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Letters TO THE EDITOR

in 2007. Its overall campus covers 327 acres, of which 136 acres are developed and 191 acres remain open space.

*Steven Sylvester
Eugene*

FAUX FREEDOM

In her letter (7/23), Sherry Franzen sings the praises of Rod Coronado, second hand, through the commercial pimping of *LA Times* editor Dean Kuipers, who is implying that Coronado is the savior of the wilderness, for the purpose of selling books. Those books are printed on paper. Does anyone know where paper comes from?

Having followed Coronado's "career," I think the reason only a few people showed up to Kuipers' presentation is that most recognize jive-talk when they see it. The most telling fact about Rod Coronado and too many others in the radical ecology movement is the disconnect between their brain and their mouth. Recall the *60 Minutes* piece on Coronado where he is talking about how SUVs are swallowing the earth, then the camera pans to his car, which is a Jeep Cherokee.

Then we learn that Coronado burned a number of things, for which he wanted to be famous, then thought nothing of teaching arson technique in public. I don't think he was intellectually capable of understanding that young hotheads in the audience would immediately go out and start burning stuff. That is not "brave activism;" it's psychopathology. Does anyone remember Jeff Luers?

Franzen and many others want to embrace the groovin' anarchy of all that, without any notion of the background or the fake double-speak of the faux freedom industry. Can someone please direct me to the appropriate recycle bin for vomit?

*Den Ramsey
Eugene*

COMPASSION & CHOICE

I have been a hospital volunteer for two years and a hospice volunteer for six years. This work has included some of

the most inspiring activities I have ever accomplished. Over these years, I have seen the medical profession do a wonderful job, but also there are times when even the best medicine cannot heal the pain and distress of dying patients.

Many people in Oregon as well as the rest of America do not know there are alternatives to unending pain and distress when one is beyond even the best medical and pain-easing care. And, unfortunately, many doctors do not counsel their patients about the alternatives, such as Compassion & Choices of Oregon, which helps dying Oregonians achieve final control over their lives.

We need a health care system now that pays doctors to talk with patients about all available treatment options at the end of life, not one that pushes these conversations aside because doctors can't bill for them.

Compassion & Choices of Oregon, a state-approved law that has been in effect for the past 11 years, has proven itself to be the answer to many Oregonians who are beyond the help of even the best medical care and pain suppression. Our neighboring state of Washington has also passed the same legislation.

Today, members of Congress are proposing reform legislation requiring Medicare to cover patient consultation with their doctors about all end-of-life choices; section 1233 of House Bill 3200. At last, everyone will be able to know there are alternatives to unending pain and distress when we reach our own end of life.

Please contact your congressmen and women to support this very important bill.

*Richard Ernie Reed
Springfield*

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