



In a forum sponsored by the Survival Center, Mike Hyams (right) and Martha 'Tita' Godinez (center) speak about Guatemalan social and economic issues.

## Survival Center hosts variety of workshops

■ A plethora of meetings will take place for students interested in becoming politically active

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The Survival Center, which provides the opportunity to improve the enforcement of human rights and learn about political and environmental surroundings, is helping students learn to stand up for their rights through a series of events this fall.

The events began on Saturday, when the Survival Center sponsored a show called Art and Revolution. The show was performed by an educational puppet troop from San Francisco that visited Eugene to mimic the World Trade Organization with its life-size marionette style puppets.

After the puppet show at Farmer's Market, students and members of the community had the opportunity to attend workshops on civil disobedience and puppet making on campus. About 50 people came to the workshops to learn how to voice their opinions to the government and administrations, said Sarah Jacobson, co-coordinator for the Survival Center.

The Survival Center is an umbrella organization for the Human Rights Alliance, Forest Action, Amnesty International, Students for a free Tibet and East Timor Action, said Jevon Cutler, an undeclared sophomore and one of the five coordinators for the Survival Center.

Last Saturday's event tied in with the Survival Center's plan to encourage interested students to attend a meeting of the World Trade Organization in Seattle from Nov. 28 to Dec. 3. Cutler said

the Survival Center plans to organize transportation for interested students. The World Trade Organization will convene in Seattle to pursue new trade policies.

Currently the Human Rights Alliance's main focus is to persuade the University Administration to sign an acceptable code of conduct by the upcoming Oct. 15 deadline. Cutler said the alliance's goal was to "make our University sign a good corporate code."

Cutler feels that the current code contains loopholes that need to be closed for the code to improve. He specifically criticized problems with the monitoring system that controls whether the rules stated in the contract are obeyed and the lack of women's rights and strict child labor laws.

Philippa Anderson, a sophomore majoring in international studies and another coordinator for the Survival Center said she was glad to welcome Martha Tita Godinez, a leading Guatemalan activist for women's rights on campus Monday night. Anderson said Godinez's message relates to the group's efforts regarding labor rights, especially women's issues.

Cutler said the group organizes events to make people aware of themselves and their surroundings. Upcoming events include a slide-show presented by a United Nations peace observer who recently returned from East Timor, on Friday, Oct. 15 in the Ben Linder Forum in the EMU. A World Trade Organization "teach-in" for the Eugene community from Oct. 29 to 31 is also on the Survival Center's schedule of events. Jacobson said the seminar will educate and inform citizens about the impact of the World Trade Organization.

meeting for students seeking placement for the 2000-2001 school year will be from 4 to 5 p.m. in the EMU Umpqua Room. For more information contact Academic Advising at 346-3211.

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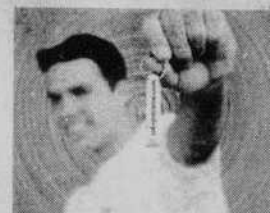
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