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ture, will also attend the conference. This will give visibility for Babbitt to continue to work with the two sides toward a compromise, said Mark Spriggs, an assistant professor of economics.

"For a one-day conference, what can we expect?" he asked.

Clinton's role in the conference, Wood said, is mainly to introduce the timber crisis on a national level so it is no longer just a regional problem.

"I think his role will be largely symbolic during the conference, but I think he will play a significant role when the work actually begins in Washington," Wood said.

Spriggs, who researches forest management decisions and their effects on public revenues and local economies, believes Friday's conference will focus mainly on the conflict surrounding attempts to protect the ancient old-growth forests. Because emotions are high on both sides of the issue, Spriggs said, the debate will probably consume most of the conference time.

What needs to result from the conference, he said, is a plan that will allow some level of harvesting to continue but protects the ancient forests.

"I do not think we can continue past logging practices," he said.

Although the ancient forests, log exports and aid for timber workers have so far received the largest amount of attention, other equally important issues will be discussed Friday, Wood said.

"The new issues will be alternative sources of timber that were not explored and issues of salmon habitat," she said.

Hawkins, whose research specializes in people displaced by deforestation, said she was concerned that all parties involved will not be properly represented. The timber problem is not just a two-sided issue, she said,

Free concert, rallies kick off forest summit

Although President Clinton forgot to invite University students to Friday's forest summit, there is still a chance for student voices to be heard.

No one will be excluded from tonight's free concert featuring David Crosby, Kenny Loggins, Phish, Bonnie Raitt, Neil Young and other top stars. The concert begins at 4 p.m. in Portland at the Tom McCall Waterfront Park. Music will continue until 8 p.m.

The concert, sponsored by a coalition of environmental and grass-roots organizations, will kick off an ancient forest celebration that will continue with an evening vigil to recognize forests, fish and families.

The Oregon National Resource Council will organize a rally Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pioneer Square, featuring grass roots and Native American speakers. Following the rally will be a march to the Portland

Convention Center where the forest summit is scheduled to take place. A salmon memorial is also scheduled Friday, said Scott Watts, a Survival Center member.

The Survival Center is working with several hundred groups to organize the summit events. Watts said he expects around 50,000 people to attend the rally and concert.

"This is a time for everyone to go up to Portland and make your voice heard," Watts said.

Those in need of transportation should contact the Survival Center in Suite 1 of the EMU. The center is organizing a car pool that will leave from Lane County Fairgrounds at four different times both today and Friday.

The Survival Center has made arrangements for students to spend the night at Reed College. Lodging is free and students need only pay for gas and food.

and many views often get overlooked. "People who are very much directly affected are often the most marginalized or excluded," Hawkins said. "There have probably been many unheard, unrepresented folks."

Faculty members agreed that a compromise is far from being reached, but the conference is a step in the right direction. The summit will become part of a much larger, national discussion.

Spriggs said because the two different sides are so polarized, a lack of trust will stand in the way of a

solution. However, the business side of the issue is more willing now to accept a compromise because they are currently faced with nothing, he said.

Decisions regarding timber and forest management

"The impact felt today by both the environmental and timber dependent communities are in large part the result of decisions made decades ago," Wood said. "There is just no easy fix to a problem of this duration and magnitude."

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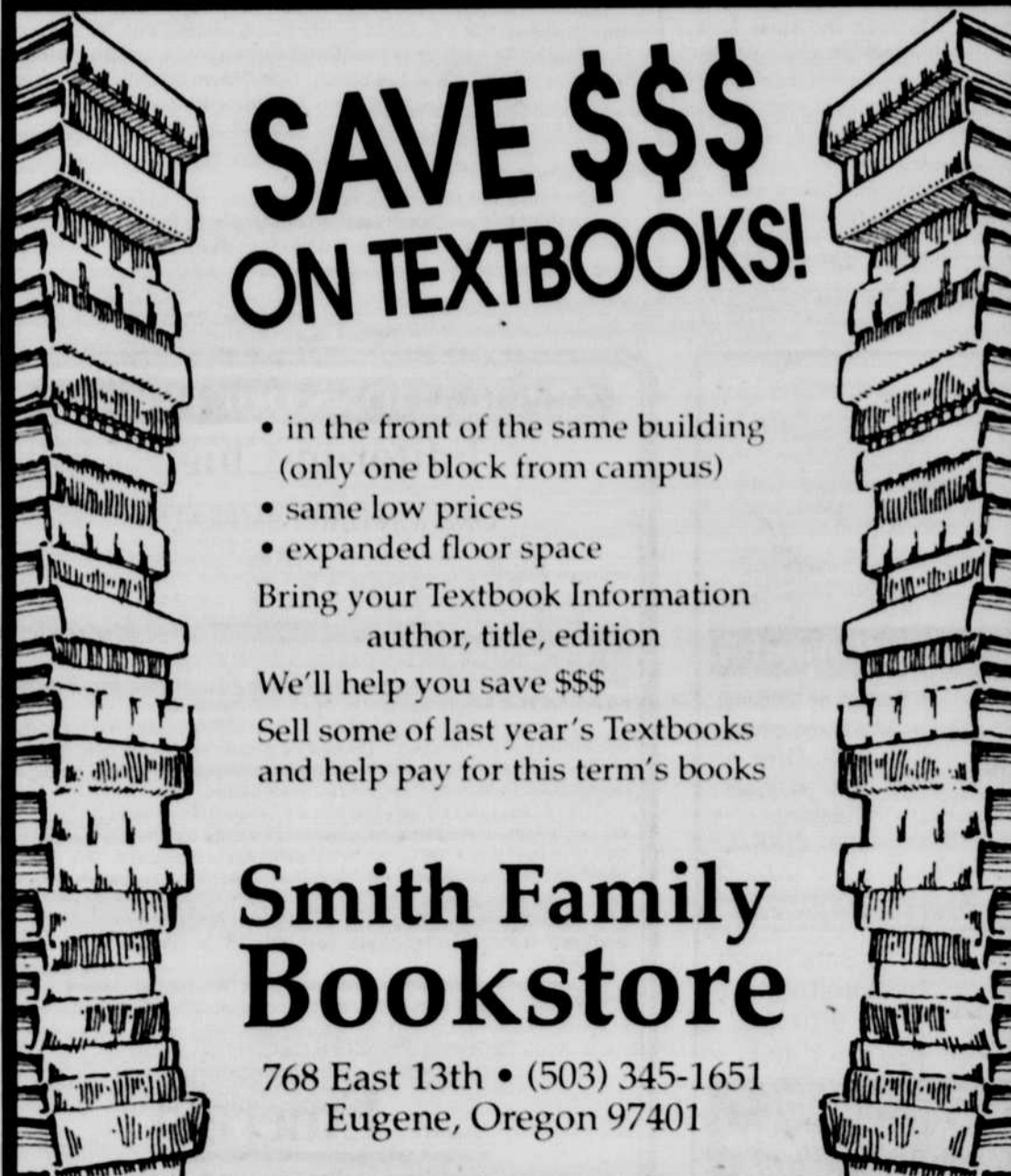
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