

# Supremacist kids symptom of society

A white supremacy youth group based in Vancouver, Wash. has been distributing literature in Eugene for four months now in a probable attempt to gain new members.

Fliers from the group Southern Justice appeared at Lane Community College in February, and a sticker depicting a hooded figure warning of a "business call" by the Ku Klux Klan was pasted on a mural showing children of all colors living in harmony at the offices of Clergy and Laity Concerned last month.

A flier was also found earlier this week at the future home of a local black man.

The fliers describe the group's goals of establishing a white homeland in the Pacific Northwest that would forbid divorce, banish people of color and let women work solely in the home.

The group, which surfaced 1 1/2 years ago, claims it is affiliated with the National Confederacy of the Ku Klux Klan and is made up mostly of young members.

Why are these kids acting out such hate? What is wrong with our society? Why are they vulnerable to such destructive behavior?

Don't they know hate breeds hate? Don't they know they have absolutely no right to grind their confused foot into another person's back? Obviously not. Though they act tough and scary, these are children — young impressionable people. Somewhere along the line they missed out on the basic rules of common human decency and consideration, learning only fear and intimidation.

Yes, fear. People don't act this way unless they feel threatened; feel a need to protect something.

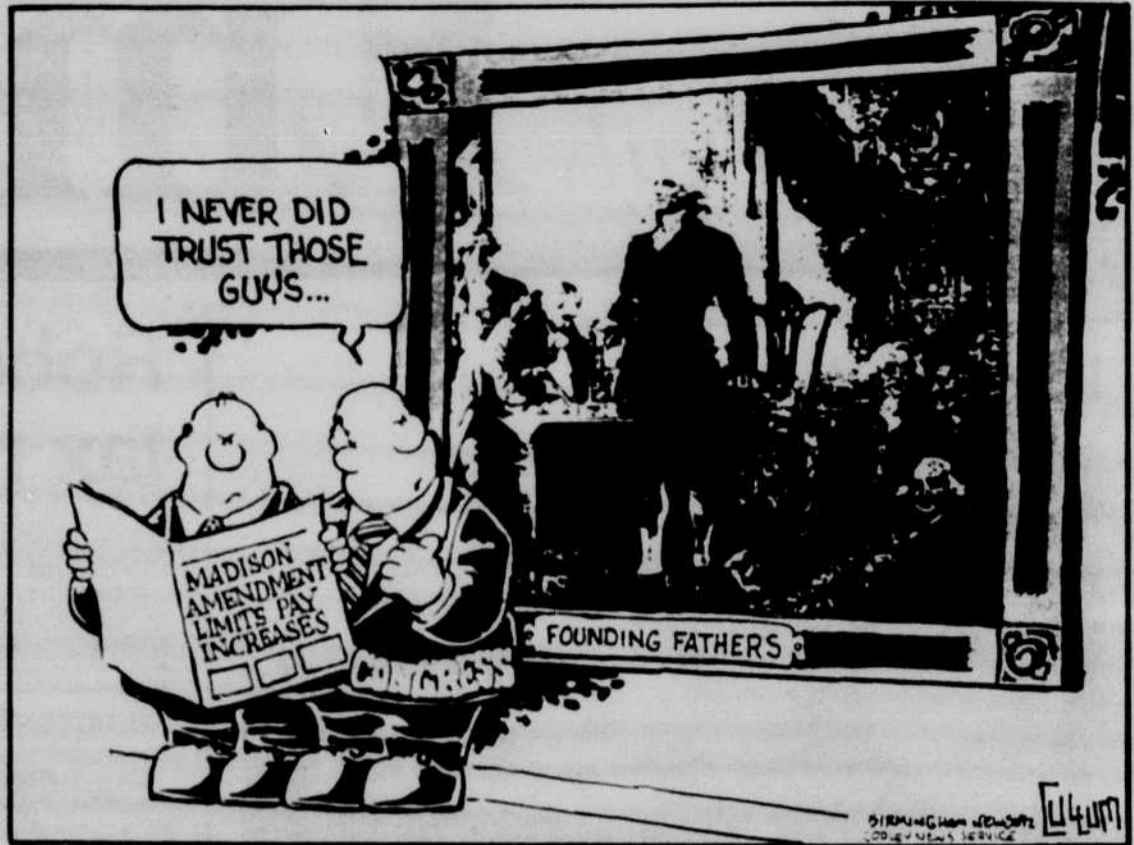
These kids are going to grow up someday, and will participate in this society as adults. Unless they begin to learn different, America is going to get real ugly.

Our youth is the next generation, and we are all responsible for these children — regardless of color. This all-white homeland they seek, with zero options for people of color and women is absolutely ridiculous. It can't happen.

We can't afford prejudice. It kills and maims not only the victims but the practitioners. And for those who insist that prejudice is commendable, think twice about the fact that what goes around does indeed come around. It's been estimated that by the year 2000, people of color will outnumber whites. It'd be real interesting to check back in with these folks then to see how they feel about oppression.

Fortunately, not everyone is prejudiced and sexist. It's more important than ever for these people to pull together. In this way, we will all survive, which is more important than any single race's perseverance.

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**OPINION**

## Native Americans find strength

**THE FINE PRINT**  
BY CATHIE DANIELS

Rarely do people act on their own behalf to heal and help themselves. However, a group of local Native Americans is doing just that.

The group's beginning is inspiring in itself. The non-profit organization, called Tribal Outreach, was started nine years ago by an Indian couple who wanted to help their people. Having experienced most of the hardships plaguing today's Native Americans, Joe and Cherokee wanted to work for positive change in the valley's Indian community.

Now operating out of a Long house, or traditional meeting place, donated by the University's Native American Student Union, the group has potlucks on Friday nights at 7; drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings Monday nights at 7; and drumming Wednesday nights at 7.

Among the Tribal Outreach's motivations is the re-establishment and practice of traditional native culture and values. A variety of classes meant to pass these important principles onto the next generation are also planned, ranging from fancy dancing to drum making.

A quote from the group's monthly newsletter reads: "Be challenged, inspire others... let's practice interconnection, concern and love. Uniting in respect and trust. Strengthening where there is weakness and need." Native American pride and honor is the name of the game here, pivoting upon their motto: "A hand up, not a hand out!"

The group distributed more than nine tons of clothing and furniture last year to Native families all over Oregon, along with cords of wood and more than 700 presents at Christmas.

The first half of this year was spent sorting clothes and household articles at the Long house, and operating fry bread

stands at pow wows and local celebrations to raise money.

The power of this growing organization lies in the re-strengthening of Native people at large by Native people. Each group member plays a key role in Tribal Outreach's operation via participation in the many activities and tasks.

One of the organization's philosophies maintains that work must begin now to save the Indian people, or there will eventually be no people to save. Though the country's Indian population continues to grow, killers like drugs, alcohol and general abuse are destroying the lives of Native people.

Problems like these are found with every people the world over. But in the Native Americans' case, they stem from the pain begun 500 years ago when their land was not only infiltrated but their people mistreated and slaughtered.

The disrespect shown these people continues today. Treaties have been broken so many times, most have either disappeared or are a mere shadow of what they once were. The sad and ugly ignorance of prejudice continues to exist, hurting and angering the spirit of its victims. And today's native people are rarely, if ever, acknowledged in America's menu of races — as if they have actually perished or been assimilated into the "majority" race.

The fact is the original people of this country are still alive and well. Their strong traditions and culture survive today, and they must be acknowledged as a distinct people, deserving of respect and support.

Their continued survival is no doubt a thorn in the American government's guilty side. Unfair treatment of Native Americans has been common practice since day one. The government's greatest hope is that of either total assimilation or destruction of the Indian people, finally relieving them of the mess they made and leaving them free to do as they please with every last shred of this land.

Again, this country's Native

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people are still here, and deserve, at the very least, recognition and respect. Tribal Outreach is motivated by the power of its people, centered and led by the spirit of their elders. It also welcomes people of color throughout the area, working to provide a foundation of strength, growth and support to all who come.

The Long house is also open to Euro-Americans respectful of the Indian way. The activities and group interaction provide the chance for learning and the building of necessary healing bonds.

There was a time when Joe and Cherokee were the only ones who showed up at Tribal Outreach's functions. Recently, the Long House was filled with more than 70 people at a Wednesday night drumming.

Something good is happening here, and it's growing every day. The time has come for organizations like this — for the healing and empowerment of the Native American people.

Tribal Outreach encourages all those who would like to support and/or participate in any of their activities to get involved. The group operates on the principle of people helping people, and there's a variety of ways you can help. Financial donations are accepted, as are gifts of labor, ranging from cooking to fixing vehicles.

The Long House is located on Columbia Street on the University campus. Joe and Cherokee may be contacted at 688-8018, 2144 Ohio St., Eugene, OR 97402.

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