

Letters

Socialists misrepresented

Editor:

I am writing in response to the Oct. 1 article "Workers should write (unite) globally, speaker says" to correct some basic misunderstandings of the presentation given by James Warren, Socialist Workers Party candidate for the U.S. President. These quotations and statements, taken out of context, present very misleading and incorrect principles of the Socialist Workers campaign.

The first correction omits the statement that the "Workers Party prevented the shutdown of abortion clinics in Houston, Texas." The party activists "participated" in the successful defense of abortion clinics with workers and youth against the rightist attacks of Operation Rescue. The party never claims responsibility for victories or retreats by the working class. They are fighters and leaders, not heroes and heroines of the working class.

Second, "Warren's ideas center around unified sabotage of industry,"—implying the political tactic of sabotage—is a gross misunderstanding of SWP politics. The SWP rejects sabotage as a tactic completely. Only open public organization of workers fighting for their class interests is a political

tactic of the SWP. Running local and national candidates to openly reject capitalism and promote the need for a working class organization and leadership legitimizes this political principle.

Third, "Police are armed fascists," was taken out of the context of the riot of the 10,000 off-duty New York City police officers (Sept. 16, 1992) that stormed through the streets of NYC, blocked the Brooklyn Bridge, destroyed property, calling Mayor Dinkins a "nigger" and urging to "get rid of the washroom attendant" and broke through a "police" barricade at city hall, all because of a bill that would establish a mayoral-appointed civilian review board of the NYCPD. Yes, the police are the protectorate of the ruling class and are the main weapon used against workers and youth, but it is still important to place this quotation in its proper context.

Finally, the visit of James Warren to the U of U was a great opportunity for students and faculty to hear the socialist alternative to the twin parties of war, racism, and economic depression.

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Abandoning mascot just a politically correct concept

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the University of Utah football team for the closest thing to a cardiac arrest any intermediate business student has ever experienced in his life. That game was truly amazing and I trust you will play your butts off against the University of Hawaii Rainbows.

Every once in a while, once maybe 50 times a day, some of our politically correct brothers and sisters (who, I may add, are so far to the left that they see the dawning of each day on the International Date Line) cross the line between making a statement and acting with downright hallucinatory perceptiveness. I am referring specifically to their seemingly exotic drug-induced feelings that the name University of Utah Runnin' Utes is in some way an inconsiderate thumb-nosing at the dignity of our indigenous American Indian brethren. Little do they realize how trendy and "in" this odd perception is. First of all, before I get into how fashionable it is to rail against traditional sporting teams' nicknames, let me state that really, truly, it is not at all an insult to put the great athletes of this fine university on a par with noble Ute warriors of years past. Truly the name "Ute" reflects a certain dignity and will to survive that is commendable from football fields to golf courses. It would be an insult to the Ute tribe if we kept a petting zoo of slobbering tree sloths and bloated cattle and referred to them, lovingly, as our "Cute Ute Review." It would also be quite insulting if we referred to visiting teams as the "Utes," since we would plan to degrade and eventually slaughter them anyway. "Ute" is a real representation of how we would like our sports teams to be viewed.

Concerning the aforementioned "fashionable cause" of crying over (so-called) split racial slurs, our poor liberal friends have cut their nose to spite their face. As I have always understood, these loose-fitting-jeans, tie-die-shirt and

ridiculous-hairstyle-wearing huzan beings have viewed the position of the non-conformist in society as being the epitome of their closely held political values. Those who travel the road less travelled by are winners in the minds of these social few. They just don't realize that erasing the awe inspiring nickname of any sporting program is quite en-vogue. If you look out anywhere in our brand-new recycle-it-or-lose-it society, you see this from the capital of our nation to the balmy shores of California and beyond. Way to go, Moondoggie and friends. Come on people now, smile on your brother. Everybody get together, try to erase politically-false sporting teams' nicknames right now—you sweet little conforming non-conformists you.

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