

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Insurgent inconsistent

In the story on the Sustainable Business Symposium (ODE, Nov. 10), interviewee Tristan Masat seemed to have forgotten who he is in real life — an editor of the University's "left" student newspaper, the Student Insurgent.

In the article, Masat laments that "[green capitalism] takes people who have sincere commitments, like small Eugene businesses, and sort of wastes their efforts on these large, corporate-funded marketing ideas." But in real life, the Insurgent never shies away from supporting corporate-funded ideas and has even shown support for the green-capitalism Masat bashes here. The Insurgent practically salivates over green-capitalism proponent Winona LaDuke, and it focuses heavily on the role of the consumer, a favorite green-capitalist tactic (the current issue features a full-page Buy Nothing Day announcement).

While Masat does show consistency in supporting small businesses (corporations love them and even help create them — they provide a wonderful hedge against organized labor), and besides his seeming unawareness that small Eugene businesses have long had sincere commitments to the corporate-funded green-capitalist principles that are set forth in the symposium (especially those of its keynote speaker, Paul Hawken, whose "Ecology of Commerce" is standard fare in Eugene's back offices) and that he is afraid they might become infected with, he forgets that the Insurgent consistently endorses green-capitalist ideas like boycotting as ways its readers can pressure corporations into green

behavior. In its first issue this year, the Insurgent, in company with other such apparently left periodicals as the Wall Street Journal, Vanity Fair and Marie Claire magazine, chose to back Burma's liberal-democratic candidate, Aung San Suu Kyi, who has promised that "we have no reason to reject the open-market system. We also indicated we ... would invite foreign investment." These things are not consistent with corporate-funded ideas?

The corporate-funded and green-capitalist ideas of Selective Purchasing and boycotting are the Insurgent's suggested weapons of choice for its readers to force corporations to back the candidate they pretend to hate, Aung San, by pulling out of Burma until she is elected (or installed). Horrors! The Insurgent is too cruel to corporations!

Another corporate-funded idea is the Insurgent's perpetual favorite cause, Earth First! EF! puts its moral argument for preserving the environment First!, hence saying that rational reasons to destroy the environment come Second! and, most importantly, that rational reasons to save the environment don't even exist. Corporations somehow get away with pretending to hate EF!, though that should appear preposterous even to the casual observer since EF! handily smashes labor resistance to Earth raping, the only practical resistance possible, and hence maximizes corporate profits; since a sponsor of the dreaded corporate-idea symposium, Patagonia, also funds the Earth First! Journal!; since symposium-keynote speaker Paul Hawken also dab-

bles with the Foundation for Deep Ecology, Earth First!'s think-tank arm; and since the FDE is funded by Allstate, Citicorp, Fannie Mae, Grupo Televisa, Hospital Corp of America, Telefonos de Mexico, Wal-Mart and many other corporations.

While Masat busily speaks against wasting "efforts on these large, corporate-funded ... ideas," he should look at his own newspaper.

Chris Allen
Eugene

Hunger and homeless

There has been growing concern over the years about the issues of hunger and homelessness in our community. The hunger and homeless group on campus is active in many social projects. These aim to increase public awareness and to reduce the disturbing educational prevalence of hunger and homelessness. Through can-food drives, educational programs in local schools and regular shelter visits, we can affect both the short- and long-term aspects of hunger and homelessness.

Nov. 17 through 21 is national hunger and homeless awareness week. We are encouraging everyone to get involved in the campus can-food drive, visits to local homeless shelters (sign up in EMU Suite 1) and a short film presentation about these issues on Tuesday. As the holidays and cold weather are quickly approaching, the suffering of the hungry and homeless only gets worse. We urge all people to help out in any way that they can.

Karen Patterson
Bryan Schilling
Hunger and Homeless Committee

One of these things is not like the others...



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FEATURE EVENTS THIS WEEK ARE:



Lee Scratch Perry

November 18, WOW Hall

James Duncan

November 19, 150 Columbia

Eugene Symphony

November 20, Hult Center

Cherry Poppin Daddies

November 21, WOW Hall

Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

November 24 - 28, Hult Center

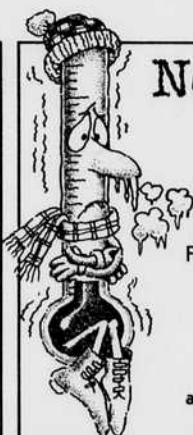
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Skylight Dining, EMU 3rd Floor, East Wing

AAA Hearth Cafe, Lawrence Hall

The Daily Grind, Knight Library

Also stop by the Atrium Cafe in Willamette Hall and Concourse Coffee East and West in the EMU for a quick cup of Burlaps Gourmet Coffee or Tazo Tea.

The University of Oregon's Child Care and Development program (CCDC) will be holding its first annual

FALL CARNIVAL

on Sunday, November 23rd

This event will take place in the EMU Fir Room between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. and is open for everyone to attend. This carnival's focus is toward parents and their young children. There will be live music between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., a piñata bust at 3:00 and 4:00 p.m., a petting zoo, as well as games, prizes and activities throughout the day.

There will be a \$3.00 charge for parents at the door. Accompanied by an adult, children are welcome to attend for free.

All games and activities will be hosted by CCDC, the University of Oregon's Greek System, Women's Center, as well as the Eugene YMCA.

For more information, please call Melanie at 346-1802.



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GREEKS!

CHECK THIS OUT...

DRAWING THE SHADES
(a special presentation tailored to greeks)

This nationally recognized program is a powerful multimedia experience depicting both the emotional experience of rape and sexual assault and the statistics of these incidents in our society.



November 18
6:00-7:30 PM

EMU Ballroom
(This counts as your chapter's social issue requirement)

Questions?

Call Greek Life Office
at 346-1146