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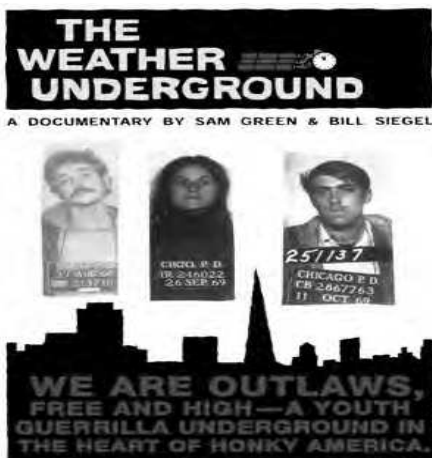
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Deadline for registering to vote in the May 18 primary is April 27. Ballots arrive in the mail around April 28.

— Kate Rogers Gessert

BEACH CLEANUP NETS NEAR-RECORD 40 TONS

Under mixed skies last weekend, more than 4,700 volunteers turned out to participate in the Great Oregon Spring Beach Cleanup. The entire Oregon Coast, minus some inaccessible parts, was cleaned of debris that had accumulated during the stormy winter months. Volunteers removed an estimated 40.2 tons of trash from the coastline. This was the second highest tonnage collected during the 19-year history of the Spring Beach Cleanup. Forty-two tons were collected in 1999.



WEATHERMAN ACTIVISM COMPARED TO POST-9/11

Vietnam-era radical student leaders Mark Rudd, Carolyn Knox, David Powell and Robin Marks-Fife will be speaking in Eugene on "Social Movements: Then and Now" in a two-day gathering this weekend at UO.

The Oscar-nominated documentary film *The Weather Underground* will be shown at 7 pm Friday, April 2 at 180 PLC on campus, and will be followed by a discussion with Rudd and other former members of The Weather Underground.

Two workshops on Saturday will further explore issues of activism, violence and non-violence, and protest and dissent in the post 9/11 era. The workshops run from 10 am to noon and 1:30 to 3:30 pm at 240 McKenzie Hall at UO.

The Weather Underground emerged as an offshoot of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in 1969, and was responsible for a series of bombings and other violent acts against symbols of U.S. government and corporate power. The group was controversial both among the general public and among progressive political activists, many of whom felt that it discredited the left more than it built its cause.

Organizers say the film and discussion will examine several questions, among them: "What is our responsibility as Americans for the inequalities of globalism? What would real social justice look like, not just in America but throughout the world? How do we as a society define violence and terror-

ism? What are the characteristics of effective movements for social change? Can violence ever be justified in the pursuit of such goals?"

Knox was a graduate student at Kent State University in English literature and helped to organize SDS there in 1967. She now lives in Eugene, earned her doctorate and is on staff at the Center for Advanced Technology in Education, College of Education at UO.

Marks-Fife was active in Kent, Ohio with first the Kent Committee to End the War in Viet Nam and then SDS from 1966-1969. She has since moved to Eugene and has worked in social services and continued as an activist for peace and social justice.

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