

**Students first**

Jonathan Collegio's posters "Don't give OSPIRG complete control of student government" are the most insulting and pathetic attack I have seen in my four years involved in both OSPIRG and ASUO.

I am sick and tired of these lame attempts to attack an organization that has had far reaching impact on campus (starting campus recycling, helping create the EnviroStudies major, campaigning to save student aid).

More importantly, I am irritated that OSPIRG is seen as some type of special interest group. Look at the rest of student government before making that charge. Oh no, there are 6 Greek representatives — oh damn, look at all those women in student government — oh crap, look at all the students of color. Damn, maybe they're all special interest groups out to get us!

Sorry to inform you Jonathan, most of us have much better things to do in student government than pick on you or form some clique. There's a whole campus to organize around student issues, like organizing against tuition hikes, getting the Stones to come to campus and making campus safer.

And by the way, doesn't it make sense that students who learn campaign skills working with student programs would want to be involved with student government? Whatever your position, political slant or personal involvement, take a good look at all of the candidates running — and vote on April 16 and 17.

And don't fall for the garbage of special interests running student government because all of us are students first.

**Kalpana Krishnamurthy**  
OSPIRG  
Board of Directors

**More than humans**

I was shocked to read Colby Phillip's letter to the editor (ODE, April 10). His misconception of the idea "students organize for the Earth's sake" was surprising. When organizations say they are working for the Earth's sake, this means for the ecosystem, non-human animals

and humans which all live upon this "rock."

Without the survival of Earth, humans can no longer live. With the destruction of the natural world at an alarming rate, our existence is at stake.

The idea of needing to only help humans implied by Phillips was very egotistical. What about all the animals being murdered in the name of science, food, clothing and entertainment? What about all the natural life such as trees, flowers and so forth that have a right to live?

This selfish humanistic thinking is what caused the social acceptance of mass slaughter of life. How can you or anyone be so narrow minded to not see the big picture?

Everything humans do is connected. The devaluation of the Earth has caused a snowball effect of disrespect to not only non-human animals and nature, but humans as well. Women, minorities, tribal communities, third-world countries and more are all examples of this.

Until we learn to work for the Earth, we won't be able to successfully work for anything. The Earth may just be a "rock", but this "rock" contains a lot of life that exist inter connectedly and it all needs to be helped, restored and respected.

**Chelsea Lincoln**  
Environmental Studies

**Just a rock?**

I found the letter to the editor that appeared in the Emerald on Thursday, April 10 entitled "Earth Story" quite indicative of the mentality produced by today's modern, "post" colonial, capitalist society.

Cosby Phillips asks what it means to act for the sake of the earth. He then asks if the earth will notice and if it will care. He then goes on to answer these questions with an indirect "no, it won't," speaking on behalf of the earth, which is just a piece of "rock made of molten nickel, hurtling through space."

Since the earth is such a simple thing, it cannot speak for itself. It needs the likes of people like Phillips to speak for it. Brilliant people who have figured out that the earth is just a

rock.

Never mind that most of the earth is covered in water, the substance that makes over ninety percent of our "conscious, sentient beings." Or that there is an atmosphere which surrounds this "rock", produced by, and partially composed of, the water that is vital both to "our" survival and the earth's survival.

No, the earth is just mere molten nickel and we just "happen to live" here by chance. If we just happen to live here, as Phillips believes, then why can't we live on Mars, or Jupiter or the moon? Or is it a special type of molten nickel that allows us to live and breathe?

Phillips wonders if we "still worship the objects around us," implying that we, as one of the many species of life on earth, are somehow separate from these "objects." This form of intentional close mindedness is what allows the earth to be exploited.

If Phillips cares so much about humanity, as he indicates with his statement that we should "organize for our sake," then how can he justify the continued exploitation of the earth? For that is exactly what he is doing. By alienating himself from the earth, but seeing himself as somehow separate from it, it is easy to adopt this barbaric view that the earth is here for us to rape and pillage as we please.

What he either fails to notice, or is too smart to comprehend, is that this is all we've got. If we continue to follow the mentality that the earth is just a rock, then very soon there won't be any reason to organize for our sake or anyone else's.

Perhaps the "our" he is referring to is simply the current population of the earth right now, as opposed to the population that will be here long after the present one is mere dust. If this is the deal, which it must be in Phillip's case, then I understand his mentality, which, despite its complete irrationality, is a product of modern capitalism, incapable of seeing anything other than the immediate here and now.

**David Emrich**  
Fine Arts

**\$5**

off sunglasses

Bring in this coupon for \$5.00 off sunglasses \$35.00 or more. Expires May 1, 1997.

**LAZAR'S BAZAR**

57 W. Broadway  
BEHIND U.S. BANK

687-0139

some things you need to know before the world ends:

**A Final Evening with the Illuminati**  
By Larry Larson and Levi Lee

April 9, 10, 11,  
12, 17, 18, 19  
8 pm

Arena Theatre . Villard Hall  
a second season production

UNIVERSITY UT box office  
346-4191  
THEATRE EMU tickets  
346-4363

**THIS WEEK**



**APR 14-20**

AVAILABLE AT EMU TICKETS AND SERVICES  
<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~emusched/tickets.html>



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 4/19 Babes With Axes.....\$7.00
- 4/19 Kerosene Dream.....\$6.00
- 4/26 The Sugar Beets.....\$5.00
- 4/30 Eek-A-Mouse.....\$10.00
- 5/3 Trillian Green.....\$7.00



**FOOTBAG TOURNAMENT**  
APRIL 19TH & 20TH  
EDUCATION FIELD • 8:00 AM - 6 PM

**Club Sports Coordinators' Mtg.**  
April 15  
Walnut Room • 3:30 pm - 5:00pm

**UNIVERSITY THEATRE TICKETS**

- 4/17-19 Illuminati.....\$3.00uo \$6.00GP
- 5/9-10, 15-17, 23-24 Dragon Tales.....\$4.50uo \$9.00GP
- 5/28-31, 6/5-7 Vinegar Tom.....\$3.00uo \$6.00GP

**HULT CENTER EVENTS**

- 4/23 Oregon Symphony.....\$20/16/12/8
- 5/9-10 Kiss of the Spiderwoman \$27.50/18.50

**Come see Tribal Closet on Fri., April 18th.**

ALSO AVAILABLE  
FAX Service \*\*\*\* Personal Check Cashing  
Passport Pictures\*\*\*\*Fastixx Tickets



**The Bear Facts**

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Lawrence Hall

The Bear Facts is a compelling multimedia program presenting the biology and natural history of the grizzly bear. Current bear management issues and the myth of the "problem bear" will be examined along with the importance of quality habitat and the impact of the Endangered Species Act. Advice on traveling in bear country and handling confrontations will also be offered by Greg Smith, a National Park Service Naturalist and Backcountry Ranger. FREE to students and Op co-op members: \$2.00 general admission.

**Earth Week Willamette River Cleanup**

Saturday, 9:00 a.m., Outdoor Program Barn

Join us for a day of cleaning up the local stretch of Willamette River. We'll float a short section in rafts and stop along the banks gathering trash and recyclables. This is a good opportunity to do some hands-on environmental work on a local level, plus, river cleanups are a blast! Rafts and most gear will be supplied by the Outdoor Program. Attend the pre-trip meeting for more information. The cleanup is a cooperative effort by the UO Outdoor Program, the City of Eugene Outdoor Program and the Cascade Canoe Club. Pre-trip meeting is Thursday, April 17, 6:30 p.m., in the EMU Outdoor Program Room.

★ Tickets ★  
subject to  
service charge  
★ ★

**YOUR PATRONAGE SUSTAINS US. USE OUR SERVICES. TELL US HOW TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT MEET YOUR NEEDS. YOUR FEEDBACK IS VALUABLE.**

The Oregon Daily Emerald is published daily Monday through Friday during the school year and Tuesday and Thursday during the summer by the Oregon Daily Emerald Publishing Co. Inc., at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon. The Emerald operates independently of the University with offices at Suite 300 of the Erb Memorial Union. The Emerald is private property. The unlawful removal or use of papers is prosecutable by law.

**Editor-in-Chief:** Steven Asbury  
**Managing Editor:** Thom Schoenborn  
**Copy Desk:** Sarah Kickler, chief. Jennifer Kavanaugh, Holly Sanders, Mike Schmierbach, Shannon Sneed  
**PHONE:** (541) 346-5511

**Community:** Jennifer Schmitt, editor. Eric Collins, Ryan Maughn  
**Higher Education:** Laura Cadiz, editor. Sarah Keech, Amy Palanuk  
**Student Activities:** Angie Suchy, editor. Laura Baker, Autumn De Poe, Dana Williams

**Sports:** Ryan Frank, editor. Ryan Halvorsen, Ben Kwasney, Alex Pond  
**Opinion:** Ashley Bach, Brian Diamond, editors. Chris Hutchinson, illustrator.  
**Entertainment:** Nicole Kreuger, editor. Jesse Stephenson  
**Freelance:** Carl Yeh, editor.

**Presentation:** Dennis Bolt, editor. Matt Garton  
**Photography:** Michael Crisp, editor. Vanina Eckblad, Wendy Fuller, Shannon Kilduff, Chad Patteson  
**On-Line:** Nicholas Stiffer, webmaster

**General Manager:** Judy Riedl  
**Business:** Kathy Carbone, supervisor. Judy Connolly  
**Distribution:** John Long, Dave Ovali, Ferenc Rakoczi  
**PHONE:** (541) 346-5512

**Display Advertising:** Becky Merchant, director. Lee Yen Beh, Yujin Chi, Chris Erickson, Matt Johnson, Lindsay Knaak, Andrew Lakefish, Anne Miller, Trina Shanaman, Rose Soil, Matt Solomon, Greg Walsh  
**Classified Advertising:** Tara Sloan, manager. Kate Lamb, Debbie Levy, Natasha Lumpkin, Heather Moye

**Michele Ross, manager.** Ingrid White, coordinator. Laura Daniel, Susan Head, Trevor Kearney, Tara Knight, Melissa Lebahn, Molly McCanta, Leanne Nelms, Broc Nelson, Serena Williams

**DISPLAY ADVERTISING:** (541) 346-3712  
**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING:** (541) 346-4343