Who's here? (Who should be here?)

The Ruckus Society

The Ruckus Society is opening a Tech Toolbox Action Camp. Its main activist is new techniques and to pool together experts. But program director Han Shan warns against developing a fetish for electronic toys. Basic things like text messaging, micro-radio broadcasting, and e-mail to Pam Phan have already made street organizing far more effective, he claims.

Still, one can take technology as far as protests become a bloodless ritual, a meaningless kabuki. Imagine the Washington Mall filled with angry citizens shoulder-to-shoulder, fists raised high with righteous anger—all holograms projected in people waltzing, their living rooms. Think of the public at large being asked to chip in on the web, and you’ve got the beginnings of the [www.whirledbank.org](http://www.whirledbank.org).

Far from being radically nonviolent. The purest street to show our power in numbers and for being radically nonviolent. The purest way of people communicating their outrage is putting themselves in harm’s way,” Shan says. You have to be willing to throw your body like a monkey wrench into the machine to say, ‘No more!’ ”


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