

# California professor discusses globalization



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Dana Frank fields questions after her Wayne Morse lecture Tuesday night at the Hilton.

Over 100 people attended Tuesday night's lecture "Working People and the Challenge of Globalization"

By Brooke Ross  
Oregon Daily Emerald

In sharing her views on globalization problems that affect the American working class, Dana Frank, University of California Santa Cruz professor, related the issue to the movie "The Blob."

She said powerful corporations moving overseas is but one problem that's threatening the country, just like a huge jelly mass that can only be stopped with the right formula.

"Our job is to figure out what that formula is going to be," she said.

Frank's Tuesday night lecture, "Working People and the Challenge

of Globalization," drew more than 100 audience members to the Eugene Hilton Conference Center. Venezuelan singer and University alumnus Irene Farrera set the tone for the evening by playing several songs inspired by the struggles of farmers and human rights activists.

The lecture was one of several events planned during spring term by the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics.

Although Frank said she does not have all the answers for improving working conditions, she stressed the idea that individuals should not be intimidated by the complexity of globalization.

"There's a notion that only experts can understand the global economy," she said, "but it's not going to be two experts in lab coats saving the world."

Frank said one prevalent problem

for American workers is that corporations are changing their locations frequently, so it's harder to maintain steady employment.

"They're not being loyal to people of any particular place," she said.

Margaret Hallock, labor education professor and Morse Chair director, said Frank has fresh views on labor issues and passionately believes in them.

"Dana is more than an academic scholar, she's also a dedicated activist," she said.

Chad Sullivan, senior jazz studies and history major, said he can relate to the misconception that only experts understand globalization issues because he has faced such opinions first hand as a member of the Human Rights Alliance.

"People always say you don't know what you're talking about."

# Reservations surge with new money, populations

By Carson Walker  
The Associated Press

KYLE, S.D. — The yearning to be on family land was so strong for Leatrice Wilson that she left thriving metropolitan Denver to live in the nation's poorest county on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Wilson, a 41-year-old Oglala Sioux trained as a medical assistant, landed a job last year helping people with funeral expenses, heating bills and medical costs. She's happy — and proud — to be back.

"There's a whole new generation of people who are on the reservation that have lived out there and have an education, and they're determined to be a part of what's going on to help the

tribe," she said.

According to 2000 census figures, American Indian reservations across the country are burgeoning — even in the West, where vast rural stretches are losing people.

Experts and tribal officials say many areas are getting a boost from Indians returning to jobs and wealth provided by ubiquitous tribal casinos, and others seeking to rekindle their heritage. Still others return to family and familiar surroundings after struggling financially and culturally off the reservation.

Overall, the number of people who identified themselves solely as Indian and Alaska Native grew by 26 percent during the 1990s to

about 2.5 million last year. Add multiracial categories and the number of people claiming some Indian ancestry is even larger.

The population surge was seen from coast to coast:

— In Arizona, the Indian population jumped 25.7 percent during the last decade. At the Fort McDowell and Tohono O'odham reservations, officials say casinos lured back tribal members and helped pay for improvements such as fire departments, health clinics and education. The Navajo, the largest tribe in the United States, saw the number of Indians on its sprawling reservation reach 173,631 last year — a 21 percent jump.

— California passed Oklahoma to

become home to more Indian and Alaska Natives than any other state — more than 333,000, up from 242,000 in 1990, according to a Tulsa World analysis. Some 300,000 additional Californians included Indian or Alaska Native in a multiracial response.

— In Connecticut, a 50 percent increase in the Indian population during the 1990s has been linked to tribal casinos, which distribute wealth to members and give hiring preferences to Indians.

Census officials say they did a better job counting everyone last year than in 1990. Even so, they estimate they missed 4.7 percent of Indians and Alaska Natives on reservations,

more than three times the national average. Some tribes say the undercount is far higher.

JoAnn Chase, executive director of the National Congress of American Indians in Washington, said she doubted that many people were declaring Indian ancestry without good reason.

More likely, she said, multiracial Indians are more likely the adult children of parents of two races who are reconnecting with their Indian culture and traditions.

"It is very welcome," she said. "I think that constitutes the largest part of the population, people who legitimately have a nexus to their tribal affiliation."

## News brief

### Sorority members catch virus

Several girls from the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority house have fallen ill with similar symptoms in the past few days, and two girls were taken to the hospital.

According to an e-mail sent out by the sorority to many fraternity and sorority presidents Tuesday morning, several girls are sick with what the sorority suspects as being a "serious virus." One girl was put on an IV for three hours and another member was sick for three days, according to the e-mail.

The house has been closed to

non-members as a safety precaution, the e-mail also said.

Matthew Geer, a junior member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, confirmed the e-mail account, saying he heard from some Kappa members that about six or seven girls in the house had contracted the illness.

At press time, no Kappa house members had said they could discuss the details.

The e-mail, which was sent by the Kappa president over the University's gladstone server, warned other houses of the "virus" and encouraged other chapter presidents to keep their houses clean and sanitized to help prevent spreading the illness.

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**CSWS Wednesdays at Noon:** Jennifer Rowan, Art History graduate student, discusses "Images of Hariti, Mother of Demons: Pakistan On-Site Study, Iconographic Analysis and Photo Documentation." Noon-1 p.m. Room 330, Hendricks Hall. Free. For information, call 346-5015.

**University Senate meeting:** 3-5 p.m. Room 123, Pacific Hall. For information, call 346-3028.

**Feminist Humanities Project Teaching and Tea:** Judith Musick, Center for the Study of Women in Society, discusses "The Gendered Garden." From 4-5:30 p.m. Room 330, Hendricks Hall. Free.

For information, call 346-2263. Refreshments served.

**Museum of Natural History Volunteer Forum:** Prospective museum volunteers and interested members of the public go behind the scenes at the new "Sight and Insight" exhibit. 4-5:30 p.m. Museum of Natural History. Free. For information, call 346-3024.

**Creative Writing Reading:** Novelist Frederick Busch, author of "The Night Inspector" and other books, reads from and signs copies of his work. 8 p.m. Browsing Room, Knight Library. Free. For information, call 346-0544.

**Workshop:** "Resume Rocket Science" presented by the University of Oregon Career Center. 11 a.m. Room 12, Hendricks Hall. For information, call 346-6020.

**Jim Whitaker,** world-renowned mountaineer and the first American to reach the summit of Mount Everest, shares his adventures. Presented by the University of Oregon Outdoor Program. 7 p.m. Room 150, Columbia Hall. Free.

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