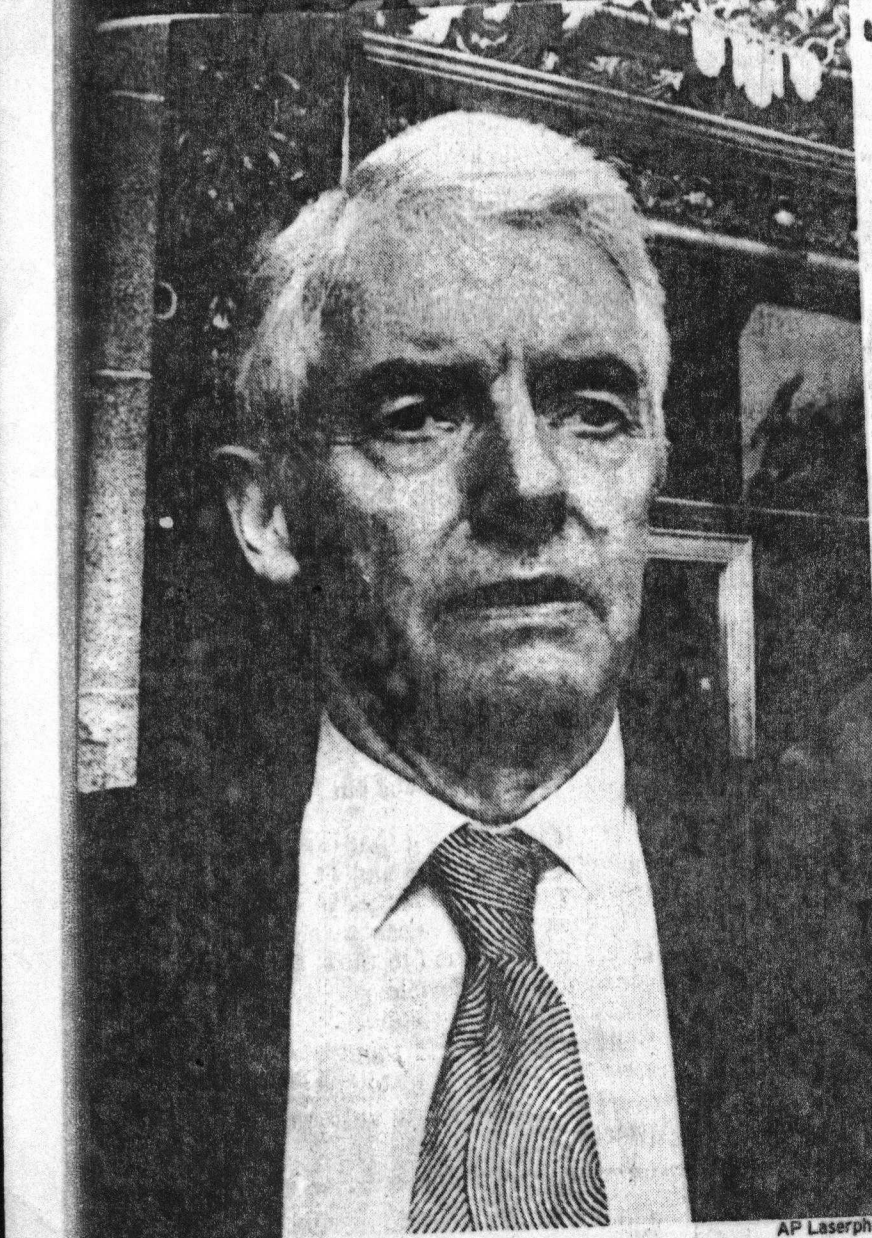
David Brower, president of the environmental group, Friends of the Earth, called for "soft" or sustainable paths for agriculture, energy and water. He stressed the importance of intuition, love, and commitment to a cause in "making a Green system work."

Jonathan Drake, a Central Coast Green organizer, asked for support on battling the genetically engineered Frostban bacteria in Monterey County, and said he and others are "hoping to begin a statewide Green movement around the genetic engineering issue."

Although the Greens say they feel their movement may eventually represent a viable political party, they are concentrating on networking and education at the grassroots level now.

Several of those attending the meeting emphasized in an open discussion that that all are equal, and hierarchies inappropriate under the Green philosophy. In response, the steering committee changed its name to organizing committee.

"The Greens are you," organizing member Pam Benda told the audience.



David Brower, keynote speaker at Greens meeting

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