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## McGovern proposes new peacetime GI Bill

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The last year and a half has been one of the most momentous periods in politics that George McGovern can remember, he said at a lecture in the Gerlinger Alumni Lounge Tuesday.

"1989 will be labeled as a turning point in world politics," McGovern said. "It will be remembered as the time the Cold War ended."

The one word that has described U.S. foreign policy since World War II is "anti-communism," McGovern said.

"Now, events are moving so fast it is hard for people to keep up with them," he said. "The Warsaw Pact has collapsed and the Soviet Union is indicating a willingness to reduce nuclear weapons."

"Thoughts are in the air that not only has the Cold War ended, but now a large number of troops can be safely brought home," he said.

McGovern attributed this new attitude to a philosophical change in leaders of both the Soviet Union and the United States.

"I think Mr. Gorbachev was acting from real economic pressure when he realized that nuclear weapons were not worth it financially," he said. "It's a no-win situation for both countries."

McGovern said the emphasis on military production has failed to meet consumer needs. "The things that are being produced are products people can't use," McGovern said. "I don't think anyone here wants to buy a submarine or a tank."

McGovern asked the audience to consider what kinds of things could be accomplished in the United States if military spending were cut in half.

"Surely at a time when no one seems to be threatening us, one would think

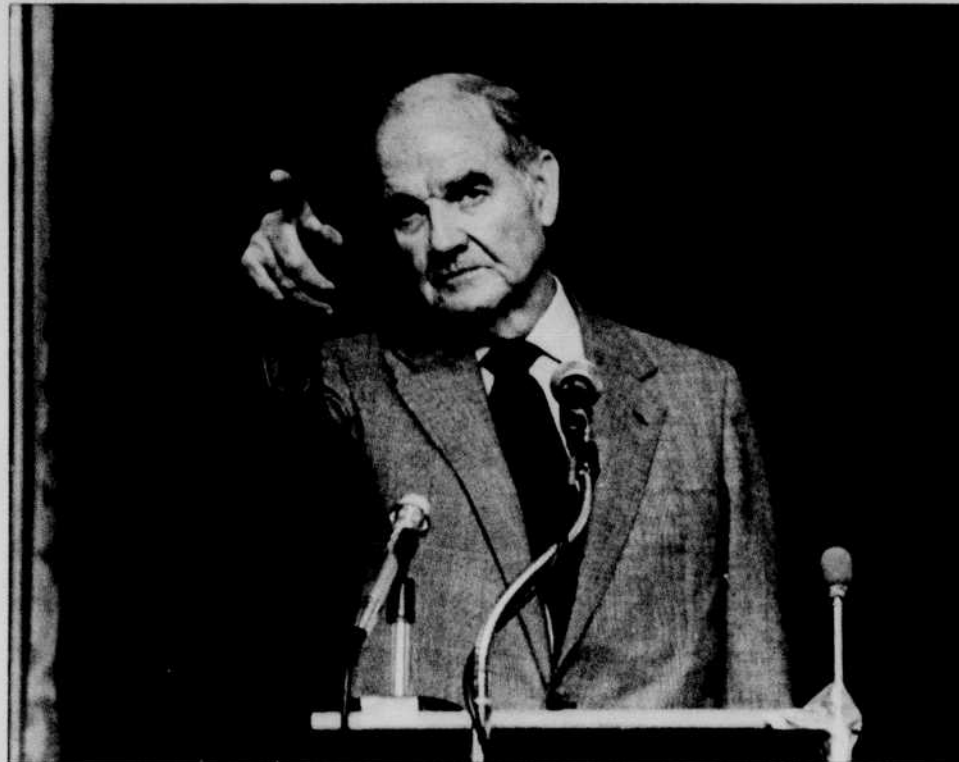


Photo by Martin Thiel

Former presidential candidate George McGovern said the U.S. government should provide for displaced defense workers if the military budget is cut due to the Cold War's end.

substantial cuts could be made," he said.

These proposed cuts would call for some conversion planning, McGovern said.

The U.S. government also needs to plan for workers who are laid off because of budget cuts.

McGovern called for a revision of the GI Bill that was in effect for soldiers after World War II.

This bill would provide funding for

laid-off workers to go back to school in order to get started on a new career path. The GI Bill helped McGovern return to school at Northwestern University after he served as a bomber pilot in World War II.

"We need this program again for defense workers to be given a chance to go back to a university to relearn," he said. "We need to give people a second shot at life to do what they want to do."

McGovern finished by pointing out



Photo by Mark Ylen

Also Tuesday, McGovern met with journalism students in Allen Hall to discuss topics ranging from politics to the media's role in government.

that on May 2 meetings will be held in towns and cities across the country to discuss the peace dividend.

## Earth Week display set on fire

By Alice Wheeler  
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At approximately 11 p.m. Tuesday, a car on the corner of 13th Avenue and University Street was set ablaze.

The car, which was filled with garbage and plastics and then covered with soil and plants, was a symbol in the Earth Week celebration.

Linda Beck, a Eugene police officer on campus detail said, witnesses reported a loud boom then saw the car catch on fire. The witnesses saw four college age suspects running behind Friendly Hall then west down 13th Avenue, Beck said.

"The car was doused in gasoline," she said. Police found one empty gasoline can. Eugene firefighters were called to put out the fire.

Matt Snider, director of the Survival Center said, "The car was here to symbolize the over consumptive attitude of the 1990's. The plants symbolized the re-greening of the planet."

The car was towed to cam-



Photo by Mark Ylen

Eugene firefighter George Chagollan finishes putting out the fire that destroyed the Earth Week display.

pus Monday afternoon. "We were hoping it would be a positive tool to educate students," said Brian Hoop, University Earth Week coordinator. "To make them think about their individual responsibility to save the earth. Obviously we got a negative response from someone who didn't agree with this. It is an act of revenge."

Hoop said, "We intend on restoring the car by painting it and re-planting the flowers."

Eugene firefighter George Chagollan, who helped extinguish the fire said "We know what was in the car. A lot of non-biodegradable garbage. When they burnt it, it let off a lot of toxic gases which I got to breathe. I didn't appreciate it."

## Audit results released

By Darla Jackson  
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The results of a campus audit showing the relationship of social justice issues to the environment were presented by fourteen student organizations Tuesday.

Organizations ranging from Student Campaign for Disarmament to Saferide to OSPIRG voiced grievances and ideas for improvement within the campus community.

The Survival Center's Karyn Kaplan said the paper recycling program started last year on campus is in danger of being eliminated. Pearl Buck Recycling, which had provided recycling pick-up service free of charge to the University, can no longer afford to operate the program, she said.

"Suddenly, we received 30 days' notice to banish the program completely," Kaplan said. "In one year people on campus have come to utilize the program well. People will wonder what happened to all the bins they'd been using for paper recycling."

"The University must continue working to establish a permanent recycling program," she said. "To let it slip by us at this point would be a tragedy."

Jonah Bookstein, director of the Jewish Student Union, said there are 1,000 to 1,500 Jewish-Americans on campus, but "anti-Semitism has not been addressed adequately, especially in the racism task force arena of administrative work."

Bookstein recalled seeing graffiti in the EMU Breezeway that called for the killing of Jews and the extolling of white power. The writing was left on the wall for quite some time, he added.

"Graffiti to stop homophobia or cutting down trees is removed immediately, so why did it take so long to get this off?" he asked. "Did they think it was harmless? I don't think so, and I don't think other Jews on campus think so."

Eddie Beanes of MEChA, the Chicano/Latino Student Union, audited the University's support of people of the Chicano/Latino