Letters

Socialists misrepresented

Editor:

I am writing in response to the Oct. 1 article "Workers should vote (unit) globally, spread 's' 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 Rio. The party never claims responsibility for victories won by the working class. They are fights won hand in hand and heroism 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 legitimates this political principle.

Third, "Police are armed fascists" was taken out of the context of the riot of the 10,000-officer New York City police officers (Sept. 16, 1992) that stormed through the streets of NYC, blocking the Brooklyn Bridge, destroyed property, calling Mayor Dinkins a "vigor" and saying to get rid of the "white establishment" and broke through a "police" barricade at city hall, all because of a bill that would establish a mayor-appointed civil rights review board of the NYPD. Yes, the police are the protectors of the ruling class and are the main weapon used against workers and youth. They are still important to place thisquatation 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 experienced in his life. That game was truly amazing, especially when you consider your butt off against the University of Hawaii Rainbowshills. Every once in a while, once maybe 30 times a day, some of our politically correct brothers and sisters (who, I may add, are so far to the left that they haven't seen the dawn of each day on the International Date Line) enjoy a bone of contention between a daydreamy subjectivity and perceptiveness. I am referring specifically to the daydreaming, exotic drug-induced feelings that the name University of Utah Rams! Utes is in some way an insconsiderate 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 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 slothbear tree sloths and bison cattle and referred to them, lovingly, as our "Cute Ute Rams!" 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) splits in the tribe where our liberal friends have cut their nose to spite their face. As I have always understood, those loose-fitting jeans, tie-dye shirts and ridiculous hipsterish-wearing buzzes 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 and are winners in the minds of the social elite. They just don't realize that erasing the awe-inspiring nickname of any sporting program is quite unvogue. If you look out anywhere in our brand-new recycle-it-all society, you see this from the capital of our nation to the balmy shores of California and beyond. We go, Moondoggie and friends. Come on people, smile on your brother. Everybody get together, try to erase politically-false sporting team nicknames right now—you sweet little conformists non-conformists you.

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