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## McGovern asks U.S. to change world role *Military emphasis not needed, he says*

By Peter Cogswell  
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George McGovern, calling Wayne Morse one of the men he has admired most in his political career, spoke on "New Perspectives on America's Role in the World" Monday in the Eugene Conference Center.

The former U.S. senator from South Dakota and 1972 Democratic nominee for president is in Eugene as the eighth occupant of the Wayne Morse Chair of Law and Politics at the University.

"It is always a delight for me to be in Oregon because of the fond memories of the people I got to know in the early 70s," McGovern said.

McGovern noted that there does not appear to be much of a difference between the two political parties these days. There is kind of a loose consensus where they go along with just about anything, he said.

"Imagine if Morse was in the Senate during the Savings and Loan Scandal," McGovern said. "\$500 billion and no one is saying anything about it. No senator is standing up and saying 'Why? Who?'"

McGovern said he is shocked at the irresponsible spending that has occurred for the last decade. He pointed to the increase in military spending while taxes were cut as an example of this irresponsibility.

Relations between Russia and the United States, as well as the current problems in the Eastern Bloc, have been commanding most of McGovern's attention lately.

"One sees a dramatic difference in the way the Soviet Union is dealing with problems today than it would have four or five years ago," he said.

McGovern pointed to an overemphasis on military factors and an underemphasis on economic, social and moral factors as the leading cause of the current economic problems in the Soviet Union and the United States.

"The two defeated powers of World War II, Germany and Japan, that set out to conquer the world, over the last 40 years have taken a differ-

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Former Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern tours campus Monday, along with Margaret Hallock, director of the University's Labor Education and Research Center.

## McGovern talks world politics with local press

By Thomas Prowell  
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When Richard Nixon was officially declared to be "back," he made the cover of *Time* magazine. Nixon's presidential opponent George McGovern is back too, and only the Eugene media are taking notice.

As befits his status as elder statesman, McGovern spoke to members of the Eugene press Monday and offered opinions on current world politics.

The main theme to McGovern's comments was America's role in a changing world. "The cold war is over as we've known it over the last 45 years. That doesn't mean we're going to have a trouble-free world," McGovern said.

Without the Soviet Union as a threat, McGovern said the greatest challenge facing the United States is economic competition from Japan and West Germany. "Our part in the future will be defined by how we develop our economy" to meet that challenge, McGovern said.

"One way to do that is to begin, in a business-like manner, to convert excess military expenditures to a useful peacetime economy," McGovern said.

McGovern said President George Bush hasn't taken full advantage of the "peace dividend" to cut military spending. He criticized Bush's continued support for expensive Star Wars and stealth programs.

McGovern said the United States, with a retooled economy, could continue to help developing

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## End of the road

A junked car becomes a symbol of American wastefulness, greed and environmental destruction, as part of the Youth Greens' celebration of Earth Week. George Bush was later burned in effigy, along with an American flag. The car will remain where it is for the remainder of the term.

Photo by Dafna Kaplan

## Officials pondering future transit change

By Pat Malach  
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Local transit officials, city and county council members, and other members of the community have been gathering at "roundtable" meetings to offer and discuss ideas concerning urban transit alternatives.

The goal of the roundtable meetings is to discuss ways to encourage and provide incentives for people in the community to use forms of transit other than the single-occupant car.

"Our goal is not to come up with specific plans but to open up the discussion," said Lane Transit District representative Mark Pangborn. "The payoff for transit is in the long term. Decisions Los Angeles made about rail and transit in the thirties is now coming to roost."

Pangborn said the Eugene/Springfield communities

need to look at their current decisions in order to get ready for the twenty-first century.

"In the future we may say, 'if only we would have thought about this,' those are the kinds of ideas we are raising (at the roundtable discussions)," Pangborn said. "They may not pay off for ten years, but maybe at that time someone will say 'that really paid off.'"

Meeting organizer Randy Prince said one action that has come from the meetings is the preparation of a questionnaire for potential political candidates. Prince said the questionnaire would find out where the candidates stand on the issue of alternative transit.

A project that Pangborn has been working on involves gathering together some of the best ideas and legislation that have been adopted in other communities and seeing how they

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