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**The Fraternities of Oregon invite you to attend an information session on Tuesday, April 6. The session will be held from 12-4 p.m. in the E.M.U. Courtyard.**

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## Summit brightens timber outlook



PORTLAND (AP) — President Bill Clinton's forest conference dispelled the notion that the Northwest must choose between jobs and spotted owls, and should help build support for old-growth protection, environmentalists said Saturday.

Environmentalists also expressed optimism that Clinton will offer a comprehensive proposal that goes beyond owls to help troubled salmon streams and national forests in Eastern Oregon and Washington.

"President Clinton's forest conference has finally buried the myth of jobs versus owls," Karin Sheldon, president of The Wilderness Society, said at a news conference with leaders of a dozen groups.

"There is no longer any question that ending logging in the nation's old-growth forests on both the east and west sides of the Cascades is a prerequisite for sustaining both a healthy environment and economy in rural Oregon, Washington and Northern California," she said.

Clinton and Gore sprinkled environmental nuances throughout Friday's six-hour conference in Portland.

"If we learn nothing else here it is the various elements here interrelate with each other. Whatever is done has to be done on a very broad base, long-term basis in recognition of those interconnections," Gore said at the round table.

Sami Yassa, a staff scientist for the Natural Resources Defense Council in San Francisco, said Clinton seemed to understand "a solution that doesn't address the east side is only half a solution."

Labor leaders said the most important part of Friday's conference was Clinton's chance to hear directly from people who have suffered as a result of dramatic logging cutbacks in the region.

"We demonstrated there is another element of this debate — the working men, women and communities of the Northwest," said Mike Draper, executive secretary of the Western Council of Industrial Workers in Portland.

Chris West, vice president of the Northwest Forestry Association, said environmentalists at the conference offered "the same old rhetoric, no new proposals and are not ready to compromise."

Environmentalists said Saturday they are optimistic Clinton's involvement will make it more politically palatable for some Northwest lawmakers to abandon the delegation's traditional ties to the timber industry.

Environmentalists blamed House Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash., last year for blocking a sweeping protection bill offered by Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., the conservation-minded chairman of the Natural Resources Committee.

Foley telephoned members of the committee to rally opposition to the proposal only minutes before a scheduled vote, killing the bill.

"I think a last-minute phone call from the speaker in the committee room is not going to keep a bill from moving this year," said former Rep. Jim Jontz, D-Ind., who now works part time for the Western Ancient Forest Campaign.

Bob Chlopak of the Ancient Forest Alliance based in Washington, D.C., added, "It's a different political ball game."

"With George Bush, Tom Foley had political cover from the White House to stop this. He doesn't have that any more. There are national Democrats from outside the region as well as some in the region who see this an opportunity to get this monkey off their back," he said.

Chlopak said Washington Rep. Norm Dicks is another Democrat who sympathizes with the timber industry and could block sweeping protection plans.

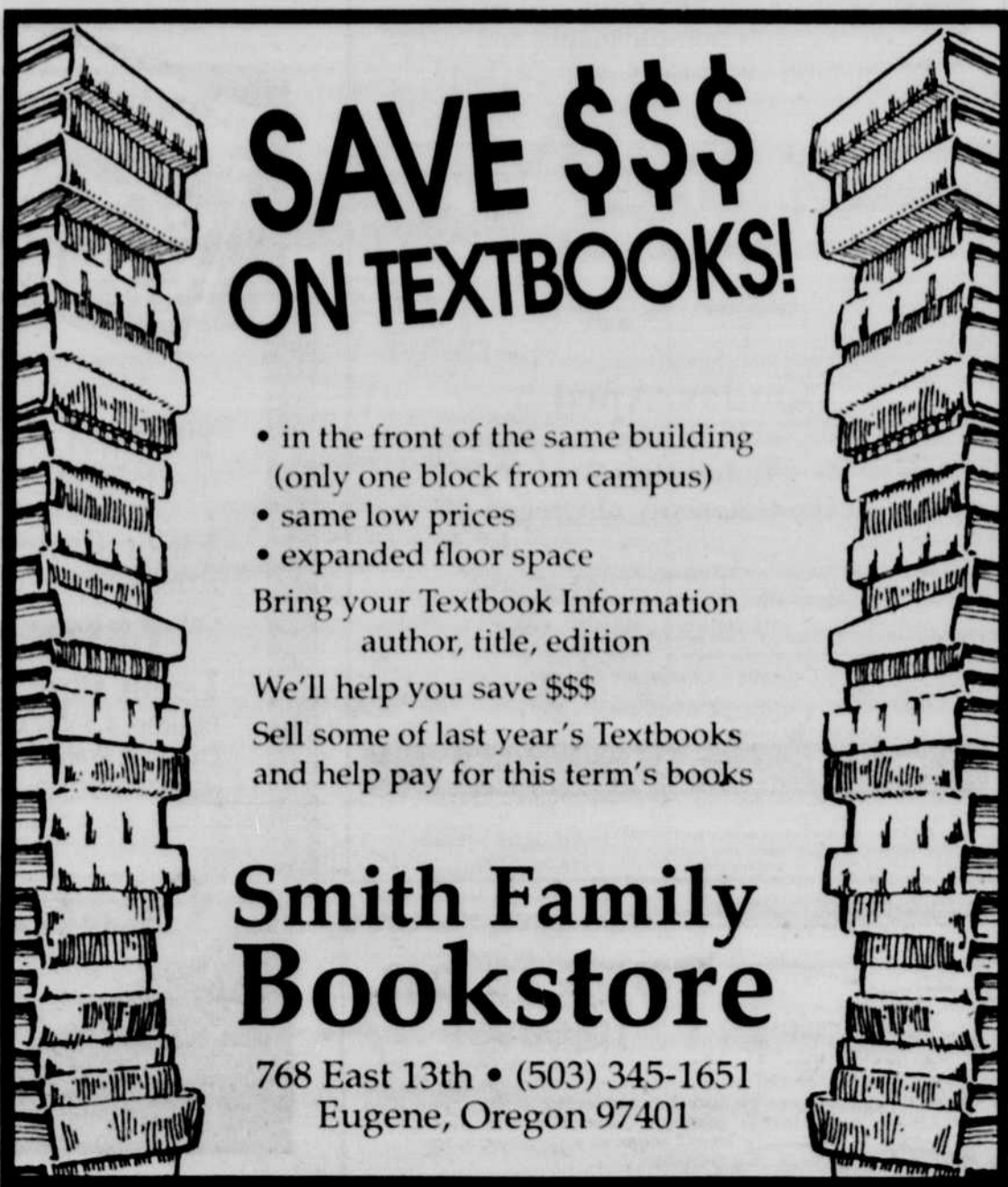
"It's going to come down to where Norm Dicks and Tom Foley are going to be on this issue," he said.

Bill Arthur of the Sierra Club in Seattle said 200 volunteers were knocking on 50,000 doors in Dicks' district in Tacoma, Wash., Saturday to "take the message to Norm Dicks."

Osborn said environmentalists knocked on 40,000 doors in Eastern Washington last week urging calls to the White House.

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