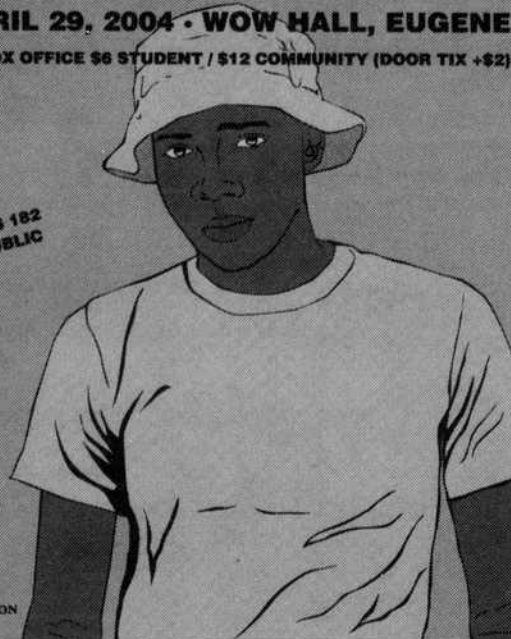


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for years that would protect old growth as historical and cultural landmarks. We got it passed through the senate, which was a very hard thing, and now we're working to get it passed through the assembly. And if we do, that would help a lot of tree sits, because a lot of the trees we're sitting in are old growth, they'd be protected, and we wouldn't have to be there any more. I've continued to work in various ways in being supportive of tree sits, but now I pretty much just sit in trees for myself, for my own renewal.

**Emerald:** How important is feminism in direct action?

**JBH:** I do my very best to steer clear of any word that ends in "-ism" (laughs). I think it was started as a way of trying to help us connect, but over time it has become very disconnecting. I would rephrase that word and say how important is it for women to be respected and uplifted in the movement. I think that we need balance, and I don't look at it as we need more women and less men. We need our male allies to create a space for that balance to help exist, because currently it doesn't.

To be a women in this world period, to even get by, is a form of activism, because there's such an ingrained oppression for women, especially in this country. It's about that bringing back of balance, bringing back the voice of the feminine. And the feminine exists in all life. Male and female exist in all things. It's about bringing back the voice of the feminine. We need not only the rise of the feminine voices in women, and equality and justice for women, but we need the rise of feminine voice in our male allies as well.

**Emerald:** Do you think it's possible to achieve a sustainable relationship

with the Earth within a capitalist economy?

**JBH:** In capitalism, no. And I think that it's important for people to realize the difference between economics and capitalism. We've been tricked in this society in equating them together so we strike out at economics and we're really missing the point when we do that. I think there's a huge difference between economics and capitalism. The problem with capitalism is that its whole structure is based on perceived value, so it's not based in real value. And the result is that the perceived value is destroying the real value. And economics can be based in real value and it's about creating the means of exchanging energy in a real way, in a way that acknowledges real value.

An example of that being capitalism, the gross national product, it goes up every time somebody gets cancer and has to go get treatment, it goes up every time there's war, it goes up every time someone consumes another tank of gas. And that's capitalism. That is a cancer. It grows purely for the sake of growing, consuming its host in the process. That's a bad system.

We have to recognize that we are as people, just a parasite. But parasites aren't inherently bad. Good parasites live in a symbiotic relationship with their host, and capitalism is not that way. An economics that can work that way are real value. So that would be a system that says when the water is clean and the air is clean, the value goes up, and when the air is polluted and the water is polluted, the value goes down, that solar solutions and wind solutions and things like that for meeting our energy needs versus nuclear and coal or petroleum, that's where the real value can be based in.

Sustainability and cancer can't work together. But a system that recognizes we live and interact with a host, and

learning how to take care of that host that takes care of us, that can be done economically.

**Emerald:** Do you ever get exhausted by people? It seems like a lot of people want something from you, and that would be hard to deal with all the time.

**JBH:** It can be really exhausting. The biggest reason being because I'm more well known, it has people projecting things on me. And the reality is, I'm not more special, more important, or more bad or evil than anyone else — I'm just maybe more well known. That's the only difference. Because I'm more well known sometimes people want things from me, or they need things from me, or they're angry at me, and they see me like I'm a physical manifestation of what makes them angry about our world. But I don't mean it to say I'm complaining, "Oh, poor me." I see that this attention and energy is rare for our movement. Those of us who care about social justice, environmental justice and justice across the board, it's not that often that we have opportunities of really bringing attention and energy to it. So I felt a sense of responsibility when that attention came my way. It's about trying to do the best I can with that attention and energy and really use it for change. I don't want people to just come up to me and say I've inspired them. I think, "Great. What have you been inspired to do?" And if someone doesn't like what I'm doing, fine — what are you doing? That's what I ask.

When I get exhausted, my responsibility is to take time I need to fill myself back up inside, so I am not relying on other people for my happiness, and not relying on others for my acceptance. I go inward, check myself, and go, "Am I continuing to speak and act in a way that is in line with this vision?" That's how I work with it.

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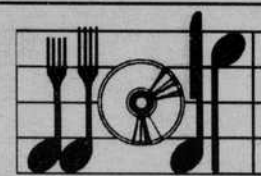
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