

Pledge more than symbolic act

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If Ballot Measure 6 passes in next week's campus elections, graduating seniors will be asked to sign a voluntary pledge stating they will investigate the environmental consequences of jobs they consider taking.

The idea of a commencement ecology pledge is not new. The 1987 graduating class at California's Humboldt State University was presented with a similar pledge.

Matt Nicodemus, founder of the Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility and head of Graduate Pledge Alliance at Humboldt State University, said at a small group presentation Tuesday that the voluntary pledge is more than a symbolic act.

Nicodemus said the pledge represented a need for environmental education, not just at commencement, but in all phases of undergraduate education.

"Students are not being exposed to a lot of ideas about the environment in their classrooms," he said. "They're not being taught to connect what they're being taught in class to the outside world."

Nicodemus said the pledge, already offered at several other colleges around the country, could change the way students view commencement activities.

"What would happen if 10

years from now if at schools all over the world people took into account the environmental impact of the jobs they consider?" Nicodemus asked. "We think it is a real possibility that the graduation ceremony we know in the world could evolve."

Dan Close, Humboldt State's student body vice president-elect and a proponent of his school's pledge program, offered his views on the pledge, saying it was more than an issue of "political correctness."

"To me, it's enlightening," Close said. "It makes graduation what it should be. You've all heard the expression 'Think globally, act locally.' How local can you get? What's more local than yourself?"

Close said opposition to the pledge may come either from students who do not understand it is voluntary, or from those who will consider only material profit in their careers.

"A lot of people take this pledge as offensive," he said. "The only offense a person can take is that there's no clause that says 'unless the job pays a lot of money.' If you're from the ideology where money is the bottom line, then yes, this pledge may be offensive to you."

Aside from that aspect, Close said signing the pledge had nothing to do with politics.

"The pledge is neither left nor right," he said. "It's up front."

Other colleges have implemented a similar commence-



Matt Nicodemus

ment pledge, such as the UC Berkeley chemistry department, San Francisco State, and Stanford University.

As far as investigating potential employers goes, Nicodemus said many environmental groups check companies for their environmental habits, and that students should go to these groups for information.

"Why reinvent the wheel? Ask for their research," he said.

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culture. He said the University agreed to mount a mural that depicts the struggle of Chicano people. This painting will be the first mural on campus that represents people of color, Beanes said.

MEChA recommended that the University hire more people of color and strive for better recruitment and retention of minority faculty members. The group also recommended offering more classes in Native American studies, Chicano studies, African-American studies and Asian American studies.

Project Saferide staff member Kim Young said the University must take a greater stand in the fight to prevent rape on cam-

pus. One in three women will be raped in her lifetime, Young said. "And on college campuses, 90 percent of those women aren't going to report it. This shows a major oppression of women, and it's not being sufficiently confronted."

Student Campaign for Disarmament co-director Shannon Oliver said there has been a call to repeal the bans on military funding of basic scientific research on campus and at Riverfront Research Park. She stressed the importance of keeping these bans intact, adding, "Repealing them would pointedly fly in the face of academic freedom."

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"We're going to fight it, but we're realistic enough to see that we need to work with it," Maples said. "We want a direct say in where the money goes."

Community relations: Maples and Cushman said that they would look in "a bigger frame" for ways to improve relations between students and their University-area neighbors.

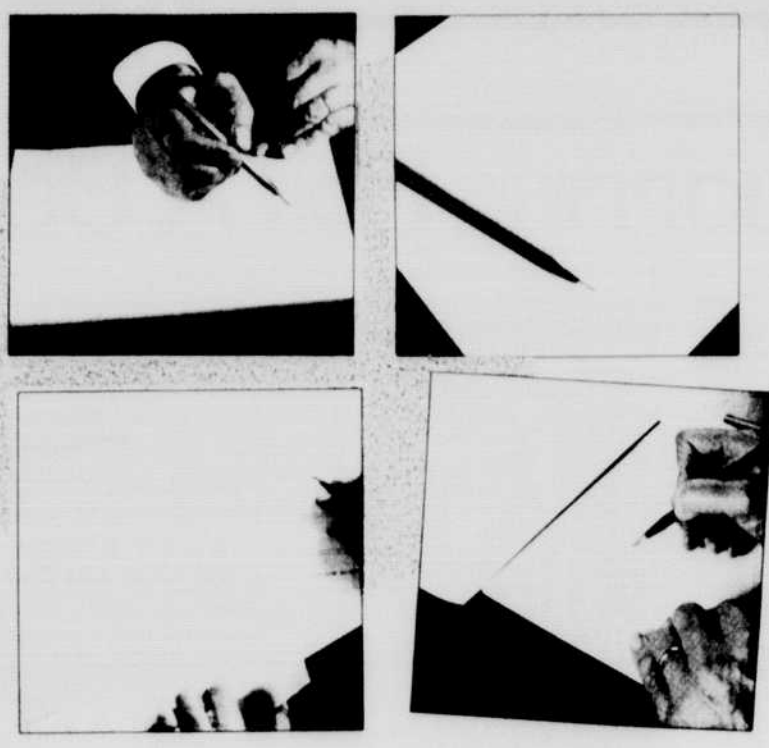
"It's not the University's responsibility to find things to do every night of the week for underage students," Cushman said. The community should provide activities for high school students and other people under 21, she added.

Maples and Cushman said their strength lies in their "insider/outsider" background. Maples, a current IFC member, has been active in student body government as director of the EMU Board of Directors and as a member of the Associated Students Presidents Advisory Council.

Cushman said her "outsider" point of view comes from working in her sorority and from her family's involvement in San Diego politics, which includes fund raising and charity work.

"I have had a lot experience working with groups and dealing with people," she said.

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