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VOX populi

by Stephanie Brooks & Adrian Persaud

Which cartoon character would you bring to life for romantic purposes?

"Roger Rabbit. For personal reasons."

-Jonathan Spangler
Part-Time Studies
Junior



"Jessica Rabbit. She's hot!"

-Max Bockes
Temperate Rainforests
Senior

"The Eco-Hunk from the Simpsons!"

-Julene Graves
Gifts of the First
People • Junior

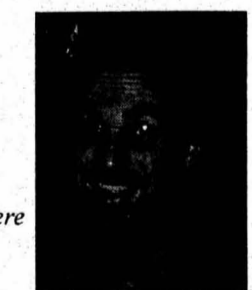


"Jasmine."

-Jess Moore
Temperate Rainforests
Senior

"A Snork. They're sexy as hell!"

-Kris Pendleton
Eco-Ag • Somewhere
in the 6th year



This chilling sculpture was found Monday in the early evening outside of Lab II. The block of ice contained two birth certificates, one dark, one light, and a single red rose. (Well, not just one. But wouldn't that be romantic?)

How to get better at home from the cold & flu

by Brietta Krome

Around this time of year, the Student Health Center begins to hear from a lot of students concerned about cold viruses and the flu (influenza). However, when it comes to getting over the cold or flu, self-care at home is generally the treatment of choice. Here is some info about what you can do to speed up recovery.

The Basics

Never underestimate the power of following the basic guidelines for taking care of yourself when sick. Get PLENTY OF REST. Your immune system will work better. Gargle with warm salt water several times a day. It discourages the virus and speeds up healing. Take in lots of extra fluids, and focus on eating lots of green, red, and yellow vegetables and fruits. Sugar (except for in fruit), alcohol, smoking, and marijuana should be stopped for 2 weeks in order to let your immune system work to fight the virus. Wash your hands frequently and do not share food or drink. Below are some herbal remedies, but remember, HERBAL REMEDIES WORK BEST IN A WELL-RESTED, NUTRITIONALLY HEALTHY BODY.

Herbal Anti-viral Choices: pick one that is the best fit for you

1. Echinacea tincture: take 90 drops every three hours for 1-2 days. This may stop the virus; if not, add Osha tincture, 40-60 drops three to five times daily. You can also use Echinacea capsules: three capsules four times daily at the onset of the cold and continue as needed.
2. Astragalus capsules: take 15-20 at the first sign of the virus. The Student Health Center has a combination of astragalus/licorice/isatidis from Herb Technology available.
3. Hot spicy tea: Take 1 large clove of minced garlic, juice of 1/2 lemon, 1 inch piece of ginger, chopped, and 1 teaspoon of honey. Pour 2 cups boiling water over this and let sit for 10 minutes. Drink the whole thing, chewing on the garlic and ginger if you can. Drink as much of this tea as possible. Go to bed and pile on the blankets and sweat. (Don't do this if you have a high fever.)

Zinc

Zinc is a very useful mineral supplement when a virus threatens. In the early stages, the virus attacks the membranes of the throat and nose. You can suck on zinc lozenges, which will stop viral replication. Take a 9-13 milligram lozenge (zinc-peppermint flavor tastes best) and dissolve it slowly in mouth over an hour. You can use up to 8-10 lozenges daily.

Vitamin C

Vitamin C is famous for its ability to minimize viral attacks. Take 500-1000 grams daily at the onset of symptoms.

If the virus continues despite your raid, here are some herbs for specific symptoms:

- Fever: willow, cinchona, peppermint, yarrow
- Aches: boneset, meadowsweet

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The Bedbug Comes in the Night

by Katie Thurman

Recently, several floors of A-dorm have been infested with bedbugs, forcing Housing to relocate affected students to alternative living arrangements. This has caused much mayhem and has upset the daily routines of many people, so much so that when one RA saw a stream of people headed out of A-dorm, she exclaimed, "Oh dear God no, tell me they aren't evacuating more people." Luckily, the people were headed out to a registered party on campus.

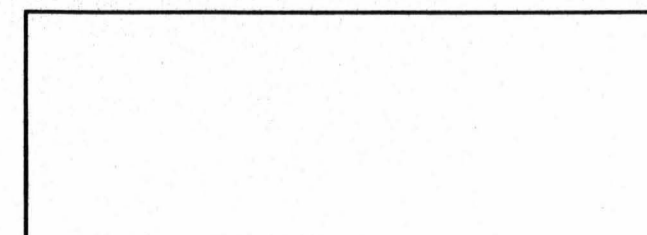
For those of you who thought bedbugs were urban legends, it's time to read up on these little critters. The common bedbug is about half an inch long, reddish brown, and has a flattened, oval body. Because their bodies are so thin, they are able to hide in cracks and crevices and go unnoticed, at least for a while. Contrary to popular belief, they are not nocturnal so much as crafty little vermin. They can go virtually unnoticed until people start experiencing little red welts that itch. Other clues may include unexplained blood spots on sheets, pillowcases, and other bedding or smears of fecal matter. Very large infestations of bedbugs will have a distinct odor.

Luckily, Housing does have the capability to treat any infected rooms for bedbugs. Once the residents have been relocated, Housing takes apart the bed frame and any other suspect furniture. A professional pest control company is called in, and the room is treated two times with a college safety officer-approved pesticide. The first time the room is treated, any adult bedbugs will be killed. Since the pesticide does not kill the eggs, the next treatment cannot occur for a week or so, or until the eggs hatch.

If you think you may have bedbugs in your apartment or dorm, contact your RA or go to the Housing Office.

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Freedom Socialist Party Documentary

On Saturday, the Freedom Socialist Party will present *The Revolution Will Not Be Televised*, the award-winning documentary that recounts, through insider footage, worker and pauper uprising that foiled a 1902 U.S.-funded coup against Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez.

Providing commentary is Debra Gara, who interviewed Chavez supporters and foes of new liberalism at a September women's conference.

The event will be held 7:30 p.m. at the Freedom Socialist Party's New Freeway Hall, located at 5018 Rainier Ave., Seattle. Admission with popcorn is \$3.50. Nachos and dessert are available with a \$5 donation. Doors open at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Luma Nichol at 206.722.2453, e-mail FSPs@minispring.com, or visit <http://www.socialism.com/>.

Stardust Cavalcade

Harlequin Productions kicks off the 2004 season - its thirteenth - with *Stardust Cavalcade*, a musical comical memorabilia by Harlowe.

Sponsored by Olympia Federal Savings, this production takes a nostalgic look at the 1940's, the Stardust gang prepares for a song, dance comedy revue in New York, a warm up for Canteen and USO tour to entertain troops appear as any celebrity.

The show opens today and continues its through December 27 at the State Theater. Tuesday, December 3 is a "pay what you can" performance. Evening shows begin at 8 p.m. and day matinees at 2 p.m.

For ticket information, contact the box office, located at 202 Fourth Ave., at 786.0151, or email aribox@harlequinproductions.org.

Food Drive

Winter can be a difficult time for low-income families and the homeless. The food banks can hardly keep up with the demand. In light of this, Chemistry Club is hosting a canned food drive, beginning this week and continuing through the end of fall quarter.

Collection boxes are located in Labs and II. All can donations will benefit Thurston County food bank.

For more information, contact Karshi Bopeggeda at 867.6620 or email bopegedd@evergreen.edu.

Natural Dye Workshops

Two natural dye workshops will be held over the next two weekends. The first, Dyes from the Earth, focuses on natural materials and botanicals that have been gathered from the kitchen or yard to create stunning colors on silk scarves, wool roving and yarn. This workshop will be held Saturday.

The second one, titled Indigo Blues, explores the ancient indigo plant dye, which is the origin of the blue in denim. Dyes will range from robin's egg blue to azure to navy. This session will be held Saturday, November 30.

Both workshops will be taught by Liz Frey and take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mariah Art, located at 1403 Garfield Ave., Olympia. Cost is \$85 per workshop, which includes a lab fee and all materials.

For more information, contact Frey at 360.482.1292 or e-mail lfrey@techline.com.

Faces of the Homeless

This week is National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. Campuses and Communities nationwide are having events to raise awareness of these problems.

Evergreen's Students Against Hunger and Homelessness, along with WashPIRG's Hunger and Homeless campaign, is having an event this Thursday, November 20 at 7 p.m., in the Longhouse. There will be a Faces of the Homeless Panel, where several members of Olympia's homeless community will come and share their stories. The discussion is free, and food and clothing donations will be accepted.

Come and learn about homelessness in the community, and what you can do to help. For more information, contact S.A.H.H. at 867.6143.

-Julene Graves

SPSCC award

South Puget Sound Community College was awarded the Thurston Group of Washington's "Striving for Excellence Award" on October 9.

The award, which was presented during the Thurston Group's Board of Trustees meeting, recognizes the college's efforts in assisting students of color to "excel beyond the secondary level."

For six years, SPSCC and the Thurston Group have co-hosted the college's annual Students of Color Recruitment Weekend, held in February.

Secret Mice & Writers' Meeting

Are you a writer? Interested in meeting other writers on campus and having other writers critique your work? Then think about joining Writers' Guild.

Besides meeting other writers within the Evergreen community, Writers' Guild provides the opportunity for budding literaries to receive feedback as well as plan future campus literary activities.

Writers' Guild meets Wednesdays 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Library 2126. For more information, call 867.6098, or e-mail Domenica@pulleysnowtoe@hotmail.com.

Holiday Performances

The Washington Center for the Performing Arts continues its season of entertainment with another week of holiday music and theatrics.

Saturday, Breath of Aire, a Seattle-based professional choir and full orchestra, will hold a benefit concert. Proceeds from the 7 p.m. performance will benefit the Community Dental Clinic at the Olympia Union Gospel Mission. Visit Breath of Aire's Web page at <http://www.breathofaire.org/> for more information. Tickets are \$11.50 per person.

A musical homage to the Bard is set for Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. with a performance of *Kiss Me, Kate*. Based upon Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, the musical also features eighteen classic songs by jazz great Cole Porter. Admission is \$54 and \$49 for adults, \$52 and \$47 for students and seniors, and \$27.75 and \$25.25 for youth.

Tickets for both shows are available at the Center box office, which is located at 512 Washington St. SE. Price includes a \$1.50 service charge. For more information, contact the Center box office at 753.8586.

Day of Presence Day of Absence

Initial planning for the Day of Presence, Day of Absence has begun. The annual event will be held February 5 and 6.

This year's theme is "Creative Inclusive Learning Environments."

Planning meetings take place every Monday through December 15, from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Seminar 4129.

For more information, contact First Peoples' Advising Services director Holly Colbert at 867.6394.

Paper Airplanes

To commemorate the Wright Brothers First In Flight Centennial, the Government Documents/Maps office would like to organize three paper airplane workshops. The workshops would be led by three different professors and be held December 2 at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

If interested, contact Alison Riffer at beohege@hotmail.com or the Government Documents/Maps office in Lib 3321 or at 867.6251.

Weekend Holiday events

This Saturday, several holiday events will be happening around the Sound.

A Bear-Zaar will be held at Olympia High School, located at 1302 North St., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to the holiday antique and craft show is free. For more information, call 956.3667.

Yelm Community Education Advisory Council is sponsoring a Community Dance and Auction. The event, which provides winter coats for children in need, will take place at the Rainier Sportsman's Club in Rainier. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Council at 360.458.6608.

A Flea Market will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Thurston County Fairgrounds' hobbies and crafts building. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 943.7129 or 459.1178.

Voices of Color

Voices of Color

is a column designed to promote cultural diversity as well as understanding within the immediate Evergreen community. Here, students of color may address any concerns or joys. It is a place for students to share their unique cultural experiences with the rest of the Evergreen community. It is a place of learning. It is a place of teaching. It is place of understanding.

We are looking for perspectives, opinion pieces, personal narratives, family histories, poems, academic and social experiences at Evergreen - anything that relates to your life. By the way, the pieces do not necessarily have to be related to Evergreen.

This column is reserved especially for the underrepresented who want a consistent "message board" or medium to communicate and express to the Evergreen community. Just as there are guidelines for other sections of the paper, the Voices of Color column also has a few. They are as follows:

- 1) *Must be a student of color.*
- 2) *The submission must be around but no more than 700 words per installment (it may be necessary to use more installments for longer submissions, or print two at once if they're shorter).*
- 3) *The submission must specifically state that this is for "Voices of Color." Remember, students of any sexual orientation or ethnicity have a voice in any section of the paper.*
- 4) *The deadline for submitting anything to this column as well as anywhere else in the paper is Monday at 3 p.m.*
- 5) *The submission MUST include a name, number and email where you can be reached (for issues of accountability).*

I would strongly encourage those of you who are new to Evergreen and its surroundings to write a short narrative of your experiences. Voices of Color would be a great place to start introducing yourself to the community while at the same time contributing to the community.

To submit, email your submissions to cpj@evergreen.edu; walk in and drop it off in CAB 316 (on the 3rd floor of the College Activities Building); or call 360.867.6213 to get in touch with your student newspaper.

-Sophal Long
Editor-In-Chief

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General Meeting

5 p.m. Monday

Help decide such things as the Vox Populi question, what the cover photo should be, and what should be in the next issue of the CPJ.

Paper Critique

12:30 p.m. Friday

Comment on that day's paper. Air comments, concerns, questions, etc. Also known as the "Post Mortem."

Friday Forum

3 p.m. Friday

Come in and put your values to the test! Discuss ethics and journalism law.

Body Count In Iraq

as of November 19, 2003

by Nolan Dedrick Lattyak

Statistics from: UNESCO, <http://iraqbodycount.com>,
<http://strike-free.net>, <http://www.comw.org/pda>

Iraqi Civilian Deaths since April 2003

Minimum	Maximum
7,878	9,708

9,708 is about the size of The Evergreen State College student population times two.

Iraqi Soldier/Mercenary Deaths since the beginning of "Operation Iraqi Freedom"

Minimum	Maximum
7,100	11,600

I chose to show Iraq deaths first because they are rarely reported, if ever, in the mainstream media. The reason for widely ranging estimates in the number of Iraqi citizens killed is due to the official policy of the military as stated by General Tommy Franks, US Central Command, "We don't do body counts [of civilians]." Numbers on Iraqi soldier deaths are difficult to find as well. For the first Gulf War they were said to be between 100,000 and 150,000. Total civilian deaths due to the first Gulf War and its consequences was said to be 2,000,000. (UNESCO) A large percentage of the deaths from the first war with Iraq were due to sanctions that were put in place after the war. 2,000,000 people is equal to the population of Seattle times four.

U.S. Coalition Soldier/Mercenary Deaths Since the Beginning of the "Operation Iraqi Freedom"

Minimum	Maximum
435	6,936

Minimum is U.S. soldiers, official number. Maximum is U.S. soldiers, coalition forces and mercenaries as estimated with new numbers gleaned from Japanese Self-Defense Force officers' information during their recent visit to Iraq. The disparity of estimated deaths occurring of coalition forces is due to unknown but estimated number of mercenaries employed by the U.S. for "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

"The education system in Iraq, prior to 1991, was one of the best in the region, with over 100% Gross Enrollment Rate for primary schooling and high levels of literacy, both of men and women. The higher education, especially the scientific and technological institutions, were of an international standard, staffed by high quality personnel." - UNESCO

"I reminded them that war in Iraq is really about peace." - George W. Bush

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, a caption on the cover of the November 13, 2003 issue of the Cooper Point Journal identified Eric Kim's country of origin incorrectly. Mr. Kim is from Korea. The CPJ apologizes to Mr. Kim and to its readers for this error.

The Request Line: Bon Appetit adapts menu from student suggestions

by Renata Rollins

Students who dine on campus have a few menu changes to look forward to after Thanksgiving break.

At the Chef's Lunch on November 12, a monthly meeting where Bon Appetit treats a few students to lunch in exchange for their comments on the quality of food and service they receive, executive chef Chris Conville heard requests for hoagie sandwiches, "bundle" meals, and more omelet days.

And he's going to do something about it.

As executive chef, Conville has a fair amount of say over the menu. Sometimes he has to run student ideas past Rick Stromire, the general manager of Bon Appetit's Evergreen branch, before acting on them. But for the most part he is free to menu - a common verb for him - however he wants to.

After hearing the comments from the five people who attended the Chef's Lunch, he has decided to serve a sandwich of the week in the Market, the deli on the second floor. The Market will also offer a new deal with the sandwich of the week. Students will be able to purchase a "bundle" meal for lunch: half of the weekly special sandwich, plus a bowl of soup and a sixteen-ounce

fountain drink, all for a cheaper price. It's sort of like a combo meal at a fast food restaurant, only with healthy meals made from scratch, more vegan/vegetarian options, and more concern for local growers.

As for breakfast, instead of offering the popular made-to-order omelets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, starting December 1 they will be served Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings until 10 a.m. The breakfast scrambles will switch days with the omelets and will only be served two days a week.

Conville enjoys hearing from students about the menu, saying that the cooperative model is how Bon Appetit works at the other (private) schools the company serves. And he should know: He's been with Bon Appetit for nearly ten years, alternating between executive chef and general manager at locations across the country, most recently in Colorado. He has been the executive chef at Evergreen since September 2002.

He encourages all Evergreen community members to give Bon Appetit their comments, suggestions, or even favorite recipes. He hopes to see more participation from students in making their food service closer to what they want it to be.

The Cooper Point Journal hopes you have a relaxing, fun, and safe Thanksgiving Break!

Remember that ANY STUDENT can contribute to the CPJ and have their article printed. The deadline is every Monday at 3:00 p.m., so write one over break and see it in the next issue!

Notes from the ERC



by Deane Rimerman

These trees were in a timber sale in nearby Capitol Forest. Now they are at a sawmill. This forest is now part of a clear-cut that is getting larger and larger. Trees are cut down on state lands help to pay for schools and other public services.

In a way, your Evergreen education is part of this future landscape of more and more stumps. We need to learn a better way! The ten-year plan for the management of Washington state lands is currently up for review. Join the ERC as we review the proposed DEIS. We will also write detailed comments about why forests are better without stumps. Our formal comments are due by late December. If you want to focus on this issue even more extensively, consider joining us in an academic group contract that will monitor and enforce logging laws on state lands. This contract will be ongoing through winter/spring quarters 2004. Call the ERC for more info at 867.6784 or come to ERC meetings on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. upstairs in the CAB building.

No school next week, so come climb old growth trees during Thanksgiving week. Olympia Earth First! is hosting tree climb trainings in an old growth forest near Olympia. Call 943.6758 for details.

The ERC and WashPIRG are having a letter-writing potluck party to save the forest on Friday night. Call or e-mail dean@efn.org for details.

What is sustainability? It's a pretty funny word, that's for sure. I mean, what do you want to sustain? The third annual Sustainable Living Conference is called Synergy and it's planned for the mid-February 2004. Many amazing people will be on campus to teach us how their version of sustainability works. So get involved and help the six different student activities groups that are part of the conference. The main group and main meeting are at SEED's meeting, which happens on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. upstairs in the CAB. SEED's number is 867.6493.

Graffiti on Campus

by Nicholas Stanislawski

Looking through several three-inch-tall stacks of Polaroids, Sabine Riggins, police services' records manager, and officer Lana Brewster look at pictures of graffiti.

Finding a new image of graffiti in the stack, they comment on the artistic qualities of the vandalism. Graffiti in bathrooms, graffiti on walls, even graffiti on a police car.

Riggins defines graffiti as permanent writing or art, usually done with markers or spray paint. She estimates there is a report of graffiti about two to three times a month.

George Leago, manager of building services, deals with graffiti on a regular basis. Whenever there is graffiti inside a building, facilities has to remove it. The amount of effort required to remove graffiti depends on the surface, Leago said. To remove graffiti from concrete requires "strong cleaners." These chemicals require special training to use. Leago did not want to say they were unsafe, he explained, because they are safe when used properly.

Jaymie Lewis, the student facilities lead, takes care of graffiti in housing. Housing's Facilities has to deal with graf-

fit every day. "I've been dealing with it for three years, and it's only getting worse," she said.

Lewis' main concern with graffiti is the chemicals required to remove it. So-Safe, she says, remarking on the irony of its name, is the most toxic chemical housing facilities uses; it can melt fabric and remove paint.

Student workers must use this chemical to get rid of graffiti. The worst place to clean, Lewis said, is in an elevator because there is no escape for the fumes. Another problem she had was with the negativity expressed through graffiti. Messages would be derogatory toward minorities, or sexually explicit.

Lewis sees graffiti as anything written or painted, though she is fine with chalk if it is in a place where it will eventually wash off. If a student wants to create a mural, they need to have it approved beforehand.

The graffiti wall on the back of the COM building is another place a student is approved to mark a building, though graffiti has gone outside of its boundaries, said Sabine Riggins. She also said that there was also a problem once with fumes

2003-2004 S&A Board Group Norms

From November 7 to November 9, The Evergreen State College S&A Board attended a retreat at Pacific Beach. The purpose of the retreat was to learn about consensus decision making, gain communication skills, and discuss the history and purpose of the S&A Board both nationally and locally. We had the opportunity to meet and work with the Tacoma S&A Board as well. Most importantly, we were able to bond and transform from nine individuals into a single autonomous board that represents the student body. We decided that as we are representative of the student body, we should make every effort to be accessible for all students to voice their opinions and concerns. We concluded the session by writing our group's norms.

-Rachel Freer

We the voting members of the 2003-04 Services and Activities Fee Allocation Board of The Evergreen State College understand that we serve as representatives of a diverse community with many perspectives. We will demonstrate honor and respect for this diversity through fiscal responsibility.

We will manifest our commitment to the student body in the following ways:

We will make all information concerning the S&A Board's functioning accessible to everyone in the Evergreen community, particularly the decisions made by the Board that affect the student body.

We will take personal responsibility for time commitments, including but not limited to board member punctuality, setting reasonable and fair meeting agendas, maintaining regular office hours and recognizing the time constraints of those who meet with the board.

We will be mindful of personal conflicts of interest and will make a commitment to unbiased, open-minded decision-making.

We will acknowledge and respond to conflict in a respectful and timely manner.

We will follow all the rules outline in RCW 28B.15.044, which stipulate the existence and functioning of such boards at all colleges and universities in the State of Washington.

We will uphold the provisions of the Social Contract as they relate to the Board's functioning and mission.

As students and members of the S&A Board, we are committed to the transparency and accessibility of the Board in order to best serve the student body. We welcome all input and feedback from the Evergreen community.

Signed, the voting members of the 2003-04 Services & Activities Fee Allocation Board.

Michelle Angell
Dyami Allen
Maggie Cain
Jordan Elaine
Puck Frantz
Rachel Freer
Christopher Hickman
Eli Jacobson
Jake LaMere

from the use of the wall coming into the building, causing it to be evacuated.

In the early 90's, said Riggins, there was a great deal of graffiti. When graffiti is reported to police services, a picture of it is taken. In the 90's, "We would stockpile the film because we would take so many pictures," said Riggins.

George Leago remembers a time when Evergreen was graffiti-free. In the mid-eighties, however, there was a large amount of graffiti. He doesn't remember what they meant, but he remembers the large letters FMLN being sprayed on walls.

He still sees the letters every once in a while. Some people were caught, he said, and they had to help remove the paint.

But when the marks were on concrete, strong chemicals were needed. Being untrained in the safe use of the chemicals, the vandals would do something else, like wedding.

Jaymie Lewis hopes there can be an end to the graffiti. But for Leago, cleaning graffiti has become a part of the everyday routine for facilities, and he is hopeless about ever stopping it.

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Meet Anthony Sermonti:

2003-04 student trustee

by Hal Steinberg

This past summer, Governor Gary Locke appointed Anthony Sermonti to the post of Student Trustee. As Student Trustee, Sermonti has full voting rights on the Board Of Trustees, and through his involvement hopes to make Evergreen a better place to learn.

Sermonti was born in Aberdeen and attended Aberdeen High School and Grays Harbor Community College before coming to Evergreen in 2001. Now a senior at Evergreen, Sermonti intends to pursue a career in politics and law.

Sermonti views his role as student trustee to be a very vital one. In his speech at student convocation, Sermonti said, "I do not take this responsibility lightly; in fact, I am excited to help make Evergreen a better place for all of us." This sort of understanding of leadership runs through Sermonti's veins.

While in high school and college, Sermonti has served on the Board of Directors of the Grays Harbor American Red Cross. He was also an executive editor at the newspaper The Timberline, at Grays Harbor Community College, and an Eagle Scout. Taking away from scouts a keen understanding in leadership, Sermonti says, "Dedication is a big part of being a scout, it trained me in a lot of ways on how to be a leader."

That leadership ability and understanding has driven Sermonti to pursue his goal of attending law school. While at Evergreen, Sermonti has been involved in the Evergreen Supreme Court, the mock court for Jose Gomez' law program. As an associate justice on the Court, Sermonti has heard cases involving constitutional issues such as the flag salute and a Muslim woman's right to wear her head covering for her drivers license photograph. In the flag salute case, Sermonti was the lone dissenter, coming down on the side of maintaining the words "under God" in the salute. Sermonti understands the law to be an expression

of human frailty. He says, "The law is not perfect; it's designed in a way that it attempts to be as perfect as possible in an imperfect world."

Sermonti also sees learning as a complex situation. As someone who intends to pursue law and politics, he understands that the political process can be easily manipulated and trashed by those who are not thorough in their critique of a given situation. He says, "It's easy to spout rhetoric, but it's much more difficult to back up your opinions with concrete facts." And that's one of his goals as Student Trustee.



Sermonti says he has undying love for Evergreen but he also believes that there are improvements to be made. He believes that accessibility is one very important purpose of a Student Trustee and he says, "What I try to do is be visible to students, whether at Evergreen, Tacoma or the tribal campuses." Evergreen, to Sermonti, is a place where students can reach for the highest levels in their education and learn things that will be valuable to them in the future, whatever goals they may have.

He sees his position as being unique, because as a trustee he is at the forefront of decision making for the college. With Seminar II being completed and major renovation planned for the library, Sermonti not only gets to watch the decision making happen, but also gets to be involved in it. He says that for students there are a variety of options open for involvement at the school. From clubs and organizations to faculty hiring boards, the S&A Board and college governance committees, the sky's the limit, according to Sermonti.

And while Sermonti may be in a position of power at Evergreen, he nonetheless has that yearning for a better world like all college students. He says, "I want Evergreen to be a place that is open to everyone, that stays true to its educational philosophy, and that will continue to deliver educated and prepared students for our world to make it a better place."

Feeling a Little Wasted?

Stop the Bush administration from sending more nuclear waste to Washington

by Kacy Cullen

Today, the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in south-central Washington is the most contaminated area in the Western hemisphere, and is considered by many to be one of the most toxic places on earth. For over fifty years, Hanford has been the dumping ground for more than 60% of the nation's high-level defense waste. Currently in the reserve there are 56 million gallons of radioactive waste being stored in 177 underground tanks, 68 of which are reported to be leaking. Here are also two pools, holding 2300 tons of spent nuclear fuel, located only a few hundred feet from the Columbia River. Leaking wastes have already contaminated more than two hundred square miles of ground water and continue to invade the Columbia River. Toxins in the river have poisoned fish and endangered people who live in the area. Over one and a half million people rely on the Columbia for clean water for drinking, agriculture, fishing, and recreation. This is very worrisome considering that the connection between hazardous chemicals and cancer is becoming increasingly apparent these days. Many of the chemicals in the waste may be bio-accumulative toxins, such as dioxin, that can work their way up the food chain by accumulating in the bodies of organisms. (For example, if you eat fish that has ingested a toxin, the toxin will enter your body and may stay there for many years.) This is especially frightening for tribal people living near the Columbia River who depend on the fish as an important food source. The EPA reports that tribal people suffer a cancer risk of one in fifty simply from consuming these fish.

PROBLEM:

Yet, despite all this, the Bush administration and the Department of Energy plan to ship 70,000 truckloads (that's 12 million cubic feet) of highly radioactive nuclear waste to Hanford over the next 30 years. This defeats the whole purpose of cleanup of the site, which has been ongoing but is way behind schedule. Also, transporting the waste through major freeways and communities across the country poses a major threat to public health.

SOLUTION:

This is all very depressing, but there is hope! WashPIRG and other groups have been working hard this term to pass Initiative 297, which would require the state to do the following:

- Clean up sites like Hanford before more waste can be added, especially requiring the cleanup of Hanford itself.
- End use of Hanford as a dumpsite for the rest of the nation's radioactive waste.
- Stop the dumping of nuclear waste in unlined soil ditches.
- Ensure that public, tribal, and local governments can participate in cleanup decisions.

What you can do to help:

Sign the petitions to get I-297 on the ballot. WashPIRG needs to collect more signatures by December 31 in order to get the initiative on the ballot. Volunteers for WashPIRG are also always needed and appreciated!

Astrology; the creation of mythology

by Brian Flawell

As I scanned last week's CPJ, I noticed that the Astrologreener was opposite the page from my article, *The Night the Moon Bled*. I have never been a believer in astrology, but have great respect for the people who divine these horoscopes. From my experience, those that have studied this ancient art are often well studied in many others areas, including religion and history. Among many other things, the tales that follow are drawn on to divine what type of person someone born under that sign may be. Having said this, I now present the true mythology, which is the history of astrology itself.

Aries:

The great king of Thessaly had two children called Phrixus and Helle. When the King remarried, the new stepmother of the children beat them. The King did nothing to stop his wife. Hermes, the messenger god, became angered by this and sent a Ram called Aries to carry the children away from abusive home. While travelling, Helle fell into a river and drowned. Phrixus made it safely to the Black Sea, where he sacrificed the ram to the gods.

Taurus:

Taurus is a great white bull, eternally hunted by Orion, the Hunter. In Greek mythology, it is said that the thunder God Zeus became enamored with Europa, a Princess of Phoenicia. He came to Earth as a great white bull. Zeus then seduced Europa and coaxed her into the sea of Crete, where she became Zeus' mistress.

Gemini:

Castor, the manager of war horses, and Pollux, a great soldier. Twin sons of Zeus and the Queen of Sparta, brothers to the infamous Helen of Troy. Their battles were great and told through out Greece. Their most famous exploit was sailing with Jason on the Argo to attempt to retrieve the Golden Fleece of Aries.

Cancer:

Cancer was a crab, a normal ordinary crab. When Zeus had a child with a human woman, Hera was instantly jealous of the child. The child's name was Hercules. During his twelve labors, Hera sent the Hydra to defeat Hercules, and in order to deter his attention from the Hydra, Hera ordered Cancer to attack Hercules. The crab grabbed Hercules' toe and was subsequently crushed under the foot of Hercules.

Leo:

The first of Hercules' Twelve Labors was to defeat the Lion, Leo of Nemea. Leo is the brother of the Sphinx. Just as his brother terrorized ancient Egypt, Leo terrorized the land of Nemea. Hercules went and fought Leo. Leo was killed and made into armor and a helmet.

Virgo:

Astraea, daughter of Jupiter and Themises, and the Goddess of Justice. Virgo is considered the first of three women who had the great honor of being placed in the sky. She represents the Maiden, the virgin child, blossoming in to womanhood with all the beauty and grace of the Gods. The other two women, Andromeda and Cassiopeia, complete to three phases of life: Mother and Crone, respectively.

Libra:

Libra is the scales held by Virgo (Astraea), representing the balance that the Goddess of Justice showed when she judged all who came before her.

Scorpio:

Scorpio, the Scorpion, has the eternal distinction of killing the Great Hunter Orion. The heart of the beast, Antaries, represented a driving passion that rivaled that of the War God, Aries. When Zeus placed Orion and Scorpio into the sky, he placed them on opposite sides of the heavens to prevent further trouble between them.

Sagittarius:

Sagittarius is the wise Centaur, Chiron. Chiron mentored many humans, including Hercules and Castor and Pollux (Gemini). Chiron was endowed by Zeus with the Mantle of Immortality for his good heart and wise ways. When Chiron was injured with a poisoned arrow by Hercules, he gave the Mantle to Prometheus, the human who stole fire from the Gods and gave it to humanity.

Aquarius:

Aquarius, the Water Bearer, is Ganymede, the son of Tros, king of Phrygia. Zeus, the randy bugger that he was, fell in love with Ganymede and was so enamored by the boy's beauty that he abducted the boy to serve as a water bearer of the Gods on Mount Olympus. The boy, who was only human, died of natural causes, despite Zeus' attempts to keep the boy alive.

Pisces:

In ancient times, the great Titans attacked Olympus, home of the Gods. To escape the wrath of the Titans, Aphrodite and her son Eros turned themselves into fish and swam down the river that flowed from the water buckets of Aquarius.

The Joy of Riding the Bike

by Nathaniel Hitchcock, Tricia Bozeman, Elyn Armstrong

Now, some of you don't know what it's like, to commute by bike, to get up and ride, in rain or shine,

Now, I'll admit that it's fine, to know the bus times, while you're waiting you can bust a rhyme, 'bout how it's better to ride a bike,

You, see them flying at the speed of light, passing on the inside, sometimes they're sliding, sometimes colliding, but these are just the Joys of Riding.

Since you were two, and your folks gave you your first trike, aspirations shot to the sky, to ride a two-wheeled bike.

But something happened along the way, you got caught up with speed and what peers will say, So much cooler to drive a car, so much faster, peelin' out like a star.

But what you forgot is the journey's the thing, it's not about what destinations will bring, Don't get me wrong, there's times you wanna get There, But while you are Here, take a breath of Fresh Air.

I know that there's a lot of people out there that like to dress with a certain city kind of flair, and I know you're worried about getting 'dirty, but the rosy cheeks and rolled up pants make you look purdy.

Sure, there's a chance that you'll get hurt, and the blood will begin to spurt all over your ruined skirt, but the adrenaline rush will make you blurt; I was riding my bike at the speed of light, I don't obey traffic laws cause on a bike that's my right, I took a fall and that's for sure, but the pain is "lack of character's" cure,

I know yer worried bout spandex pants being called queer, and at you some rural locals surely may jeer, but most citizens emphatically cheer as you cut through traffic like an intercity deer,

The air that you breathe is cleaaar, even as they call you queeeeeeer, so steeeeecer your head gear, for a land not too neaaaaaaar,

You can ride a bike at the speed of light, if you want to, you can pass the cars on either side, you may slide, shit, you may collide,

but this is the *Joy* of Riding the Bike.

Magical

by Nichole Vernita Thein



Supreme success, fortune flourishes
Yielding nature and propriety manifesting
Accumulating the arrogance and egotist
Eternal prosperity
Pushes over the cake
Crashes the body
Captivating the spirit
But exercising proper restraints
Confidence seeds
Allowing the worm to burrow out of its hole
Kissing the ground with its squirming head
Despite the danger that lurks above
Gratitude overwhelms
For inevitable happiness sinks in
To reconstruct a new life, a new journey
Only the tenacity of the heart will prevail
To unleash the Holy Grail
Hercules in the middle of the labyrinth
The port of the sea

Xtreme to the MAX

Four students start Evergreen's first skating club

by Jon Huey, Bob Schwenkler, and David Price

So you come to Evergreen, and you realize that it rains eight months in a row, and you can't do a kickflip in this kind of Xtreme precipitation. It just doesn't work. Your board turns into a wet noodle and your bearings rust up. How are you going to practice your hardflip late backside 180's for the X-games when you're skating with limp wood?

Four hardcore skateboarders (Mark Frydrychowski, Bob Schwenkler, Jon Huey, and David Price) learned this horrible truth after arriving at TESC. When asked why they created the first skateboard club at TESC, local shredder Bob Schwenkler said, "Like, dude, you know... it rains a lot... I think, so, wait, what was the question again?" Bob makes a perfectly valid point. Skateboarders on campus have never had an official club with a dry place to skate. The club does just that, holding tri-weekly shred sessions in the open-air pavilion. This provides a smooth, dry, and well-lit space to bust out your front noseblizzle slizzles on a phat rail till the cowizzles come hizzle.

Most people know that skateboarding can be an Xtreme or "dangerous" activity. The four coordinators of the club are

well aware of this fact. (Three of them are presently recovering from ankle injuries.) As in all other school approved recreation sports clubs, participants are required to fill out an *Acknowledgement of Risk, Waiver and Assumption of Personal Responsibility* form. This way, in case they bend their elbow the wrong way on a failed backside smith grind, the school and its agents can be indemnified and held harmless "...from all claims, costs, liabilities, expenses, and losses incurred as a result of any act or omission of the participant while participating in recreational sports at The Evergreen State College..."

If you want to skate or just hang out, come to the pavilion Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 - 10 p.m., and Fridays from 7 - 9 p.m. Spare skateboards, parts, pads, helmets, and informal lessons are available for anybody of any skill level from beginner to super gnar. There are skaters of all types, from modern street to slalom and downhill to flatland freestyle.

Feel free to e-mail the coordinators at TESCskate@hotmail.com for more

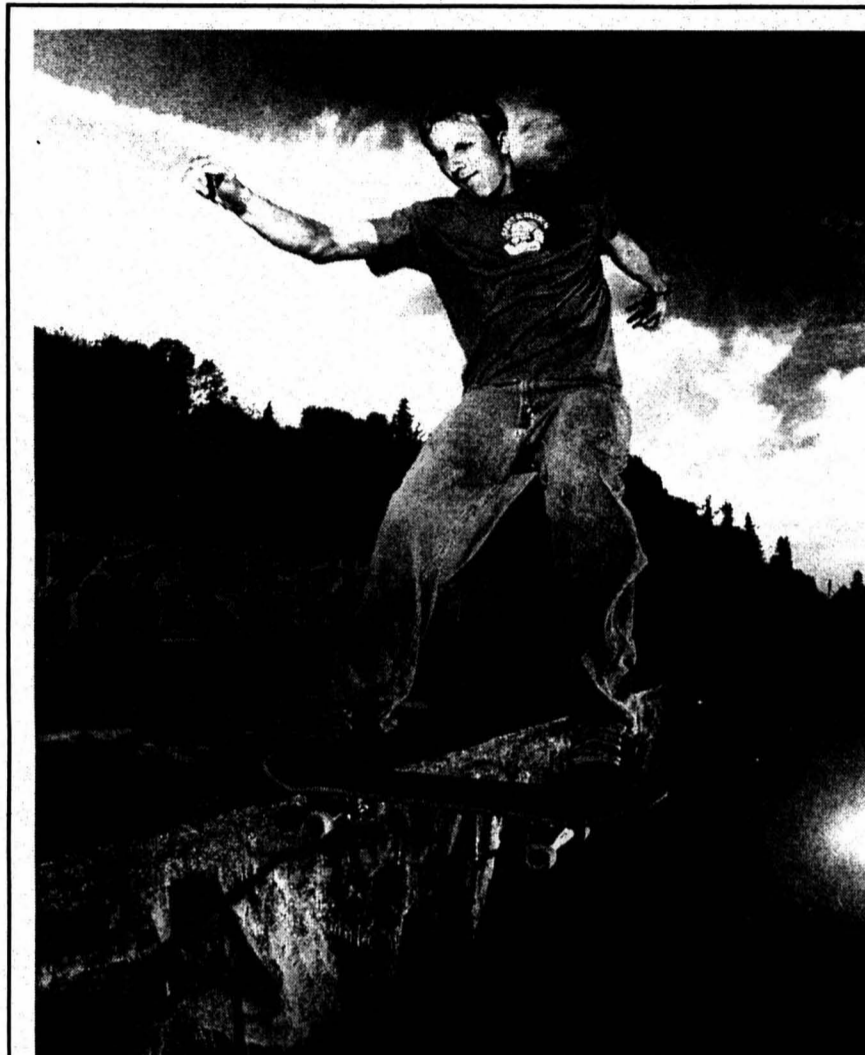


Photo by: David Price

Jon Huey, a founder of Evergreen's new skating club, shows off his skills. The skating club meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings in the Pavilion near the field on campus.

Mark your calendars
for the
next home games:

Men's basketball:

December 2 vs. Lewis and Clark
7:30 p.m.

Women's basketball:

December 13 vs. Central Wash-
ington, 6 p.m.

Falconry demystified

by Kyra Berkovich

Falconry

1. *The art of training raptors (birds of prey, i.e.: hawks, falcons, eagles) to hunt in corporations with a person.*
2. *The sport of actively pursuing wild game with a trained raptor.*

According to the Washington Falconers Association's web page (<http://www.falconry.com/>), falconry is the least understood of all field sports. Falconry is still a legal sport, despite what some may think. Though it is unclear exactly when falconry began, it was certainly popular in the Middle Ages, and it might be a safe bet to assume that's when it took flight, so to speak. There has even

been the occasional archeological artifact found that suggests it might have been practiced as early as 1700 BC.

"Falconry traces its origins back several thousand years and has been the passion of some of the most influential people in history. Aristocratic and romantic, this ancient sport has retained its mystique right up to the present day and few images are as powerful as a trained hawk sitting sharp eyed on a gloved fist." (<http://www.highlandescapes.com/castlefalconry>)

Now, before I get too far, it needs to be understood that the raptor is not hunting for the person; it's hunting for itself. The rest of the time is spent in training the bird to come back, watering, exercis-

ing and cleaning up after it.

A word to the masses: the falcons in question aren't taken from the wild, but raised and bred in an attempt to bring their populations closer to a healthy level. According to the frequently asked questions on <http://www.falconry.com/>, "there is nothing preventing a bird that doesn't want to stay from simply flying off for good. Rather than having a seven out of ten chance of dying before age one, a falconry bird can reach advanced old age. It is not a pet. It is a partner."

All right, then. It sounds a bit like the people/cat relationship. They come and go as they please; we feed them and clean up after them. Seems a bit okay. Maybe.

Evergreen volleyball was just a serve away

"In the end, it was Concordia's hitting that did in Evergreen"

excerpted from an online article by James J. Portune

ASHLAND, Ore. - The Achilles' heel of the 2003 Evergreen Women's Volleyball team has been service errors, and it was a service error that knocked them out of the Cascade Conference Post-Season Tournament.

Trailing 13-14 to #3 Concordia University Cavaliers (12-6 Cascade Conference, 13-12 Overall) in the fifth and final game of the opening round of the tournament, a serve error on the part of Evergreen (10-8 CCC, 14-12 Overall) gave Concordia their fifteenth point, the game and the match win.

"The altitude, and several of the girls

not being one hundred percent healthy, got us," said head coach Bill Lash. "We simply ran out of gas."

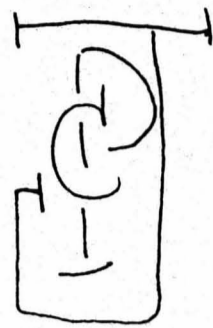
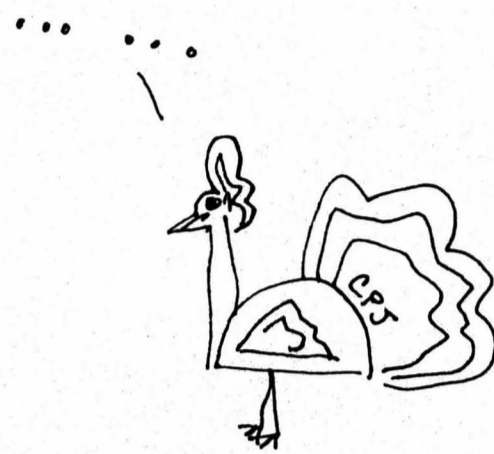
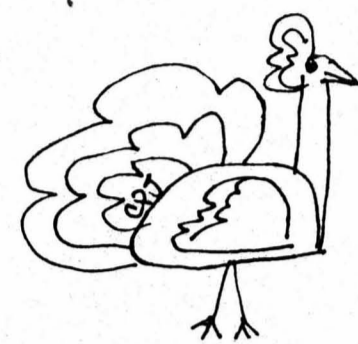
The momentum the Geoducks built in game one carried over into game two and Evergreen defeated the Cavaliers 30-27. This time it was Evergreen's defense that overwhelmed Concordia's offense. Three solo blocks and two assist blocks by Lane, three assist blocks by sophomore Kristen Bartley (Lubbock, Texas/Monterey H.S.) and an assist block from senior Stephanie Short (Spokane, Wash./Shadle Park H.S.) and Plunk limited the Cavaliers to a match

and the Geoducks rolled to an

11-8 lead. Concordia answered and stepped to the threshold of victory, leading 14-12. Senior outside hitter Richele Stark (Bellevue, Wash./Samamish H.S.) pulled Evergreen to within one, 13-14, on a cross-court kill. Then, Evergreen's season end, on a service error.

In the end, it was Concordia's hitting that did in Evergreen. Five Cavalier players recorded double digit kills, a phenomenon that no team has ever accomplished against a Geoduck team.

I'm a turkey.



No... really.

...cold & flu

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Congestion: yerba santa, eucalyptus essential oil nasal steams, eat chili peppers.

Runny nose: yarrow, black elderberry.

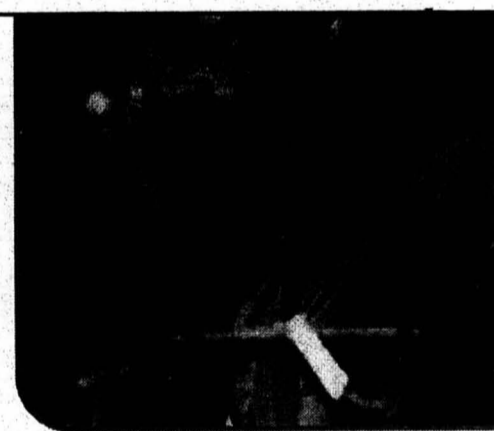
Cough: osha, elecampane, wild cherry bark.

Where to find these herbs: Radiance has a large selection; the Food Co-op and the Student Health Center also have some of the herbal remedies.

Symptoms to watch for:

In general, healthy young adults do not need to see a medical practitioner for viral illnesses. However, there are several danger signs to watch for. If you have any of the symptoms below, you should be seen. Otherwise, stay at home resting and drinking fluids.

1. A fever that persists for five or more days.
2. Severe nausea combined with diarrhea and dehydration.
3. Severe and persistent throat, ear, or sinus pain.
4. Inability to keep fluids down, especially if combined with diarrhea.
5. A cough COMBINED with a fever, deep chest pain, and shortness of breath.
6. People with asthma should watch for increasing shortness of breath and wheezing.



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Thursday, November 20

- 3-5 p.m. Master Class with Dell'Arte performer Joan Shirley. Info: 867.6632.
- 5-7 p.m. Local Grower Dinner featuring Whispering Springs Farms of Rochester, WA. \$8.29 at the Greenery Café.
- 6:30 p.m. SESAME and Common Bread present J. E. McNeil, executive director of the Center on Consciousness and War, talking about the draft. In LH 4. For info, call 867.6033.
- 6:30 p.m. Habitat Meeting in LIB 2100.
- 7 p.m. Faces of the Homeless Forum, at the Longhouse. Please bring food and clothing donations!
- 7:30 p.m. The Olympia World Affairs Council presents Len Reid on Australia and the USA: Friends, Allies and Trading Partners. At the Olympia Center, Room 101, on State and Columbia in downtown Olympia.
- 8 p.m. The Society for Trans Action and Resources (STAR) holds a candle-light vigil to remember the tragedies against transgender individuals. Please wear warm clothing!
- 8:30 p.m. Last Word Books benefit show at Le Voyeur. Featuring One-Eyed Spectacle, A-Kamp and The Bond.

Friday, November 21

- 9 a.m. Come see the salmon spawn! RSVP online at <http://www.nwifc.org/kennedy.htm> or call 412.0808.
- 6:30 p.m. EARN presents Direct Action for Animal Liberation with Josh Harper, in the Edge, second floor of A dorm.
- 8 p.m. Dell'Arte presents Second Skin, in the Experimental Theater. Info: 867.6833.

Saturday, November 22

- All day! A Day of Carnival... Massive Movement for Humanity. At Heritage Park in downtown Olympia. Contact: 867.6144.
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Natural dye workshop! \$85. Contact 482.1291 or lfrey@teachline.com.
- 8 p.m. Second Skin, presented by Evergreen Expressions. Experimental theater in the COM building. Tickets \$16 general, \$8 students. For more info, call 867.6833.

Sunday, November 23

- 6 p.m. Vegan Thanksgiving, and networking with Puget Sound Animal Rights activists, at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. RSVP: UPSTART@RespectAnimals.com or contact EARN at 867.6555 or earn@riseup.net.
- 6 p.m. Art In The Streets meets for the last time this year! 611 Capitol Way S #409. Info: 259.6404.

Every Thursday

10 p.m. Soul Good Dancing with DJ Keith Leviathan at the Mark, 407 Columbia in downtown Olympia. 21+.

Every Friday

9 p.m. Top-40/funk dancing with DJ Keith Leviathan at the Vault. 425 N Franklin in downtown Olympia. 21+, \$3.

Every Saturday

10 p.m. Dancing with DJ Keith Leviathan at the Fourth Avenue Tavern. 210 Fourth Ave in downtown Olympia. \$1, 21+.

Every Sunday

7 p.m. Anime Night II at the Edge in A dorm.
10 p.m. Dancing with DJ Keith Leviathan at the Fourth Avenue Tavern. 210 Fourth Avenue. 21+.

Every Monday

3 - 3:45 p.m. Edu-Action meeting in COM 300A (community resource room).

Every Tuesday

5 p.m. WashPIRG meets in the S&A space of the third floor of the CAB! Help us plan Greener Earth Day!
9 p.m. Dancing with DJ Keith Leviathan at Charlie's, 620 Fourth Ave in downtown Olympia. 21+.

Every Wednesday

3 p.m. Jewish Cultural Center meets in LIB 2129.
3 - 5 p.m. The Community Resource Center will be staffed by Edu-Action in COM 300A. Info at 866.9699 or stujer10@evergreen.edu.
8 p.m. Seattle Poetry Slam at the Capitol Hill Arts Center. 1621 Twelfth Avenue (Twelfth and Pine). \$25 first prize! 21+, \$5.

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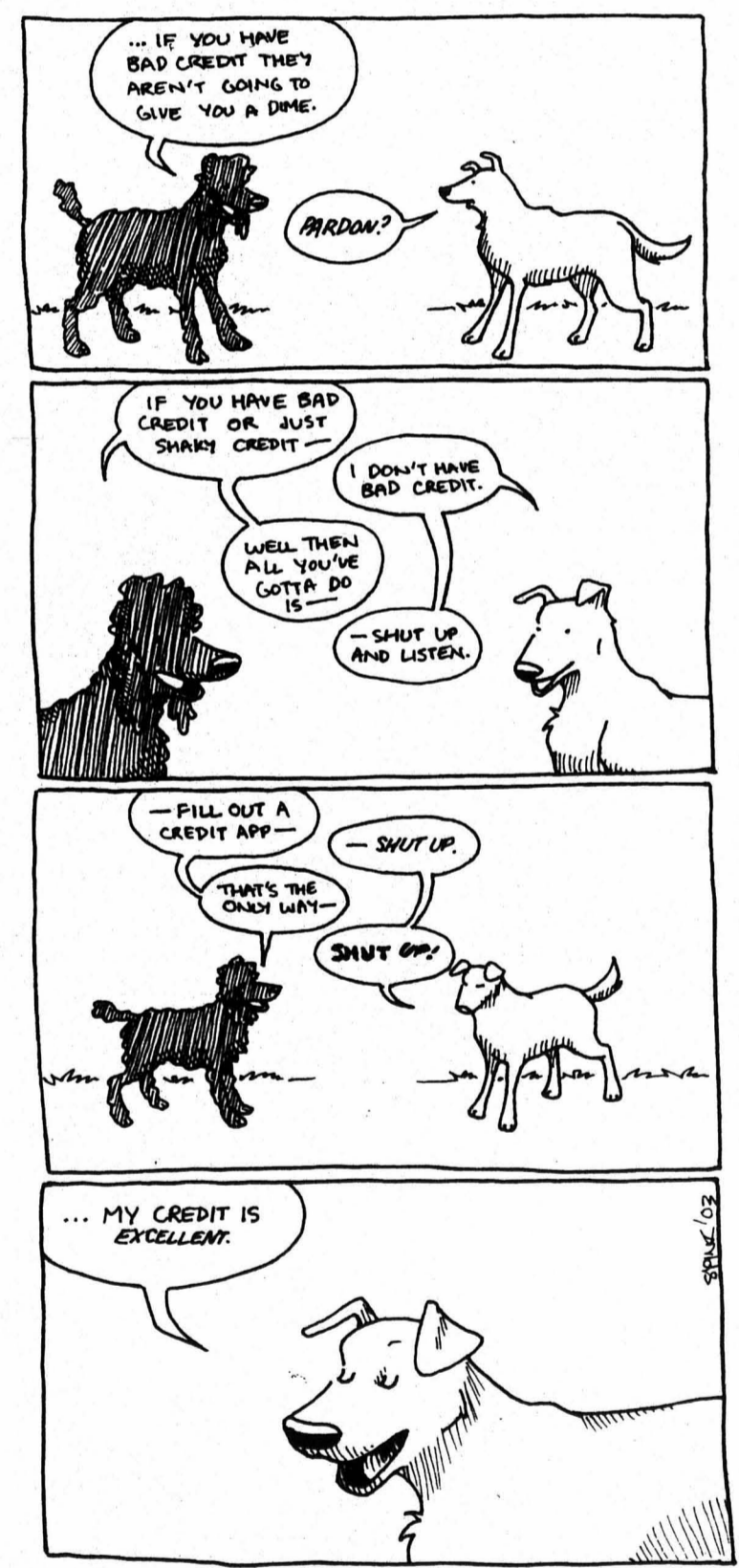
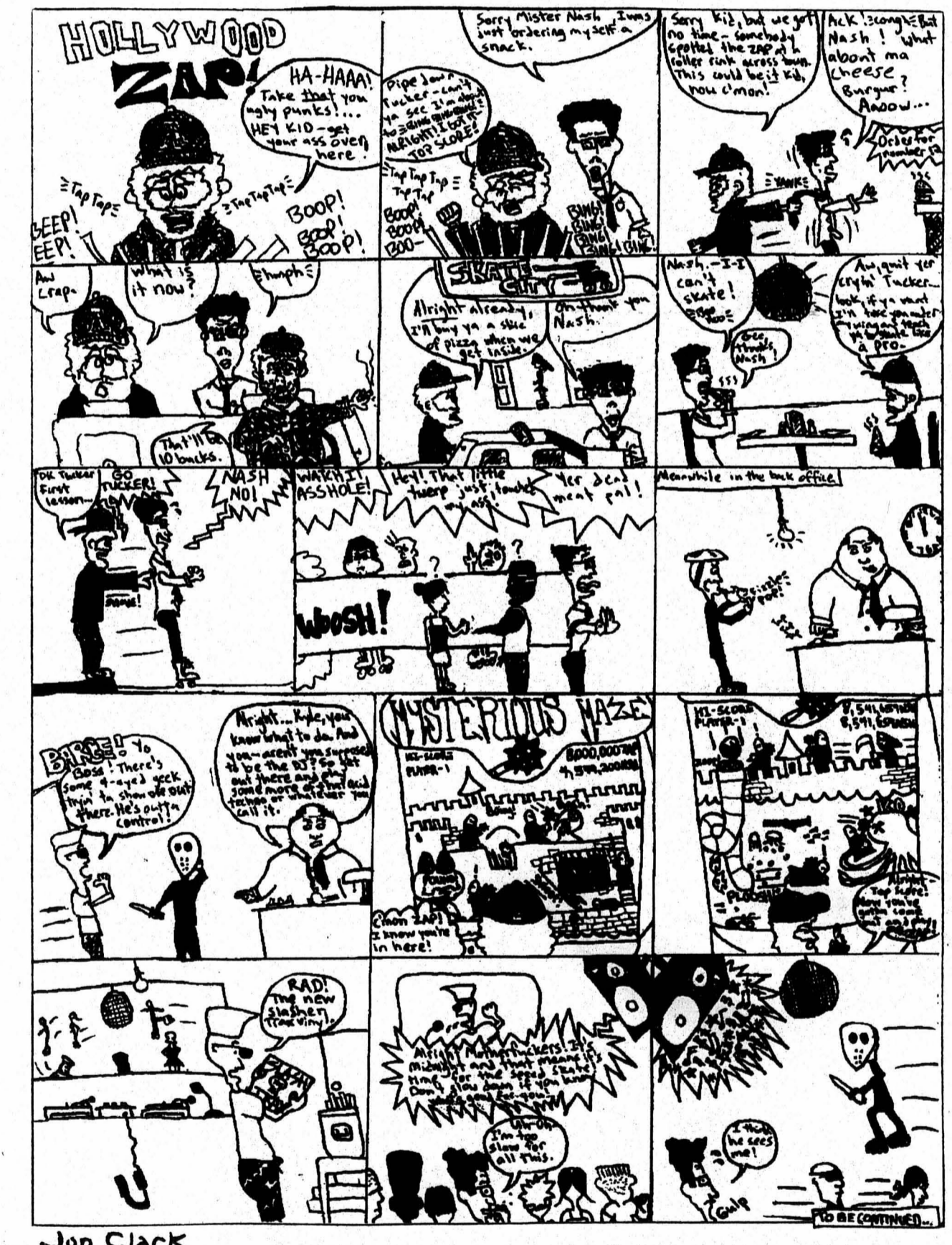
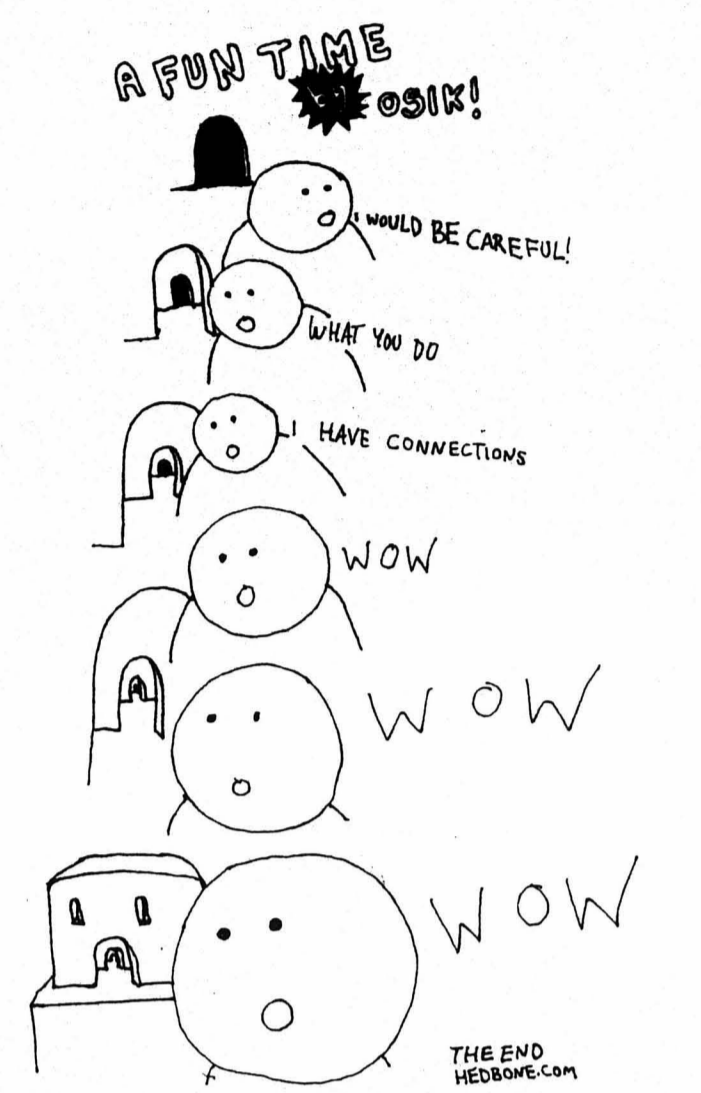
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BY C. FRAKES



Jon Clark It's the unlikely friendship of Nash, a streetwise video-game hustler, and Tucker, a naive boy from Mississippi.