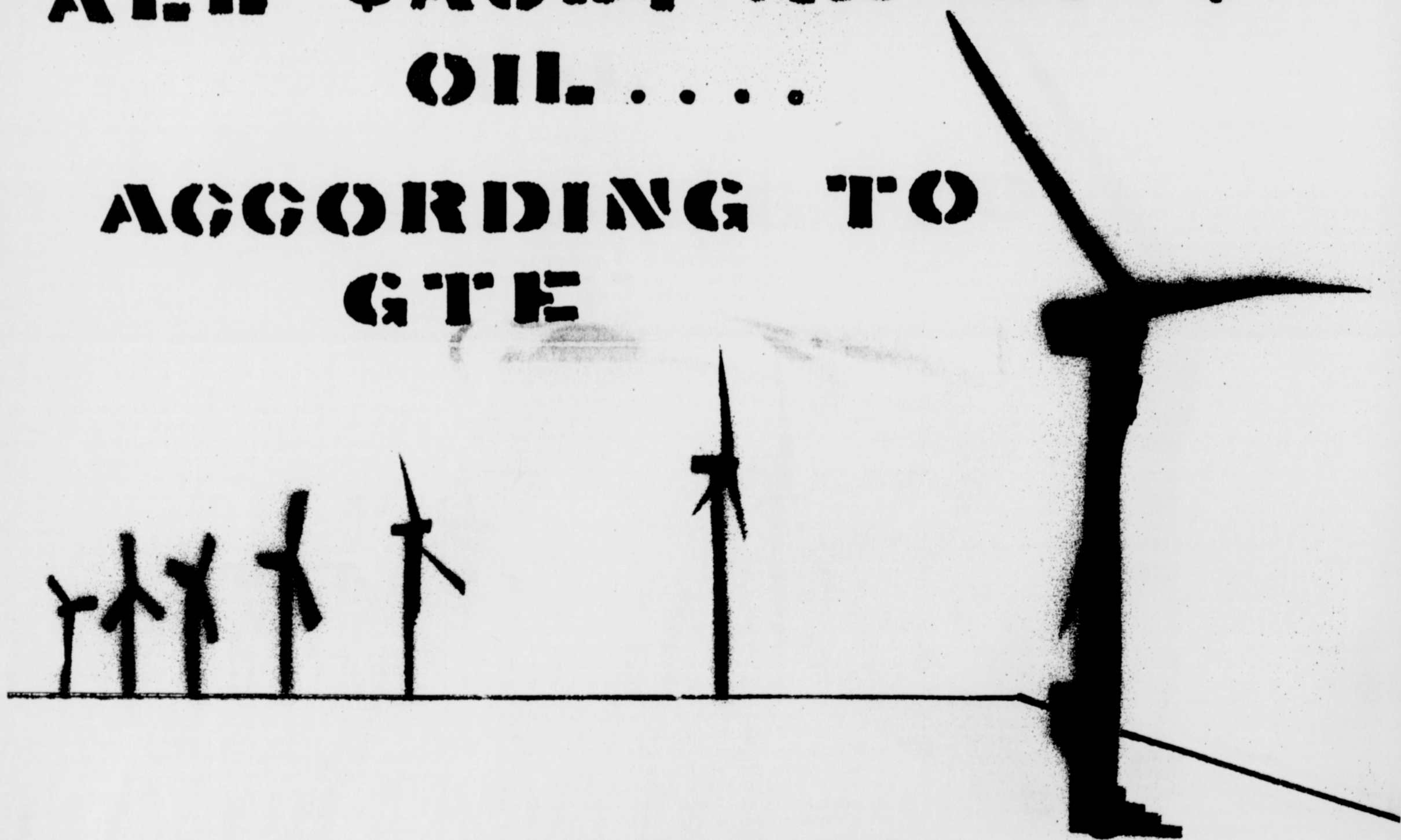


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WORDS & ART BY KIM MCCARTHY

In 1998 Josh MacPhee started Justseeds.org as a distribution system for his radical art projects which at the time housed only a few items such as T-shirts and posters. The site now has almost 150 items ranging from shirts to posters, original print art to 'zines and videos. He is increasingly trying to help get the work of fellow artists out into the world.

In 2001 SAW (Street Art Workers) was founded. Every year the members pick a theme, make art and put up each other's work. Based in the U.S., SAW is a network of printmakers, stencil artists, graffiti writers and designers who use the streets for art and activism. As a volunteer-run group, SAW makes street art for political campaigns and supports community organizing by making and distributing high-profile publicity across North America.

Most people in the network exchange posters, stencils or stickers designed for guerrilla wheat pasting or spray painting. Submissions are mass-produced, easy to ship and relatively easy to display. Production costs are covered by each artist, and distributing costs are covered by SAW. The group is run by volunteers by volunteers with a shoestring

budget, but it's the collective strength that promotes all the work. You can get more information about SAW if you visit streetartworkers.org.

The theme for the 2006 poster project was Land & Globalization (the first newsprint poster package). The winners have been announced and SAW is in design stages with hopes to be finished and ready for distribution by April.

SAW is run entirely out of pocket financially and is a little short of the money necessary to print the posters. If anyone is willing or able to contribute some money, it would be appreciated. You can send donations to Josh MacPhee, c/o SAW, P.O. Box 476971, Chicago, Illinois, 60647. For local inquiry or distribution, contact me at Godfather's Books, by phone at (503) 325-8143, or by e-mail kmccarthy5975@hotmail.com.

Kim McCarthy is an Astoria artist and one of the winners of this year's SAW poster contest. The drawing on these pages is a generalized rendition of her entry.