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Death of the DTA:

A door slamming shut or a bright new day?

BY JEFF STEVENS
reporter

The month of September always brings two drastic and melancholy changes to the University of Washington campus: the change from summer sunshine to falling autumn leaves, and the change from a silent and spacious Red Square to a chaotic Quad bustling with stressed-out students new and old.

This year, September brought an additional drastic change to the UW along with the usual new school year rituals. On Sept. 4, the University announced its decision to eliminate the Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA), a UW policy established in 1988 to provide automatic UW admission to any Washington state community college graduate with a GPA of 2.75 or better. According to University officials, this change was made necessary by a combination of historically unprecedented enrollment demand and increasingly limited enrollment space, the latter due to decreasing state funding for higher education.

In the wake of the announcement of the DTA's impending demise, several UW student leaders expressed great alarm about the potential negative consequences of the change, especially with respect to the state of campus diversity at the UW. To these students, it appeared the University had taken one more small but significant step away from its historic mission of providing accessible higher education for all Washington State citizens, and toward a vision of the UW as a "world-class" institution—in other words, an elite and exclusive institution, inaccessible to communities of color and the working class.

In response to these concerns, the University soon claimed that the transfer agreement which will replace the DTA will in fact increase diversity, rather than affect it negatively. In a Sept. 19 Seattle Times guest editorial (co-authored with Earl

Hale, executive director of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges), UW Interim President Lee Huntsman claimed the UW's new transfer policy "will enable the university to achieve even greater diversity in its student body" and that it "will give all community college applicants a chance to compete fairly and

2004, be applied to transfer students.

According to UW Acting Provost David Thorud, the change from the DTA to the new policy is technically a "replacement process, not an elimination process." Under the new agreement, the UW will reserve "at least" 30 percent of its yearly admissions slots for transferring Washington state

Current ASUW President Brittany Goodnight has already dealt extensively with UW administrators regarding such issues, during her term last year as ASUW Vice-President as well as with several UW student organizations before that term. Goodnight focused repeatedly on both the DTA and the 210-credit policy as campaign issues during the Spring 2003 ASUW elections. As her term leading the ASUW begins, Goodnight says she is skeptical about the University's motives for replacing the DTA, as well as its justification for the change.

"I have heard [the administration] say that the change in the DTA is [intended] to increase the number of underrepresented and financially disadvantaged students at the UW via comprehensive review," Goodnight said. "This point, however, has yet to be proven."

"While it is true that the changes in the DTA agreement could allow students with a GPA lower than 2.75 into the UW, it is still yet to be seen how the 'comprehensive review' will be run, and what the criteria for admissions will be. In the letter that was given to the community colleges [to explain the new policy], 'cultural awareness' and other factors were briefly listed as possible criteria at the end of a long, detailed list. While increasing representation at the UW is extremely important, this is one of the first times in my four years [as a UW student] that it has been used as the main talking piece to pass such a change. I worry that [diversity] is receiving attention only to make the changes to the DTA more acceptable."

Goodnight concluded that, in order to ensure that future transfer applicants have a chance to compete fairly and equitably for admission to the UW, "it [is] critical that this policy is revisited at the end of the year, and that the process is transparent and open to student input."

Goodnight advised concerned students

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Plagued by a budget crunch, old George isn't so welcoming anymore.

equitably for a limited number of available spaces."

The University also claims that the process by which the new policy will be carried out will involve meticulous review, weighing several factors to judge each transfer applicant's academic potential—including GPA, letters of recommendation, and personal factors such as economic and/or ethnic background. In essence, the UW's long-standing comprehensive review process for freshman applicants will, after Summer

community college graduates—the same percentage as the DTA, but with no more guarantees for top-performing students.

Among student leaders concerned with the DTA's "replacement," the crucial point of contention lies in the University's ability to insure a fair review process in spite of the "limited resources" it has invoked to justify other drastic measures it has recently taken—such as the new 210-credit policy designed to force lingering students (a.k.a. "super seniors") into timely graduation.

How hippie is your department?

BY JELTE HARNMEIJER
foreign correspondent

Having trouble deciding on your major? Can't decide on a department for graduate studies? Ruckus brings you an alternative approach to deciding where it's at.

One university. A sample of 3,845 students. One war. One anti-war resolution. Fourteen different disciplines, from mathematics to drama. What will it be?

What was done: On February 12 of this year, the UW's Graduate Professional Student Senate (GPSS) officially voted to pass a resolution condemning US military action in Iraq. With this, the UW became one of almost 150 universities nationwide to have passed such resolutions. To push for further support, e-mails were sent out to students majoring in fourteen disciplines, urging them to sign the UW Anti-war Resolution on-line (<http://www.campus4peace.net/uwaw/supportres.html>).

Mathematics, communication, American ethnic studies, geography, combined languages, art, English, education, environmental sciences, history, drama,

anthropology, comparative history of ideas (CHID) and classics were all hit. More e-mails would have been sent, but the boys at campus computing got wind of the operation and threatened to discontinue certain peoples' MyUW accounts. So the thing was stopped.

How useful are the results? It's important to realize the limitations of this study. Just because 10.4% of English and Education students signed the resolution, does not mean that only 10.4% of these students were against the war. What it does mean, however, is that 10.4% of these students cared about the matter enough to go on-line and spend time signing a resolution. So the results are useful in that they allow us to compare relative anti-war sentiment at the UW.

What the results were: Check out the

charts. An average of 9.6% of students actively responded to the anti-war cry. Most studies had a response pretty close to this, with history, drama, anthropology and CHID distinctly towards the higher end. Students in geography and American ethnic studies, on the other hand, weren't too hot on signing up.

But there were outliers, too. Only 5.7% of communication students signed, while mathematicians gave by far the lowest response: only 3.3%. At the other end of the spectrum were the students of Classics. Almost a third (32.4%) of the 37 students sampled came out against the war.

Ruckus analysis: Active anti-war sentiment on campus was, on the whole, low. This might come as a surprise, considering the common view of Seattle as a "liberal"

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and "activist" hangout. The vast majority of students seemed to have little time for extra-mural activities such as signing petitions. It's not that students lacked an opinion (I mean, everyone has an opinion, right?). That leaves three options: (i) They didn't care; (ii) They felt they couldn't make a difference, anyway; or (iii) They were pro-war or undecided.

Passivity was a nationwide phenomenon. Consider the fact that during most international days of protest more people walked out in Barcelona, Spain than in the entire US combined! Some protests saw 1.3 million people on the streets of Barcelona - a city with only 1.5 million citizens.

Conclusion: "The sixties", as one piece of hate mail read, "are not coming back". Maybe true, until some moron in charge decides to impose the draft again. 10,000 years of civilization. 10,000 years of the same mistakes. The only thing that seems to have changed, thanks to technology, is the number of deaths for each screw-up. Hurrah for progress. Descensus Averno facilis est.



100 students donned all black with red armbands for a Columbus Day march. photo by Charlie Rogers

“Tell me that’s equality!”

100 march to protest local, national and global inequalities

BY AIKO AKERS
reporter

On Columbus day about 300 students rallied in support of affirmative action, marching around the UW campus touting signs and shouting statistics about racial inequality in higher education. The march ended with a rally in Red Square where students from various ethnic backgrounds discussed problems facing minorities and called for solidarity with all people who support equity.

The rally was organized by the Minority Think Tank, a group that has been dormant for some time but has been reactivated partly in response to an anti-affirmative action bake-sale held by the UW College Republicans (UWCR). The bake-sale offered cookies at varying prices depending on race, ranging from twenty-five cents for Native Americans to one dollar for white men.

“It’s obvious there’s too much ignorance on campus if stuff like that is happening,” said Minority Think Tank organizer Tony Revisto. The purpose of affirmative action, said Revisto, “is to give minorities a chance to catch up in a race that white people have had a lead in for years.”

The purpose of the bake sale, according to UWCR organizers, was to get a discussion going about Affirmative Action and to inform people about the conservative perspective.

“Affirmative Action might have been a good idea in the 60s, but I think we’ve made a lot of strides since then, so we’re at a point where we don’t have to use it anymore,” said Jason Chambers, president of the College Republicans. “I understand that there is still inequality and the point of Affirmative Action is to bridge that gap, but to address the problem you need to address it at an earlier point, in primary school and high school, for instance using vouchers so people can get a better education.”

According to Minority Think Tank organizers, the Columbus Day protest aimed to educate about racism, explaining how past racism still affects race relations and power structures today.

“This country was created on the backs of minorities in order to benefit white people,” said Revisto. “This fact hasn’t been addressed. Economically, white people benefit in dollar terms from being white.”

However, the march focused on other historically underrepresented groups as well, such as women, gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgender individuals, veterans, and people with disabilities.

“Affirmative action is bigger than just black and white,” said Jaebadiah Gardner, another Minority Think Tank organizer. “There are groups that are worse off than African Americans. People need to open their minds and see affirmative action as a bigger issue.”

Initiative 200, passed in 1998, eliminated preferences based on race or gender in public contracting, education, and employment in Washington State. Outreach programs and plans to increase diversity in an applicant pool are not prohibited under law, though neither are they required. The UW has such programs in place, such as the Office of Minority Affairs and other outreach programs that target minority students, though some organizers view these as aspects of institutionalized racism.

“Institutionalized racism is a mask that pretends that everything is okay when it’s not,” said Gardner. “When people say we need diversity, it’s often because there’s racism limiting diversity,” said Anthony Rose, president of the Black Student Union and director of the ASUW Black Student Commission. “It can be seen as an antonym for racism. We want a campus that is diverse but without racism.”

The Minority Think Tank, though without a specific agenda as of yet, intends to keep active and continue addressing issues about affirmative action and discrimination in order to create a climate for legislative change.

“We’re hoping to take it to the state level,” said Gardner. “We want to unite various institutions against institutionalized racism. We want people to realize we’re serious.”

The Minority Think Tank meets Wednesdays at 8 pm in the Ethnic Cultural Center located on Brooklyn Avenue, south of Campus Parkway.

“Anybody and everybody is welcome because that’s the only way we’re going to get our goals accomplished,” said Gardner. “There’s power in numbers. You can’t stop a whole group of people when they’re mad. You can slow them down, but you can’t stop them.”

“We want a campus that is diverse but without racism.”
-Anthony Rose, BSU President

Babies and bathwater in South America

BY JELTE HARNMEIJER
Ruckus international correspondent

This month’s country focus is on Colombia. Yeah yeah, I realize that you belong to that small group of citizens who actually care about stuff, and I understand that as a result you’ve probably already heard about Plan Colombia and how your government is spraying insane quantities of a herbicide – whose chemical constituents the State Department won’t even disclose – on peasants in rural Colombia, but...

... but that’s peanuts compared to the new plan. Speaking of peanuts, don’t try to grow them in Colombia any time soon. Apparently unsatisfied with the ravages caused by Ultra Glyphosate™ (brought to us by the same company that gave us – or actually, gave to Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and our war veterans – the infamous Agent Orange. Stick with what you know, right?), the State Department has brilliantly conceived of an even more efficient way of pursuing an anti-drug campaign that its own analysts even say isn’t working.

Mycoherbicide fusarium oxysporum formae specialis [f.sp.] erythroxyli. Quite a mouthful. Or rather not. Dubbed “Agent Green” by opposition groups, Fusarium oxysporum is actually a virulent fungus engineered by the Montana-based Ag/Bio Con, Inc. The plan is for high altitude sprays over Colombia to target coca, the raw material for cocaine.

There are a few pesky legal obstacles to overcome, however. Like the UN Biological and Toxic Weapons Convention, which technically classifies F.o. as a biological weapon, and the fact that spraying the stuff all over Colombia contradicts several clauses of the Geneva Convention – parts that the US has signed. (Unlike the 1966 Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; the 1979 Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; certain protocols of the 1989 Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child; the 1997 Kyoto Global Warming Protocol, the 1997 Ottawa Mine Ban Treaty; and the 2002 Rome Statute for the establishment of an International Criminal Court – to name just a few)

There’s more to Colombia than cocaine, of course. Like oil, for example. Los Angeles-based Occidental Oil has most of that covered. They’ve got their pipelines covered, too – by US-trained right-wing paramilitaries, no less.

Then there’s coal. Brought home to a light-switch near you courtesy of the Alabama-based Drummond mining company. They recently got into trouble for allegedly using death squads to polish off Colombian trade union leaders, according to an Asian edition of Time Magazine I picked up in Nepal. You see, one of the perks of being the Ruckus International Correspondent is that I actually get to read about this stuff – the story never appeared in the US edition of Time.

Final Fun Fact: Colombia is the third-highest recipient of US “aid.” (What are the first two? Entries open now. Bonus points for telling us why. Send your answers in to Ruckus by e-mail (jeltegeststopayfortheprizebecauseyouruckusisbroke@ruckuscollective.org), post, or hand today. Winners to be announced next month.)

Coming next time: Post-apartheid, HIV/AIDS and crime in South Africa – what the hell is going on?

Affirmative Action

Don't believe the "half-baked" conservative rhetoric

BY JEFF STEVENS
staff reporter

On Wednesday, October 8, a certain conservative UW student organization (who shall hereafter go unnamed to spare it any desired publicity) set up shop in a prominent spot in front of the UW's Husky Union Building (HUB) to sell the UW community a rather peculiar bill of goods.

What this motley crew of privileged youth offered to passers-by that day was a curious combination of fresh-baked treats and half-baked mythology, served with a smug smile and seasoned with a sense of perceived injustice heavy on the vanilla and oozing with artificial history.

According to the organizers, this bake sale spectacle was intended to protest the alleged oppression of privileged white students by affirmative action policies—or, in their sly sound-bite dialect, "racial quotas"—at colleges and universities across America, including the University of Washington. You heard that right—privileged white kids, victims of institutionalized oppression. George Orwell, eat your heart out.

Now, before we fully indulge in the semi-sweet irony of the UW RSO in question casting themselves as an oppressed campus minority, let's dwell briefly on the ironic phrase "bill of goods," and its relevance to the would-be Betty Crockers who tried to sell the UW community a crock on Oct. 8. Any student of any color who seeks the definition of this useful phrase will find, upon consulting their trusty Webster's, the following passage:

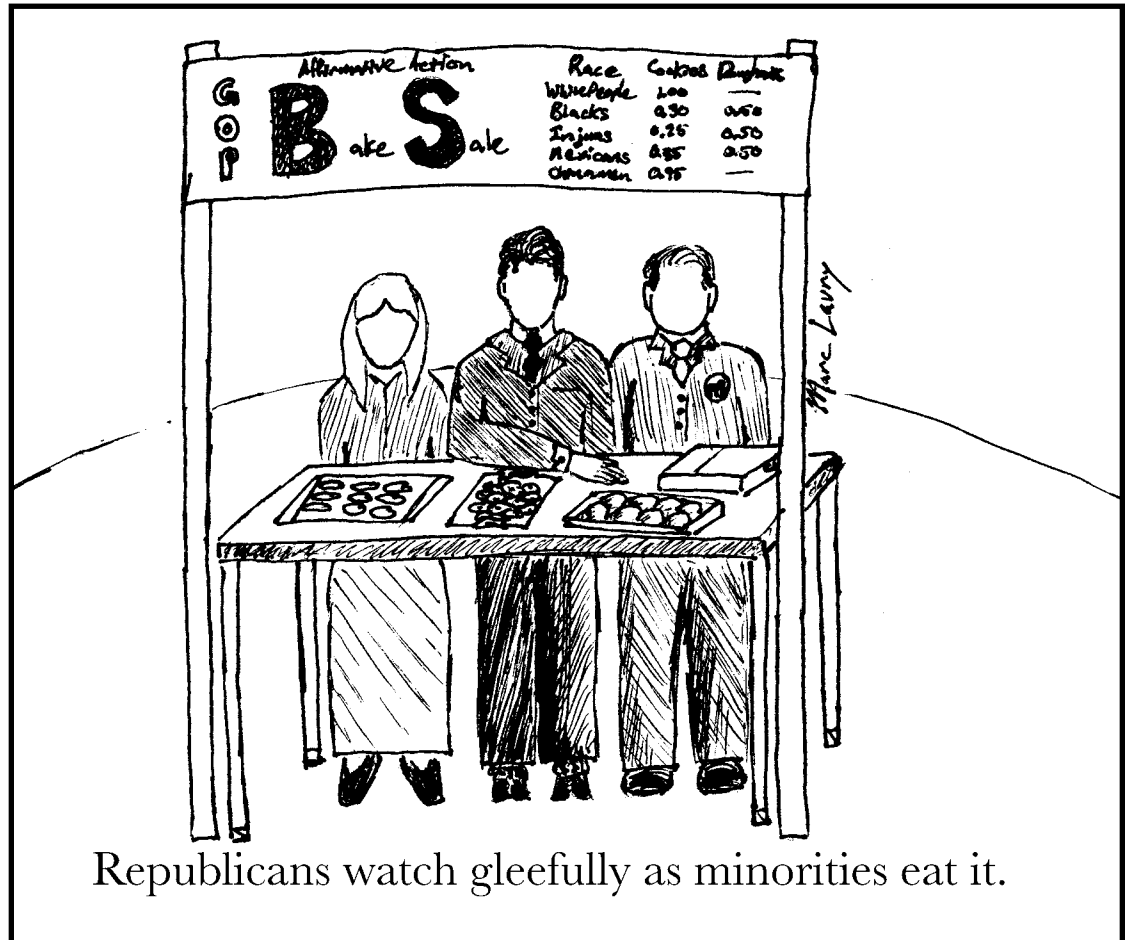
1: a consignment of merchandise; 2: something intentionally misrepresented; something passed off in a deception or fraud—often used in the phrase "sell a bill of goods."

Keep in mind that second definition while perusing the following price list, posted in front of the HUB for the bill of baked goods offered on Oct. 8 by our local downtrodden privileged kids:

Chocolate-chip cookies: 25 cents for Native Americans, 30 cents for African Americans, 35 cents for Latinos, 50 cents for Pacific Islanders, 95 cents for Asian Americans ... and \$1 for whites. Doughnuts: 50 cents for everyone except Asian Americans and whites.

Why the sliding scale? Well, in the words of one clever college conservative, the price differential symbolized how, since affirmative action "judges people based solely on skin color, [it] is inherently racist."

Ruckus readers concerned with campus climate have likely seen this game played before. Its players take savvy advantage of hidden histories of oppression and naive notions of race, class, and gender in American society, counting on their clientele to buy the lie that the stolen labor of blacks, the



stolen land and resources of indigenous peoples, and the stolen wages of women, Latino/as and Asians are all a thing of the past in America, a distant relic of the days of plantations and Indian Removal. As if all that generated wealth simply vanished along with the conquerors and the conquered of the New World, to benefit no one in the here and now. In other words, according to a certain group of Three-Cookie Monte players, meritocracy, not privilege, decides who climbs the ladder and who sweeps the floor in the Land of the Free.

Certain revisionist historians among us may be fooling some of the campus, but not all of us. Some of us, in fact, remember not only the unrewarded sacrifices of those who gave their unvolunteered labor and lives to help build the most powerful nation on earth, we also remember the crucial origin of the very phrase "affirmative action" itself: President Lyndon B. Johnson's 1965 Executive Order 11246, from which this flashpoint phrase originates, required federal contractors to "take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, creed, color, or national origin."

Review that passage carefully. Within it you'll find no "quotas," nor any "special rights," simply a solid mandate for equal opportunity for all Americans. But this inconvenient fact of history hasn't stopped certain HUB Lawn hucksters, nor the powerful politicians they aspire to emulate, from carrying on with the constant and disingenuous equation of "affirmative action" with "racial quotas."

Given the campus campaign of disinformation in the disarming disguise of tasty Toll House treats presented on the HUB Lawn on Oct. 8, what would be the wisest response from those of us concerned about campus climate, who seek to clear away the smoke blown in the face of our community that day by certain student cigar aficionados?

Since the UW is above all an educational institution, the answer is obvious: opponents of further bake sale baloney on our campus would be wise to organize our own campaign to educate the UW community about the history of affirmative action in America—with

a focus on both the historic struggles for social justice that led to its creation, and the ongoing deceptions employed by those who have fought against its full realization.

Fortunately, and much to the likely chagrin of certain campus confectioners, a group of progressive campus activists are now mobilized to do just that. The Minority Think Tank, a once-dormant multiracial coalition of diversity-minded UW students, has now been fully revived and recharged in the after-

math of the Oct. 8 HUB Lawn bake sale B.S. blow-out. They've now got plans to bring the struggle for UW diversity back to center stage in the UW community—including a proposed statewide ballot initiative that will aim for no less than the repeal of Initiative 200, the 1998 measure that eliminated affirmative action in Washington State.

In the meantime, it looks like a certain batch of cookies has blown up in the faces of a certain group of campus conservatives. Maybe next time they'll read the recipe more carefully before firing up the oven.

What the hell are...

The Maggies?

BY SHAUN WOOD
staff reporter

The Magnuson awards (Maggies), Washington State Democrats' excuse to gather, drink and give each other prizes, was held on campus in Meany Hall Saturday, October 4, 2003.

Big names like Dean, Gregoire and McDermott mixed with alcohol and congealed to form a nice control group to test and reveal the Democrats' condition prior to very big elections.

Anyone who is anyone and everyone

who wants to be someone in our state's humble *cough* blank check to go to war *cough* left leaning party attended.

From an operations standpoint, the awards were an unorganized cluster-fuck of bureaucracy. Attendees waited in lines that stretched far from Meany in the cold, while Maggie volunteers scrambled to make sense of lost guest lists, misprinted tickets and the security necessary to escort the big politicians inside. To add to this confusion, pro- and anti- Howard Dean ral-

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Politics are not a car engine



BY SCOTT PROVENCE
staff reporter

Sooner than you think, it will be election season and we will all prepare ourselves for another political deluge.

Many seem to think that these political processes only take a couple of weeks, and therefore will tolerate them only until Must See Thursday comes around.

To most people, election debates are often treated like reruns, barely preferred over detergent commercials. Yes, we are all aware that there is someone sitting in the boss's chair in D.C. heroically executing crucial political maneuvers such as "not coloring outside the lines," but few care to realize that our country's political action is supposed to come from the people.

However, I am not writing to criticize. I am writing because there are those who realize that they have the power to make changes. They write letters to representatives, they form petitions (those people behind tables in front of the HUB aren't just there for the cozy Seattle weather.)

As our nation goes down the proverbial tubes, we must struggle to regain the knowledge and experience our political forefathers so solidly possessed. In this day and age, the majority of our public (who shall remain nameless) seem to be content in knowing that whenever a problem arises, it will be neatly dealt with and simplified down to a color that can be displayed on the national alert indicator. If a crisis emerges, it can usually be resolved before Monday Night Football and if not, it's just as easily forgotten.

And perhaps this sordid state of affairs is not so bad. Our country seems to be at ease. People have stopped hoarding emergency supplies and have gone back to buying gasoline and cheese that comes in a can. And once every few months, we celebrate that special tradition when we gather around the TV, George Bush pops his fuzzy little head out from behind the podium, timidly sniffs around, and if he sees his shadow, dives back into hiding and we have another six weeks of recession.

I too used to ignore the problems facing our country. I would shrug my shoulders and say, "It's just political stuff, it doesn't concern me." I had this opinion about other things in life as well. I am also completely incompetent in the field of automotive care, and used to approach any political situation as I do a car that has suddenly stopped running.

First, I stride manfully over and pop the hood. Easy enough, so far I'm in control. Now, I glare at the parts underneath with a concerned expression and go "Hmm..." rubbing my chin thoughtfully. This rarely seems to solve the problem, so I proceed to twist and pull at random pieces of machinery, desperately hoping that I will run across an object that obviously does not belong such as a golf club or manhole cover. If all else fails, I will

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How about this: We'll get down from here when you find the damn WMD's.

Bush, Rumsfeld: pants on fire

BY IAN CAIRNS
staff reporter

"The evidence indicates that Iraq is re-constituting its nuclear weapons program ... Iraq has attempted to purchase high-strength aluminum tubes and other equipment need for gas centrifuges, which are used to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons." - President Bush, Oct. 7, 2002

Ok, so you think he had weapons. But how do you know? I mean that must be pretty hard to know for certain.

"The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa." - President Bush, 2003 State of the Union address.

"Intelligence gathered by this and other governments leaves no doubt that the Iraq regime continues to possess and conceal some of the most lethal weapons ever devised ... The security of the world requires disarming Saddam Hussein now" - George Bush, March 17, 2003

Well, how much did he have? I mean it couldn't have been that much.

26,000 liters of anthrax-enough to kill several million people

38,000 liters of botulinum toxin

500 tons of sarin, mustard and VX nerve agents (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/response/disarm.html>) (As of press time, this page was still on the web. -Ed)

Wow, well I guess that's that. Do you know where they are? I mean you must, because how could anyone miss over a million pounds of weapons? Maybe one of your administration pals knows where they are?

"We know where they are, they are in the area around Tikrit and Baghdad and east, west, south and north of that" - Donald Rumsfeld, March 30, 2003

Hmm. well I'm glad that's taken care of. I'm assuming you would have found them by now, if you know where they are.

"We have not yet found stocks of weapons" - David Kay, head of the Iraq Survey Group (group charged with finding WMD by President Bush) October 2, 2003

Wait, wait. How come you didn't find them? I thought you knew where they were? Your intelligence wasn't wrong. I mean you said that your intelligence "leaves no doubt" right?

"We now know that documents alleging a transaction between Iraq and Niger had been forged. Other reporting that suggested that Iraq had tried to obtain uranium from Africa is not detailed or specific enough for us to be certain that such attempts were in fact made." - Michael N. Anton spokesman for the National Security Council July 9, 2003

Well, so the uranium thing didn't work out. You still have the aluminum tube thing; I mean that was solid as hell? Wasn't it?

"The vast majority of gas centrifuge experts in this country and abroad

who are knowledgeable about this case reject the CIA's case, and do not believe that the tubes are specifically designed for gas centrifuges." - David Albright, former U.N. weapons inspector and president of the International Institute for Science and International Security, March 10, 2003

"Based on available evidence, the IAEA team has concluded that Iraq's efforts to import these aluminum tubes were not likely to have been related to the manufacture of centrifuges." - Mohammad ElBaradei, director of the International Atomic Energy Association, March 7, 2003

What happened? I mean our intelligence community is rock solid. Did someone misinterpret the intelligence?

"There is no question in my mind (policymakers) distorted the situation, either be-

cause they had bad intelligence or because they misinterpreted it." - Stansfield Turner, former CIA Director June 18, 2003

Ok, so someone misinterpreted the intelligence. Honest mistake, right?

"I believe the Bush administration did not provide an accurate picture to the American people of the military threat posed by Iraq. Iraq posed no imminent threat to either its neighbors or to the United States." - Gregory Thielmann, former director of the State Department Bureau of Intelligence, July 9

"In intelligence, there is one unpardonable sin - cooking intelligence to the recipe of high policy. There is ample indication that this has been done in Iraq. While there have been occasions in the past when intelligence has been deliberately warped for political purposes, never before has such warping been used in such a systematic way to mislead our elected representatives into voting to authorize launching a war." - Letter to President Bush written by former CIA and other intelligence officials, as reported by the London Times, May 31, 2003

Well, it's not like someone was putting pressure on the intelligence community to tell them what they wanted to hear.

"This administration has had a faith-based intelligence attitude ... 'We know the answers. Give us the intelligence to support those answers'" - Gregory Thielmann, former director of the State Department Bureau of Intelligence, July 9

"Analysts at the working level in the intelligence community are feeling very strong pressure from the Pentagon to cook the intelligence books" - Government official, with a dozen others in agreement, speaking on condition of anonymity (Knight-Ridder Tribune News, Oct. 8, 2002).

Alright, so we're stuck in Iraq. How long will it last?

"For the foreseeable future" - General Tommy Franks, July 9, 2003

For a more thorough examination of this issue, please see the story posted on www.ruckuscollective.org.

Receding Reproductive Rights

BY NATALIE SMITH

Goddess of Layout

Please allow me to begin by saying that I have no intention of keeping up the pretense of objectivity for this article.

I am a liberal, pro-choice feminist. George W. Bush makes me want to claw my eyes out. But, after the initial outrage of Bush's "win" in 2000 and the subsequent war fiasco (lying bastard), the Bush administration has been hard pressed to shock me. I began researching all the crackpot reproductive legislation of late, and my shock was reinstated.

The "global 'gag' rule" was the first of a plethora of retrogressive reproductive policies enacted by the Bush administration. It mandated that the US withhold funding to any organization that lobbies for or provides abortions, even if they do so using their own independent funding.

This moral bribery is in violation of our constitution, yet it is somehow deemed appropriate when the same methods of reproductive oppression used overseas are applied to our lives here at home.

Bush also withheld \$34 million from UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund), a company that has helped millions of people plan families, after it had already been allotted to UNFPA by Congress. The democrats reintroduced the funding for UNFPA and suggested a repealing of the "global 'gag' rule," but it was struck down by the House of Representatives 216-211.

The trend in domestic reproductive politics has been similarly discouraging. Every recent legislation has had the common goal of attempting to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. The most recent is the so-called "partial-birth" abortion ban of 2003. This ban, supported heavily by anti-choice Americans, concerns itself with an incredibly rare form of abortion. The ban affects almost no one. So why was there a drive to get the bill passed when the Republicans were still in control? They were fighting on principle. This bill is the first federal ban on abortion since our right was established in *Roe v. Wade*, signifying a big step forward for the anti-choice.

The problem is that it directly violates the Supreme Court decision *Stenberg v. Carhart* (made in pre-Bush 2000) and includes no exception regarding the health of the mother.

Since *Roe v. Wade* establishes without a doubt that forcing a woman to



photo by Toby Krempfle

carry a child to term, whether directly or indirectly, violates both her 9th and 14th amendment rights, anti-choice advocates stress the establishment of the unborn child's 14th amendment rights (the clichéd "right to life"). The Republicans are now in a position to establish this legally.

Both the Unborn Victims of Violence Act (currently pending) and the Innocent Child Protection Act (2000) are attempts to establish the fetus' right to life.

The UVVA states that if an "unborn child is injured or killed during an already-defined federal crime of violence, the assailant may be charged with a second offense."

"Pro-life" groups support this bill unanimously. This is not due to the disproportionately high number of crimes committed against pregnant women; this is about manipulating the law.

Similarly, the Innocent Child Protection Act says that if a pregnant woman is on death row, she must be delayed until giving birth. The hope is obvi-

ously one of establishing a practice of "life beginning at conception."

Couple all of these policies with our own state's laws of "parental notification and consent," and you are left with a pretty good picture of the volatile state of reproductive politics, thirty years after the initial victory in *Roe vs. Wade*.

What bugs me the most about these trends is that they just don't make sense. It seems so naive, underhanded, and anti-human: the same folks who are vehemently against abortion are also railing against handing out contraceptives in schools and, gasp, actually telling children the truth about sex.

How can you expect people who know nothing about sexual health (because they've been lied to since they were seven) and who have no access to birth control or contraceptives, to be competent, responsible adults? Parents, even?

All I'm saying is, as NARAL suggests, "rather than pursuing policies that make abortion more difficult and dangerous, we should all unite behind common sense policies that prevent unintended pregnancy and make abortion less necessary." It would sure beat another thirty year ride on the Constitutional see-saw.

"The problem is that it directly violates the Supreme Court decision *Stenberg v. Carhart*"

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utter threatening phrases under my breath and give the tires a couple of good kicks. Finally, I will return defeated mumbling something about it "needing new bilateral intake capacitors" and try to forget the whole thing.

Perhaps some of you have similar methods of "fixing" things. Herein the problem lies. It is easy to stay back and see how everything plays out, pausing occasionally to kick a tire or two. Meanwhile, countries will continue to kick each other back and forth, desper-

ately hoping that if they push hard enough, everything will just fall into place. If we do not step up and admit to ourselves that something is not getting fixed the right way, we will be forever condemned to a fate of yellow, amber and orange problems. Don't become a spectator to this destructive metronome. Join hands with a protestor, sit down at one of those tables, write a letter to one of those politicians who think they've got you pegged. Whether you believe it or not, our own country is in the process of telling us that we need "new bilateral intake capacitors" and they're getting away with it.

You don't need me to tell you how to get involved around campus, but just in case, here are a few websites you can check

out:

ASUW: Associated Students of the UW. This page contains links to many groups around campus. depts.washington.edu/asuweb/directory.html

Seattle Links: Links for community resources and a broad range of information. www.seattle.gov/html/citizen/community.htm

SAO: Student Activities Office. Have some of your own ideas? Start up your own organization. Visit here to learn how to register for your very own association. depts.washington.edu/sao/

Ruckus Collective: We are always eager to hear from you. www.ruckuscollective.org

LETTER(S) TO THE COLLECTIVE

The Table of Opportunity

On Oct. 8 I happened to cross the HUB Lawn during the College Republicans' much-discussed bake sale. For those who missed it, the CRs set up a table on the HUB Lawn, sold cookies at varying prices depending on the buyer's race, and called it "affirmative action." I was sorely tempted to set up a table opposite them, hand out cookie vouchers (redeemable for cookies at the Republicans' table) at varying rates depending on the recipient's race, call it "opportunity," and see what was said about racism then. "You're black? Sorry, that's only good for half a voucher. Lucky for you, though, there's a good deal on cookies across the way."

Unfortunately, I had to go to class.
Nicolas Addington

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Watch your mouth

BY BAILEY ZYDEK
staff reporter

It seems that whites just want everyone to be the same, “see no color.” This cannot be so! The dominant class has imposed some strict and oftentimes harmful parameters around the English language, and this framework must be seen for what it is, and must be crushed.

Few in this world are linguistics majors. Words are very powerful, influential tools, and we all have access to them. The US Anglo sector lacks a thorough understanding about words pertaining to race and ethnicity. This lack of understanding results in extreme confusion and many misguided perceptions.

Take the word “Mexican,” for example. In my hometown this word has become a derogatory term: it connotes underclass, immigrant, poor, dirty and dark skinned. “Hispanic” (a word coined for census purposes during the Nixon regime) is used to describe Latinos who are above this lowly status: educated, light skinned or otherwise respectable people who speak Spanish.

This same word however, is despised and rejected by the majority of those to whom it refers. Some go a step further and eliminate any chance of being demeaning by placing a Latino’s roots in Europe – how often I am berated by ethnically sensitive white folk for describing a Mexican friend of mine as “Mexican.” I’m promptly given a lesson in the school of diction: “He is Spanish, Bailey. Not Mexican.” Hmm.

Apparently, a national identity has become the equivalent of “nigger,” and another term (Hispanic) that, to quote author Lalo Lopez in his piece “Generation Mex,” “lump[s] all Latinos into one mushy ball of Wonder Bread dough” is magically PC and acceptable. Calling someone “Hispanic” implies roots to Spain, which is not always the case. Latinos are represented by such a diversity of ethnicities – Spanish,

Arab, Greek, indigenous North and South American, African, Anglo, or at least potential for such mixings – that to refer to someone as “Hispanic” denies acknowledgement of his or her roots. To say “Hispanic” is to homogenize a diverse group of people.

Among other things, the term’s creation was designed to gloss over the diversity in America and to lump as many “races” as possible into one group. The term “Latino” is generally more acceptable if one must find a “catch-all” term.

Here’s another one of life’s mysteries that I love to hear white people ponder: “Why do they get to say the word ‘nigger’ but when white people say it then all of a sudden they’re racist? If they don’t want to be called that, then they shouldn’t call themselves that.”

Different cultures, different realities. This word carries its own variety of connotations, present in different contexts. Whites first used the word “nigger” as a means of belittling Blacks and exerting their own authority. It looks to me like a community has taken a historically hurtful term and made it their own. Is this a way of reversing the oppressive nature of the term? Is this reversal a means of empowerment? Or is this simply an example of a people influencing language and determining a new course for it so it fits in a new place in their unique realities? It could be many things.

Just because one group of people coined a term and gave it an original meaning does not mean that it may not be assimilated into another group’s language/culture and altered to fit accordingly; nor does this alteration change the implications of the word when used by someone in another culture.

For a more in depth examination



“Am I from fuckin’ Hispania?” asks UW sophomore Alicia Briones.

of this linguistic wonder, check out the book Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word by Randall Kennedy.

My final point about which to rant and rave concerns this increasingly common point of Anglo bewilderment: “How come they can boast Black/Asian/Chicano pride and have parades and festivals for it, but if we have white pride then all of a sudden we’re considered KKK members?”

Well I have news for ya’ll and it may come as a shocker: the “white race” is a myth! There is no country of Whitedom anywhere, only countries where the inhabitants happen to be white. Therefore, there are country-specific celebrations such as Oktoberfest (Germany).

Unfortunately, most blacks in the US do not know from which country or tribe they originate and therefore must simply be lumped together as “black”. Furthermore, this term has evolved to encompass a variety of meanings, separate from what the term “white” connotes for Anglos. Country or bloodline specification generally precedes any celebration or condition concerning other ethnicities: there are no “Yellow” pride parades, or a Brown-Skin History month.

Certainly these points have neither been exhausted nor been given the depth of analysis which they demand. My point here is that too often we don’t examine the implications of what we are saying, probably because we are never asked to question or analyze it.

This issue is not unique to whites, but in a country whose very foundation is based on white supremacy and continues to be run by old white men, it is most certainly relevant and important to be aware of.

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PERSONALS

Suzuki-driving editor type seeks eager female for late night cyber sex. Must be willing to show me your underwear

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I SAW U

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Me: unattractive and lonely older male. You: attractive, fun female. I would like to engage in intercourse.

Me: awkward artistic type. You: Gothic female. Please love me tender. (206) 523-3620

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the arrival the former Vermont governor, who later gave the keynote address.

Eventually the lines outside dwindled and the gathering transformed into tipsy female socialites drinking red wine with their husbands eating chicken off a stick – and everyone else trying make sense of it all.

What emerged from this spectacle and sounded through social circles was an image of a widely ideologically divided Democratic party.

The 2004 presidential race has started, and is going to be a wild ride. Representatives from the Clark campaign were in full swing mixing with the audience passing out flyers that attempted to convince the un-captivated audience that their candidate was indeed a Democrat and not a closeted Republican as some in the race had argued.

The adorably ideological Kucinich supporters were set up to gather support for the little guy. The Dean camp set up a modest table that would have been mostly ignored except for its position directly in the path of the food buffet. Finally, a few helplessly boring Kerry supporters mixed with the crowd.

What was more interesting to observe, however, were the reactions of the crowd. Local politicians have mostly remained unattached to the presidential candidates, with the only endorsement coming from Seattle’s McDermott for Howard Dean. The rest of the attendees were there to start making up their minds. Many went to every table sucking flyers to aid them in making their own decisions about where their support will end up in this strong pool of candidates.

Once the awards actually started, a unity in the party started to emerge. Many in the audience held signs that read “Bush Lied” and raised them at every opportunity given to them by the Bush-blasting Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell.

Eventually, Dean took the stage. Many supporters were on their feet screaming, while at the same time those who sat next to the obsessed fans just sat and clapped politely.

Dean launched his speech with a dry thank-you list, then gave a montage of every stump speech he has ever given. He delivered a crisp policy speech that eventually had everyone on their feet. The audience exploded whenever he mentioned health care, affirmative action, the economy and of course, Iraq.

He touched upon the other candidates in a catty way that reaffirmed his appearance as a front-runner. He condemned the politicians in the Democratic Party that gave Bush the authorization to go to war, and blasted Bush for his failures in every one of the above categories. He called it “having fun at the president’s expense.”

The maggies made it obvious that in 2004, state Democrats can and will rally behind getting Bush out of office. By then, the issues will be far from “fun” as Dean suggests, but the question remains, is the removal of Bush a strong enough platform to rally the national dems enough to put aside their differences and join as a tight group that can again control Capital Hill? The race in 2004 will be a wild one, but as we can already see, the fun, and the cluster-fucking has already begun.

Edward W. Said 1935 – 2003

Renowned activist and author dies at 67

BY JELTE HARNMEIJER

Ruckus international correspondent

“... it hardly needs saying that because the Middle East is now so identified with Great Power politics, oil economies, and the simple-minded dichotomy of freedom-loving, democratic Israel and evil, totalitarian, and terroristic Arabs, the chances of anything like a clear view of what one talks about in talking about the Near East are depressingly small.”

Edward Said, ‘Orientalism’ (1978)

Acclaimed literary critic. Intellectual. Stone-thrower. Anti-American. Peace activist. Renowned musicologist.

Said’s achievements are as diverse as people’s opinions of him. If you were one of the lucky ones who made it into the UW’s packed Walker-Ames lecture last spring (even people with tickets coming from as far as Port Angeles had to be turned back at the door), you are well aware that controversy surrounded Said’s life and work.

The line of people waiting outside Kane Hall was flanked by a row of pro-Israeli (or anti-Palestinian? One can forget) demonstrators sporting large posters of a younger Said hurling stones, we imagine at some innocent US-engineered and -financed M1 Abraham™ tank on a routine “security” operation. An aggressive half-page essay by three UW academics appeared in *The Daily*, criticizing the University for bestowing the prestigious invitation to an “anti-Semitic.”

Said was born November 1, 1935 in



photo courtesy of America-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

Edward Said

Jerusalem, and spent most of his childhood in Cairo, except for several long stays in Palestine. He received his university education at Harvard and Princeton. He was a professor of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University at the time of his death.

Said’s 1978 book “Orientalism” made waves and remains his most famous work. A thinly-masked criticism of past Anglo-French imperialism and current US neo-imperialism in the Near- (getting nearer-) East, it was also a groundbreaking look at western attitudes towards Islam.

Whatever your views on the Middle East crisis (er, I mean crises), and American involvement therein, it’s hard to deny that Said has had tremendous influence on both sides of the line. His pro-unity stance on Israel is perhaps too easily mistaken for anti-Zionism. Said was, and is, an inspiration to critical thought and analysis in a world that desperately needs both. The university’s decision to invite such an esteemed but controversial speaker at such a volatile time deserves nothing less than our admiration. Controversy, after all, is probably the unacknowledged driving force behind everything from civil liberties to democracy.

Edward Said died of leukemia at the age of 67 on Sept. 24.

“If the knowledge of Orientalism has any meaning, it is in being a reminder of the seductive degradation of knowledge, of any knowledge, anywhere, at any time. Now perhaps more than before.” -- Edward Said, 1978

The way we were:

A look at UW’s apparitions and architecture

BY TOBY KREMPLE

reporter

The UW campus is full of history. Few students are aware, but if you look around, what you see now is nothing like the look of the campus 20, 50 or 100 years ago.

The cold face of Kane has not always graced the north end of Red Square, and Red Square used to be the green Suzzallo Quad. Some intriguing photos are available online at content.lib.washington.edu, and in the libraries Special Collections.

The decision to pave the former Suzzallo Quad caused a general uproar among the university community. It ruined one of the last beautiful, building-free places in the area. And furthermore, I question the judgment of whoever decided that Kane or Odegaard would be pleasing to the eye.

However, the interesting history under us does not revolve around architecture. Anyone in his or her right mind would rather hear about dead people, so that will become my focus.

A long time ago, in the early 1900s, what students know as the fountain was referred to as “Frosh Pond” – so called because incoming freshmen were ritually shoved into the basin. It was all fun and games until some sorry sap drowned, at which point the school opted to change the name officially to Drumheller Fountain.

Years passed, and people kept doing whatever they were doing. Not a lot happened until 1928, when football players kidnapped ASUW president Marion Zioncheck to avenge his investigation into Hec Ed funding. Zioncheck was subject to handcuffing, gagging, paddling, shaving and being thrown into Lake Washington, in that order. The culprits left him on a raft with a blanket over his head. Shortly after, Zioncheck resigned, was later elected into the U.S. Senate, and ended his life by jumping off a 5-story building. All’s well that ends well, right?

No. It gets better.

Mentioning the name Ted Bundy is taboo in some parts of Florida. This is not so at the UW, though. Why? Because nobody followed his early work.

If you look in the books, you might find that in 1974, an unfortunate Kappa Alpha Theta girl didn’t get to graduate because a certain Bundy took the liberty of kidnapping her. On her way home one night, the girl was asked for help by a man in a cast to bring some things to his car. The cast was fake. Bundy knocked her out, and she never did make it home.

Rumor has it that Bundy had posed as a law student to move into an apartment with an obviously unsuspecting roommate. We now know what a bad idea

moving in with serial killers can be.

The point is: nothing is static. The campus has seen a lot more than anyone is willing to listen to. The buildings we find famil-

iar are not the ones in which our grandparents had classes. Walk around here at night some time, it might give you the chills. And if you squint, you can see ghosts.



The George Washington statue in 1909

photo by Frank Noell/Library Image Collection

Boarding schools sometimes hide terrible truths

BY ANGELA SMITH
reporter

I was fifteen years old. I had many problems at home and was doing poorly in school. I attempted suicide. I spent four months in an inpatient psychiatric hospital.

Following my stay at the hospital, I felt I had only two options: return to the environment that caused me to want to kill myself or find another option. I found a tape in the lounge area of the hospital describing a sanctuary for my soul and development for my mind. It was Provo Canyon School (PCS) located in Provo, Utah. I begged my mother to let me go.

Since insurance would pay the tuition costs, she approved my enrollment. Neither of us had a clue what horrors awaited me in Utah.

While at PCS, the staff punished severely for breaking rules that were never made clear. Fourteen years later I still suffer from the permanent knee and back damage they caused my body. Describing what has happened to my mind and my perception of the world is nearly impossible: I witnessed and/or experienced beatings by staff, being drugged, being threatened with death, and absolute renouncement of anything that resembled independent thought.

At PCS we were not allowed to read books of our own choosing. There was no library. We were not allowed music of any kind. We were not allowed television. We had no calendars and the only clocks in the

entire compound were in the classrooms that we entered only a few short hours Monday through Friday. There was no way to calculate how long we were there. We were not allowed paper or pencils

PCS or else I would suffer the same consequences as a fellow prisoner/student who had been beaten severely and was currently in a wheelchair, possibly for life. After three months, my mother and grandmother came

enforced silence, teen guards, panic locks, flashing lights and alarms.

One teenage girl reported, “I saw a girl tied to a counselor and dragged along a rocky trail, (the counselor) pulling her hair and calling her worthless.” (An American Gulag by Alexia Parks, p. 237)

I received an e-mail message from one survivor of PCS stating, “I hate that fucking place. I was there 4 years ago and am still having bad dreams. I was in investment (punishment/torture room) for 4 months straight and (have) just as many if not more horror stories than anyone else.”

Lawsuits (Mundy v. Charter Medical Corporation dba Provo Canyon School, Milonas and Rice v. Provo Canyon School, etc.) in the 1980’s and 1990’s shut down the former parent company of Provo Canyon School, Charter Medical Corporation. In the case of Milonas and Rice v. Provo Canyon School, the complaint read:

“School administrators, acting under color of state law, had caused the plaintiffs to suffer and to be subjected to cruel and unusual punishment, antitherapeutic and inhumane treatment, and denial of due process of law.”

Provo Canyon School was found to be at fault, confirming earlier court findings, in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1981. The case is currently on appeal to the Supreme Court. Provo Canyon School is still in operation.

These behavior modification programs are frightening. And, what may be even

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photo by Toby Krempfle

except upon request with an explanation and later proof that we used the items for their intended purpose. We were only allowed to use paper and pen to do assignments or write immediate family. All written correspondence was read and censored by staff. I wrote my mother and my grandmother as often as I could to beg them to let me come home.

Every appointment with my “counselor” I was threatened with death and warned to not say anything negative about

to Utah and demanded my release. I believe that if they hadn’t, I would not be here to write this article today.

My experience is not unique. Many teenagers in America are being sent to “snake-pit” schools, boot camps, and wilderness programs. In these programs, preteens and teenagers are subjected to, padded and locked “get right” rooms, wrap mats, wooden cages, body bags, electric shock, behavior modification drugs, brainwashing, corporal punishment, sensory deprivation,

Who Looks Out For the UW’s “Invisible Workforce”?

BY JAY THOMPSON
reporter

In a time of budgetary crisis throughout the University, students and faculty aren’t the only ones feeling a pinch: while the UW’s executive administration has remained largely unscathed, the University’s custodians and groundskeepers, food-service workers, gardeners and trade-service employees, its “classified staff,” are facing job cuts, benefit reductions and contract violations, in addition to the threat of privatizing and farming out contracts to corporate labor-pools and trade companies.

The UW faces up to \$70 million in state budget cuts in the coming fiscal year, and a struggling Washington business climate. Some of the University’s more widely known responses to budget shortfalls have included undergraduate tuition hikes (7 percent this year), periodic enrollment and hiring freezes, termination of the Direct Transfer Agreement (which guaranteed Washington community college students a certain percentage of the UW’s yearly admission) and tortuous new financial aid rules and regulations—such as making establishing residency more difficult, turning away post-baccalaureate stu-

dents, and setting absolute credit limits. The state legislature and the UW’s re-

gents have stonewalled vocal opposition to these measures by student advocacy groups,

and students are in a bind – but students aren’t the only ones.

Under pressure to streamline and cut costs, the administration has overworked and underpaid the UW’s “invisible workforce” of classified staff, largely represented by the 5000-member SEIU Local 925 and the 1800-member Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE) Union Local 1488. The campus’s gardeners, administrative assistants, food-service employees, clerical staff, custodians, and tradesmen have faced pay freezes, job cuts and scant promotion opportunities. Recently, WFSE has begun to vocally protest administrative mistreatment. With contract renewal a year off, the unions want to see their concerns addressed.

While the UW regents awarded faculty a two percent pay raise and many of the UW’s most powerful administrators are paid more than \$200,000 a year, the campus’s classified workers haven’t received a pay raise in three years. Classified workers now face the choice either to do more work for less (UW janitorial staff has gradually fallen from 400 to 220) or see their jobs and contracts

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photo by Toby Krempfle

Food service employees are currently represented by the the WFSE Local 1488. Some fear increased privatization will lead to decreased rights for workers.

West Coast artists mock modernism at SAM

BY SHAUN WOODS
reporter

Baja to Vancouver—B2V—is the result of four independent institutions, five curators, and 33 artists joining together to represent the state of West Coast modern art. This is the first general exploration of contemporary art on the west coast. Not a dainty task considering the area spans over 2,400 miles.

Like a survey course, this exhibit attempts to both give a tight representation of what our local artists are doing, and to

focus and reflect on the political and social topography of our diverse region.

The exhibit relies heavily on images from our surroundings. Street signs welcoming patrons to Vancouver overtake the museum-goers as they enter the exhibit room. Sculptures are placed throughout the exhibit. These sculptures are designed to show off unique and imperfect local materials which perfectly fit into our random and spontaneous culture.

One of the most attractive qualities of B2V is the artists' capability to step back and farce the entire institution of modern art while maintaining some level of seriousness in presenting their perceptions of the west coast. Some artists are quick to label the protest industry of the northwest as a fashion while others jest the personalities that preside over the pretentious arty world.

This exhibit offers an honest look at the inconsistency and beauty of western life without ever actually offending anyone. The



The Simpson Verdict, 2002 by Kota Ezawn (Bay Area)



Return, 2002 by Sam Durant (Los Angeles)

westerner is likely to walk through halls of B2V feeling as if the artists are sharing an intimate inside joke. B2V emulates the level of comfort that is felt while watching old family slides – and like a family slideshow, an outsider could never understand. This

level of personal connection has the potential to make us feel at home while walking around the cold Seattle Art Museum.

Baja to Vancouver runs at the Seattle Art Museum from October 9, 2003 through January 4, 2004.

This month in UW history

BY JEFF STEVENS
reporter

November 5, 1975

UW President John Hogness agrees to meet with the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) to discuss collective bargaining for UW faculty, in response to a Faculty Senate resolution calling on Hogness to begin such discussion.

November 6, 1975

Bushy-bearded hetero guy tries out for UW Homecoming Queen: Jack Pfeifer, communications grad student and former UW Daily editor, fails tryout miserably but cheerfully; in the Age of Bowie, gender-bending still had a long way to go at UW.

November 7, 1975

Popular UW jazz instructor Joe Brazil charges UW music school with racial discrimination in its decision to deny him tenure. Brazil, hired by UW in 1965, claimed the denial was motivated by his efforts to “change the racist structure” of the music school.

November 8, 1950

In response to a UW Daily editorial criticizing compulsory military training in colleges and universities, the UW ROTC cancels the draft deferments of 30 UW students, including that of Daily staff member Dave Wood, the author of the editorial. The ROTC denied that the editorial was a factor in the decision, insisting the action had been due since the previous June and had been delayed due to an “administrative error.”

November 8, 1990

A memo circulated among select ASUW Board of Control (BOC) members signals a “deep rift” in the ASUW, due to “the amount of authority and power” being exercised by ASUW President Heidi Wills. The memo cited decisions made and actions taken by Wills without BOC approval, including the cancellation of the 1990 Homecoming Dance. Wills is currently a member of the Seattle City Council, elected in November 1999.

November 9, 1961

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speaks at UW: In a speech titled “Segregation and Civil Liberties -- Implications for Students,”

King declares, “We’ve broken loose from the Egypt of slavery and stand on the border of the promised land of integration ... we have come a long, long way but still have a long, long way to go.”

November 10, 1975

Laura Allende, sister of late Chilean President Salvador Allende, speaks to nearly 300 students in the HUB on U.S. complicity in repressive regimes worldwide. Salvador Allende died in a CIA-sponsored military coup staged on September 11, 1973. Americans must never forget September 11, when terrorists declared war on democracy on South America!

November 12, 1975

UW President John Hogness refuses to sign a letter endorsing a campus appearance by consumer advocate Ralph Nader. A Hogness aide claimed Hogness “doesn’t get into these types of things.” Among those who had already signed the letter were ASUW President Cassandra Amesley, GPSS President Connie Miller and Seattle Mayor Wes Uhlman.

November 13, 1975

Consumer advocate and future Corporate Party-spoiler Ralph Nader speaks in Hec Edmundson Pavilion to an enthusiastic crowd of nearly 4,000. During a speech lasting nearly three hours, Nader advocated the immediate establishment of a Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) in Washington State. UW President John Hogness was unavailable for comment.

November 13, 1992

A labor-management dispute at KCMU-FM, the former UW student radio station, goes ballistic as several KCMU staffers resign to protest a gag rule banning on-air mentions of the dispute, instigated by staff and listener discontent over the station’s trend away from a community-based ethos towards corporatization. KCMU was co-opted in March 2001 by local sugar daddy Paul G. Allen and is now known as KEXP-FM. Its current staff are well-behaved and serve at Allen’s pleasure.

November 16, 1961

John F. Kennedy, President of the United States of America, speaks in Hec Edmundson Pavilion to commemorate the UW’s 100th anniversary.

November 16, 1991

Lou Reed, rock music legend and Velvet Underground co-founder, speaks in Kane Hall to promote his latest record.

November 16, 2003

Which quote is cooler: “Ask not what you can do for your country...” or “Jack is his corset, Jane is in her vest, and me, I’m in a Rock and Roll band”? You decide...

November 18, 1989

Hundreds of UW students flood the Husky Stadium football field and tear down the goal posts in a drunken melee after a UW Apple Cup victory over WSU, sparking a major local media hissy fit. College kids these days are much more well-behaved, thank god.

November 20, 1990

The UW officially kicks off its long-overdue recycling program. The University agreed to the plan only after student leaders began recycling

on campus by their own means, out of frustration with the administration’s lack of action. According to ASUW President Heidi Wills, students at the UW “wanted action now, whereas the administration wanted to do a number of studies.” Steve Nord, associate vice president for student affairs, said:

“We were sort of pushed along [into starting the program] by the enthusiasm of the students.”

November 21, 1989

Nearly 200 students representing several ethnic groups hold an anti-blackface rally and march on campus, in protest of recent campus incidents involving the practice of blackface, in which white performers don makeup to blacken their faces in mockery of black people. The blackface

incidents, begun during the previous school year, included a performance by 1989-1990 ASUW President Mike Egan, imitating pop singer Michael Jackson with apparently comic intent. The protest group, organized in part by the Black Student Union and Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan, marched from Red Square through the U District, making a strategic stop at the Sigma Nu fraternity house, site of the most recent blackface incident.

November 25, 1969

An estimated 1,350 ASUW members pack Hec Edmundson Pavilion for a special ASUW meeting in which Article IX -- a controversial section of the ASUW Articles of Incorporation that gave the University President veto power over ASUW actions -- was abolished by a vote of 942-234. The action, though merely symbolic, demonstrated deep discontent over relations between students and the administration.

November 28, 1979

As tensions arose nationwide over the detention of American hostages in Iran, a crowd of nearly 200 rallied on campus to protest threats by the U.S. government to deport Iranian students attending American universities. Ralliers called for “a clear statement from [the UW] that it will not collaborate with unconstitutional attacks against students by the immigration service.”

November 30, 1982

Students and administrators meet in the UW Ethnic Cultural Center to discuss a controversial proposal to give the UW financial autonomy from Washington State, a move which would have given the Board of Regents full authority to set tuition. ASUW President Donna Christensen argued strongly against the proposal, comparing the regents’ lack of accountability to the recourse students have with respect to the Legislature: “If [legislators] aren’t sympathetic [to students],” she said, “we can vote [them] out of office.”

November 30, 1999

Approximately 3,000 UW students, staff and faculty participate in a rally and march from the UW campus to downtown Seattle as part of the historic protests against the 1999 WTO ministerial.

“College kids these days are much more well-behaved, thank god.”

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to contact Tim Washburn, assistant UW vice president for enrollment services, and Dr. Ernest Morris, vice president for student affairs, if they have questions and concerns about the new transfer policy. Washburn, according to Goodnight, is still figuring out what the final “comprehensive review” for transfer students should look like.

“It is crucial that students are involved in this process,” she said.

Washburn was unavailable for comment for this article, despite repeated attempts to contact him.

Not all UW student activists are skeptical about the UW’s ability to insure diversity and accessibility under the new agreement. Terryl Ross, a recent UW Ph.D. graduate and a long-time UW community activist, worked closely for nearly 11 years with UW administrators to seek productive ways to increase diversity at the UW, primarily as the co-founder and president of Multicultural Organization of Students Actively Involved in Change (MOSAIC), a UW activist group formed in 1995 to promote diversity among the UW student body.

Ross said that, based on his personal experience, he trusts the people in UW admissions to insure that the new policy will in fact benefit diversity at the UW. However, if the elimination of the DTA was motivated

by a desire to increase UW diversity, Ross said, the UW “changed the wrong policy.” In Ross’ opinion, the failure to achieve meaningful diversity at the UW is largely due to the admissions processes for freshmen and graduate students, not the transfer process.

Goodnight and Ross both agree that the long-term consequences of the changes in the UW’s transfer agreement have yet to be seen, and could turn out for better or for worse. In the meantime, at least one of Goodnight’s concerns appears to have already been partially addressed by the University: The new agreement will be reviewed by the University and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges at the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

While that’s two years more of a wait than Goodnight would like to see, opportunities for concerned students to influence the process during the 2003-2004 school year may yet present themselves, depending upon the mood of the campus and the will of both activists and administrators.

ASUW President Brittany Goodnight may be contacted with questions and concerns about the DTA at asuwpres@u.washington.edu. Tim Washburn may be contacted at timwash@u.washington.edu. Dr. Ernest Morris may be contacted at emorris@u.washington.edu.

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more horrifying is that parents actually elect to send their children to these hellish places because it is more convenient than actually doing the job of parenting. Parents can pay these programs an extra \$10,000 to request transportation of their defiant one(s) to the lock-down facility they have chosen for their rebellious child(ren). For the extra \$10,000 two bouncer-looking men will come to the home or school of the child and escort them by coercion or use force when needed. The forces used to abduct the child include shackles, handcuffs, and drugging. If taken from home, it is usually at night when the child is sleeping or alone in his/her room. Screams for help go unanswered by family as he/she is taken into the night to the new prison.

“Parent-funded lock-up schools have been called the second fastest growth industry in the U.S. next to the building of prisons... Lock-up boarding schools are becoming trendy for desperate parents who can afford to pay for the private incarceration of their child.” (An American Gulag by Alexia Parks, p. 6)

It should be an obvious task of our “liberty loving” country to shut down these places. Unfortunately, many of them are exempt from regulation or allowed to self-regulate by declaring asylum under such pretexts as “freedom of religion.”

Where do the freedoms of the children come in to play? All sentient beings should be free of suffering, fear, torment, and cruelty. Imagine what it must feel like for all of those children who know that their parents want them in these lock-up facilities and that their parents refuse to believe their experiences when they return home, adding more insult to injury.

Luckily, for some, parents are willing to listen and rescue their children from these dens of terror. My mother, in an e-mail message, described to another parent her experience in rescuing me: “My daughter was pale, thin, and looked as though she were a lost soul. I cried so hard when I saw her and was so glad to be able to take her home.”

Another mother trying to free her son from PCS wrote, “Angela, they have my child on 40 mg of Adderal, 0.25 of Risperdal (Anti-psy), 40 Mg of Celexa, (anti-depres.) allergy meds, asthma meds, peak flow meter DDAVP 0.2 Mg, Singular 5 mg. I am looking all these meds up on the internet. I do not think I will be able to sleep at all until I get my child out of that place.”

How do we free the rest of the children? Some have suggested a children’s bill of rights or amending the constitution. Others think that going through legal channels takes far too long and is too uncertain. Children are in desperate need of help now and at risk of being forever lost, some physically, and most mentally, to the world. To learn more about this issue, please visit www.teenliberty.org, <http://students.washington.edu/heal>, and www.isaccorp.com.

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sold to outside bidders.

On October 2, a group of 150 classified employees from the UW and Harborview Medical Center protested outside Interim President Lee Huntsman’s Gerberding Hall office, collecting signatures demanding fair treatment of non-faculty employees. As reported in *The Daily*, Executive Vice President Weldon Ihrig told protesters that Huntsman was out of the office, and provided little assurance for fairer treatment, pay raises or protection of benefits, citing the importance of supporting faculty and top researchers in a tough financial climate.

WFSE finds itself in a double-bind common in universities across the country: the campus administration wants to see its classified staff’s jobs and benefits cut, or their contracts privatized and sold to outside businesses. On October 7, *The Daily*’s editorial board urged Housing and Food Services (HFS) to “start thinking outside the box and to consider privatizing more food options on campus,” citing the popularity of Pagliacci Pizza and Subway on campus, and praising the UW’s lucrative contract with Coca-Cola, which holds exclusive rights to vending machine locations throughout campus. The HUB’s private contractors still employ an exclusively-HFS workforce, but some UW’s union members worry the pressure to privatize will ultimately give union-hostile contractors unprecedented bargaining power in other positions on campus.

The situation for UW’s classified staff is far from hopeless, however. WFSE has proven a successful lobbyist before, most notably devoting twenty years of work to the “comparable worth” campaign, where WFSE fought for guarantees of pay equity between men and women. This culminated in a \$482 million settlement between the state and WFSE in 1992. SEIU, meanwhile, has gained membership from campus stewards and lab and science techs, and has worked hard to raise awareness of statewide Medicaid and childcare cuts, and to protect homecare workers’ efforts to unionize across Seattle. Time will tell if the UW’s most robust unions will be able to win the coming year’s inevitable battles with campus administration.

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TUES OCT 21 and every Tuesday, 5 pm,
HUB 309: ASUW Student Senate: only as
boring as the people involved! Come liven
up your UW student government and repre-
sent your UW community concerns. Pissed
off about rising tuition? Privatization?
Overpriced corporate slop in the Husky
Den? Racist bake sales on the HUB Lawn?
Speak out in the Senate!

7:30 pm, Paramount: Ravi Shankar.

WED OCT 22, 4:30 pm, Seattle Central Community College (SCCC), Broadway & E. Pine, Capitol Hill: rally and march for National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality. Annual event organized by the October 22 Coalition to Stop Police Brutality. Rally and march to downtown Seattle Police Department headquarters, then on to Seattle INS center to protest unfair detention of immigrants. Wear black to remember the stolen lives! 206-264-5527.

Every Wednesday, 8 pm; UW Ethnic Cultural Center, 3931 Brooklyn Avenue NE; Minority Think Tank weekly meeting: MTT is a campus-wide coalition formed to create positive change and to work towards social justice for all underrepresented groups. Come discuss and meet others who want to be proactive about making a change! minority_think_tank@hotmail.com

THURS OCT 23, 7:30 pm, Kane Hall;
Panel & Forum: "The Missing Pieces of
Middle East Peace." Sponsored by Find
Common Ground. www.findcommonground.org

8pm, Benaroya Hall: Polish pianist Krzysztof Jablonski, \$20

FRI OCT 24, - 7 pm, HUB Auditorium:
 “All Powers Necessary and Convenient,” a
 dramatic reading by the UW student artists
 group WHY.

FRI OCT 24, 10 am - 3 pm, HUB
Lawn: USA PATRIOT Act Speak Out!
Educational event with speakers, puppets,
petitions, tabling, and civic demonstrating
around the 2nd anniversary of the USA
PATRIOT Act. Possible themes: You have
a right NOT to remain silent; mourning the
loss of the Bill of Rights (with black arm
bands and tombstones). [students4peace@u.
washington.edu](mailto:students4peace@u.washington.edu)

FRI OCT 24, 7 pm, HUB Auditorium, admission FREE: All Powers Necessary and Convenient. UW Drama School faculty member Mark Jenkins' play about the 1948 Washington state Un-American Activities Committee hearings, which ruined both lives and careers at the UW. Last presented with great fanfare in Spring 2002.
www.lib.washington.edu/exhibits/AllPowers/default.htm

7-11 pm, 113 12th Ave, Capitol Hill: Artists Reception at SAW Gallery

MON, OCT 27 - FRI, OCT 31

The American Civil Liberties Union at the University of Washington will be holding events as part of the National Youth Week of Action, promoting awareness about the PATRIOT Act and its abuses. www.stopthepatriotact.org.

7 pm, Every Monday, UW Ethnic Cultural Center, 3931 Brooklyn Ave NE: Radical Women Study Group on Women's Rights. 206-722-6057

TUES OCT 28, the Moore Theater, 1932
2nd Ave: Dropkick Murphys and the
Casualties

5:15, Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month: UW Campus for Peace and Justice regular meeting. <http://www.campus4peace.net/>

WED OCT 29, 7 pm, Kane Hall 220:
 Legendary Native American activist John
 Trudell speaks about the current state of
 American Indian activism and spiritual-
 ity. Trudell is the former co-chairman and
 national spokesman of the American Indian
 Movement (AIM) and a key figure in the
 ongoing struggle for Native American
 rights. Sponsored by the UW Office of
 Minority Affairs and the Ethnic Cultural
 Center/Theatre. Reception to follow in
 Walker-Ames Room. Info: 206-543-4635
 or e-mail ppayne@u.washington.edu

THURS OCT 30, 7 pm, Kane Hall: The Stranger's City Council Candidate s Forum. Emcee'd by Dan Savage . Come help Savage shred the scandal-plagued City Council incumbents! More info: amy@thestranger.com

8 pm, Graceland, 109 Eastlake Ave E:
Catch 22, Boys Night Out, Worthless
United, \$10

FRI OCT 31 (Halloween!), Corner of Fourth and Pine in Downtown Seattle, across the street from Westlake Center, 5:30 pm: Critical Mass Bike Ride. Critical Mass is a long-running Seattle activist tradition, a group bicycle ride through the streets of Downtown Seattle serving as a merry demonstration against car culture and consumerism, and for reclamation of public spaces for people, grassroots democracy and FUN! Always the last Friday of every month at 5:30 pm. This month it happens to land on HALLOWEEN, so put on your scariest Right Wing Wacko mask and celebrate spooky fun with Critical Mass! www.vitiate.net/criticalmass or criticalmass@vitiate.net

8 pm, Seakawks Stadium West: Freak
Night 2003 (get your rave on), \$25-70

8 pm, The Vera Project, 1916 4th Ave,
Downtown: A Halloween Show! with Alien
Crime Syndicate, the Schoolyard Heroes.
www.theveraproject.org/

10 pm, Friday and Saturday, The Rainbow, 45th and 8th Ave NE: Frank Zappa Alumni with special guest Bruce Bickford (Baby Snakes). www.projectobject.com.

SAT NOV 1, 9 am - 3:30 pm, UW HUB Ballroom: **VIOLENCE: A COMMUNITY PROBLEM: Men and Women Working Toward A Community Solution.** Join several community groups in a discussion of the role that men play in ending domestic violence. \$15 includes a box lunch, students are free, registration required. Register via Women's Center 206-685-1090 or depts.washington.edu/womenctr/

MON NOV 3, 6:30 pm, The Showbox, 1st
and Pike: The RX Bandits and Something
Corporate, \$18

TUES NOV 4, 7-8 pm: General election, positions include 5 Seattle city council slots. REMEMBER TO VOTE!

THURS NOV 6, 6:30, North Den, UW
HUB: Suburban Legends, Bambaji, The

Bootleggers, The Uptowns, Free!

First Thursday of every month, Gallery openings in Pioneer Square, local artists in Occidental Park, free admission to Seattle Art Museum and Seattle Asian Art museum

FRI NOV 7, 7-11 pm: "Titties and Boo-boo's" show opening at SAW gallery. Free

SAT NOV 8, and subsequent 2nd Saturdays, noon - 2 pm, Westlake Park, 4th & Pine: SIDEWALK EDUCATION FOR PALESTINIAN HUMAN RIGHTS. We have info, banners, signs, and welcome all anti-racists to join the Palestine Solidarity Committee. palestinejustice@aol.com, 206-633-1086

2 pm, HUB Lawn: The Faculty Croquet Game. students.washington.edu/croquet/schedule.cgi

Free admission to Seattle Asian Art Museum (Volunteer Park)

SUN NOV 9, 6:30 pm, The Royal
Broughm Auditorium, Seattle Pacific
University, 3307 3rd Ave W: Five Iron
Frenzy's last and final tour

MON NOV 10, Graceland: "The Girlz
Garage Tour"

At Chop Suey, 1325 Madison st E:
 “Scratch Tour” at Chop Suey

TUES NOV 11, 7 pm, The Showbox, 1st
and Pike: Less Than Jake, Fallout Boy, \$15

FRI NOV 14, 7 pm, Ground Zero, 251
100th Ave NE, Bellevue: The Recliners,
Turbo Jones, the Rutherford Uglys, \$6/\$5
w/canned food

SAT NOV 15, 6:30, North Den, UW HUB:
Ted Dancin' Machine, Ten Minutes Down,
Table Dancing with Betty, E.W.I., Free!

MON NOV 17, Key Arena: Goldfinger,
Eve 6, Good Charlotte

NOV 19-21, in Miami; FTAA Demonstrations, teach-ins and alternative conferences, as trade ministers from 34 nations in the Western Hemisphere continue negotiations on the FREE TRADE AREA OF THE AMERICAS. <http://www.stopftaa.org>, Sign an FTAA ballot at www.unionvoice.org/campaign/noFTAA

NOV 20-21, in Miami; FREE TRADE
AREA OF THE AMERICAS (FTAA)
meeting, info Global Exchange,
David Edeli 415-575 5553, or
trade@globalexchange.org or
www.globalexchange.org

FRI NOV 21, 8pm, The Showbox: Death Cab for Cutie, Nada Surf, the Catch, \$15

SAT NOV 22, in Seattle; Race to the Bottom 5K Fun Run/Walk against the FTAA. Creative demonstration in solidarity with protests throughout the Western Hemisphere against the FTAA Ministerial in Miami. March begins 11 am at Occidental Park in Pioneer Square, Race begins 11:30 am at Pratt Park in the Central Area. Route ends at Seattle Labor Temple. www.seattleglobaljustice.org/ or cagj@riseup.net. To register call 206-405-4600

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