

China edit insulting

The Emerald's China editorial (ODE, Nov. 4) was simply spewing forth with inaccuracies, contradictions and omissions of important information. Since when has the U.S. had a confrontational approach to China? And how can the U.S. have this approach if, as you say, Clinton wasn't obsessing about China's prison labor and rights policies earlier when China once again received Most Favored Nation Trading Status (MFN)? How can a confrontational approach to China include the MFN status?

And why did the Emerald forget about the Tiananmen Square massacre and the massacre of over a million Tibetans? All of these questions need to be answered. The editorial stated that China's biggest problem has little to do with its president. Obviously the editorial board members never heard Jiang Zemin's reaction to the Tiananmen Square massacre. He said, and I quote, that the massacre was "much ado about nothing." If that attitude toward human life isn't a problem, I don't know what is.

I am also insulted by the statements that even those who are aware of the poorly treated Chinese laborers still continue to buy goods made in sweatshops domestically and abroad. I, and many other Americans, have participated in boycotts of Chinese goods and make it a point to check tags to see where articles are made. As I write this

there is a "check your tags" campaign in the works. And thousands have rallied against granting China the MFN status.

The editorial was an insult to the memories of the millions of people who have been killed by the Chinese government. The editorial also did a giant disfavor to the millions of people who are in non-profit organizations to free Tibet and stop human rights abuses. None of these people are using China as an excuse to build up the military. The people who rallied in Washington, California and elsewhere against the Chinese government rallied because the Chinese government refuses to free Tibet and allow free thought in China.

President Clinton and current U.S. foreign policy-makers have never had a confrontational approach to China. That is why China was granted the MFN status. The U.S. is and has been engaging with China; that is why there are so many Chinese goods here in America. The only part of the editorial that I do agree with was the part that stated that these issues need to be addressed on a worldwide level but not in such a way as to deliberately create conflict. The organizations that are rallying to save Tibet are using the non-violent approach, the same approach that the people of Tibet have used for thousands of years. People around the world need to look at human rights abuses more closely and stop the purchase of goods made in sweatshops domestically and

abroad. Our actions do affect the people of Tibet and China.

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Hyundai would pollute

The semiconductor industry has polluted Silicon Valley in California so badly that it now has the largest concentration of potential Superfund cleanup sites in the country. The millions of pounds of toxins that Hyundai's nearly completed semiconductor plant will discharge annually into our environment can be expected to produce similar damage here.

New development always brings increased costs; if these are not paid by the developer, the public must pay them. Property tax breaks granted to Hyundai will probably result in the company paying little or no property tax ever. Semiconductor plants and equipment can be depreciated very rapidly for tax purposes and quickly become obsolete. If any of Hyundai's plants are still operating when their property tax exemption expires, their taxable value will be only a small fraction of what it is initially. Hyundai will never pay the property taxes urgently needed to cover the cost of providing schools and other infrastructure and public services to the thousands of additional residents Hyundai will bring to Eugene. Guess who will pay these costs? Guess whose public services will deteriorate from lack of funds?

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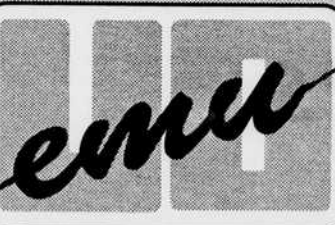
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November 14, Hult Center

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November 16, Emu Ballroom

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Outdoor Program

NOVEMBER 13
**AVAILANCE
AWARENESS RESCUE**

Avalanches are a serious hazard to back-country skiers. Learn about the factors behind avalanches with Jim Frankenfield, Director of the Cyberspace Snow and Avalanche Center (www.csac.org). Avoid getting caught, and learn about what to do if you are. Basic weather, terrain, snowpack, and human factors will be discussed. Reviews of incidents from last season will be used to illustrate the topic.

Avalanche Awareness & Rescue
Thursday, 7:30PM, EMU Outdoor Program

NOVEMBER 12
**USING AVALANCHE
TRANSCIVERS**

One component of the Allard and Casey Memorial Safety Library is the Ortovox Avalanche Transceivers. In a full burial avalanche incident, only immediate and effective search and rescue by companions offers a real chance of survival. An avalanche beacon, used properly, can be a powerful tool for rescue. This clinic will cover the basics of avalanche rescue procedures, including hands-on use of transceivers. Remember, carry avalanche transceivers to lower your risk profile, not as an excuse to take risks!

Using Avalanche Transceivers
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