Support still needed to fight ERA battle

As note: The following appeared in the Feb.23 the Bridge, the student at Portland Commun-

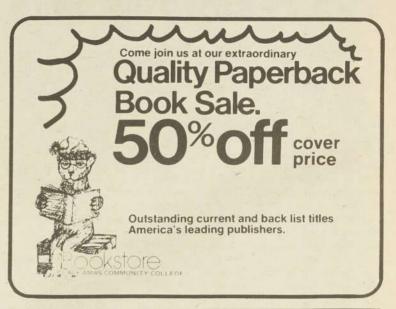
men complacently patbacks and congratulatother on a battle well while the Equal Rights entslips quietly away? any states where ERA approved, it seems that the fight is won and tack to their communand homes to take up the disrupted rhythm of their lives, now secure that equality has been won.

While glorying in our own state's decision, three more states are needed for ratification and there is little more than a year left. Negotiations for a deadline extension may or may not materialize. Meanwhile are we going to let the guarantee of equal rights under the law, so tantalizingly near, elude our grasp? Granted, there are still those in Oregon working full-tilt for complete ratification, but how many of us, now that Oregon has planted itself firmly on the side of women, feel we have done our share and withdraw from the campaign still being waged in other states?

And is our state really secure? Is any state? Anti-ERA forces have not slackened their efforts to in fact, gained great momentum.

Four states have tried to rescind approval of the ERA because of pressure from these forces. Fortunately, the Justice Department has ruled that unconstitutional or we would be facing a more ominous battle.

All people who believe in the ERA and want to see it passed must continue to work and fight for ratification. But, just as important, we must stay constantly alert to forces in our own state trying to undermine the ground work that has been so laboriously laid towards human equality.



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non in the cafeteria at the are just about ready your first bite of that sindwich that you have sking about all morning of a sudden it hits you. If you think that it is r eyes getting blurry of that midnight cramatyou did last night for morning exam. But thally realize that it ming towards you in a thoting cloud and it at puts a dent in your

sit? It is the smoke in main that comes from making cigarettes during time. "But, you sav, an we do about it?" may has already been

have noticed, for the weeks tables have been dfor non-smokers, and in the back of the cafealso been posted as a ters area. Now, you order if this is a good w. Let's find out what i the students around methinking. apod idea," Jill Wright

spool idea," Jill Wright don't want to eat and tote at the same time, want to smoke, they can onnewhere else. They ar to spoil it for every-

Haatia said, "It's all people don't want to the while they're eatshouldn't have to. tooing it in restaurants too why not here."

Albeke said, "I like Istand it when I have at to someone who while I'm eating. I wif they smoke, but I would be polite if they

fothers." Ak it's a good idea." Asaid. "I don't smoke ling can bother some There's no conflict bemokers and nonthe back room as a non-smoking area was great."

- From these responses, it would seem that the designated no-smoking areas are a good idea. If everyone will respect each others rights, there should be no real problems at all in the future. Then everyone can really enjoy their lunch and be able to taste what they are eating at the same time.



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sentence seems to be response from the talked to. Even do smoke feel that ng area is a good though they don't the present plan, to enjoy having a they can smoke aren't bothering 's great," said Steve improvement, d be to make the non-smokers. think they're very way they have them da Nolan said. ight to have a non-The idea about mmunity College



