

neighborhood groups who oppose the UO's proposed sale of Westmoreland Family Housing. Westmoreland is a 45-year-old, 404-unit affordable student housing complex on Garfield Street in west Eugene. The university has informed tenants that their leases will not be renewed in June (see *EW* cover story, 11/17).

Eugeneans for Affordable Housing was created in recent weeks to organize citizens opposed to the Westmoreland sale. Members include activists from the Homeless Action Coalition and Save Amazon, a group that opposed the loss of affordable student housing in the 1990s.

EAH adds more inertia to the Save Westmoreland Coalition, which includes the Westmoreland Tenants' Council, the Associated Students of the University of Oregon, the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation, the Nontraditional Student Union, the Residence Hall Association, Far West Neighbors, the West University Neighbors and a half-dozen local politicians.

"Right now we believe that the best way to protect the affordable housing resources in the community is by keeping Westmoreland affordable for students," said EAH member David Zupan. "We believe that the people who are proposing this sale are out of touch with what the real world is like."

EAH will meet at 4 pm Sunday, Dec. 4 at Latitude Café in the Friendly Street Market. Zupan invites community members to join in the discussion about how to preserve Westmoreland as affordable student housing.

More importantly, Zupan says, supportive Eugeneans can attend Save Westmoreland Coalition's hearing at 7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the EMU Fir Room on the UO campus "to sound off before elected officials about how important Westmoreland is as an extremely diverse, affordable living community."

— Kera Abraham

COLIN POWELL IN SALEM

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell is scheduled to speak at 5 pm Friday, Dec. 2 at the Salem Conference Center. His visit is triggering picketing before his talk and an anti-war rally scheduled to begin at 6 pm at the southwest corner of the Conference Center.

Speakers at the protest will include Willamette University history professor Bill Smaldone and WU student Kaitlyn Pulhamus. Willamette Students for Peace and Justice and the College Progressives group have been educating both students and faculty about the war and Powell's background. They hope to direct "hard questions" toward Powell when he makes an appearance before the campus community just before his downtown address.

In addition, more than 100 Salem-area citizens have joined Oregon PeaceWorks in placing their names on an end-the-war advertisement that will appear in the *Statesman Journal* on the morning of Dec. 2. The ad's message begins: "Mr. Powell: We reject your Iraq war."

"We cannot allow a major architect of the Iraq war to appear in our city without confronting the war's immorality and pointing out its astronomical cost in both lives and dollars," said Willamette religion professor Douglas McGaughey, a representative of an ad hoc committee of university and community activists who are organizing the events.

RALLY FOR PROTESTERS

A support rally is being planned when the "Eugene Eleven" arrested Nov. 18 for civil disobedience at the ROTC and the Churchill Army recruiting center are arraigned (see News Brief last week). The court time is 1 pm Friday, Dec. 2 in Eugene Municipal Court, 777 Pearl St. Room 104.

"We are having a rally to show support for our local heroes who put their bodies on the line to stop the senseless bloody war in Iraq," says Peter Chabarek in an e-mail. "Please join us and demonstrate that our folks have public support, and that when resisters take the momentous step of peacefully breaking the law to stop a great injustice, the people will back them up."

Another political action will follow at noon Monday, Dec. 5 outside Sen. Gordon Smith's office at the Federal Building downtown. Activists plan to meet with Smith's aide Terri Moffet and turn in petitions calling on Smith to support an end to the war in Iraq.

"We're trying to keep the momentum going," says Michael Carrigan of CALC's Progressive Responses. Carrigan says he's inspired by the new faces he sees at peace rallies along with the stalwart activists. For more information, contact CALC at 455-1755 or e-mail calcdev@efn.org



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