



Leelanau Underground Press

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*"First they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out
because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for the Communists, and I did not speak out
because I was not a Communist.
Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak
out because I was not a trade unionist.
Then they came for me
and there was no one left to speak out for me."
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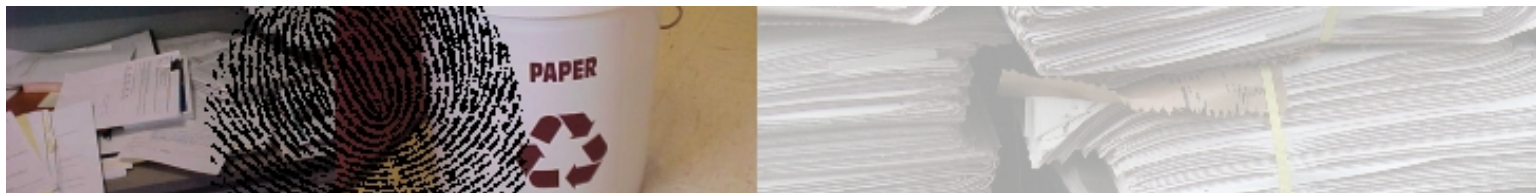
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About the Leelanau Underground Press

The Leelanau Underground Press is a free speech tool for students in Leelanau. It is meant to facilitate anonymous communication between students, allow students to air grievances about the school, raise awareness about student rights, and create a safe-haven for student speech. While the LUP is a 100% legal organization, we publish anonymously to protect ourselves from persecution. We believe that free speech is a student right and we are here to exercise it and help you exercise it as well. While there are no rules explicitly denying such publications, the ambiguity about the rules creates a system ripe for censorship as we have seen with the blocking of our site. However, this is not an us vs them situation. We want to work together with the administration to find solutions but that doesn't mean we are afraid to take direct action. You may re-distribute this paper in any form you like and you may charge for it, however free copies will always be available online. (For you lawyers, we have released this into the public domain) If you are done with your copy, please pass it on and spread the truth! We have a public forum at leelanauunderground.org available as well as a mailing list.

Editor's Update

A lot has happened since our first release and are really impressed and flattered by the amount of support we have received. There's lots of catching up to do in this issue and we have already made lots of progress with your help. There's lots of reflection to do and lots of more action to take but in this issue you probably will not find anything inspirational. We will not be giving you lengthy speeches or talking about the great heroes that came before our time. The inspiration, motivation, and resistance is inside you and it is something that you must pull out. Nobody can make you believe in the resistance movement. What we need for you to do is search inside yourself and find the voice that has been long oppressed by the school administration and let it speak. Ask questions, think critically, and do not take anything the administration says at face value. In this situation it is important that we work together to create change and that we do so through a democratic process. The LUP serves as a forum for student speech but if nobody speaks then nobody is heard. We have seen the resistance building in the school community in the way that students are starting to question the words of authority. We saw at the PDA forum as well as the speech given to the students about snowball fights that students are finished with being fed the same crap over and over again. We are now starting to question those who tell us what to do and question our own actions. Our actions have an impact on everybody else in this school. When you are complacent and do not speak up for what you believe in, not only do you suffer but the other students in the school suffer. Even if you yourself do not feel oppressed, you can be sure that other students do and your silence only increases that reality. If nobody exercises their rights then they disappear. So what I'm asking you to do is to exercise one of your rights. The administration can fight a newspaper and they can fight a union, but they can't fight an ideology. This ideology is freedom.

Winston Smith

Senior Editor of LUP

Empowerment Through Reading

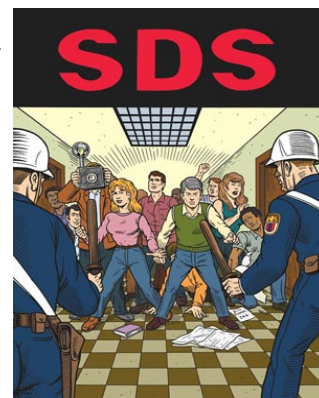
There are many public and private records available for viewing about the Leelanau School. We have located the tax filings from 1998 to 2005. In a possible effort to conceal the school's financial situation, the school has requested "extensions" on their tax forms. This means that we do not have the archives after 2005. We encourage the school to let the public know about their financial situation as they are legally and obligated to do. You can get these archives at <http://www.mytempdir.com/1282807>

We would appreciate any more information you can dig up on the organization or its corporate members. Once we have compiled enough information we will issue a report on the fiscal status of the school. From initial views, it appears as if the school is drowning in debt.



About the Leelanau Students for a Democratic Society

Several students and alumni are forming a Students for a Democratic Society chapter right here at TLS. Decisions are made collectively and actions are all autonomous. The chapter's goal is to increase solidarity with existing movements and represent the student body. For more information about SDS see studentsforademicsociety.org or email them at leelanausds@gmail.com. They have a [discussion](#) and [announcements](#) list if you are interested.





Get Tough On Censorship

Proxy Update!

You may be expecting a huge list of proxies here but we're sorry to tell you we don't have one. Well, actually we do have one but we aren't going to publish it. Last time we published proxies Mr. Begg went through and blocked them all within a few days so we have found a better way to do this. If you want a proxy please email us and we will give you one. This way, there is no centralized list and everybody is using different proxies. If your proxy dies, contact us and you will receive another.

Letters

From: <NAME REMOVED>

Hey, i totally respect what you are doing, i think its nothing but disrespectful when we pay upwards of 40,000\$ to come here, and they block our free speech, hassle us for next to nothing, and treat us like 2nd rate citizens, i mean, come on, WE PAY THEIR SALARY! For the most part, the dorm parents are cool sometimes, but there are a few of them that are ridiculous. These people just flat out demand respect, even where it shouldn't be given. In my opinion respect is something that is EARNED, defiantly not IMPLIED. I, for one don't really appreciate the school waking me up at ungodly hours in the morning, just for being under suspicion. I, personally also have a problem urinating in front of other people, especially when they are waiting for you to go. It normally takes me at least an hour to squeeze some out for the nurse, and i don't want to deal with that. I'm not dumb enough to smoke pot or do drugs on campus, and slowly the school has realized that. They still do, however pester all of my friends, weather it be because they've had a troubled past, or they just look a little off. One student in particular has been drug tested twice in the past week, and i know that she's going though a lot of stuff in her life right now, and she really doesn't need the added stress. I think that Mr. odell is a tool (i don't believe he deserves a capital 'o' on his name) and that he is doing absolutely nothing but running this beautiful, brand new hope for a lot of people straight into the ground. When he came in the school had a few million dollars stashed away for a surplus, but now they are a few million in debt (i saw the IRS reports myself). I've been interested in this school for my entire time here and i would love to help you in any way, shape, or form. A student here started a website like yours, devoted completely to free speech about anyone at the school, an open forum, and the school asked him to pull it down after a grand total of 2 days of uptime. He didn't think it was right, but also didn't want to get into a world of trouble for something like this. That is how the school does it, thats how they keep us quiet. They threaten us with trouble, even for the slightest free thought. I will do anything in my power to help you, because i am also passionate about your cause.

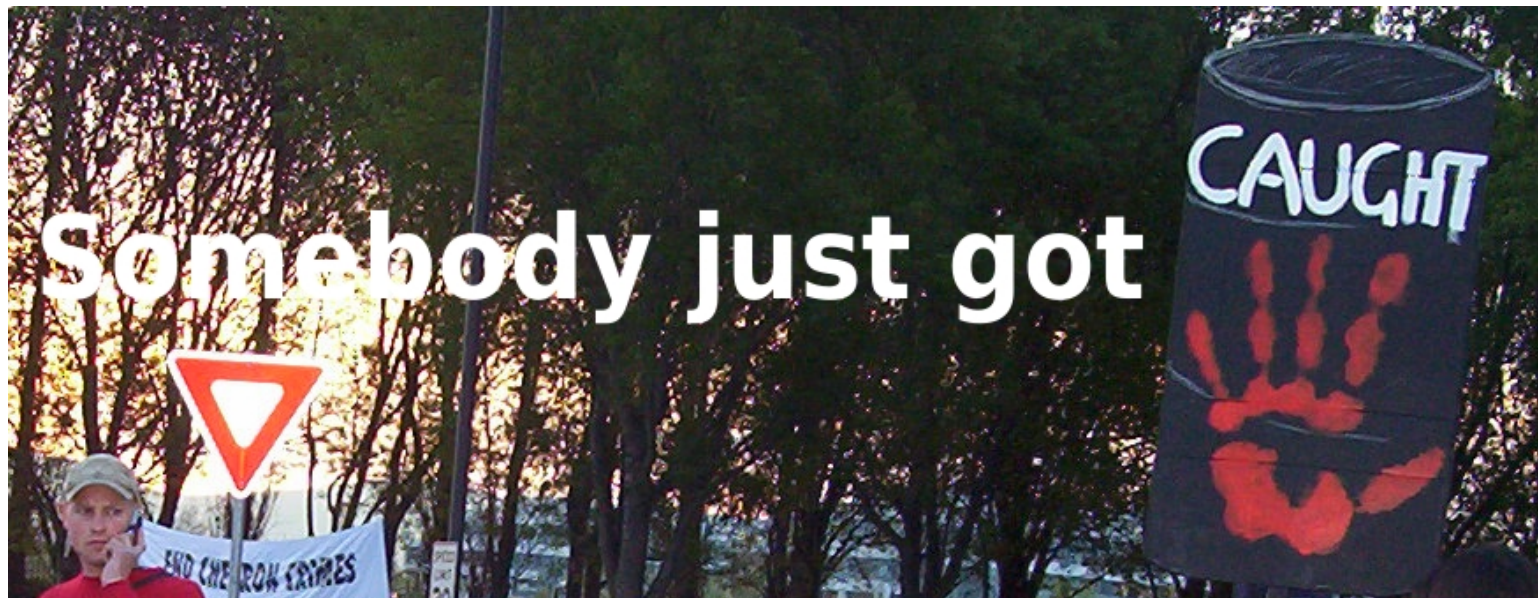
Thanks for your email. Our (web) hosting right now is bullet-proof hosting in Florida and there's nothing they can do about the site. We're actually getting hosted by a Leelanau graduate. We'll keep you informed about what you can do to help us. For now, just spread the gospel about the zine and if you can, please print out copies. Do not use your student account to print them and be careful about fingerprints. Also, do not access our site with your student account and try to access it using some type of encrypted tunnel. Don't get too paranoid, if anybody gets busted for associating with us you can be sure we will be right there to defend them. We'll have to take your word on Mr. Odell's financial situation. Could you provide us copies of the report or tell us where to find them?

In Solidarity,
LUP

The Nurse: Rumor or Fact?

Most students and staff at TLS have mixed views about the school nurses. We want to help collect this data and publish a report about how well they are administering medications and excusing students from classes. We want your story and your information will (of course) be kept in the strictest confidentiality. Please contact us if you have had positive/negative experiences with the nurses or if you have heard about such incidents.





Dear Mr. Begg

Soon after the release of the first issue, we received this letter from Mr. Begg (the network administrator and business manager at TLS). He also registered at our forums and made similar posts.

Dear Mr. Pornographer...

I assume you are a pornographer, as you are trying to help minors end-run around our content filter here at Leelanau, which is in place to protect the students from psychologically damaging material.

Your style of pornography is even worse than exploitive pictures...it is blatant hate.

I wonder if you have violated the Federal internet Child Protection Acts, as it relates to schools

We are going to find out, anyways.

Sincerely,

Patrick Begg, technology manager

Dear Mr. Begg:

This is the last email we will send you until you agree to enter a rational discussion with the Leelanau Underground Press and the student body. We are not pornographers and the email you sent us is simple libel. The Leelanau Underground Press does not distribute hate, pornography, or any other content that could be legally deemed "harmful to minors". No, we haven't violated the laws you stated. In case you haven't read them we have produced a small summary for you:

1. Schools must filter internet access and block content "harmful to minors" if they want to receive E-Rate funding

Harmful to minors is legally defined as:

1. the average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find, taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion, and
2. the average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, ultimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated; sadomasochistic sexual acts or abuse; or lewd exhibitions of the genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or post-pubertal female breast, and
3. a reasonable person would find, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

Therefore the CIPA does not apply to the Leelanau Underground Press. In addition, the school has chosen to apply for tax-breaks and funding instead of making the ethical choice to abstain from using blocking software. Similar acts to CIPA such as COPA have been ruled unconstitutional. Blocking/filtering software is inherently flawed as numerous reports from I.T. professionals and congressional testimony have shown because:

1. Blocking software is a restriction on free speech and access to it
2. Blocking software can't block access to such speech if proxies are used
3. Blacklisting is not the solution because new sites will always be on the internet before they are blacklisted
4. Blocking software has been shown multiple times to blacklist thousands of legitimate sites

Since you have taken this opportunity to attack our credibility, we will do the same for you. The difference between your letter and ours is that ours is backed up by fact and logic whereas yours is not. You do not properly administer the school networks. Website filtering is inconsistent between dorms and areas of the school, it took you a week to fix the "daylight savings bug" on the wireless networks, and you make false

statements about how networks function. During quiet period you responded to student complaints about internet speed by saying they were using too much bandwidth and they should lay off the youtube. In addition you said "[blocking sites] would be counter-productive" so at least you got that right. As a network administrator you should know how networks function but you obviously don't because of the incompetency you demonstrate in administering the networks and the false statements you make about them. In a 802.11B/G wireless ethernet network (like the ones at school) each user's requests are given the same priority. For example let's say we have 500kb/s of bandwidth. If one user requests a youtube video and one user requests their email then 250kb/s of bandwidth will be given to each user. We can take this example and apply it to somewhere like the Netgear routers you have situated throughout the school and show that a bunch of people downloading videos won't stop internet access to users who are not. The issue here is that when an entire dorm is on the internet each users receives about 2kb/s of bandwidth. On the Leelanau website and informational pamphlets the school advertises "high speed" however this is obviously not the case as users are receiving speeds below the speed of a 28.8k or 56k modem. So perhaps you instead of us are violating the laws (See False Advertising Laws). Perhaps you should consider your words carefully before sending them to us next time and use logic instead of primitive emotional responses to attack us. We are willing to engage you and The Leelanau School in a logical, open, and rational forum about this issue however you have not given us the opportunity which is why we had to start the LUP in the first place.

Sincerely,
Winston Smith
Senior Editor

The Need to Unionize

Although the Leelanau Underground Press has only been publishing for a few months, it is already becoming apparent through communications with and the actions of the school administration what their intentions are. While the LUP serves as a powerful forum for student communication, more action needs to be taken. The LUP can organize solidarity with like-minded groups and serve as a mediator for disputes with the school administration but we need a union to make change. At this point the school administration is scared by the prospect of new ideas spreading through the student body. They are scared of free speech and they are afraid of student rights. That is all great but they probably will not change without putting up a fight. Students can write as many letters as they want but the fact of the matter is that is only protest. It is time for us to move from protest to resistance in order to extradite the changes that the student body and non-administration staff wish to see. As students we not only demand change, but in that change we demand basic human dignity, basic human rights and an independent voice. What the administration now needs to decide is whether they are going to accept change or fight it and delay the inevitable. The student/teacher body needs to decide if they are willing to risk their security in order to unionize and fight for their inalienable rights. Discussion on the forming of a student or teacher union is just starting and anybody may participate on the mailing list. A union is the next logical step available to the Leelanau community so it is important that people participate in its forming. We demand dignity and basic human rights!

Riseup.net Needs Your Help

Riseup.net (the host of our discussion and announcement lists) needs financial help to continue to operate. Every dollar you give makes a difference. If you can't give money, please give hope and send them a thank you email. You can give donations via mail/paypal here:
<http://help.riseup.net/about-us/donate/>

A Reminder About the Lists

There are two lists available to stay connected with the LUP: The [announcements list](#) and the [discussion list](#). Only LUP board members can post to the announcements list and it contains information such as new releases and action alerts. The discussion list is open to anybody and anybody can post. Community decisions are made here and you can freely discuss whatever is on your mind.

RISEUP.NET

Riseup.net is both activist project and alternative infrastructure. We have discovered that reliable service is only possible when some of the collective is able to take on significant responsibility for the 24 hour upkeep of our systems. These fine birds need to eat, so we pay some of the collective members a small stipend (really small). Recently, we have started paying stipends to two additional collective members: "Arara" of Brazil and "Tucán" of Colombia (currently nesting in the states). Who are the other birds involved in Riseup? Have a look at who we are: <http://help.riseup.net/about-us> They are amazing activists and talented geeks, and we need their labor! Unfortunately, donations have dropped off recently because it has been a while since the last newsletter. This is just a little note to remind you: we exist, and we still need your support, now more than ever. We don't have the resources to write sweet "thank you" notes to all our beautiful users. So, in anticipation of your impending donation: thank you! Thank you, thank you, thank you. It means the world to us. See <http://riseup.net/donate> for information on how to donate.

in solidarity,
the riseup collective



FREEDOM

Student Rights at Detroit School Attacked

A school in Detroit, Michigan called St. Hugo of the Hills school has recently said that students are not allowed to have profiles on myspace.com even if they do not access them during school hours. They also stated that a special group of staff members would be looking on myspace for student profiles and taking appropriate discipline measures when they were found. Schools should not be allowed to punish students for legal off-campus activities. Workers and students in public school have this right but there is no such guarantee for students at private schools. In solidarity with the struggle for student rights at this school, the LUP sent this letter to the school:

Attn St. Hugo of the Hills School:

I am appalled at your new policy to punish students for using myspace.com off school grounds. It is interesting because you have not implemented the same policy for teachers because it is illegal to punish workers for legal off-job activities. In this case you have chosen the read the law as if it were the moral code. By banning myspace.com profiles you are infringing on the constitutionally protected rights of your students (which would be illegal if you were a public school). There are several misconceptions about myspace.com and other social networking sites that may have lead to this draconian measure. One of the main concerns parents have about myspace.com is that it makes it easy for pedophiles to find children. Myspace.com does not make it easier than it would be on any other social networking site, email, web forum, chat rooms, or the US Postal Service. If you are serious about protecting children from pedophiles then the best course of action would be to either ban students from talking to people outside of school (and we have seen that even these measures do not work) or to educate students on how to safely use the internet. If children use sites like myspace.com and chatrooms properly then their risk of getting chosen by a pedophile is completely removed. All students have to do is:

- 1. Not give out their address, telephone number, name, or other personal information*
- 2. Treat all online users as if they have malicious intent*

These rules have kept MILLIONS of children around the world safe and there is no reason it wouldn't work for students attending your school. Children who get targeted by pedophiles are the same children who freely give this information out to online "friends" and as a result one can only look back and realize what a bad decision that was. I urge you to immediately repeal this new policy and remove punishments any students received as a result of it from their records. I expect a reply to this message and will continue to lead efforts to reverse this rule until I hear that this rule has been removed.

Sincerely,

Winston Smith

Leelanau Underground Press (leelanauunderground.org)

Our letter alone is not enough. Please send your own letter (you can just copy ours) to these email addresses:

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amy.fanning@sthugoschool.org

principal@sthugoschool.org

margaret.vanvelzen@sthugoschool.org

How to Help

The LUP is a community-driven newsletter. We are here to serve the students and not our own financial/social needs. We want to hear feedback about the issue. What did you like? What didn't you like? What articles would you like to see next time? Do you like the new formatting? Is the discussion list working? How long did the proxies work for you? Also, we need some graphic designers for our covers. We accept hand-drawn and computer-generated images. Please, submit them as high quality images, no cell phone pictures. We also need people to become official distributors (you can make some money and help the underground movement as well). Don't be afraid to send us an article, comic, poster, or anything else related to our work. Keep us updated on school events/happenings/rights violations. Be sure to join the discussion list to keep updated on everything. If you're willing to help with other stuff, say so. What can we do to improve the situation for students at Leelanau?

Let us know.

Solidarity Needed for UofM Students

"Yesterday, 12 students at the University of Michigan occupied their president's office to demand that the university adopt the Designated Suppliers Program.

At the end of the business day these 12 students were arrested for engaging in a peaceful act of civil disobedience to protest their university's refusal to support the rights of workers producing its sports apparel. Call and email President Coleman and demand that the university drop all charges against the students and adopt the DSP! Dial President Coleman at (734) 764-6270

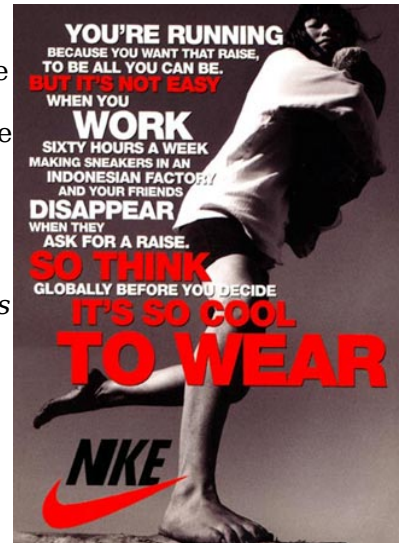
Hello, my name is () and I am a () from (). I am shocked that, instead of listening to the concerns of students, you have chosen to have them arrested. If the University of Michigan cares at all about the rights of its students, as well as the workers producing its apparel, then you must drop all charges against the students and adopt the DSP today. Thank you."

For those of you who do not know the history of these actions or what the DSP is, please keep reading.

What's At Stake

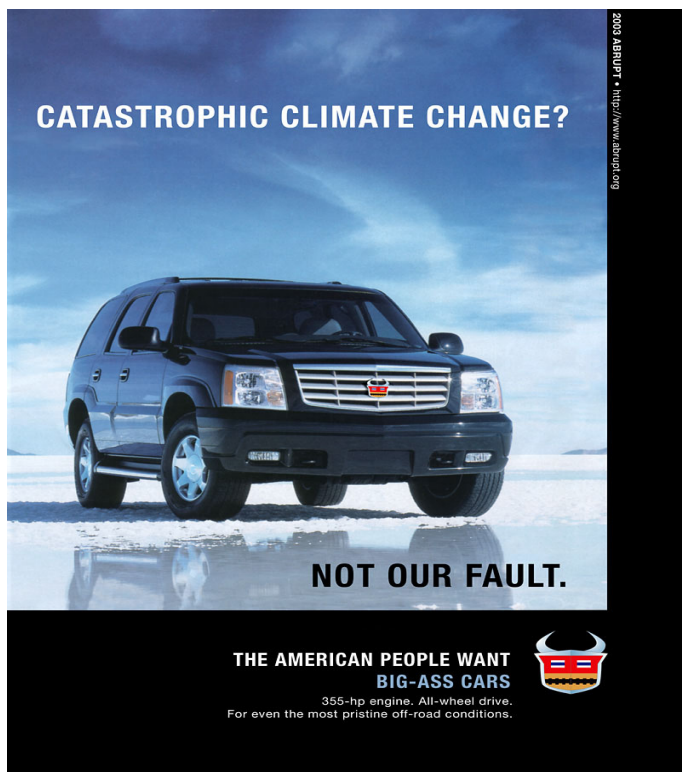
Despite supposed commitments by universities and brands, university apparel is still made in sweatshops. This will continue to be the case until brands are forced to make fundamental changes in the way they do business. Until brands truly commit to sourcing from factories in which the rights of workers are respected, a commitment that includes paying a slightly higher price for their goods, university clothes will continue to be made in sweatshops. It is for this reason that students have demanded, and on thirty campuses won, the adoption of the Designated Suppliers Program (DSP). The DSP will require the brands producing university apparel to source from factories in which workers have the freedom to form a union and earn enough to support a family. In addition, it will require these brands to pay enough for their goods to make this possible. If you would like to find out more about the DSP, as well as how to get more involved, then please go to www.studentsagainstsweatshops.org

Send a letter to UofM decision makers at <http://www.unionvoice.org/campaign/michiganarrested/>



Earth Day is Coming Up

Many of the students at TLS are concerned about the environment and the school boasts about its environmental commitment. TLS is already a leader in environmental responsibility but there is still a lot more progress that could be made. Where do you see the school cutting corners on the environment? How should we celebrate Earth Day? Send ideas!



Jailed Journalist/Blogger Josh Wolf Released



"On April 3rd, independent reporter Josh Wolf was freed from federal custody after spending 7 1/2 months in prison for failing to turn over video footage to a federal grand jury. The unedited video was the target of the federal grand jury subpoena that caused him to be held at the federal holding facility, in Dublin, CA for over 226 days, a record amount of time for any journalist in U.S. history."



Another Fallen Comrade in the War on Psychological Freedom

by Winston Smith

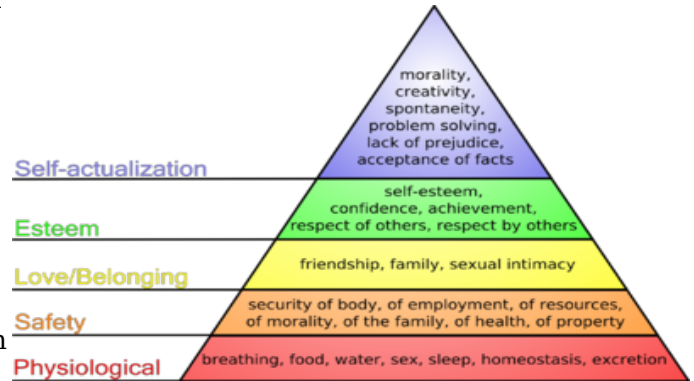
I originally wrote this article when I heard about Ollie getting kicked out for failing her drug test. Recently, she has been re-admitted to the school under circumstances and requirements which are unknown to me. This is a developing story so I encourage you to investigate on your own to find out what the most recent news is (or join the discussion list). I have maintained the original article for your viewing pleasure here because I still believe it conveys a powerful message that may be repeated several more times in the future. What is interesting here is that this demonstrates a severe inconsistency in how the administration doles out punishments. From what I understand, Ollie was already on final before this incident occurred and most kids would have gotten kicked out had this happened to them. This could represent a loosening of the school drug policy but I believe it most likely is just another inconsistency.

In every war, there are casualties. In some wars, these casualties are needless and many lives could have been saved if the right decisions had been made but in most wars fought for freedom these casualties are all needed. The LUP and the student body are amidst many struggles for equality, human rights, dignity and freedom and every so often we receive news that leaves us extremely disenchanted. Today is one of those such days as we have learned that Ollie was kicked out for failing a drug test. There are many arguments that could be put forth about why the prohibition should be ended and it will be assumed for simplicity's sake that those are all well known. The government and schools have very similar motives for banning drugs. The government bans drugs because they are mind-altering and present a threat to power of its authority. The prohibition creates an economy ripe for exploitation by the CIA to strengthen their power and pressure put on them by special interest groups is very strong. The school bans drugs because they are a threat to student complacency, parents don't want students using drugs, and drug tests serve as blackmail material. By giving random drug tests, the school maintains a culture of fear. These techniques have been used in fascist countries for all of history. Fear is a very effective way to control people for short amounts of time but in the end the desire for freedom and the increasing equality gap render it useless. The Roman empire conquered land through threat of invasion, leaders such as Mao have used the threat of execution to silence political radicals, and the United States government has mercilessly prosecuted groups like the Black Panthers to drive fear into the hearts of would-be revolutionaries. The school also has used fear in the past to censor students as they have false claims of legal action and forced previous student newspapers to shut down. The drug tests used by The Leelanau School are accurate however the way the school assesses and uses the information presented by them is completely wrong. Drug tests show that a student has consumed a specific illegal substance in a specific time frame. They do not show (as the school would like students and parents to believe) that the drugs were used on campus, voluntarily taken, or not as a result of close contact with other drug users. As a result, it is a restriction on a student's right to due process and cross-examination of evidence. Because drug tests are scientifically accurate, the option of contesting the evidence is not given even though the schools application of information gleaned from the drug test is suspect at best. Evidence from these drug tests would never be admitted to a court (civil or criminal) so it seems ridiculous to expect it to pass among the student body. Random drug tests have long been used to repress students and it is time that students stand up to their use. While all students upon entry to The Leelanau School signed away all their rights, if you refuse to urinate for the school administration there is nothing the school can do. They can threaten all they want but the reality of the situation is that the school could not obtain a ruling from a judge forcing you to urinate or to hand over monetary damages. The waiver is simply so that you do not file civil suit for penalties against the school or dispute evidence from them later and does not require you to take the drug tests. So next time they ask for your cooperation, resist. They can stop one but they cannot stop us all and power in numbers is what we have. Know the facts and know your rights. Don't donate your bodily fluids to oppression and don't perpetuate the school fear culture because you are hurting everybody!

We're not gonna take it!

by An Anonymous Observer

On Friday, the school had planned to make attendance to dorm outings mandatory. This plan was severely flawed and it was canceled. Without the help of several students from Kindel, this may not have been possible. Despite the school's commitment to "free speech" as outlined in the student handbook, they jumped to the opportunity to block the LUP website which shows that their idea of free speech really isn't free. Despite risking punishment, these brave (and for now) anonymous students marched into Mr. Friley's room to complain about the mandatory plans to go on outings. Some of them had the ACT test the next day and coming back from a dorm outing at 11:30 would be a serious threat to their test scores. Studies have shown time and time again that students should be well rested and fed before tests yet the school found it reasonable to send kids to bed late. In addition, events like this shouldn't be mandatory. As it was revealed during the Kindel dorm meeting, the school used its last opportunity where everybody was gone "right before spring break" to check all the smoke alarms in dorms. While we don't know if they had any plans this last time, there are no guarantees and it's better to be safe than sorry. The SAT is designed (as all other standardized tests) to put all students at the same level and evaluate how much they know, which can't be achieved if they are under physical stress caused by sleep deprivation. According to Maslow's hierarchy of needs, needs at the bottom of the pyramid must be fulfilled before needs above them. On the bottom of the pyramid are needs such as breathing, food, sleep, and excretion whereas the top has things like morality and creativity. It should also be noted that sex is on the bottom and school's strict no PDA policy deprives students of this on and off campus because "school rules apply off campus too". Regardless, the school can't expect students to do well on the ACT if they haven't been sleeping since achievement is three levels above sleep. The students organized themselves spontaneously and this is a perfect example of the power we can achieve by standing together. No planning needs to be done because revolution is an act, not a process. So here's a toast to those students who risked their safety and reputation to protect those of us who wanted a fair shot at the ACT!



Student Rights Declaration Draft

This is a draft of the Student Right Declaration. Please submit comments so we can improve it. Once we have received comments, we will publish another edition and continue until all the issues have been resolved. After the draft is finalized, this paper will go into effect and be sent to the school administration.

The students hereby declare and enact this bill of rights. All students who are punished for exercising these rights will have the full resources of the local defense team chapter at their disposal to protect them. The school is forbidden from making rules that infringe on these rights or persecuting those who exercise these rights. These rights apply to all students regardless of any protected classes under the Civil Rights Act and sexual orientation. These rights extend only to the limit of the US law and if any such case should arise, the school cannot allow illegal activities to occur. These rights also apply to all faculty and paid members of the staff. Constituent is defined as any student or paid member of the staff.

1. The Right to Free Association

All constituents have the right to associate with whomever they choose. The school may not punish multiple constituents for the wrongdoings of one even if those other constituents may have known about or been near the location of these wrongdoings. If the school believes that multiple constituents were engaged in wrongdoing then each must receive a separate trial.

2. Right to organization

All constituents have the right to organize and form unions, political groups, or other associations.

3. Right to Negotiation

All constituent have the right to petition the school and engage in non-violent protest. The school may not punish constituents for engaging in peaceful protest. All constituents also have the right to communicate with the school and file complaints against staff members.

4. Right to Free Speech

The school may not attempt to restrict speech distributed by constituents. Speech is defined as it is defined by United States Law and constituents are granted full First Amendment Rights. Constituents also do not have to speak to any official in any part of any investigation. They have the right to remain silent. Constituents, by extension, also have the right to hold any beliefs they choose.

5. Off-Campus Activity

The school may not punish constituents for off-campus activities.

6. Extension of Rights

All constituent rights also extend while off-campus.

7. Fair Trial

All constituents have the right to a trial by a jury of their peers in any case of punishment. A jury is defined as a random selection of 3 students and 3 staff members that can judge a case without bias. Courts and court rules are the same as used in the United States Supreme Court.

8. Search and Seizure

Constituents may not be searched without reasonable cause. Reasonable cause is defined by United States law. After an investigation, all confiscated materials must be returned to their original owners. The school may not seize items without just cause as defined by US law.

9. Multiple offenses

Constituents may not be tried for a violation of the rules more than once in any court.

10. Rights of the accused

All accused constituents have the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of their peers. They have the right to know what they are accused of, what evidence will be presented against them, to have the assistance of Counsel in his/her defense, the right to confront witnesses, and a method for obtaining witnesses and evidence in his/her favor. All accused are innocent until proven guilty.

The power's in your hand and it's shaped like a fist!

