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Liberalism survives

Progressive Alliance assembles in city

By STEPHEN KNIGHT
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The Progressive Alliance met last weekend at City Hall to announce that liberalism isn't obsolete in these conservative times and to map ways to get progressive issues passed through local and county governments.

One Alliance member, City Counselor Cindy Wooten, told about 50 people it is time for progressives to remind the public that "we're not going to roll over for the next four years" just because "Republicans are swarming around Washington like bees, and Ronald Reagan believes he is governing the country from a mandate by God."

Ron Eachus, steering committee chair of the Alliance, said the organization was formed to create a network that would actively support progressive issues as well as candidates of Wooten's political stripe.

"We're a citizen group working on controlling our own destiny," he said.

Eachus said most decisions on critical issues like inflation and unemployment are made at the federal level where special interests have the money and connections to influence policies for their own financial benefit.

The focus of policy-making needs to be at the local level where decisions can be made in the public interest, he added.

One local issue discussed at the gathering was weatherization. Alliance member Sam Sadler said most new homes are being built with no regard for future use of solar energy, and homes with solar collectors

have no clear right to direct sunlight.

He also said a solar access law is needed to encourage solar-responsive building orientation and give assurance that a solar homeowner has the right to unobstructed sunlight. Sadler said this proposal is being opposed by the Southwest chapter of the American Institute of Architecture as "restricting their creativity."

Other issues on the progressive agenda included:

• **Free speech.** Attorney Jill Heiman said free speech in Eugene is being undermined by the city's parade ordinance which restricts demonstrations through the imposition of high permit costs. Before a demonstration can be held, police protection and liability insurance must be provided for.

"The parade ordinance discriminates against poor people," Heiman said.

The ordinance also gives local government the power to penalize unpopular groups and ideas by refusing to issue a permit, she added.

Heiman proposed that the Progressive Alliance support legislation to overturn the parade permit ordinance.

• **Mandatory weatherization.** The Alliance passed a motion to fight for the mandatory weatherization of all homes in Eugene built before 1974, which Alliance member Don Corson said is essential to stave off future projected energy shortages. Mandatory weatherization, currently opposed by the Homebuilders Association and

private utilities, benefits tenants and low-income persons who are hit hardest by energy inflation, he said.

• **Housing preservation.** Alliance member John Van Landingham said low-income housing is being rapidly replaced in the city by expensive upper-income homes. Landingham said the city council has suggested measures that would subsidize only the building of upper-income housing. The progressives agreed to push for legislation that would provide housing for low- and moderate-income housing.

• **Plant closures.** Attorney Kathy Tasanari of Lane Coalition to Save Jobs said plant closures are becoming a national epidemic, with more than 3,000 workers losing their jobs in Lane County over the last few years, 500 from West Fir alone.

Tasanari said industries should be made to re-invest in the modernization of existing plants instead of running off to some other region where labor is cheaper. She advocated measures whereby the Bureau of Labor would investigate and determine if the closure is really necessary and a policy that a moving corporation would have to make a good-faith sale to the community or organization of employees.

The Progressive Alliance plans to have another general meeting in two months. Other local politicians affiliated with this organization include City Councilors Mark Lindberg and Gretchen Miller and County Commissioners Jerry Rust and Scott Lieuallen.

Prize-winning poet to appear

Internationally-known American poet W.S. Merwin will read from his poems, prose-poems and translations Thursday at 8 p.m. in 150 Geology. Admission is free.

Earlier in the day Merwin will read on the Lane Community College Campus at 11:30 a.m. in Room 308 of the Forum. An informal question-and-answer discussion will follow the free reading.

Merwin is recognized for his influence on American poetry as well as his own work, which includes 12 books of poetry, 12 books of translations and one book of prose. His translations include the work of French, Portuguese and Spanish, and Latin American poets such as Pablo Neruda.

Merwin's most recent book of poems is "The Compass Flower," published in 1977 by Atheneum. His many awards include the Pulitzer Prize, the Yale Younger Poets Award and Guggenheim Fellowships.

A rarity among American poets, Merwin earns a living strictly from literary work — book and magazine publications, translations and readings.

The poet Adrienne Rich says Merwin "has been developing a language and a poetic landscape which are both severe and sensuous, in which the silences — as in human intercourse — are as essential as the speech."

In a poem from "The Moving Target" (1963 Atheneum) Merwin briefly explores his relationship to the writing process:

*Coming late, as always,
I try to remember what I almost heard.
The light avoids my eye.*

*How many times have I heard the locks close
And the lark take the keys
And hang them in heaven.*

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