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Photo by Becky Young

Anti-nuclear protestors, demonstrating against the Trident defense system, picket Eugene's Navy recruiting office. About 10 protestors button-holed passersby and drivers of stopped cars.

Silent protestors march to target 'nuclear navy'

By ANN TRENEMAN
Of the Emerald

Demonstrators carrying signs saying "Trident Nuclear Sub Designed to Start WW III" and "Live Without Trident" marched silently in front of Eugene's Navy Recruitment Center at noon.

The demonstrators flagged down pedestrians and talked to people in cars at a stop signal about the Trident defense system.

According to demonstrator David Zupan, the low key demonstration's purpose was to protest the Navy recruitment for the "nuke navy" and to publicize the anti-Trident cause.

The Trident defense system, based in Bangor, Wash., is a submarine-launched ballistic missile system, which would be able to demolish more than 6,500 sites when the project is completed. The system calls for 16 submarines each carrying approximately 408 maneuverable warheads with extremely accurate pinpoint capabilities.

Anti-Trident groups say the system is an offensive weapon and is a "first-strike" arms tactic.

"Most Americans are more than alarmed about the use of nuclear weapons," Zupan says. "It's one thing to talk about defense, but offense is another thing."

Lt. Commander Roger Copeland, director of Trident public affairs, when asked if the weapon was for offensive or defensive purposes, replied it was a "strategic deterrent force." Copeland also said the system was scheduled for completion in 1980-81.

Zupan said each submarine will cost \$2 billion, adding that the nuclear weapon is extremely profitable to large corporate interests.

The demonstrators were also promoting a non-violent civil disobedience action that is scheduled to take place at the Trident base in Bangor May 22. Approximately 12 Eugene residents plan to make the trip up to Bangor to participate in the demonstration. The penalty for civil disobedience could be six months in jail or a \$500 fine.

"This is going to be the Seabrook of disarmament," said Janice Marshall, one of the demonstrators. She added that she hopes the "show of commitment" will inspire the peace movement

to resurface. Several hundred persons are expected on May 22.

"It should recharge and revitalize the peace movement," she said. "A lot of people who agree with us have just given up and gone home."

Copeland said "some precautions will be taken to insure the safety and lives of employees as well as demonstrators."

He said the nature of those precautions is secret, but some steps are also being taken to insure that government property is not damaged.

Marshall pointed out that on May 23 the U.N. Conference on Disarmament, the first such meeting of its kind, will convene in New York City. Complete disarmament will be discussed during the two-month conference, supported primarily by Third World nations who do not possess nuclear weapons capabilities.

Organizations involved in Eugene against the missile system include the Trojan Decommissioning Alliance and the War Resisters League.

There will be a meeting tonight of the Eugene Citizens Against Trident, at 7:30 p.m. in the EMU, room to be posted.

Bias?

Feldman denies Warren charges of power abuse

By CAROLYN BEAVER
Of the Emerald

ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman says he thinks the charges of bias Jeff Warren has made against him are totally untrue.

He says, "The outgoing president has always endorsed a candidate... I decided not to... I haven't shown any of the traditional bias."

It isn't clear whether Feldman did or did not endorse Herrera. Michael Connelly, ASUO administrative aid, and Feldman submitted a letter to the Emerald supporting Herrera.

Since Feldman had another letter scheduled to run that day opposing candidate Jim Dowhower, Tom Jackson, Emerald editorial page editor, called Feldman and asked him if he wanted his name taken off the Connelly letter, since he didn't want to run two letters from the same person.

Jackson says it was a short conversation, and Feldman agreed to have his name removed from the letter. Feldman, however, says he decided to remove his name because he did not want to support a candidate.

Warren's charge that Feldman said he'd use his powers with the Constitutional Committee in favor of Ramon Herrera don't make much sense, says Feldman.

"I have no power with the constitutional committee. They vote the way they want. I appointed three people last summer. They're not salaried. They don't have any obligation to me."

Feldman doesn't deny talking to Warren about filing a petition with the committee.

"I thought it was an unwise decision to take it (the uncertainty in election procedures) to the constitutional level," he says.

Warren says Feldman thought it was an "unwise decision" because Feldman told him "he would be able to 'get to them' (constitutional committee members)."

Herrera says "obviously, the whole thing has upset me immensely." He says "there's an implication of a close liaison with Gary" which isn't true.

The controversy will simmer until Wednesday when the committee will meet. The time and date have not yet been established.

Try again: SUAB position still up for grabs

The presidential race isn't the only unresolved ASUO political contest. The candidates for Student University Affairs Board (SUAB) position No. 14 (political science, geography and history), are tied.

After the votes from students in Charleston were counted last weekend, both Don Heady and Jim Pasero, juniors in political science, had tallies of 44 votes.

The ASUO will hold another run-off election Wednesday. Political science, history and geography majors can vote from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a table in Suite 4, in the basement of the EMU.