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Car prowlers arrested

Melkorka Licea

CPJ Staff

Highly sought-after car prowlers were formally arrested early on April 14 at 2:11 a.m. The prowlers have been preying on the Evergreen State College, which has experienced 13 break-ins in the last month.

The arrests took place in F parking lot after they had broken the passenger window of a police-planted vehicle and stolen a Gateway laptop from the back seat.

The campus police had intentionally planted the vehicle with a broken laptop that was visible from the outside. Extreme measures were taken due to the urgency to find those responsible and instigated the first car staging in Evergreen history. Fortunately, the prowlers fell for the trap and were caught in the act by police officers on duty.

Both of the alleged criminals are Caucasian males. One is 20 years of age and the other is 35. Neither are students at the Evergreen State College and, according to the younger suspect, were "staying with friends in the Glenn."

Neither could provide permanent addresses of residence and were speculated by Sorger to be couch surfers, hence their urgent want for quick cash.

When asked why they chose the Evergreen State College, the younger suspect replied, "This place is a gold mine because you can run through all the trails."

Sorger stated that the suspects would "not admit to the 13 previous crimes and therefore can only be proven with one -the one they were caught doing."

Sorger is sure, however, that the suspects arrested on the 14th are also responsible for the previous crimes on campus.



Photo: Courtesy of TESC Police Services

This automobile was one of the thirteen vehicles parked on campus that were broken into over the past month.

He points out that the "same method of operation was used in the 13 priors" as was used when the suspects were arrested. "They either broke the back or side window with a cap that would quickly break or pop the window out." He also said that the arrests "match time slots of the priors."

Furthermore, Sorger noted that the "planted vehicle was unlocked and they didn't even try the door. They just broke the window," his logic being that the suspects were so used to breaking windows in the past they didn't even examine the vehicle.

The case is still waiting to be reviewed by a county misdemeanor officer, who will

decide whether the crime will be considered a gross misdemeanor. The suspects are no longer being detained and bail was not required. The suspects have yet to be formally charged.

"No substantial evidence has been acquired to prove the priors," stated Sorger. However, he stressed that strong reinforcements will still be maintained throughout parking lots at the Evergreen State College.

Crime watch students will still circulate through TESC parking lots. Officers will take surveillance shifts throughout the day and night as well as on foot and bicycle, and undercover cops will be patrolling campus.

Dennis Kucinich to speak at Evergreen

Jack Lukins

CPJ Staff



Photo: Congressional Pictorial Directory of the 110th Congress

Ohio representative Dennis Kucinich is coming to Evergreen to speak to the students on April 28, from 4-6 pm, in Lecture Hall One. There is no admission charge, and up to 300 students will be admitted.

Kucinich, the former Mayor of Cleveland, has been a representative since 1995 and ran for president in both 2004 and 2008. Kucinich is widely accepted to be one of the most, if not the most liberal member of Congress.

Some of his proposals include a move for impeachment proceedings against Dick Cheney in 2007, support for local farms and ethical treatment of animals, and reform of the Federal Reserve Board. Come out and listen, ask questions, and hear his take on your government.

Tuition hikes endanger diversity

Jo Sahlin & Erin Finch

CPJ Staff

Students represented eight of the approximately twenty people at a budget proposal forum on Wednesday, April 20, proving that students may be uninformed, uninterested, and/or uninvolved in budget information and proceedings.

Though students at Evergreen generally

know that they will be paying more tuition next year, few know how much more, why, or any of the actual details of Evergreen's own budget proposal scenarios. Few also know where to go to find this information.

Wednesday's forum, announced in an April 15 email from college President Les Purce, was specifically for students to familiarize themselves

with such information and ask questions.

But since the forum was poorly attended, the discussion vacillated between actual budget details and the ways to inform the Evergreen community of those details.

"I think that somehow, we're not even taking advantage of our own community and its connections," Art

Costantino, Vice President of Student Affairs, said at the forum.

Costantino said that since only about 1200 students subscribe to TESCrier and not all students even check their Evergreen.edu email addresses, the administration is working on ways to guarantee that all this information is at students' fingertips.

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You can finish reading Jack Lukins's article (page 5) on his experience at the State Capitol budget protests online. Find out if there is really a difference between the Democrats and the Tea Party, and if so, is it being misinterpreted?

VOX POP

Check out the "Voice of the Populace" videos online at cooperpointjournal.com. Like the quotes that you see on page 4 of this issue? Go online and watch the same Evergreen students talk about their plans for this coming weekend's Procession of the Species.

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The April 15 email included hypothetical impacts on Evergreen from the proposed Washington State House and Senate cuts (see chart below). It also included links to each full budget proposal for Washington and an analysis of the similarities and differences of both.

The budget proposals are for the 2011-2013 biennium. As the final budget is hammered out over the next few weeks, the shape of the next few years at Evergreen will become clear.

The budget proposals call for between 14 and 15.5 million dollars in cuts to Evergreen's state support. The exact amount is currently being decided on the Senate floor.

Purce wrote in his email, "Our assumption is that the final budget will likely land somewhere between these two proposals. Although the legislature is scheduled to adjourn on April 24, it is widely believed that the budgets will not be settled by then."

In that case, the legislature will go into special session. Purce says that in the meantime, college administrators are developing budget cut scenarios and figuring out where to invest the resources they do have.

They say they are being as proactive as they can in preparation for whatever cuts take place.

Steve Trotter, Executive Director of Operational Planning and Budget, said, "It's just not going to make sense to ask 'How can we save the college?' after the legislature hands down their budget."

Why should students care? For one thing, undergraduate tuition is likely to increase by 4.2-5%.

Last biennium, 2009-2011, was the

first time that tuition accounted for more than half of the operating budget of the Evergreen State College. It also marked the first time in the history of this college that state aid accounted for less than half of the operating budget.

But tuition increases hit some families harder than others, preventing students from attending college at all and thereby limiting campus diversity.

A report by the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) states that "Tuition and fees in Washington have outpaced the level of median family income growth in Washington for more than two decades."

Because of that, the report states, tuition increases have had "a number of unintended negative consequences, primarily on the enrollment patterns of low-income students and students of color."

It's possible, then, that budget cuts will affect not only pocketbooks, but also student growth, maturity, and learning, by potentially reducing the diversity of the college community, and the variety of worldviews brought into that community.

Students overwhelmed by sheer numbers in budget discussions may overlook the impact these changes may have on their community and learning environment.

Administrators are expressing serious concerns about the level of student involvement in the ongoing budget deliberations, asking for suggestions about how better reach out to the student body.

"Two years ago, there was a great deal more energy on this campus about the budget cuts," said Trotter. He postulated that perhaps what has been hindering stu-

dents has been "the background noise of war and social issues."

Costantino added, "We all face the challenge of getting the word out; that's one of the reasons we had this forum." He also wondered, for the approximately 4500 students at Evergreen, "How well are they informed, and how much advocating are they doing?"

Unfortunately, these questions seemed to be rhetorical, receiving no answer.

Andrew Nepstad, one of two Geoduck Student Union representatives present at Wednesday's forum, said, "We need to foster the bridges between [administration], students here, and other centers. There's a lot more organizing that could be done on a lot of other levels."

Costantino also reiterated, "I think that somehow, we're not even taking advantage of our own community and its connections."

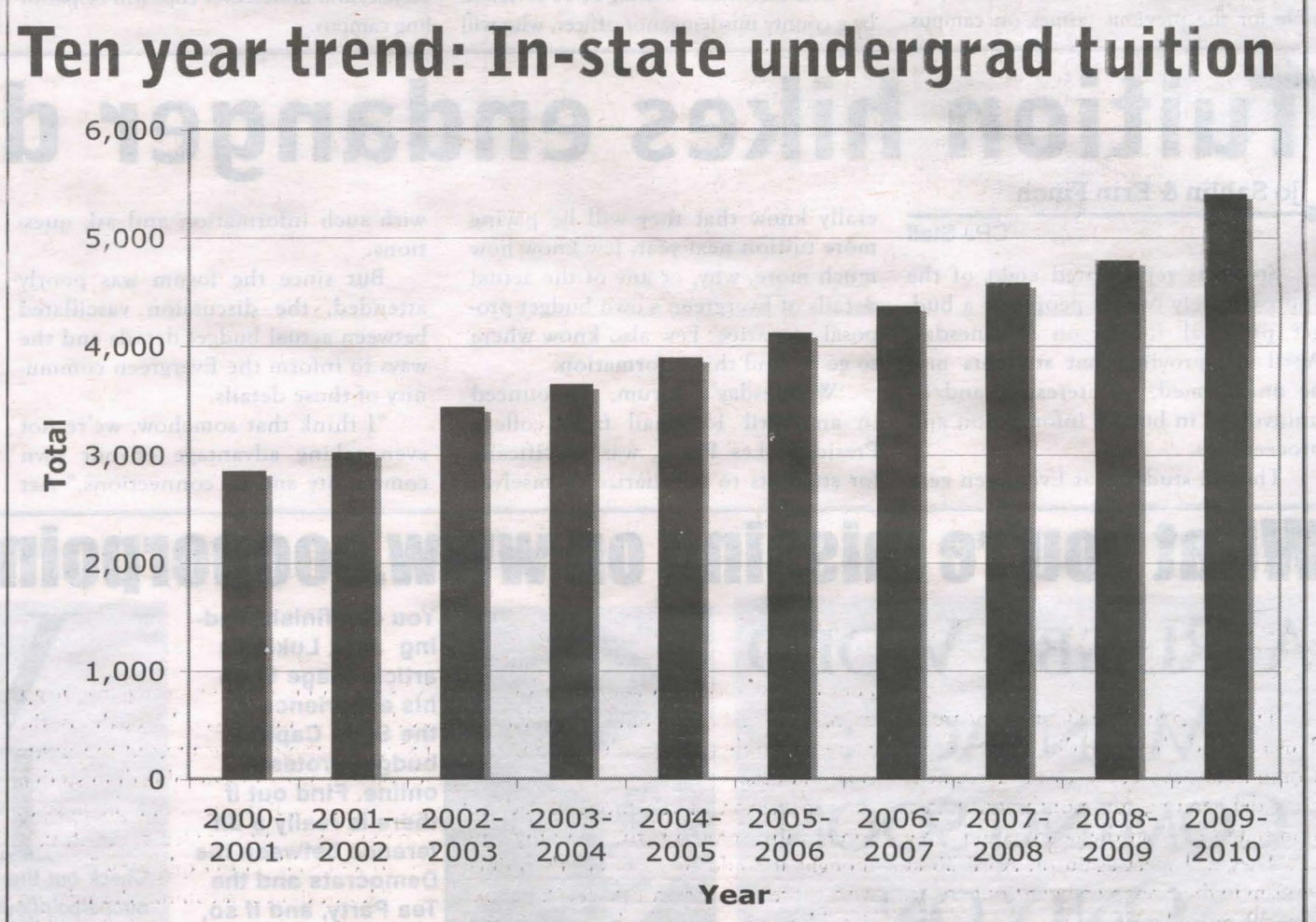
There are many avenues students can use to become more informed and aware of budget issues and scenarios for the future.

First, there is another campus-wide town hall on Monday, April 25, from 3:30-5 pm in the COM Building Recital Hall. Students and community members are encouraged to be there to ask questions, hear any budget news, and volunteer input about college spending and communication with students about the budget.

Check out the Government Relations blog for an overview of the Washington State House and Senate proposals, as well as details about how each would affect Evergreen.

Go to www.evergreen.edu/budget to find more information and more links.

Student Category	2010-11 Rate	% Increase	2011-12 Increase	2012-13 Increase
* House Res. Undergrad	5,585	11.50%	642	716
* Senate Res. Undergrad	5,585	14.0%	782	891
Non-Res. Undergrad	16,711	5.00%	836	877
Resident Graduate	6,691	5.90%	35	351
Non-Res. Graduate	19,506	No Change	-0-	-0-



Graphics: Top, courtesy of Steve Trotter, Bottom, courtesy of the Higher Education Coordinating Board

Contract negotiation causes turmoil

Erin Finch

CPJ Staff

The Evergreen State College administration seems to have reached an impasse in negotiating a two-year contract with the classified. The budget for the upcoming biennium calls for a three percent reduction in state worker salaries, but has a special clause that allows institutions of higher education to determine how that target reduction is met.

A wide variety of employees at Evergreen are considered 'classified,' including facilities, residential, dining and custodial staff. Their negotiation team is backed by the Washington Federation of State Employees, a statewide union which conducts dozens of collective bargaining negotiations every year.

Though the negotiation process is closed to the public, the WFSE team claims that the process has been frustrating. The college administration, they say, has refused to budge on several of their demands.

Steve Johnson, an Evergreen classified employee and member of the WSFE negotiating team, claimed that one of the main sticking points in the negotiation has been the union's demand for a 'me too' clause, which would guarantee that classified staff receives the same percentage of salary reductions as other staff at Evergreen.

In an update posted by the WFSE

negotiation team, they said, "management is unwilling to agree that exempt staff will take the same 3% salary cut as proposed to the classified staff."

"They wanted us to take a cut in pay, and we said we would do that if they signed on to a 'me too' clause which basically says 'if any other group takes less of a hit, then we get our hit lowered to that level.' If you can find a number that you can distribute across the board, then we're in for it, up to three percent," said Johnson.

Doug Shanafelt, a classified employee and a member of the WFSE negotiation team, said that the union had intentionally excluded the faculty from their 'me too' clause. "Without good faculty, we won't have a college that people want to go to. So as a union, we decided not to include the faculty in that scenario, because we've already seen some faculty leaving that are very good faculty that we're losing because we don't have enough money," said Shanafelt.

Asked why the Evergreen might see the 'me too' clause as a problem, John Hurley, Vice President for Finance & Administration, said, "I think it gets back to management's flexibility on how to deal with the three percent. We have expressed our interest and commitment to being equitable across all employee groups. That's as far as we can go." John Hurley denies that the administration is obstructing negotia-

tions on this issue.

As to whether the administration was committed to sharing the salary reductions equally with the classified staff, Hurley said, "part of what you might be hearing is posturing by certain unions, to be blunt, so I think you have to sort of filter where you might hear information from because there's motives behind... sort of escalating this into appearing to be a more hostile or unfair environment than it really is."

"We have broached the equity issue with that union and said we are committed to making sure that they're treated equitably in the 3% salary reduction and that they wouldn't bear more than their fair share, and so far, they haven't accepted that statement," said Hurley.

Steve Trotter, Executive Director of Operational Planning and Budget, echoed this sentiment, saying that compensation reductions may appear different for different groups. "How that equal share is applied may not look identical. In the end, the legislature is saying it comes from all employee groups. Is it going to look exactly the same in every area? That's not what we're saying. Is there a group going to take more than their fair share? No," said Trotter.

A consistent source of confusion in the negotiation process is the fact that some of the legislation pertaining to the contracts is still being debated in

the legislature. While it is certain that the reductions will amount to a three percent cut in employee salary and compensation, it is not yet clear what stipulations will apply to how those reductions are achieved.

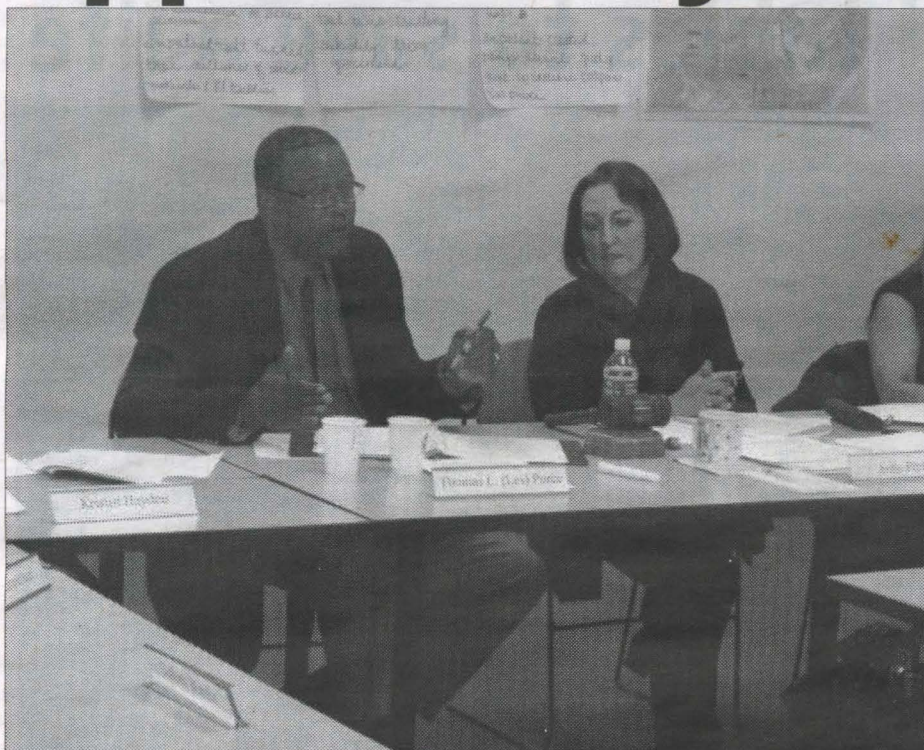
Senate Bill 5860, the Senate's version of the three percent salary reduction, states, in part, "Institutions of higher education shall not include reductions in the classified employee workforce to achieve the compensation reductions."

Pam Davidson, a Senior Budget Assistant for the Washington Office of Financial Management who was involved in the decision to include the language in the bill, said that its inclusion reflected concerns that classified staff might be unfairly targeted. "The governor was concerned about fairness; in giving colleges the flexibility to decide how to make their cuts, she didn't want anyone to be favored," she said.

The administration says that they are extremely conscious of the equity of their budget reduction process. "We've talked a great deal about what happens when we do have to do salary reductions and salary cuts, and equity is going to be important to us, and treating all employees with some sense of equity is going to be important to us," said Hurley.

At this point, it is not clear when these negotiations will be concluded.

New mission statement approved by Board of Trustees



Les Purce, left, and Anne Proffitt, right, at the annual board meeting, which discussed the mission statement proposal. Photo by Darren Woods

Darren Woods

CPJ Staff

The Evergreen State College Board of Trustees and the Accreditation Steering Committee have come to an agreement after deliberating for months on a mission statement that the board could agree on. They will meet again on April 28 at 9:00am in the Evergreen boardroom to accept the revised statement.

At their annual meeting in Tacoma

on February 23 of this year, the board was split down the middle on a decision to approve the proposed statement or take more time to create something that was more agreeable to the multiple audiences that it affects.

Opposition of the proposal did not agree with some of the wording and thought it could be more clearly refined with more interaction between both parties. Those who thought the mission statement should be adopted in February felt

that it was acceptable as it was and should have been approved at that date due to time constraints. After moving to come to an agreement promptly, the board and steering committee decided to continue meetings.

Among several board members who opposed the proposed mission statement was student board member Nathan Brockett. One of Brockett's main arguments for extending the process was to ultimately arrive at a mission statement together as a committee, as well as to get more students' input on the matter. "Not everyone felt on board," he said, and added that he, "didn't feel staff, faculty and board members all agreed on [the mission statement]." Some members thought more student inclusion would slow the process even more.

Brockett has since talked to students around him to understand their concerns and raise awareness that their mission statement was in the process of changing. He is confident that the revised mission is better suited for approval.

John Carmichael, Executive Assistant to the President and faculty member of the board, also feels the revised statement is ready to be adopted, citing that it appeals to all audiences. Throughout the process, Carmichael expressed the desire to come up with an agreeable draft so that the mission statement could progress to the next level. "We needed to finish talking so we could get to explaining."

The next step, assuming the mission statement is approved on the 28th, will be sending it to the Northwest Commission

on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) for approval of the four core values that are presented in the revised mission (see sidebar) of "global commitment to social justice, diversity, environmental stewardship and service in the public interest."

The April 28th hearing will be held via phone in the boardroom in the Library Building and is open to the public. There is a possibility of slight tweaks being made on the day of the hearing.

Original Mission Statement proposed on January 19, 2011

"As the nation's leading public interdisciplinary liberal arts college, Evergreen's mission is to sustain a vibrant academic community and offer students an education that will help them excel in their intellectual, creative, professional and community service goals."

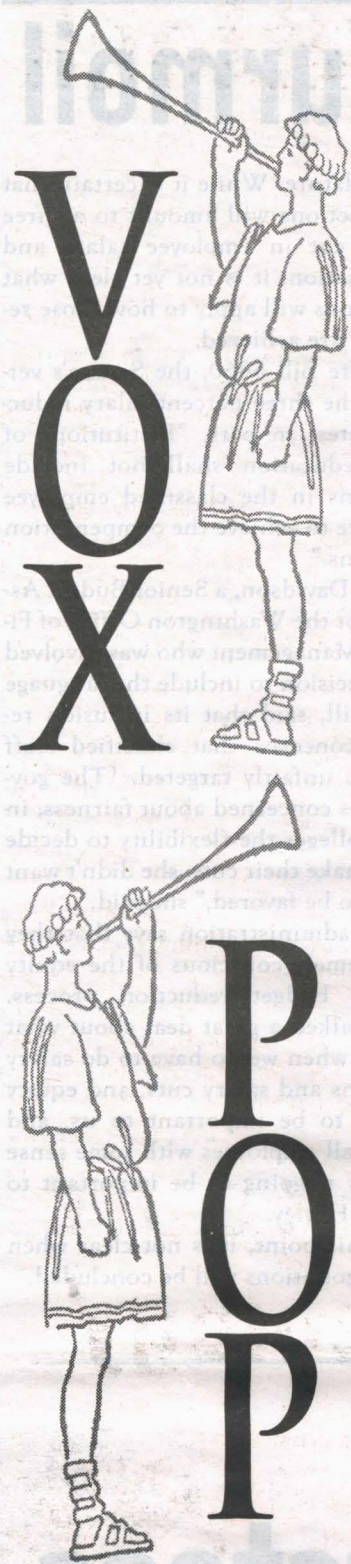
Mission Statement proposed on February, 23 2011 in Tacoma

"Evergreen, a distinctive public liberal arts college, emphasizes innovative interdisciplinary, collaborative study in its undergraduate and graduate programs. We challenge students to define and think critically about their learning. As an academic community, we promote and benefit from diversity, social justice, environmental stewardship, global perspective and service in the public interest."

Revised Mission Statement being proposed April, 28 2011

"As an innovative public liberal arts college, Evergreen emphasizes collaborative, interdisciplinary learning across significant differences. Our academic community engages students in defining and thinking critically about their learning. Evergreen supports and benefits from local and global commitment to social justice, diversity, environmental stewardship and service in the public interest."

What are you doing for the Procession of the Species?



Francisco Leos
Junior

I am going to be at a conference, but I volunteer (because everyone at Evergreen volunteers) at a preschool, and I am going to have my preschoolers create a bunch of little animal masks. Out of paper, not plastic.



Sarah Eckert
Sophomore

I am going to the parade, and I'm not sure what I'll do from there. I have no plans.



Ruth Waxman
Sophomore

I'm probably going to be going to Arts Walk, I'll look around. I might go visit [Raven Fire's] caterpillar.



Michael Lapp
Sophomore

I'm going to be working on my own booth at the Arts Walk. I'm basically taking Skittles and stamping them on paper and making designs out of them, and then I'm also making raver candy.



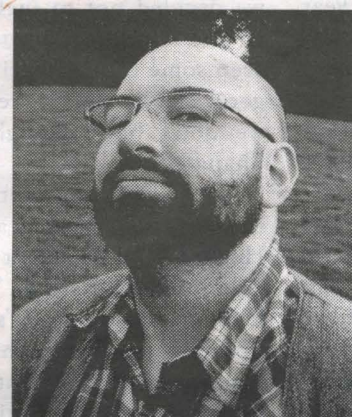
Emily Baker
Junior

I always get together with a group of friends, and we go downtown and just take pictures and watch all the wonderful costumes and see everybody hanging out. Hopefully it'll be really sunny this year. It'll be a good thing.



Raven Fire
Freshman

I am participating in a giant tie-dye caterpillar.



Andy Stark
Senior

Not a thing! Thank you!



Jason Leher
Junior

There's a little group called the Artesian Rumble Orchestra, and they're a bunch of, like, rad Olympians who play, like, brass instruments, percussion instruments, and so I'm hoping to play with them, and all I have to do is make my volcano hat, which I haven't done yet, but as soon as I do that I can get to play.

By Darren Woods and Faith Coben

Amnesty International tables to save a life

Sabra Chandiwalla

CPJ Member

The Evergreen Amnesty International group has been highly active since the start of spring break. Leaving early on March 16 in a giant 12-passenger Evergreen van, members of the Amnesty student group were on their way to San Francisco to attend Amnesty International's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

This year's AGM was a three-day event full of workshops with panelists such as journalist and political prisoner Roxanna Saberi, human rights activist Hina Jilani, and torture victim Maher Arar. The event also included a special musical celebration in honor of Joan Baez's work for Amnesty International, featuring artists such as Steve Earle, Chad Stokes Urmston, and Joan Baez herself.

The Evergreen Amnesty group attends the AGM every year. In addition, the group also tables to end the death penalty, support the Maternal Health Accountability Act, and free Troy Davis, a potentially wrongfully accused inmate on death row. This past Tuesday, April 19, the group was out on Red Square and the second floor of the CAB, educating the community on Troy Davis's case and gathering signatures to be sent to the Georgia State Board of Pardons

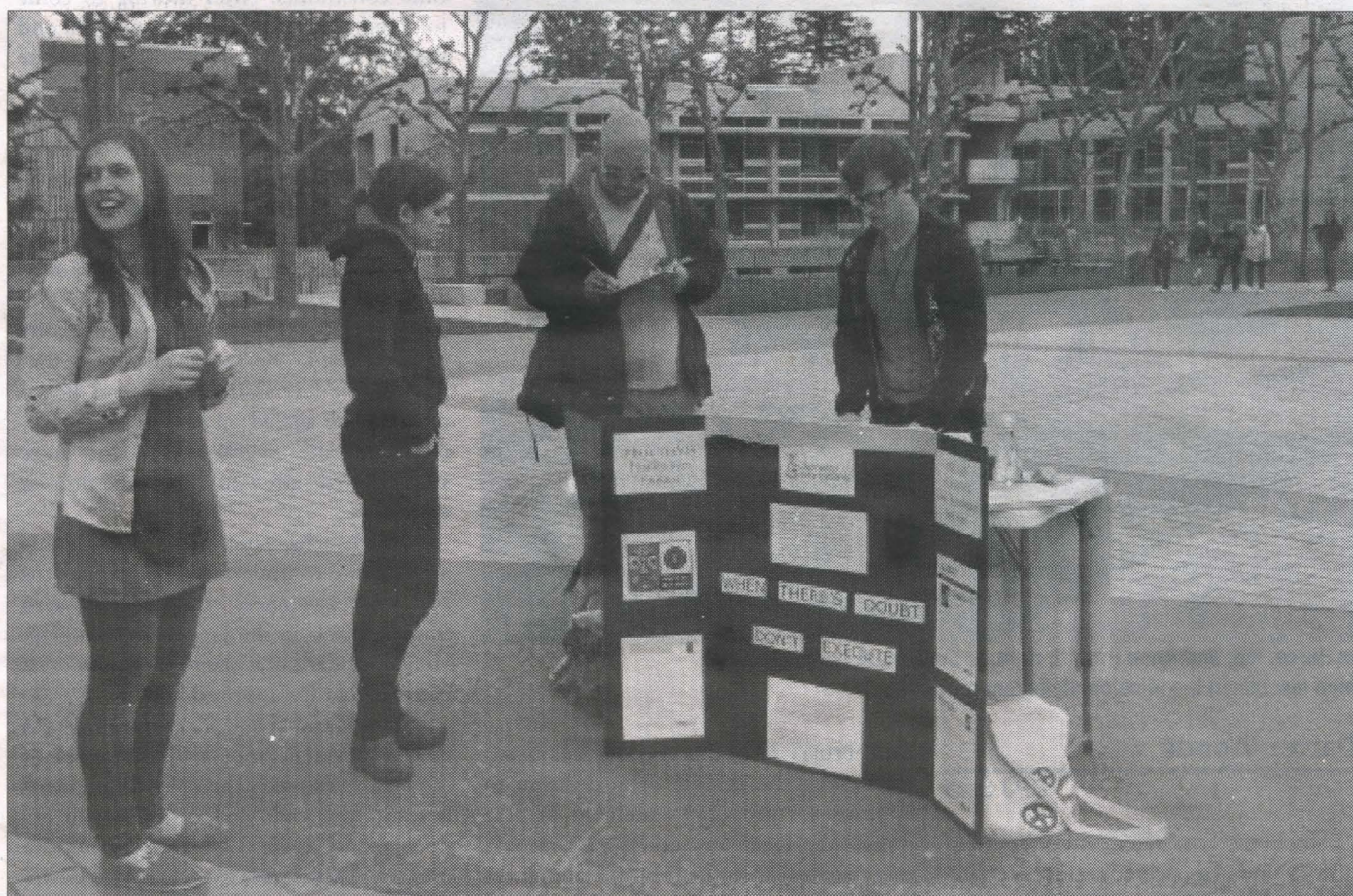


Photo: Sabra Chandiwalla

From left: Amnesty International member Meaghan Tomasiewicz with coordinator Hanna Etengoff, petition signer Morgan Picton, and coordinator Adam Fleischmann table in Red Square.

and Paroles to urge them to commute his sentence. This next month, the group plans to do an event centered on maternal mortality: what it is, how it's related to human rights, and what the Evergreen community can do to help. For more information, or if you're interested in joining, the group meets every Wednesday at 2pm in Student Activities.

Planned Parenthood under attack

Hannah Etengoff

Student Contributor

The anti-abortion rhetoric has reached Olympia. To be fair, it has always been here. As far back as most can remember, anti-choice people with medically inaccurate and traumatizing signs have descended upon Red Square. And in fact, Olympia has not even been safe from the violence that some extremist anti-choice groups preach.

Back in January of 2005, the Eastside Women's Health Clinic, which had been regularly targeted by picketers for nearly two decades, was deliberately set on fire. The arson caused nearly \$500,000 in damage. Luckily, nobody was in the building at the time. However, the arson remains unsolved to this day.

In the past couple months, this loud and dangerous anti-choice rhetoric has become more and more prevalent. Those in charge in Washington DC are now obsessed with defunding Planned Parenthood federally, and many states are passing stricter and more dangerous abortion laws. More than once, a budget defunding Planned Parenthood has passed the House but failed in the Senate.

Why the sudden obsession with Planned Parenthood? The GOP cries that

we are in a budget crisis and everything must go. But this argument is found to be bunk when, according to a report put out by the Guttmacher Institute in 2010, every \$1 spent on Family Planning saves around \$3.74 in Medicaid expenditures, not to mention the countless Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) that are prevented through education & testing and/or treated through accessible and affordable services such as the kind the Planned Parenthood provides.

It comes down to an argument of ideologies and morals. Those who are attacking Planned Parenthood are unable to see past the small percentage of its services that are abortion—a slim 3%. Perhaps it's because they are listening to Arizona Senator Jon Kyl, who stated on the Senate floor, incorrectly, that "well over 90% of what Planned Parenthood does" is abortion services.

He later retracted his statement, saying he did not mean for it to be factual. When the majority of Planned Parenthood's services are related to STI prevention and treatment, contraception services, cancer screenings, and other health services, it's difficult to see why the issue of abortion is being brought up over and over.

The fight is far from over. It seems to me as though sexuality is now being demonized, that those who cannot afford

their own health care do not have the right to have sex.

But what can be done? What is being done? At the national level, Planned Parenthood, National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL), and other pro-choice organizations have mobilized in the past months by holding rallies, lobbying their elective officials, and phone banking. And what is being done here in Olympia? That's where Planned Parenthood Fridays have sprung up.

Those who have traveled down Legion Street on Friday mornings have probably been bombarded by the same folks who show up at Red Square every now and then. Waving their medically inaccurate and disturbing signs, the anti-choice groups attempt to scare people who are entering the clinic for abortion services.

The Planned Parenthood in Olympia provides abortion services on one day only: Friday. These picketers sit out there in an attempt to frighten or guilt-trip people into changing their minds about getting an abortion. But those who have made the trip down Legion recently might have noticed something different. About eight weeks ago, a group of Olympia citizens banded together to counter these anti-choice protesters.

Now, every Friday, there are scores of

Olympia community members braving the rain, the wind, and even the snow and ice to show their support for Planned Parenthood and, more importantly, those who are using its services on that day.

The outpouring of support from the community since the start of this event has been enormous; muffins, cookies, coffee, and pizza are donated by local businesses and citizens to sustain the supporters. But most important are the simple "thank you's," waves, and honks that the supporters receive from passersby. They come to say "thank you for standing up for our community, and thank you for taking back this street."

The Planned Parenthood supporters are creative. Since the 40 Days of Life protest begun, close to \$4,000 has been raised for Planned Parenthood in Olympia. A secret café held on April 10th by Planned Parenthood supporters netted nearly \$1,400, and many hope to raise funds to reach the ultimate goal of \$5,000 by the end of the 40 Days event.

Want to help support Planned Parenthood? Attend the morning Planned Parenthood support rallies from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Olympia Planned Parenthood building, located on the corner of Adams and Legion downtown. Signs are provided, just show up!

The Wider World: The perils of give-and-take

Mark Ciccone

Student Contributor

In his speech this past Wednesday (4/13), President Obama once again demonstrated his superb rhetorical skills, calling for an even more entrenched defense of Medicare and Medicaid from the GOP's hedge-clipper-like budget cuts as well as a renewed—and welcome—call for an end to the persistent Bush-era tax cuts on families and individuals making more than \$250,000 and \$200,000, respectively. He also wants to crack down on corporate tax evasion and make nearly \$400 billion in cuts from the bloated Pentagon budget.

This was further complimented by calls for even more spending in the fields of clean energy, education, and job creation, and for a rise in the debt ceiling to avoid a crippling general governmental default, all vitally necessary to the recovery of the nation's economy (See AP News, 4/13/11).

Yet at the same time, the President's speech was salted with rhetoric emphasizing a need to "live within our means," as well as offerings of hundreds of billions more in further cuts and "savings" in public services, even after the recent legislation promising \$38 billion of both in exchange for a temporary halting of the GOP's regressive social "reforms" and the closing of the current budget year.

While in normal times compromise is to be lauded, the times we are living in now are anything but normal. The Right refuses to govern unless their leaders, lobbyists, and corporate allies gain the lion's share of tax cuts and policymaking. The voters are largely ignored, unless they are sheep-like enough to demand the erasure of protections and services which they will need in the years to come, and which the Right despises.

And the Left, though somewhat reenergized by the union protests of the past several months, and by the manifest stupidity and shortsightedness of the Right's policies,

is divided and lacking a clear unifying voice.

There is still hope, though. After blaming the Left in the mid-terms for the still-lagging economy caused by Bush and the GOP, the nation as a whole is seeing just how much more the Right cares about protecting the wealthy and promoting its "moral" agenda than it cares about the average citizen.

Revelations of staggering sums of revenue hidden by corporate tax dodgers—enough, some estimates show, to halve the current \$14 trillion deficit if collected in one fell swoop—have made many realize just how little these giants give back to the nation while outsourcing hundreds of thousands of jobs and complaining of "exorbitant" tax rates.

Even elected officials have made their discontent starkly clear, as shown in Senator Bernie Sanders's eloquent critiques of the back-room budget deals of late and the arrest of the mayor of DC, Vincent Gray, for protesting the severe cuts and restrictions made to the District as part of the \$38 billion "compromise" (See AP News, 4/12/11).

With the recent budget deal, the President showed he can deal fairly with the GOP when needed, so as to keep the nation solvent and on the road to recovery. Now he must follow the rhetoric of his 4/13 speech and continue to demand that they do the same to avoid doldrums that would make the '08 crash—or even the Great Depression—seem like a minor hiccup. The nation and administration have handed over enough to the Right; now it's time for the other side to cough up.



Demonstrators are united in ideology

Jack Lukins

CPJ Staff

The branches of the old oak tree in front of the Capitol draped over my head. The landscapers didn't trust that the branches would hold their aging weight, so they were supported by black metal poles and cables. A herd of grade school kids milled around and packed onto buses, their vastly outnumbered teachers all tired women who looked like they needed a drink and a raise. You get the impression that this isn't what they went to college for.

As I walked the opposite way of the children, on my left there was a line of primarily middle-aged and elderly white people almost uniformly carrying small yellow flags with a coiled snake baring its fangs over the caption, 'Don't Tread on Me.' On my right was another trickle of protesters, Westside Olympia-looking types, with colorful signs and instruments.

As we passed a row of trees, the line of yellow flags went left, up to the grey stone steps of the Capitol building, where Baba O' Riley by The Who was playing over loudspeakers, "It's only a teenage wasteland." The liberal-looking youths walked towards the smaller steps of the court building.

There were maybe 40 of them, a much smaller showing than the approximately 7,000 who took to the Capitol steps last Friday, but they seemed earnest as they looked across at the maybe 200 members of the Tea Party. A small group with a mandolin, banjo, and guitar set up in the corner, while others held up signs and shouted the slogans they've been using since the 60's through megaphones.

I was taking notes when a short, tan, lady with distinguished grey hair walked up to me and immediately asked, "Are

you a journal-

ist?" To be honest, I wasn't sure what to answer, but I decided to see where this would go. I told her I was, and she introduced herself as Carol Willey. She said that she worked in health care and began to explain to me that in recessions, it is almost always health care and social services that are cut. "I think it's sad," she told me, "That always the first thing the government cuts is money for the disabled." Indeed, Governor Gregoire's budget proposal features a \$1.4 billion cut to social services in areas such as subsidized health care for 66,000 people, elimination of a program that supports disabled people who are temporarily unemployed and drastic rollbacks to naturalization services which helps immigrants become U.S. citizens. Willey explained that she helped organize demonstrations and that she could introduce me to the person in charge. I accepted, and we walked towards a group of men who were setting up a banner with the constitution, bearing the heading, 'We the Corporations.' A young man wearing a bright orange and maroon Mad Hatter costume was directing the setup, and she called out to him asking if he had time to talk to me. He said that he needed another minute and continued to set up while I looked across the lawn at the capitol steps, where the crowd was waving signs saying, 'Stop Union Greed,' and, 'No Obamacare.'



Tracking in Evergreen's backyard



From left: Adam Martin, senior points out tracks in the mud to students Mark Goodhew, Tina Benson and Kim Wascher, all freshmen, during his Introduction to Animal Tracking workshop on Wednesday April 20, 2011, behind the library.



A large dog's pawprint found in the mud by the entrance to the woods behind the library.



A deer leg found in the woods, which may have been killed by a coyote or large bird of prey and dragged by a student and/or animal to the path in the woods behind the library.



Adam Martin, senior, displays how you can tell the difference between footprints left by animals in the ground to Tina Benson, freshman, Andrew Osalt, junior, Kim Wascher, and Mark Goodhew, both freshman.

Photos and captions by Nick Strite

In the Queue: Demolition Man

Jason Trent

Student Contributor

You know what's wrong with this world? Let me tell you: The System is too soft. The bleeding hearts have taken over, and the streets are full of psychopaths who only understand violence. You know the solution? A tough cop who isn't afraid to break all the rules. Great formula for an action movie, right? But why hasn't someone projected that authoritarian fantasy onto an imagined future to set up a false analogy that exaggerates dangers and simplifies solutions? Good question. *Demolition Man* is that movie.

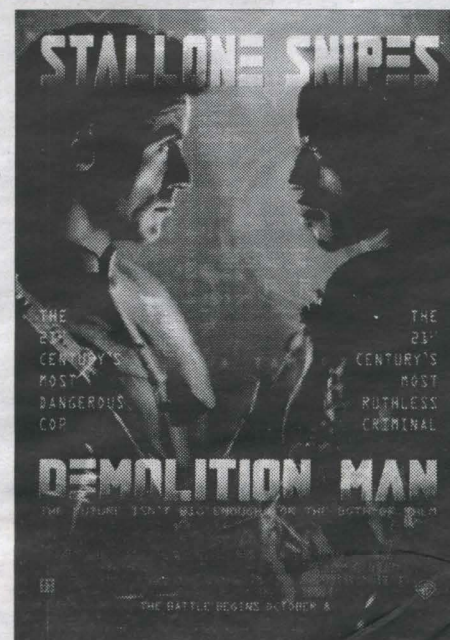
In *Demolition Man*, we learn that in the future, California will be a dystopia of enforced mellow-ness (just like it was in the 1970's) because all people will get health care and stop having sex. A defrosted criminal from the olden days will escape, so they have to de-freeze a crazy cop (Sylvester Stal-

lone) from the 90's to fight him. Due to a lack of profanity or heart disease, no one knows how to do anything. Sandra Bullock plays a cop who loves all things from the 90's, including the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Their scenes together are awkward, but not in the awkwardly funny way we see these days. They didn't have the technology for that kind of humor back then. Instead, Sandra Bullock has to engage in bad dialogue with Sylvester ("human growth hormones are not steroids") Stallone. Rob Schneider, of *Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo*, must have been Sylvester Stallone's buddy in the 90's or something, because they were in an even worse version of this movie when it was called *Judge Dredd* in 1995. The best thing about *Demolition Man*? It is marginally better than *Judge Dredd*. Director Brambilla met his required frequent flier miles to Nowheresville and went on to do almost nothing else.

The movie, named for an unpopular song by Sting when he was in the new-wave band The Police (If his band had been called The Fish, would the movie would have been about Sylvester Stallone swimming around and eating kelp?), is the kind of thing your older brother who is really into black metal and Ayn Rand thinks is cool.

Demolition Man was in my queue because I made it through the whole 1990's without seeing it. I sometimes like big action movies with practical effects and stunts, and I was afraid I might be missing out on something great. Unfortunately, it turned out that I was only missing out on some bad jokes about the Red Hot Chili Peppers and toilet paper. I should have hit DELETE for this one.

What to watch instead: *Sleeper* (1973, dir. Woody Allen), *Idiocracy* (2006, dir. Mike Judge), and *The Road Warrior* (1981, dir. George Miller)



The original movie poster for *Demolition Man* in 1993.

Carlson leads Geoduck track to record-setting day

Darren Woods

Student Contributor

Karissa Carlson led the charge last weekend as three Geoducks broke school records in four events at the Lewis and Clark Invitational in Portland, OR.

Carlson was the headliner for Evergreen State competing in two events: the 1,500m run and the 800m run. In the 1,500, the fleet-footed junior scorched the track in a school record time of 4:43.93; a time that nearly gave her a provisional qualification for the NAIA. She wasn't done yet: the busy Geoduck lowered another mark in the women's 800m just hours later in commanding fashion, stopping the clock at 2:17.01 and lowering her own school record of 2:18.32 set just a week ago by more than a second. The Lewis and Clark Invitational marks the fourth consecutive meet that Carlson has improved her time this season.

Carlson wasn't the only Geoduck rewriting the record book. On the infield, Meaghan Tomasiewicz raised the bar by besting her own school record in the pole vault for the second week in a row, clearing 2.90m. Evergreen's high flier cleared 2.80m one week ago at the Northwest Relays after not clearing a bar her first meet of the season. Tomasiewicz is now the fourth ranked pole-vaulter in



Karissa Carlson

Photo: Courtesy of Evergreen Athletic Department

the Cascade Collegiate Conference and has, like Carlson, improved her performance at every meet she has competed in this outdoor season.

Another lady Geoduck trimmed her school record in Portland, this time in

the hurdles; senior Evelyn Coleman posted a 21.49 in the women's 100m hurdle race. Coleman improved her previous school record of 21.79 by three-tenths of a second.

On the men's side, two-time school record holder Connor Abdelnoor grabbed a 10th place finish in the men's 110m hurdles but opted not to run in the long hurdles, which are his primary event.

Senior distance runner Tyler Luce ran both a season's best and personal best in his first 3000m steeplechase ever, crossing the line in 11:38.22.

Honorable Carlson

Evergreen middle distance star Karissa Carlson received a CCC honorable mention for Red Lion Athlete of the Week for her performance Saturday that produced two school records and a second place finish. Carlson finished in second place in a loaded 800m race.

Top Ten Geoducks

There are several Geoducks that have slid into the top ten rankings in the CCC. Karissa Carlson boasts two top ten marks in the 800m (6th) and 1500m (7th), while Meaghan Tomasiewicz is in a tie for fourth place in the conference in the pole vault and is also tied, this time for ninth, in the women's high jump. Another Geoduck jumper, freshman Kailene Rollins, is number six in the CCC with her school record performance from the UPS Shotwell Invitational at the beginning of May.

Connor Abdelnoor is the sole Geoduck ranked in the top ten so far this season on the men's team. Abdelnoor is the eighth ranked 400m hurdler in the conference.

The 2011 CCC track and field championships take place May 12-14 at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, OR.

Outdoor programs make tracks

Lewis Mikkelson

CPJ Staff

The end of April could be busier than a liquor store just before closing on a Friday night. The Evergreen student body has an excellent opportunity to learn about surviving the outdoors with a series of workshops and a trip off the Evergreen campus. Students have the chance to enhance their skills in everything from the ability to pack backpacks lightly to knowing how to prepare food in the outdoors.

The first class, Introduction to Animal Tracking, already held on Wednesday afternoon, was received by a passionate group of Greeners. The class gathered in classroom 0406 in the library to hear a presentation on the finer points of animal tracking. They focused on identifying different animal tracks in different environments. After spending a short amount of time indoors, the group stormed into the woods behind the library and found some bird, deer, and raccoon tracks.

After examining these tracks, the group sauntered through the woods in search of more tracks to investigate. The group quieted down to hear the sounds that ring throughout the woods. They stumbled upon an unusual find: a fawn's leg. The group quickly surrounded the leg and started to ask questions about how it could have gotten there. After they were answered, the group pressed on to the beach.

The workshop finished on the Evergreen beach. The instructor, 3rd year senior Adam Martin, asked them to take a

moment of silence and listen to the sound of the water to understand the importance of nature in our society and to hear the animals around the water. Martin also pointed out how seagulls would swoop down, pick a mussel, and crack it open by dropping it on a rock. He then informed the class of the best place to look for tracks on the beach and what to look for.

One workshop is done, but there are two more chances to take advantage of the free outdoor workshops that are located on campus. On Monday, April 25, the next workshop that will be offered is the Introduction to Ultra-Light Backpacking Gear demo at 5pm in Room 109 on the first floor of the CRC. The workshop is lead by Eric Johnson, who will talk about how to prepare for the Pacific Coast Trail.

Two days later, the third and final workshop will be offered on Wednesday, April 27, at 1pm on the CRC patio. The introduction to food preparation, pack-



From left: Adam Martin, senior, Mark Goodhew, Tina Benson, both freshman and Andrew Osalt, junior, spent a moment when they reached the beach taking in the sounds and smells of the ocean ecosystem, right in Evergreen's backyard.

Photo: Nick Strite

aging, and cooking in the backcountry will give anyone planning a trip in the outdoors enough basic instruction to keep their stomachs full.

On Saturday, April 30, students will go off campus on an all-day excursion to the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. There is an \$8 fee to help pay for the transportation that will be provided for students. The vans leave at 9 am from

the C-lot information kiosk. Once arriving at the Wildlife Refuge, students will learn about bird watching and enjoy a peaceful nature walk.

To sign up for these classes and the trip, take one of the blue forms that are on both levels of the CRC. After filling one out, turn the form into the desk upstairs in the CRC.

Thursday

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Insular Empire film and discussion Sem II E1105 10am

Color of Fear film and discussion Sem II B1107 6:30pm

Pacific Islander Celebration Lecture Hall 5 3:30pm

Ancestral Wisdom	Sem II C2105, 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Common Bread	Longhouse, Cedar Room, 5:30-7:30 pm
Dance Matrix Coll.	Sem II B1107, 6-9 pm
Evr. Stu. 4 Sus. Animal Ag	Lab I 3033, 7-8 am
Freewave Dance Coll.	C1107 & C1105, 7:30-9:30 pm
Law Society	Sem II D2109, 4-6:30 pm
MidEast Solidarity Project	Sem II B2105, 5-8 pm
Sabot Infoshoppe	Sem II A2107, 5-6 pm

Friday

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The Angry Eye film and discussion Lecture Hall 1 10:30am

Addicted to Failure: US Drug War Policy in the Americas lecture by Sanho Tree Lecture Hall 1 12pm

Twana Seowin Society cultural presentation Longhouse 1pm

Capoeira Angola	CRC 177 2:30-4:20 pm
Circus Resurgence	LIB 3000, 5-9 pm
FreeWave Dance Coll.	CRC 116, 6-9 pm
Knitting and Crocheting Club	CAB 313, 1-3 pm
SCNM	(New Music) The Flaming Eggplant Cafe, 12-1 pm
Anti-Racism Discussion Group	LIB 2207 3-4 pm

Saturday

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Humans v. Zombies outside Sem II 6pm

Sci-fi Collective LH 2, 5:30-9 pm
SVGA (Video Games) CAB 301, 3-6 pm

Sunday

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Demeter's Garden Work Party and Potluck: Organic Farm 10am

Shape Note Singers Meeting and Potluck Longhouse 5pm

DEAP Organic Farm 11-3 pm

Monday

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Asian Women's Group: Tara Tabassi talk and workshop First Peoples Unity Lounge 9am

Master in Teaching Info Workshop Sem II E3123 3-5pm

Ultralight Backpacking Gear Demo CRC 109 5pm

Passover Seder hosted by Evergreen Hillel and BSU Longhouse 6pm

Asian Pacific Islander Coalition	CAB 313, 1-2 pm
Capoeira Angola	CRC 117, 2:30-4:30 pm
Cooper Point Journal	CAB 332, 4-5 pm
Evr. Stu. 4 Sus. Animal Ag	Lab I 3033, 12:30-1:30 pm
Funny Bones Organization	Sem II C3109, 3:30-5 pm
FreeWave Dance Coll.	CRC 116, 3-5 pm
Health Society	Lab I 3033, 11:30-12:30 pm
TREX	(Transgender Resources) Sem II D2107, 4:30-6 pm
WashPIRG	(Ban the Bottle) Sem II C2107 5-6pm

Tuesday

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Empowering Seuality Workshop Sem II B1107 5pm

Lucid Dreaming lecture by Robert Waggoner Sem II C1107 11am

Dance Matrix Coll.	Sem II B1107, 6-9 pm
GRAS	(Anime Club) Sem II E1107, 6-9:30 pm
The Great Fires	Organic Farm, 6-8 pm
Greeners for Christ	Sem II C1107, 7-8 pm
First Potluck Kick-Off	CAB 3rd floor conference room

Wednesday

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Creative Writing Workshop: Utopia and Dystopia LIB 2310 1:30pm

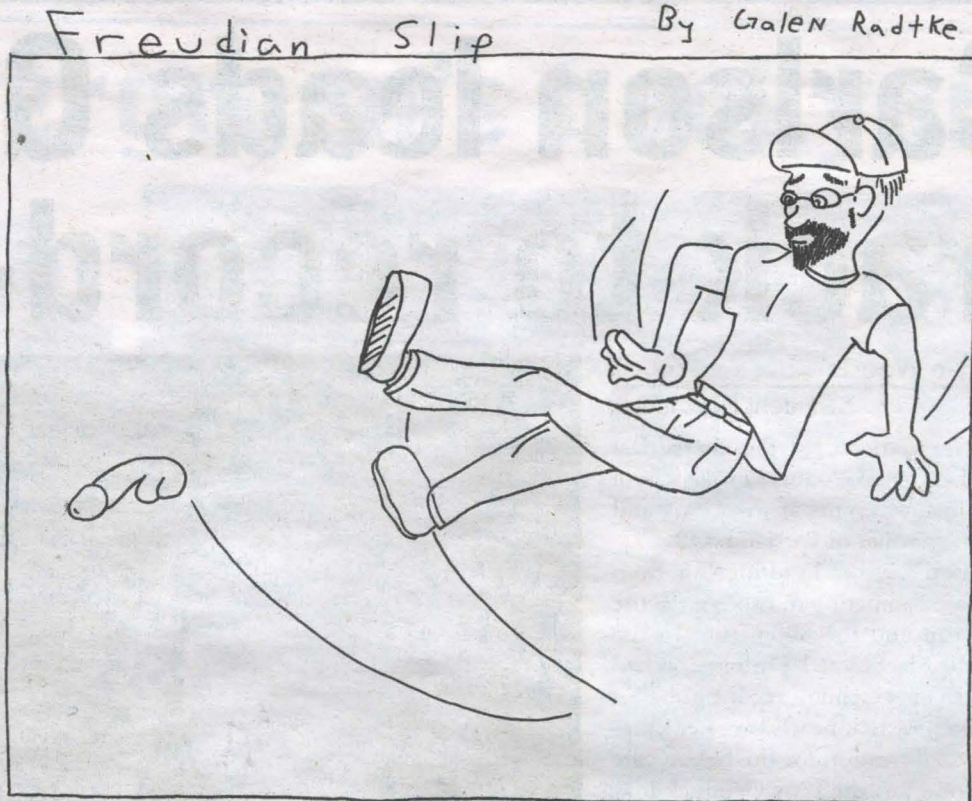
Grammar Garden Workshop: Parts of Speech LIB 2310 3:30pm

Emergency Contraceptive Workshop Sem II A2109 4:30pm

Bedfellows	Cedar Room, Longhouse, 7-10 pm
Coalition Against Sexual Violence	Lib 2207, 1-2 pm
Conscious Cooks	Organic Farmhouse, 3-5 pm
Chemistry Club	Lab I 3033, 2-3 pm
Dance Matrix Coll.	CRC 116, 3-5:30 pm
Ever. Gaming Guild	CAB 2nd floor, Quiet Lounge, 6-9 pm
Evergreen Queer Alliance	Sem II C1107, 3-5 pm
Funny Bones	Sem II C3109, 2-5 pm
Geoduck Student Union	Sem II D1105, 2-4 pm
Geoduck Campus Games	CAB 301, 6-7:30 pm
Geology Club	Lab II 2211, 3-4 pm
Greeners for Choice	Sem II A2109, 3:30-4:30 pm
Icarus Project	Sem II A3105, 3-5 pm
Latin Am. Solidarity Org.	CAB 313, 3-4 pm
MidEast Solidarity Project	LIB 1005, 5-6:30 pm
Native Student Alliance	Longhouse Lounge, 4-5 pm
Photo Club	LIB 1412, 1:30-3:30 pm
Slightly West	Sem II E3107, 1:30-3:30 pm
Socialist Alternative	Sem II E 2107, 4-5:30 pm
Student Vet Org	CAB 313, 1-2 pm
WashPIRG	Longhouse 1002, 5-6 pm
Women's Resource Center	WRC, CAB 321, 1:30-2:30 pm
YaYa	CAB 313, 4-5 pm

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