

DIRTY AIR WARNINGS

So our Lane Air Pollution Protection Agency has asked the public to cooperate and not burn wood in fireplaces and stoves. How about Seneca burning wood 24 hours a day, making breathing difficult and harming our lungs? In some communities laws have passed that stop all children playing sports, with football practice only in early morning hours and running halted for the duration of heavy pollution. Maybe we need to have schools and the university implement some restrictions?

Ruth Duemler
Eugene

GREEN JOBS LACKING

The "green jobs" everyone was anticipating never developed. Why? Because what little manufacturing in the U.S. that has not been off-shored is highly automated. Very few people are employed in modern American factories. The next great challenge facing humans on this planet is life after fossil fuels, which will require the transition to compact, car-free 3D eco-cities of mid-rise, mixed-use buildings incorporating urban farming and local agriculture: eco-cities powered by decentralized combined heat and power systems that generate electricity and heat at the same time fueled with waste-to-energy processes from locally

available organic wastes, such as biogas from anaerobic digestion and thermal gasification of pellets from annually renewable dry wastes like straw, city maintenance debris, twigs and branches. Not solar panels. Not hydrogen. Not Algae. Not liquid biofuels. Stop funding such nonsense.

Those hundreds of thousands of green jobs everyone has been waiting for are available immediately the day we begin this transition: construction workers and equipment operators to build these new urban centers and mixed-use buildings, manufacturing and operating the generators, steam boilers and turbines, district heating systems, anaerobic digesters and wastewater

package plants and local and intercity passenger and freight rail infrastructure.

How do we fund this? Simple. Tax the wealthiest Americans the 90 to 92 percent they paid in the 1950s to fund the nation's interstate highway infrastructure. Stop allowing a handful of sociopaths who hate their children to sabotage our country's future for the other 307 million of us and let's get America to work.

Warren Weisman
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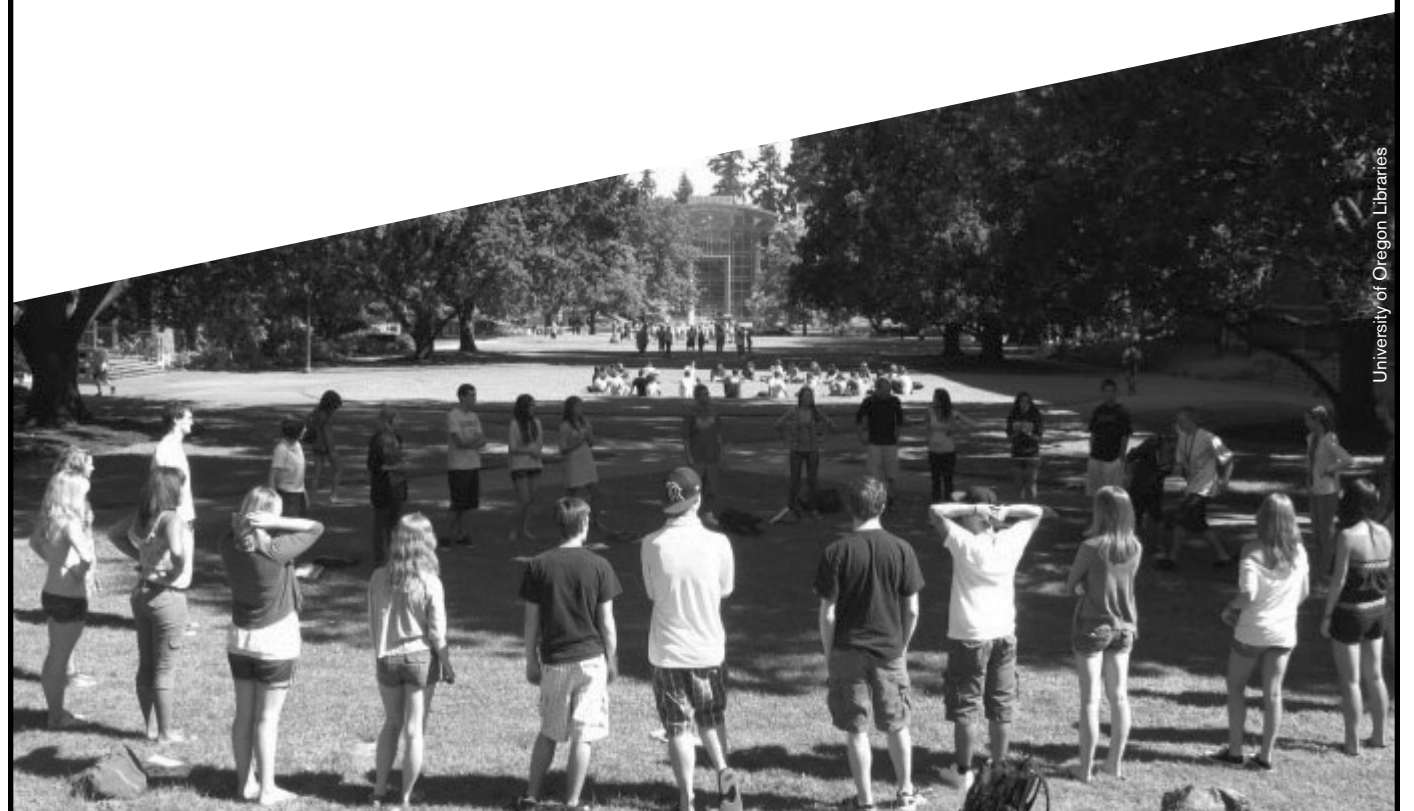
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