

WE SUPPORT THE NATIONAL DAY OF CAMPUS ACTION AGAINST THE "CONTRACT ON AMERICA" WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 RALLY 12-2, EMU

On March 29 campus communities across the nation will hold rallies against legislation passed or under consideration by the House and Senate which will:

- > Cut federal financial aid to students, including interest subsidies on school loans, many scholarship programs, Pell Grants and TRIO programs, Americorps -- the House voted to cut 50 education programs for the remainder of 1995 alone by \$750 million, the largest cuts ever. "Contract" authors call for far bigger education cuts in coming years.
- > Cut the social safety net that assists the poorest and most vulnerable members of society. Programs cut include school lunches, income support for single women with children, low-income housing assistance, support for AIDS victims, summer youth jobs, home heating assistance, worker retraining programs, and urban mass transit funds.
- > Attack the civil rights of women, people of color, immigrants, gays and lesbians. "Contract" authors want to end federal programs promoting diversity and gender equality; they propose to deny education and other benefits to documented, taxpaying immigrants; many support the homophobic agenda of the extreme right-wing.
- > Radically roll back 30 years of environmental legislation, including the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts. The House declared open season for logging in the national forests; cut \$1.3 billion from clean drinking water funds.

Meanwhile, authors of the "Contract" propose to increase military spending, still at Cold War levels of more than \$270 billion per year -- more than all other programs financed by general tax revenues combined! The real threat to the nation's security is not overseas, it is the pain and social devastation that will result from the increased poverty, lack of educational opportunity, and economic decline and environmental devastation that will result if the "Contract" is implemented. The "Contract" is a mean-spirited attack on fairness and decency -- it is unacceptable!

We join student organizations at UO and across the US in opposing the "Contract." We urge members of the campus community to: 1) Be informed of the "Contract's" implications, 2) Let your Senators and Representatives know you oppose the "Contract" (Capitol switchboard 202-225-3121), 3) Make your voices heard NOW (the Senate still must pass on the Contract). For more information or to get involved, contact UO Survival Center, 346-3716.

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