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## HARVEST

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Editor

I'm the editorial and this is my editor. It's almost 9am and this editor is not about what happens if you stay up all night revising a 36000 word OG and eating dried fruit (ouch). The reader response was so underwhelming from our last tissue e absolutely had to do another ton. Keep the non-letters, un-emails, and anti-compliments coming! Without you the reader, we'd get real jobs and have to pay war taxes =(

"Everybody is trying to read the NC packet  
Most of them cannot read the NC packet  
Many say that they will read the NC packet later  
And most of them do not join SEAC  
Because they have already graduated"  
(can any seacers *situate* this quote?)

It's now 9:13am. I've already wrote proposals to kill the SC, drop free burma, halve the ncc stipend, radically restructure the nc, and, most critically, my MsChomp scores aren't improving and i don't want to do 55 pages of layout for the OG so i'm writing this (hi mom!). and i really just want to hop a train... if you look really close there is a

### Machiavelli's guide to power and prestige in SEAC

- memorize the p&g (and know what p&g stands for)
- increase your usage of acronymms exponentially as the meeting gets later (especially after midnight)
- get on the agenda committee
- sit next to people in power (and/or facilitator) and discretely whisper
- actually get elected to NC rep (low priority)
- confer / consort (and eat meals) with the SEAC elite during breaks
- hold the agenda committee meetings early in the morning
- assign opponents to kitchen duty at strategic times
- attend all NC meetings (or get the minutes from past ones)
- be the 'scribe' and creatively summarize discussions
- bring a van load of clones with you (and form a voting block on the way there)
- get on the agenda committee (this cannot be too strongly emphasized)
- drug your opponents coffee (or better yet – get them all drunk the night before) and revive your side with chocolate
- assign your opponents to really bad housing (far away and split up)
- creative use of 'points of order' (and points of sarcasm)

### SEAC office closes and no-one notices

Despite past forecasts of a \$400,000+ budget by this year (see NC meeting notes) and numerous corporate style fundraising schemes (notably the phone pyramid one), and the squeals of several regional coordinators who liked referring everyone to the national office because then they didn't have to do any work, the SEAC elite decided to close the office and ship the work off to a country where we could afford to pay minimum wage. As we go to print, SEAC power grubbers are still looking for such a country...

### Environmentalists on the Street (commentary)

"I wasn't expecting to get my January threshold for another five months anyways" – 5/1/99 Sub-Commandante Marcos, "Bulk-mail to this area is really slow for some reason".

"Oh so that's why I stopped getting those corporate-tactic fundraising letters", realized exiled former SEAC dictator Liz Abercrombie "Too bad, I enjoyed them and all the other lovely SEAC junk mail".

"Didn't SEAC die in 1996?", anonymous FTP staffer.

"I know, I killed it", gloated an anonymous PIRGer.

"Don't quote me without my permission," Bill Cows Ski.

### Risograph Sightings

(part two of our indepth coverage on the machine that twinkles)  
(for part I send \$5,382 for Thrash Hell ver. 1 reprint special c/o the SEAC Eternal Debt Payoff Fund, PO BOX 31909, Philly, PA 19104)

## An ode to Dues

Dues, do!  
I do  
She do  
They do  
We all do  
when we pay dues  
Otherwise  
SEAC doo-doo

### CONTEST: "The old SEAC National Office: Trivia Question"

Was there more beer when it was a National Office? Or is there more beer now that is a bar?

Essay Question (300 words) and the winner gets all the beer left in the national office when it closes.

**NEWs FLASH:** Anonymous donation of 6000 cuddly furry animals to sEAC – ELF/ALF ties denied routed via the underground wing students for eradication of anti-conservationists (SEAC) who took 5400 of the ones with sharper teeth on a reconaissance mission to FTP headquarters, only after a brief fight in which the animals that were supposedly 'in the mail' almost failed to appear and spark great inter-organization chaos and much gnawing of teeth.

Possibly due to over-exposure to unknown risographian elements both the gender and size of SEAC's leader appears to have changed. The 'new' ncc, calls himself (apparently it's a 'him'): 'Andy'.

And finally, unconfirmed sources in the NSA, fear that the machine will vanish, never to be seen by SEACer eyes (or ears) again, in mid to late October.

### **A Dumpster Diver's Guide to the SEAC National Office**

If you manage to get through all the computer nerds, NC meetings minutes, crates of unrecycled paper, and donated office furniture – you might chance upon the fated treasure trove of SEAC mugs from the 1995 conference with their invalid discounts for restaurants in Chapel Hill. Well, better luck next time, and remember that if at first you don't succeed, dive, dive, dive again!

### **The folop on Free the Plant**

Thrash Hell's investigative reporter team breaks the SEAC gag rule (from the recent SEAC / FTP detente of early 1998) on bashing F--- the Planet to provide you with the following report:

F--- The Planet! is a DC PIRG-based so-called "movement" to promote polluter lawlessness and government inaction through infiltration of local, regional, and national environmental groups (see Churchill's (1990) *COINTELPRO*).

F--- the Planet!, a shrinking network of very few campuses, provides campaign resources, organizing consultation, and networking to empower and activate our generation around converting/stealing SEAC chapters.

Since stealing SEAC's mailing list under the guise of holding a kickoff conference in February, 1995 -- which was attended by over 1,800 students – and spreading the SEAC is dead rumor and stealing our funding -- the campaign has evolved into a network of community and student activists who still believe in hopeful idealism despite the growing tide of cynicism (about possibilities for environmental group cooperation) and anti-environmentalism in our nation's capital.

F--- The Planet! seeks to build support for strong environmental protection (destruction), to (dis)empower the next generation of environmental leaders, to revitalize (factionalize) the political core of the environmental movement, and most importantly DESTROY SEAC.

### **\*Rise-Up Singing\***

(To the tune of solidarity forever – in the traditional 'sing multiple syllables on the same note so that it works' style) SEAC is a national student led student run network of progressive individuals and organizations

Whose aim is to uproot environmental injustice through action and education

We definte the environment to include cultural, political, economic and physical conditions

But most of all we fuck shit up.

Cushy organizer jobs forever (x3)

But first kill free the planet.

**Quiz question:** What's the most common thing you will find when going through the boxes of SEAC archives in the National Office?

- A). TOP SECRET Confidential memos on F\*\*\* the Planet
- B). Remnants of the 13000 Campus Ecologies SEAC bought five years ago
- C). Garlic bagels
- D). Cinnamon and Raisin Bagels
- E). Thresholds
- F). Missing \$6000 donations
- G). The SEAC office pet spider (s)
- H). An unintentional biological experiment to see what happens to tofu if it sits out for two years.
- I). Papers that should have been recycled
- J). Mail from Canadian Libraries
- K). Serfs

### **Top 19 SEAC Office Activities**

- 1). Trying to get 'online' to check email or surf the web (first check seven computers in two rooms to see if anyone is online or getting a fax, then dial in and hopefully it won't kick you off right away).
- 2). Bumping someone who is online, offline, so they can repeat the prior process
- 3). Checking the seac@seac.org, seac-office@seac.org, seacdatabase@seac.org and personal email.
- 4). Ms. Chomp
- 5). Civilization II (emperor or deity level)
- 6). Writing Email off-line
- 7). Eating (mostly peanut butter – the sugary kind straight out of the jar, or dried fruit or nuts) or not and complaining about being hungry
- 8). Hiding from Walter
- 9). Adjusting the fans
- 10). Rebooting computers
- 11). Fixing computers (so you can check email)
- 12). Adding fake people and groups to the database (we'll send threshold to anyone!).
- 13). Listening to loud music.
- 14). Throwing things (and we wonder why the computers crash so much!)
- 15). Pretending we're the vanguard of the proleteriat when we eat at fancy restaurants
- 16). Divining Incantations for the Risograph
- 17). Complaining about walter.
- 18). Setting off the alarm
- 19). Wasting paper with the risograph (we're environmental justice so it doesn't matter)

And finally we end with this reprinted column from threshold:

Dear Grass Root  
Hello SEACniks,

I just returned from a two month Advice Column lecture tour with Judith Marin ("Miss Manners"), Heloise ("Hints From..."), and Dotti ("Dear...") to find my office filled with thousands of entries for the Dear Grass Root Basically Progressive Contest #1. As you recall, this contest was to pick the new and improved Basically Progressive (BP) name for the Oppressive Western Patriarchal term, "fax." Here are the three we were most impressed with along with some comments from me and my staff.

Dear Grass Root:

I, like you, have long been offended by the inappropriate language historically used to oppress one of the movement's most liberating forces. Yes, I speak of the so-called, "fax-machine."

In light of this patently patriarchal oversight, I would like to recommend a more nurturing alternative, namely, "empowering tool for the geographically challenged." Certainly, this term requires a little extra vocal commitment on our part, but it's, well, Basically Progressive.

-Randy Viscio, on behalf of PSRU-

Comments: "Stirring compassion for the often neglected geographically challenged" "Poetic, yet thoroughly BP and consistent with the angst of the late twentieth century."

\*\*\*\*\* (four stars) Disqualified because Randy Viscio is an employee of SEAC.

Dear Grass Root:

My replacement for "fax" is "telegram" or, more precisely, "personal telegram". Why? First I'm hoping to rid from our society that ominous air that accompanies telegrams, and secondly, I'm hoping to retain a terminological continuity between old and new technology.

-Anthony Guy Lopez, University of Arizona SEAC-

Comments: "Descriptive, yet a little technocentric"

"Pithy, but relies too much on a word of Greek (oppressively patriarchal) origin"

"The last 'telegram' I got included a stripper; I don't think you could pull that off with a fax machine"

Dear Grass Root:

It seems to me that we ought to just call the little machines exactly what they are. This way we don't run the risk of marginalizing anybody. Thus the following new names.

Fax machine: funny phone-machine that sends pictures, not speech

Fax: picture from the funny phone-machine that sends pictures, not speech

Thus the following sentence: "Hey, let's send this letter to the National Office by using the funny phone-machine that sends pictures, not speech." Then a few minutes later the people in the National Office will say, "Oh, look, we are getting a picture from the funny phone-machine that sends picture, not speech. How exciting."

-Melissa Anderson, Global Affect, Augustana College-

Comments:

"Fresh"

"Descriptive"

"Ablist disregard for the visually constrained who are unable to see 'pictures' in the traditional western hierarchical manner"

"If you could make it an acronym it would be perfect."

(\*she won a t-shirt and autographed copy of Threshold\*)



"Well I've to hop a ride on the the vehicle that give rides to things not people..."

Ah but anywhoone that writes such a document aught he/she/it not have a wonderfying webpage?

See for yourself at <http://www.nd.edu/~akreider>  
(and remember that plugs are only shameful if they are **obvious**)  
peaceout.