

# communiqué'

April 18-24

## 'Ground Zero Week' not to go unnoticed

The week of April 18 has been designated "Ground Zero Week," by a group who also call themselves Ground Zero.

This week is planned to make people aware of the dangers of nuclear weapon usage. This will include displays on campus. One of which will be sponsored by

"Friends of the Clackamas Community College Library." They hope to have books and other literature on the subject of nuclear weapons especially exhibited in the College library. In an effort to remain a

non-political group, "Friends" will have literature on both the pros and cons of nuclear weapons displayed (if there is such a thing as pro nuclear weapons).

It's time that everyone looked at this literature; especially when it is being made so easily accessible this week. Knowing the dangers of a nuclear attack

will scare many people, but that is good, it should. About all it would take from the Soviet Union, is the push of a button, and within 20 minutes the majority of the United States would be wiped out.

A lot of good shelters will be. It would only take U.S. officials a matter of seconds to find out that a nuclear attack has been launched, but the general public

would not find out until the fatal attack has struck. Perhaps, even if you made it to a shelter, you would never know when it was safe to come out.

So the time to act on the nuclear situation is now, before we are all too dead to do anything about it. The United States and Soviet Union already have

enough nuclear weaponry to destroy the world over and over. So once it is destroyed, why destroy it again? Besides, who will be here to destroy it again?



## Candidates Fair challenges us to put up or shut up

The Associated Student Government will hold a candidates fair for everyone who is running for congress from our district on April 19. Chances are, the turn-out of students will be lousy.

By J. Dana Haynes

That's a crying shame. It seems that the litany one hears everyday on the bus or in the cafeteria is "Geez, these are tough times," and in fact they are. People are hurting financially, small businesses are turning to bankruptcy at an alarming rate, and, as one of the candidates put it, "the light at the end of the tunnel is an on-coming train."

However, I personally doubt if any students will attend this candidates fair. These will be the people competing to become one of the ten or so most important Oregonians in

the country, and so the winner of the race will have some hand in the future of our state and country, but somehow I don't expect it to be a standing-room-only crowd watching them.

Sure these are tough times. Sure people are hurting. But will anyone attend this meeting and find out about their future leaders? Or will apathy reign supreme?

Someone once said that politics is like the weather: everyone talks about it but no one ever does anything. Why is that? **The Print** could now say "Go out there and be good citizens! Go get involved!" But, of course, we've all heard that before, a million times.

What we will say is that this is a chance to size up the future shakers and movers. Those people who attend the fair and ask questions may learn something about the candidates, and about the state and country. Those who don't, won't. And that's probably Okay.

Oregon has always had a sort of laid-back approach to things, it seems. "If it's gonna happen, it's gonna happen. If we get a Republican, or a Democrat, or an aardvark in congress, then that's the way it is--and pass me a beer."

However, if you're unemployed, or tired of not making ends meet, or if you don't trust the fairness or accuracy of the media in presenting the candidates (and who could blame you for that?), then attend the Candidates

Fair. Listen to the runners, decide which one best represents you, and then vote. Or else stop complaining about

politics and the economy. Put up or shut up, folks, that's all there is to it.

## More people would help

With the weekly distribution of **The Print**, it seems with each issue comes more demand. In distributing last week's issue of **The Print** time was not even given to get the papers to the stands. People were coming up and grabbing papers out of the deliverers' hands.

That is a great feeling, to know that **The Print** is in that much of a demand. But

without more help, it is getting more and more difficult to keep the weekly issues coming with a decreasing staff size.

At last count the number of staff writers was at 10. That means that each writer has to dig up the information for, and write about 1100 words of copy per week. In terms of written out pages that is about eight.

The point is **The Print** needs help. Anyone who has the slightest interest in any phase of journalism is enthusiastically welcomed to help out with **The Print**. Even if

you cannot contribute on a regular basis, as long as you are willing to keep tabs with **The Print** on the progress of stories and can meet deadlines, **The Print** can use your help.

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