

# Forum looks at community economic change

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Discussion was lively Thursday night when more than 70 persons attended the first of four forums on community self-reliance and its alternatives for economic development.

Said Bill Wooten, chairer of the Lane County Economic Development Council, "The economy as it's operating is making us obsolete. It has no use for us to the point where we can't feed or house ourselves. We have a part to play in changing this type of economy."

Ed Whitelaw, a University economics professor and an economic consultant, said some

commonly held notions about Eugene's economy are wrong. He said the economy is not that "sluggish," nor is it highly dependent on lumber and wood products and its unemployment rate is not unusually high.

"Our employment and training program should be directed to those residents chronically unemployed," Whitelaw said, adding that programs for the unemployed too often offer only short-term employment with no long-term training.

Whitelaw also said community or neighborhood group efforts to affect the economy often don't have enough power.

"Most of the so-called economic problems are largely unaffected by programs implemented or directed by smaller organizations than the city or county," he said.

The city's control of planning and zoning are examples of its power, according to Whitelaw.

Wooten said he is worried about whether Eugene's economy will remain healthy. Although he admitted the city's economy is growing, he said it wasn't necessarily a healthy growth.

Wooten said "The prospect of a revolution is out, but it is possible for local people to be concerned ... and to try to participate through the present systems of government."

He suggested people look into community development corporations. Examples of these corporations could be small-scale labor-intensive operations such as home insulation, water and space heating with solar energy, recycling,

food composting and production, Wooten said.

The chairer warned that while maximum-density urban housing is sought by plans such as Eugene's 1990 Plan in an effort to preserve agricultural land and open spaces, citizens should be careful they aren't saving the land for agri-businesses, instead of people.

Neil Murray, president of West-side Neighbors Quality Project, said he sees community development corporations as more of a social force — people trying to increase their voice in the community.

He said politicians often translate economic development to mean jobs. As an example, he said the proposed downtown civic auditorium was originally planned because Eugene doesn't have one and the auditorium would revitalize the downtown. Since then, according to Murray, it has become a political issue.

"Now the civic auditorium has the terrible burden of economic development on it," Murray said.

He also said it is fairly common for cities to spend so much time developing new enterprises that they ignore old ones. And Murray suggested the city let citizens have a voice in the type of industry, if any, allowed to move in, instead of simply assessing the number of jobs the new industry would provide.

Charles Kupper, director of the City Housing and Community Conservation Department, cited examples of community development.

The next forum will be Feb. 23 in the Francis Willard Community School gymnasium. The session, set to begin at 7:30 p.m., will focus more specifically on community development corporations and appropriate technology.

## China Night tickets to go on sale today

Chinese Student Union (CSU) members plan a visual and gastronomic delight for their annual "China Night," February 19, says CSU director Yeemay Shih.

"China Night" will feature authentic oriental cooking and several regional Chinese dances. Shih says they've "been practicing for two months now" and says they plan a good show.

Tickets, priced at \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children, go on sale today at the EMU's main desk.

Shih taught CSU members seven dances, all from different Chinese provinces, and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of Portland will present three dances. Dancers will be in traditional costume on loan from the Chinese Cultural Service in San Francisco.

The CSU also plans a "short show" depicting "an old style" Chinese marriage, Shih says, complete with matchmaker.

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