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## Students conduct overpopulation study

By Donovan Dela Cruz  
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"Save the spotted owl!"  
"Recycle!"  
"Conserve water!"  
"Protect the ozone layer!"

Activists are always shouting for specific environmental and wildlife causes which they feel the public needs to be aware of and get involved with. Little do these activists know that all of their causes which affect everyone globally are symptoms of one major dilemma: overpopulation.

A population explosion has occurred. In 1810 there was a global population of 1 billion people. In 1987, Earth's population increased to 5 billion and it is estimated that in 39 years or less, the Earth will double its population.

Five University students - Jody Bleish, Ricardo Davico, Sarah Leyerzaph, Ulla Reeves and Tara Sullivan - conducted a local study on the population crisis for their international studies class and found that overpopulation is the cause of the "environmental degradation of our planet."

"People need to realize that there is a problem with population control in the United States, not just in India and China," Bleish said. "Eugene's population is expected to reach 2 million people within 75 years."

The students became involved

with the national organization Zero Population Growth as part of their study. Based in Washington, D.C., ZPG promotes maintaining population growth and has been focusing on education and research since it was

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founded in 1968.

Bleish, the group leader, said that overpopulation has led to overconsumption. The United States alone consumes 25 percent of the Earth's energies and natural resources. Bleish said their study showed that 13 percent of those surveyed knew that the United States was the number one consumer of global resources.

"One American consumes the same amount of energy as three Japanese, six Mexicans, 12 Chinese, 33 Indians, 147 Bangladeshis, 281 Tanzanians

or 422 Ethiopians," stated *Ease The Squeeze*, a ZPG publication.

According to another ZPG publication, if the population increases as expected, the world will have very few resources left for future generations. The Earth is slowly dying and our ecosystem is vanishing. Food and water shortages are already beginning to occur, natural resources are becoming polluted, wildlife is threatened by extinction and global warming has begun.

In the group's survey, conducted in front of the University Bookstore, a participant felt that the reason why the world was overpopulated was because "people like to have sex."

Bleish responded by saying that "the sexual appetite of people should not affect overpopulation because as long as contraceptives are used, humans cannot procreate."

The group suggests that wealthy nations reduce their level of wealth so other countries can have a better standard of living.

Bleish and his group have four recommendations for the country in order to extend the use of natural resources: reduce dependency on fossil fuels, create sustainable agriculture, start losing the battle against pests and weeds, and use only what you need.

## FRATERNITY

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with them," she said.

Green said the University in the past has imposed other sanctions in an effort to deter the fraternity from violating the conduct code. These sanctions included: community service, educational programs, fines by the Interfraternity Council and the loss of social privileges.

After consulting with the other members of the fraternity, Brooks was ready to agree to the negotiation and called Green on May 23 to inform her of the fact. She returned his call on May 24 to tell him that the offer no longer stood.

"I informed him that I was withdrawing the offer because of a police report that came across my desk, due to a noise violation that weekend," Green said. An officer of the fraternity was also cited as a minor in possession of alcohol and for providing a police officer with false information, she said.

"It said to me that the problem was not solved, and I had reason to believe that they have not taken proper steps to conform their behavior to community expectations," Green said. "I don't have an obligation to plea bargain."

"As of 11:40 p.m. on the 21st, they knew they had another problem," she said. "My assumption is that probably they had hoped to beat me to it,"

she said in reference to the fact that the additional citations surfaced on her desk.

James Britt, student defender supervisor for the Office of Student Advocacy, said his understanding is that the fraternity can choose to proceed formally or informally with the charges.

"To be quite honest, I don't know if the rules give (Green) the authority to make that judgment call," he said.

Britt tried unsuccessfully to negotiate with the hearings officer to extend the date of the trial so the fraternity could seek representation.

"I think the basis of the charges were questionable at best, meaning I don't think they had a good case," Britt said in reference to the University.

The most gaping hole in the case, Britt said, was the charge of minor cited with possession of alcohol, as the student later recanted his story, stating that he did not get the alcohol from the fraternity.

Also, the police report from Officer Jack Fitzpatrick, the Eugene police officer assigned to campus detail, did not coincide with the report given by his partner.

According to Britt, Fitzpatrick said he saw many minors with open containers, but his partner did not.

"I've been in contested cases before and I don't find (Fitzpatrick) to be credible," Britt said. "I think that he has a personal vendetta against the greek system. I think his purpose in life is to get them."

## LECTURE

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and give two examples.' Feminism isn't a monolithic movement: it's what every woman feels within."

Steinem came to the University to talk about her newest book, *Moving Beyond Words*. Her book, which is actually a collection of six "condensed books," deals with topics ranging from Freudianism to lies in advertising.

Steinem criticized many of Freud's ideas, including the Oedipus complex and his dogma that "anatomy is destiny."

"Freud says that young boys desire their mothers and young girls desire their fathers, and that they're envious of the same-sex parent. And that's what he calls *normal*," Steinem said, producing a roaring laughter among the audience.

Dispelling the myth of the "humorless" feminist, Steinem enlivened her lecture with many humorous anecdotes. "They say

that progress is nothing but the triumph of laughter over dogma," she said.

Steinem, founder and long-time editor of *Ms.* magazine, criticized the image of women projected by mainstream women's magazines.

"When women open those magazines and see the oceans of copy about beauty and fashion, they don't recognize themselves," she said. "It's important that women realize that they're not strange for not identifying with those magazines. They're not created to give the readers what they want, but to give the advertisers what they want."

Obviously popular among the audience, she received a standing ovation when she entered the stage, and her speech was continually interrupted by enthusiastic applause. Although many members of the audience belonged to Steinem's own generation, a great portion of those attending were students, carry-

ing their own copies of her book with the hope of getting it autographed.

The line of people who wanted to have their books signed extended from the Ballroom and down the stairs to the EMU Fishbowl.

"She's an amazing woman," said Sara Huntington, a freshman who calls herself a feminist. "After seeing her, I'm not afraid of getting older."

There were many men among the audience as well. "She's an inspiring lecturer. I'm really glad I came here today," said Sean Martin, a sophomore in political science who was encouraged by a teacher to go.

When asked what her advice would be for young women in college today, Steinem replied, "Dream the biggest dreams, listen to your inner voice, keep friends who share your dreams, and remember: you have to change the system to fit people, not the other way around."