

# Earth First mellows, occasionally active



MEDFORD (AP) — His business card lunges for the timber industry jugular. "No compromise in the defense of Mother Earth!" it reads. "Mike Roselle: Outside Agitator."

But Roselle, national heir apparent to lead what many consider a mad-dog environmental group, says Earth First no longer bites.

Accused of nearly every act of vandalism from tree spiking to sabotaging logging equipment in southern Oregon and Northern California, the group now merely nips on occasion, he insists.

"We're more careful about unnecessarily offending people now," Roselle said. "We've gotten more sophisticated. We've broadened our constituency to include people who wouldn't have associated with us 10 years ago."

Soothing words coming from the leading spokesman of a group the timber industry sees as environmental terrorists.

Most participants agree Earth First has evolved since it was born a dozen years ago. But getting a handle on the group is like trying to capture forest mist — It has no membership, no official leaders, no home base.

Meet Earth First activist Steve Marsden, 40, of Cave Junction, who jokingly calls himself the group's "tribal shaman."

The former Forest Service employee insists the group hasn't changed as much as the mainstream environmental movement, which he believes has flowed into Earth First's camp.

"Things we were saying while standing on Bald Mountain Road 10 years ago were true," he said of protests deep in the Siskiyou National Forest. "People see that now. It's become more mainstream because it's more accepted."

But Earth First hasn't gotten mellow, Marsden stresses. "If that ever happened, there would no longer be an Earth First," he said.

Perhaps one major change is the fact women have stepped into leading roles, suggests Karen Wood, 30, of Eugene, an activist in the group's Willamette chapter since 1987.

"Earth First has attracted more women, particularly here in Oregon," she said. "There used to be a perception in the media that it's male-dominated, macho. It's not."

As editor of the *Earth First! Journal*, the Missoula, Mont. resident has assumed the ceremonial leadership role. The journal has a circulation of about 10,000, a portion of which is international.

## CHARGES

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low graduate business students should put the career and computer centers under a microscope this year and decide at the end of the year how well their money was spent.

Graduate business student Greg Quick agrees that it remains to be seen how the improvements will help the students but says he is optimistic and understanding about the resource fee.

"I look at it as just another fee there is nothing you can do anything about," Quick said. "I hope it does the school some good, but who knows until the end of the year."

Phil Kelloff, president of the Master of Business Administration Association, said most of the students in the business school have reacted to the fee with resigned acceptance. He said most students understand the costs of getting a quality graduate education are rising.

"The students I talked to all seemed confident they were getting something for their money," Kelloff said.

Hank Oberson, the student senator who represents the business school, also said most of the students he talked to understood the business school's need to improve services.

"It's a crimp in the pocket-book," Oberson said, "but in the end we are getting more services."

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Razzle Dazzle Football +	C	8	Instant Scheduling	Oct. 8	\$25
Volleyball (official) +	M-W-C	6	Instant Scheduling	Oct. 12	\$40
Volleyball (unofficial) (Division 3)	M-W-C	6	Instant Scheduling	Oct. 12	\$25
Indoor Soccer	M-W-C	5	Oct. 22, 3 pm	Oct. 27	\$40
3x3 Basketball	M-W	3	Oct. 29, 3 pm	Nov. 2	\$25
<b>ONE DAY EVENTS</b>					
Grass Volleyball	C	6	Oct. 1, 3 pm	Oct. 1, 4 pm	NC
Football Scramble	M-W-C	8	Oct. 1, 3 pm	Oct. 4, 5	NC
Volleyball Scramble	M-W-C	6	Oct. 7, 3 pm	Oct. 9	NC
Cross Country Meet	M-W-C	ind/team (3)	Oct. 13, 3 pm	Oct. 14	\$15
Indoor Soccer Scramble	M-W-C	5	Oct. 20, 3 pm	Oct. 22	NC
Open Swim Meet	M-W-C	ind/team (3)	Nov. 17, 3 pm	Nov. 19	!
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>					
Fall Tennis Classic	M-W-C	1-2	Oct. 20, 5 pm	Oct. 23, 24, 25	!
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