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Budget cuts stress WSFE negotiations

Erin Finch
CPJ Staff

Fatigue seems to have set in as the collective bargaining negotiation process for the classified employees of the Evergreen State College enters its fifth month of deadlock. The negotiations have been in progress since July 2010, but have been at an impasse since January.

A wide variety of Evergreen's employees are considered 'classified,' including many like facilities, residential, dining and custodial staff that students interact with every day. Their negotiation team is backed by the Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE), a state-wide union which conducts dozens of collective bargaining negotiations every year.

Though the negotiations are closed to the public, and neither party is permitted to discuss them in detail, the WFSE team claims that the process has been frustrating. The college administration, they say, has refused to budge on several of their demands.

In an update posted by the WFSE negotiation team, they said, "management is unwilling to agree that exempt staff will take the same three percent salary cut as proposed to the classified staff."

Steve Johnson, an Evergreen classified employee and member of the WFSE 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. "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.

"It is very, very important to our members that everybody share the sacrifice," said Lin Crowley, a member of the WFSE negotiation team. "Our negotiation team has asked for that shared sacrifice language to be included in our contract, we're trying to fight for that," she said.

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 negotiations

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 three percent 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 any group going to take more than their fair share? No," said Trotter.

FINAL BUDGET DROPS PROTECTION FOR 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.

The bill that describes how this cut will be administered, Senate bill 5860, forbids college administrators from cutting the pay of full-time employees making less than \$2500 per month, as well as part-timers who would make less than \$2500 if employed full-time. In reality, this clause protects a small number of employees at Evergreen including most, but not all, of our 33 custodians.

Notably absent, however, is a clause protecting classified staff, which was present in the original bill as proposed by Senator Ed Murray on behalf of governor Gregoire.

The original bill read, "Institutions of higher education shall not include reductions in the classified employee workforce to achieve the compensation reductions..." It goes on to identify some ways in which compensation reductions might be achieved without layoffs, including temporary salary reduction, voluntary or mandatory leave without pay, temporary layoffs or reduction in work hours, or a reduction in the percentage of an employee's position.

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No more peanut butter jelly time

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Next year, there will be no more free peanut butter and jelly sandwiches available at the Police Services office.

The program, which has run for two years, will be shutting down due to increased cost. This past year, students made an average of 700 sandwiches every week at the counter, which was available 24 hours-a-day. It costs about \$500 per week to maintain.

Instead of maintaining the PB&J counter, Police and Parking Services will be expanding their food bank.

According to Sorger, the PB&J service has expanded beyond its original purpose, and become simply another source of snack food.

"The purpose was to help those 42 percent of students below the poverty line," said Sorger. He said that the initial intention was to provide food for those students who had no way to easily purchase their own.

However, he has seen more and more people taking advantage of the offer of free food. "I think there are lots of kids that take it that don't really need it. Has it turned into a kind of snack thing to get you through your next class?" said Sorger.

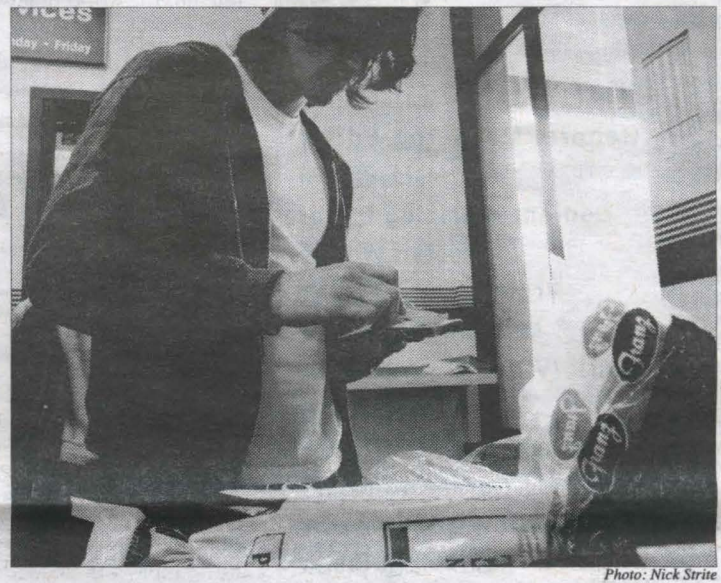
In spite of this, Sorger says that he was committed to never turning anyone away. "I can't say, 'you can have some and you can't.' I'm not going to stop anyone. People are getting fed, and that's great."

"We've looked at this from every angle, trying to figure out how to do it another year, and there's just not enough money," said Sorger.

One of the main reasons it costs so much to maintain is the fact that they are required by health codes to use dis-

posable portion-sized containers rather than bulk packages, like jars of peanut butter.

The sandwich supplies were paid for entirely by donations. "No government money went into this, except for



Senior Malcolm Stinson makes himself a PB&J sandwich, a service that is currently being phased out due to lack of funds.

the time I spent organizing it," said Sorger.

Aramark, the company that supplies food and catering services to the Evergreen State College, donated a third of the cost, while Franz Bakery and the Thurston County Food Bank provided the bread. In addition, a weekly staff or faculty sponsor donated \$60 for supplies.

Sorger says that even with all the help the PB&J counter receives, he must still scramble to cover a shortfall of around \$250 each week.

Next year, Police and Parking Services will expand their food bank, installing a new shelf, and will seek to consistently provide Ramen, Cup Noodle and Macaroni and Cheese for students in need.

"It's a sad thing, because we worked so hard to keep this going, but we want to look at this as an opportunity to make our food bank better," said Sorger.

Sorger says he's sad to see the program go, but that it had run its course. "We wanted Police and Parking Services to be an active part of this community, and show people that we're really here to help as much as we can. I think we succeeded in that," he said.

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In the Queue
NETFLIX

Check out this week's In the Queue to see what's hot and what's not on the Netflix instant queue, according to Jason Trent.

ANALYSIS OF STUDENT HOMELESSNESS IN COLLEGE ONLINE

Did you know some of your fellow students may be homeless, or that many other college students are without refuge? See Yin Yu's article online for more info and what you can do to help change things.

Procession of the Species: discriminatory?

When Procession administrators objected to an Evergreen student's costume choice, did they restrict freedom of expression or uphold the Procession's statutes? Erin Finch reports.

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Developing new venue downtown

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Student Contributor

Beginning early in the calendar year, three Evergreen interns began working with Clifford Lee, the owner of an abandoned, burned down establishment in downtown Olympia. The building sits on 4th Avenue between Adams and Franklin with a large mural at the entrance. The intention of the project is to create a space that integrates the values and practices of sustainable design and implementation with functioning social structures.

The initial phase of the project will be to provide a multi-purpose venue in conjunction with systems such as indoor aquaponics production, rain water harvesting, renewable energy, and a living roof. The goal here is to evoke ongoing conversation and interactions between sustainable systems and business/social structures. This is a practice in bringing the values of sustainability and conscious living into the world that we live in and interact with everyday, and we need your help!

Local artists and those seeking active involvement, here is your opportunity for

community participation and collaboration! We anticipate hosting a variety of events during summer to fundraise the costs of installing a roof. Events will include: concerts, talent shows, art openings, and poetry readings, among other featured talents. This means dancers, directors, musicians, acrobats, and event and workshop facilitators can all contribute thoughts about your ideal space. Given the gutted state of the building, there is currently potential to preserve everyone's interests in creating a space that caters to our needs. All input is valuable.

Fundraisers will be held on June 3rd, 4th, and 5th when the building opens for showings of "Romeo and Juliet," which is



The 4th Avenue building is now a shell of what it once was and what it will be. Photo: Nick S.

produced by Evergreen Students. Our current focus is on events spanning mid-June to August. Come showcase your performing arts talents in a creative environment of collaboration and community development. If you are interested in performing or volunteering for events, please contact me at mud@yahoo.com.

Makin' Media: Digital Storytelling

Grace Bell

Student Contributor

A defining characteristic of our generation has been technological communication. The Internet was our new frontier. This evolution has forever changed the way we learn about and interact with one another.

The advancement of applications on cell-phones and ipods, along with their widespread distribution, has allowed user-generated content to flourish. The rising popularity of YouTube, Flickr, and Facebook provide venues for anyone to be heard.

Through my internship at Thurston Community Television, our local public access sta-

tion, I've been able to provide marginalized youth access to media as an outlet for creative expression. The internship was created to help foster digital storytelling for youth whose voices are often silenced.

Digital storytelling is part of a broader artistic movement of the 21st century that validates and appreciates the work of non-professional artists. In our capitalist culture, we are often consumers of media, not having the opportunity to produce and share our life experiences.

Digital storytelling is about self-expression, looking inside yourself to find meaningful experiences and sharing that wisdom with others. The process also teaches media skills and

guides participants in producing a personal media artifact. Its fundamental philosophy are facilitated through a series of participatory workshops that evoke and provide a safe-space to write and produce personal stories through mixed-media. Because these are digital stories, people can share them via Internet, television, or radio.

This method is a tool of empowerment. Producing self-made media through a reflective process works to dispel the myths we find internalized in ourselves. These myths, propagated by mainstream media, influence our identities and how we relate to and perceive one another.

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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 proposed bill, said that its original 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.

It is not clear why this language was removed, though it has been the college administration's policy to fight against legislative restrictions as to where the cuts are applied.

SB5860 is currently awaiting governor Gregoire's signature before it becomes law.

UNION'S NEXT MOVE

The WFSE team seems resigned to wait until the college releases their operational budget at the end of July before they decide what course of action to take. "We want to know whether or not there is any plan to do a reorganization. What are the layoffs going to be like?" wondered Crowley.

"The college has to come out with a plan about how they wanted to do the reductions, then we will have to come in again and talk about what that plan looks like, and see if there's anything we can do to save those people's jobs," said Crowley. "When they come out with their plan, hopefully they will show us that the exempt staff as well as the classified staff will take the same

kind of cut."

What happens next will likely depend on the union's opinion of the administration's budget.

The last update from the WFSE negotiation team's website reads, "Without an agreement, the terms and conditions of the current contract will continue for 12-months. During this time, your team will

continue to ask for your support in getting the message across to College administration. Fairness is not just a word in the contract. It must be demonstrated by offering classified employees fair, reasonable and responsive proposals at the negotiating table."

It is not clear, at this point, when the negotiations will conclude.

Fed up with Aramark



Sabra Chandiwalla

CPJ Staff

Many students have expressed their distaste at having Aramark Educational Services, Inc. (Aramark) as their primary food provider here on campus. Sophomore Osuna Lopez says, "I think [Aramark] is too expensive for what they offer. They're not worth the money we are paying...The only reason they're still here is because it makes them look good...And I think that you could make better and healthier food in a microwave."

I personally dislike the fact that, rather than working out some sort of agreement with a number of different local organic farms from Olympia and the surrounding Olympia cities, Evergreen decided to go with a major corporation that supports the American prison system.

We as Evergreen students are inadvertently perpetuating and supporting the injustice that goes hand-in-hand with our current prison system through extension of paying for Aramark food and supporting the Aramark company. We are paying to have and keep Aramark on campus and in business. Furthermore, Aramark gets to say, "look, We're not a bad corporation! We've got Evergreen on our side."

According to Bloomberg Businessweek, Aramark made \$12.6 billion in sales in 2007. "[T]he privately held company is the largest food caterer in the U.S. Aramark entered China in 2004 and provides food and housekeeping services to such clients as Lenovo and the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

By catering the Olympics, Aramark hopes to raise its profile and revenues in China, which were just \$71 million last year. "This really upgrades our company's brand awareness and reputation," says T.S. Hong, president of Aramark Service Industries (China). "Think how important this Olympics is to China."

And think how much the Olympics would have meant to citizens of China and those under Chinese occupation, T.S. Hong, had China followed through

with its agreement to give its citizens free speech and other basic human rights. Aramark, despite the major controversy of the Beijing Olympics, saw the 2008 Olympics as an opportunity to exploit the Chinese people and expand their company.

Freshman Vanessa Hoy says having Aramark on campus "sucks ass. I dislike [Aramark] because it's a big corporation and I don't like corporations...but to be honest, there's not many sustainable ways to serve a bunch of people besides [something like a corporation], but I don't think Aramark is the way to go."

Not only is Aramark "the largest food caterer in the U.S.," you can bet that it has many fancy lawyers dedicated to writing up contracts with safety nets and fail-safes to protect the corporation from any lawsuit, damages, or loopholes to make more profit.

One clause put in the contract between Evergreen and Aramark allows Aramark to amend a specific part of the contract every March. Although these amendments must be approved by the Evergreen administration, there is no room for student input, let alone a clause that says students must be informed of the change taking place. This clause has allowed Aramark to raise mandatory meal plan prices - which they did in 2007, 2008, and 2009 - and change the way the meal plan system works. From 2004 to the end of August, 2007, block meals and declining balance would roll over from quarter to quarter.

After August 30, 2007, block meals and declining balance no longer roll over and whatever is left will be lost at the end of the quarter. This works well for Evergreen and Aramark due to clause 1.3.2 of the Evergreen/Aramark contract that says any unspent declining balance will be split evenly between the two parties.

The fact that Evergreen students have no say in the amendments made to the Evergreen/Aramark contract is concerning. These amendments greatly affect each and every Evergreen student who is paying for an education and a place to eat on campus. Next year, the Cooper Point Journal will begin a thorough investigation of the contract between Aramark and Evergreen, and how it affects the Evergreen community.

If you wish to get involved with this process or have information pertaining to this topic, please email us at cpj@evergreen.edu or stop by our office on the third floor of the CAB, next to Student Activities.

Look for the full investigative story on Aramark and how it affects you next year!

An open letter from Jewish Evergreen students and alumni

Last week's Cooper Point Journal print edition featured a student-contributed opinion piece that criticized the recent commemoration of the Nakba on Red Square, an action that garnered much positive feedback, including from members and coordinators of Evergreen Hillel. The Nakba-Arabic for "Catastrophe"-is the name by which Palestinians refer to their experience of the establishment of the State of Israel. This article repeatedly treated both Palestinian and Jewish peoples as monolithic entities with essentialized traits. We, Jewish students and alumni of The Evergreen State College, choose to speak out against this misuse of our identities and that of Palestinians.

As Jews, we reject the reduction of our identities to a category of "race." The claim that Jews are a distinct racial group has been made to bolster antisemitic ideas and theories for centuries. This idea is a thoroughly out-dated and dis-proven one that is rejected almost universally within the modern Jewish community. The diversity of backgrounds that make up the Jewish people spans across every continent-there are Latino Jews, East Asian Jews, Black African Jews, European Jews, Arab Jews from North Africa and Southwest Asia, not to mention the thousands of Jews-by-Choice who have come to Judaism as adults. To reduce Jewishness to something as base as "race" marginalizes the vast majority of the global Jewish community and diminishes our community. Such broad racialization does not, of course, only happen to Jews in discussions about the Israeli/Palestinian conflict: Palestinians are repeatedly painted in broad strokes as "terrorists". As Jews united against Islamophobia and all racial prejudices, we oppose this defamation of Arab and Muslim peoples as contrary to the universal values of our Jewish tradition.

We reject attempts to distract us from the true obstacles to the peace process. The siege of Gaza, the Occupation and illegal settlement of the West Bank, and the continued exile of Palestinian refugees are the true stumbling blocks to peace. We particularly reject the claim that Gaza is not in a state of siege. The prohibition against the import of building materials to reconstruct civilian infrastructure destroyed by missile strikes during Operation Cast Lead is leading to an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. The Israeli Human Rights organization B'tselem states that "the siege on the Gaza Strip has led to a substantial drop in the availability of necessities and medicines there and a sharp rise in their prices. Most factories and hundreds of businesses have closed. This policy infringes the right of Palestinians in the Strip to work and earn a living with dignity and their right to an adequate standard of living." (http://www.btselem.org/English/Gaza_Strip/)

We reject apologetics for human rights abuses. The minimization of IDF abuses against the Palestinian people to the wearing of "frightening masks" is unacceptable. The reality of "flying checkpoints" that make ordinary every day tasks take hours; the destruction of civilian infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, and homes as well as waste-water treatment plants to maintain clean sources of fresh water; the theft of land and water resources by the illegal Separation barrier built in defiance of rulings by both the International Court of Justice as well as by the Israeli Supreme Court (http://www.btselem.org/English/Separation_Barrier/); these are all truths that we refuse to ignore or justify.

We reject the re-writing of history. Historians, including Israelis such as Ilan Pappé, have come to acknowledge that what happened to the indigenous Arab peoples of Palestine beginning in 1947 constitutes what we now recognize as ethnic cleansing. Because the Nakba is being conducted in our names as Jews, we have a duty to call it out for what it is and to oppose it at every turn.

We reject the mischaracterization of historical memory. The claim that remembering events that happened in the past is "hateful" and "counter-productive" to peace is incredibly insensitive, especially in light of the experiences of the Jewish people throughout history. It is through the remembrance of our struggles as well as our successes that we have been able to survive. We oppose any attempt to diminish the historical memory of any community, whether that of Native peoples here in the Americas or that of Palestinians in Israel/Palestine. The suggestion that there is some sort of statute of limitations on historical trauma is especially distasteful to those of us whose family members are survivors of the Holocaust, or the Shoah-another word, this one Hebrew, meaning "Catastrophe".

We will never forget, and when we say "Never again," we mean "Never again-for anyone!"

Vincent Calvetti, Hannah Etengoff, Joanna Levy, Emily Weisberg, Aviva Simon-Pottharst, Hannah Weisberg, Rachel Greene, Nancy Franco, Paul French, Vanessa Hoy, Elizabeth Moore

Farewell to the tangible; welcome to the web

Melkorka Licea

CPJ Staff

Some of you may have heard the rumor that the Cooper Point Journal is switching to an all web publication next year. I am here to validate this rumor, and verify that yes, this will be going down beginning half way through fall quarter of 2011. At first I felt betrayed. It's a newspaper for god's sake!

Who in their right mind is seriously going to seek out our website just to read some arbitrary news and stories about the Evergreen Campus, which many of us don't even live on anymore? Plus it's the nostalgia of it; simple pleasures in simpler times.

Who doesn't love to sit down with a

coffee or some tea, cross your legs and read the headlines? Maybe even have a cigarette. It's attractive, no doubt. Not to mention that there has been a paper edition of the Cooper Point Journal since December 6, 1971, back when it was simply called "The Paper". Yes, a tangible black and white newspaper carries many connotations of the yester-year, but it's time to stop living in the past.

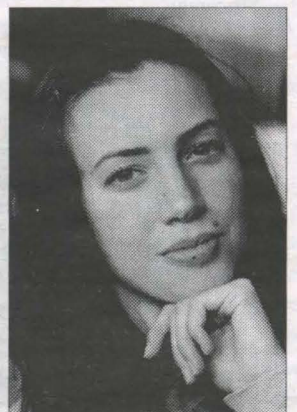
Evergreen is a progressive school. To reiterate, we, as a community, favor change, reform, liberal ideas, and progress. Staying true to these ideals is a priority, and the Cooper Point Journal will continue to mirror these virtues.

Though there are a few complications partly responsible for the print's demise,

such as a diminishing budget and the need to remain sustainable, expanding our learning forum to the web will open many doors. Metaphors aside, this literally means that the switch from print to web will enable the Evergreen community to utilize a forum that is not solely exclusive to Evergreen; it will be accessible to the web or in other words, the wider world.

Students who choose to travel abroad and pursue independent contracts will be able to stay involved and informed. Students from other schools who wish to transfer and are interested in our curriculum will have access to firsthand accounts of the goings on at TESC. It is an opportunity for this establishment to exist outside of itself-all you need is the internet.

Perhaps in a corny kind of way, the switch from the print to the web represents the broadening of our community. If we put all our efforts into making the website easy to navigate and easy to find, our community can involve anyone, and be anywhere. If the option is there, and we have the skills to do it, why not move forward and spread the Evergreen word.



Board of Trustees co-chairs respond to open letter on divestment and boycott

As the co-chairs of the Board of Trustees, we want to respond to the open letter addressed to the Board in the May 19 issue of the Cooper Point Journal.

Almost a year ago, the Geoduck Student Union's representative to the Board shared with us the results of student resolutions calling for divestment from companies profiting from the Israel-Palestine conflict and a boycott of Caterpillar. The GSU representative also shared with us the GSU's related resolutions.

Since then, the GSU's representative to the Board has re-emphasized these resolutions and we have heard dozens of people make public comment on these resolutions over several hours at several meetings. We have heard from students, alumni, staff, faculty and community members. We have also received written comment. Most of the comment we received supported the student resolutions. Some opposed the resolutions.

The comments we have heard have made a powerful impression on us. We heard deeply-felt views on all sides of the issue, powerful calls to action, and an almost universal concern for social justice. We heard judgments based on both personal experience and research. The views we heard were expressed with compassion and respect. We are grateful to all those who took the time to talk to us. A college can be proud to produce this range of informed and expressive voices on an important issue.

We know that the experience of public comment has been frustrating for some. While most communication at Evergreen emphasizes dialogue, the formal public comment sessions at our Board meetings consist largely of one-way communication in which members of the public make brief statements while the Board members focus on listening. These sessions are valuable in helping the Board understand the concerns of the college's constituents, but they do not provide the kind of interchange that produces deep understanding or resolves conflicts.

Toward that end, the President met with the GSU last fall and published a letter to the campus community responding to the student resolutions. As co-chairs, we wrote to the Geoduck Student Union in response to the GSU resolutions in January. In response to the open letter to the Board published in the CPJ on May 19, we want to re-state some of the points made in those previous letters.

The Board long ago delegated to the President, and through the President to the administration and faculty, the responsibility and authority for the operation of the college, including the college's investment and purchasing policies. A Board that, under pressure from either external or internal sources, involves itself in matters that it has previously and appropriately delegated to the college's operational leadership risks creating chaos in the college and, more importantly, may place at risk the principles of shared governance and academic freedom. For these reasons, as co-chairs we have declined to put the questions of divestment and boycott on the Board's formal agenda. From our perspective, the decision about whether to divest or boycott is the President's to make. If we were to launch a formal deliberation of these questions at a Board meeting, we would in effect be revoking delegated authority, and we are not willing to take that step.

The President has previously expressed his decision to not take the college down a road of divestment or boycott as described in the student resolutions. He explained his reasoning in a message to the campus. At the same time, he gave the Vice President for Finance and Administration responsibility for reviewing the college's investment policy. That review, which is being undertaken by a committee that includes members of the faculty and of the GSU, has produced a proposed revision to the college's policy intended to better define and implement the college's commitment to socially responsible investment and to ensure that its investment practices are regularly reviewed in the future. When this work is complete, we look forward to hearing a report on the revised policy.

Finally, we want to make two points. First, we support the President's decisions and actions in response to the student resolutions. Second, the Board's position on the issue of divestment does not represent a failure to hear, listen or respond. Our position is grounded in our understanding of the role of the Board and the institution on these issues. We understand that some may not share our view, but this doesn't mean that we haven't listened, understood and responded to their views.

In closing, we want to express our gratitude for the opportunity to serve Evergreen as co-chairs of the Board this past year. We take very seriously our responsibility to keep Evergreen accessible and affordable to students, to provide equitable compensation and benefits for its faculty and staff, and to stay true to the college's historic commitment to providing a quality interdisciplinary liberal arts education. This has never been easy to do, and the current economic conditions make this work much more difficult. Only the continued dedication and creativity of all members of the Evergreen community can overcome these challenges. We are honored to be a part of this community.

Sincerely,



Irene Gonzales, Ed.D.
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Anne Proffitt, '76
Co-Chair

The Wider World: Ending the vicious cycle

Mark Ciccone

Student Contributor



Ever since 1948, the question of Israel and Palestine has been like a pendulum, swinging between the hope of negotiated peace and an end to almost ceaseless violence and oppression on one side, and bitter disillusionment leading to war or persistent aggression and attacks by either faction on the other. Israeli proposals of settlement and peace have been frustrated time and again by hard-line regimes elsewhere in the Middle East coupled with frequent terrorist attacks, while those of the Palestinians have been quashed constantly by continued Israeli expansion into the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and punitive actions—blockades, airstrikes, and neighborhood raids—intended to root out terrorists yet in the end hitting innocent civilians hardest of all.

Now, in the latest attempt to revive negotiations aimed at ending this vicious circle, both sides have already drawn lines in the sand as to prerequisites for peace. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, during his speech to Congress (See NY Times, 5/24/11), stated that in exchange for recognition of Palestinian statehood, the Palestinians themselves must do the same for Israel, as well as give up demands for "right-of-return" to former homes and lands now under Israeli control, accept the existence of Jewish settlements already within the West Bank, allow for IDF troops to be posted along the Jordan River, abandon claims to East Jerusalem and the other pre-1967 borders, and above all, expel the suspected terrorist party and organization Hamas from their recent coalition government.

The Palestinian government immediately made clear after the speech that such conditions were unacceptable, and thus this body's plan for seeking recognition of

statehood at the United Nations—which the US remains wary of—has gained more impetus as a result. At the same time, President Obama, as if wishing to finally make his exasperation with the stalled talks clear, recently called for Israel to return to the 1967 borderlines, with mutually agreeable exchanges of territory to be made later (See AP News, 5/19/11); an admirable first-step proposal, but one virtually DOA in the eyes of both factions: Israel for fear that it will reduce its overall Jewish character, and Palestine due to the realization that Israel will never accept such terms.

As Abraham Lincoln once said, "We can never finish this, if we never begin it." Peace in Israel-Palestine will only come if both sides abandon the game of absolutes, and realize that their present policies and rhetoric only fan the flames of extremism in their ranks. With the latest overtures from the President, and the renewed drive for statehood in the West Bank and Gaza, there is once again an opportunity to dampen the fires of vengeance and zealotry, and end the vicious circle once and for all. The question is, who will make the first move?

A note about the Board Co-Chairs' letter

Erin Finch

CPJ Staff



Sometimes, I get done reading a piece of writing and realize that very little has actually been said.

It happened to me again just now.

Short version: the Board says Les Purce is in charge and Purce says John Hurley is in charge, and Hurley's formed a committee. Purce says no dice, but at least there's a committee.

Basically, the Board's position is that it is inappropriate for them to have a position.

The Board "supports" Purce's decisions and actions, but is notably vague about the nature of this support. It seems likely that this support amounts simply to a reaffirmation of their delegation of power.

It strikes me that I've just read an ac-

count of why the board that provides "long-term strategic leadership" for Evergreen is morally obligated to form no opinion about a very important issue.

Hogwash.

It is within their authority to state their opinion, and within the scope of their duties to have one. To cast reticence as moral integrity is not really going to cut the mustard.

If their opinion is that divestment is a bad idea, or an impossible policy, let it be known. Students at this college, on both sides of this issue deserve to hear the Board of Trustees' opinion.

The board claims that adopting an official position "risks creating chaos in the college and, more importantly, may place at risk the principles of shared governance and academic freedom."

In what way does it do any of these things?

That the board is willing to simply pass the buck to the President without so much as offering advice on where to spend it seems to cut against the entire purpose of a Board of Trustees.

Honestly, I would have preferred it if they had cut and pasted from Les Purce's open letter to the community, in which he explains his reasoning rejecting divestment quite clearly.

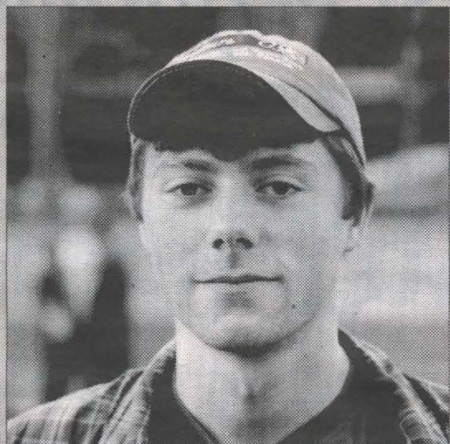
That would at least only have been plagiarism.

Incoming and outgoing: Letters from the editors

Farewell, Cooper Point Journal

Erin Finch

Editor in Chief



When I joined the Cooper Point Journal, I did so as someone frustrated with the quality of my student newspaper. I had worked as a college-level student journalist before, and in my mind that entitled me to be silently (or vocally) disappointed.

I sat a long time with a "multimedia reporter" application in front of me, deciding whether I wanted involve myself in this mess at all.

I filled it out, turned it in, and covered my first story all in one day.

Within the week, all of the CPJ leadership resigned. The organization, which had been struggling since the beginning of the year, collapsed. That was October.

In November, I applied to be editor in chief.

Since then, I have devoted a great deal of my life to making the CPJ organization functional again, and to producing a student newspaper that represents and informs the students of the Evergreen State College.

It has destroyed my social life, my sleep schedule, and my recreation time. It has changed the course of my studies, and sent me in places I would never have willingly gone.

When I was appointed, I was told that I would break down and cry at some point and that nervous breakdowns were 'okay.' That is the nature of what we do.

I have had the privilege of working with a team of students dedicated to a common purpose. We came here to make the best newspaper we could, to inform you, our audience; the citizens of our tiny society.

Anyone who tells you that it is easy for a small group of people to run a multimedia website and print a weekly newspaper is lying through their fucking teeth, but I already knew that when I signed on. What I learned is that it is never enough to be angry. It is never enough to be disappointed.

What matters is what you're willing to give up, what you're willing to put at risk to do something of real worth. This isn't intellectual for us. This isn't theoretical. This doesn't vanish when we have our last meeting and say our goodbyes.

We, the staff and contributors of the CPJ, are students and human beings. We make all kinds of interesting mistakes, and sometimes we learn from them. If we are limited, it is by the number of our members, the depth of our commitment, the participation of the student body, and the bounds of human patience.

Looking around the CPJ office at 2:00 am on the last layout night I'll ever spend here, it seems odd that I've spent so much of my last eight months between these walls.

There's nowhere in the world I'd have rather been.

Jo Sahlin

Editor in Chief Elect



Every year is a unique opportunity to be the co-coordinator of a student group and the editor in chief of a student newspaper, but next year's circumstances are especially golden. After week 5 of fall quarter, the Cooper Point Journal publication will be solely online.

Some people would think this is just really shitty timing, but considering the current climate of journalism, but I say (cheesily, and as next year's editor in chief) that it's a pretty fantastic learning opportunity.

The purpose of the Cooper Point Journal student group is to provide a learning laboratory. How can we do that if we aren't experimenting with new ventures?

That said, it is with mixed emotions that we take on this challenge. I will always have loyalties to print media, and I will always admire tradition. I'm certainly nervous and unsure of not only our own transition to web, but also the entire journalism industry's gradual switch.

No other college newspaper that I know of has actually completely gotten rid of their print edition altogether. This move is daunting and pretty unprecedented, though not completely unexpected.

College is already becoming a place to sit behind computers, constantly writing papers, checking email, updating Moodle sites, and "taking notes" during seminar. Why take one more typical mode of personal networking out of the system and force students to stare at a computer screen even more?

Because we know you will, and we want to accept the challenge of making it worth your while.

But there's one last problem—the one of how you can make it worth your while. We need your help! The CPJ accepts content from ANY student. How many publications do you know that do that? Here's how it works: You pay tuition. Part of that tuition goes to Student Activities. The S&A board then uses those fees to pay student groups like us. You're already invested in our publication; this is literally your student newspaper.

Use your investment wisely—get involved. Being online means that we can accept contributions of all kinds, including media that doesn't work in print. We want your homemade videos of house shows and sports events, we want audio of your band practicing, we want photos of your class presentation, and we want your animated comics.

We'd also love your input. We won't pretend to know everything about web design and multimedia content. What are your strengths? We are looking to collaborate with people who have skills or interest in any multimedia and web fields.

In the meantime, I hope you have a wonderful summer. Spend some time thinking about what you can do next year to celebrate your investment in the CPJ. Help make next year especially unique, and help us take advantage of all the learning opportunities available to us.

Ask not what your paper can do for you, but what you can do for your paper.

Then again, ask also what your paper can do for you—and then tell us. We'd love to know.

Another look at student government

Kent Reister & Chelsea Brous

On behalf of the GSU

As you may be aware, a former GSU (Geoduck Student Union) representative wrote an article in the May 26th CPJ criticizing the GSU of its shortfalls. Though the article does contain a great deal of truth, we feel that it has greatly misrepresented the student government and what it accomplishes on campus.

To begin, we would like to correct some clerical errors. There are currently 13 GSU reps, all of which have been engaged with the GSU in some capacity. There were also only 15 candidates in this spring election, and while there are 21 seats on the GSU, one is reserved for a representative from Tacoma, another from the Reservation-based program, and two more for incoming freshman next fall. Though this does mean that every candidate that ran in the election received a seat, what this really shows is a lack of knowledge about the Student Union.

This issue stems from the poor outreach that our organization has had this year. More than ever, next year, we will strive to make sure students, on and off campus, are aware of the Student Union and how they can get involved. Each year, the GSU appoints dozens of students to positions on committees all over campus such as the Campus Land Use Committee, the Clean Energy Committee, the Deadly Force Review Board, and we recommend three students to the Governor for a voting member of the Board of Trustees.

Places for the student voice to be amplified, like the GSU, are absolutely integral to having a fair balance of power within any College. At Evergreen, a place created to be student-centered, this is doubly so. Because of the GSU's short history, we have yet to define our true role on and off campus. What may be perceived by students as an administration unwilling to listen to its students may instead be an administration still adjusting to an organized student voice; something that before a few years ago was not present at Evergreen.

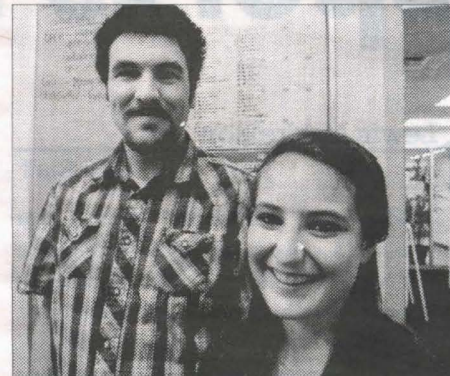
Student fees pay for many things on campus, including the Flaming Eggplant, KAOS (Radio Station), the CPJ (Newspaper), GRAS (Anime Club), SVGA (Video Game Club), the Black Student Union, the Chemistry Club, and many other things including the GSU. Many students don't directly benefit from these organizations, but each of them brings great things to our campus that many of our students enjoy. The GSU was started as a student group and is funded by the S & A board (Services and Activities Fee Allocation Board) just like these other organizations and has been growing every year since its inception.

While the GSU is a tool that can help students take their ideas from concept to reality and a way for students to make a difference, much of that responsibility falls on the GSU reps themselves. There is no hierarchy in the GSU and every member has an equal share of this responsibility. Every year, the students that compose the Union turn over, and it is a struggle to maintain cohesiveness

and continuity. This is a known issue and we are always taking steps to help ease this harsh transition. The GSU strives to uphold its mission statement and while we do understand that some reps do no more than the minimum required work, it is what we accomplish as a whole that matters most.

To say that the GSU has not participated in social and political change greatly belittles the work that was done this year. The GSU hosted a forum on divestment from corporations that profit from the Israeli occupation of Palestine. This forum was completely civil, both sides were heard, ALL students that were present were calm, thoughtful, and most definitely respectful of their peers and those that disagreed with them. GSU rep Andrew Nepstad performed excellently as facilitator at this meeting. The president of The Evergreen State College, Les Purce, was present, and he responded to the students after the messages he heard. The response may have not been the one the GSU wanted to hear, but at least this meant that we were being heard.

When it comes to student advocacy, the GSU always tries to do its part. When the matter of ADA compliance (Americans with Disabilities Act compliance) came up, the GSU was an integral part in making these issues be heard. A member of the GSU was appointed to represent the students on the ADA Compliance committee here at Evergreen and has served the students well in this capacity during the year. The GSU secured the ADA issue point person, Rob Workman, a place to speak before a faculty meeting and



helped get his voice heard by the construction company working on the CAB. Though the GSU is responsible for being active in our community, one of its other responsibilities is to empower other students to do the same and support them whenever we can be of assistance.

In conclusion, we are sorry that the author of the critique did not feel that the GSU was a worthy organization for students' fees. The only thing that will allow the GSU to reach its full potential is student participation. We welcome diplomatic criticism in our meetings, and we accept that we have made mistakes as an organization. However, we are proud of and happy with the dialogue that exists between us and various members of the administration, and we look forward to improving ourselves as individuals, as an organization, and as a voice for the student body. Please join us next year if you are interested in doing the same.

Carlson concludes historic season: Geoduck runner saves best performance for last

Darren Woods

CPJ Staff

When Karissa Carlson toed the starting line on May 26 in the 800-meter run at the 2011 NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Marion, Indiana, she had one plan in mind above all else, "to run as hard as [she] could and try to make the finals."

The plan nearly worked to perfection. Running in the second of two heats in the 800m prelims, Carlson missed qualifying for the championship final by just four tenths of a second. The five-time school record holder made good on her plan to run as hard as she could in her preliminary race however, by improving her own school record by 1.43 seconds and running a scintillating 2:13.18 for tenth place overall. Not bad for an athlete who just one year ago was sidelined by injury and was not able to compete in indoor or outdoor competition. She came into the championships in 14th place and moved up four places against the best runners in the nation. In fact, the 800m champion, Helen Croft of Simon Fraser University, ran a meet record 2:02.12 which is not just the best in the country, it is top 30 in the world. To say that Carlson's 2011 season was a success would be an understatement.

"God's blessed me this year. This time last year I wasn't even running. Every single



(Front) Karissa Carlson became the first Geoduck in history to qualify for an NAIA indoor and outdoor championship in the same year.

Photo: Chris Thompson

race [this year] I improved, that's really a blessing," Carlson said, reflecting on her historic season.

The same could be said for Evergreen track and field as well. As a team, the Geoducks had one of the most successful seasons since the team's inception in the 80's. Led by Carlson, the Geoducks broke

seven school records during the year, some of which had been in place since track and field first became a sport at Evergreen.

Carlson made history this season by becoming the first Geoduck track athlete to ever qualify for the NAIA indoor and outdoor championships in the same year. And while the Geoduck's 11th place fin-

ish at March's indoor championships was the highest in history for a women's track athlete, her 10th place finish last weekend outdid her highest finish by one place.

A junior this year, Carlson has another year to try and put her legacy out of reach for Geoduck generations to come, and make no bones about it, this junior is chomping at the bit to do so. "As soon as I was done with my race I was wishing next year was starting," she said anxiously. Her plan for next year is as simple as her plan before her prelim race in Marion. "Next year I'm breaking [2:10] and making the final," she said in a vote of confidence that would convince the most negative skeptic, adding, "I just want to improve, make the final and place. I want to get All-American [top 6]."

The NAIA championship experience, both indoor and outdoor, has taught Carlson several lessons, the most valuable being confidence saying after her 10th place finish "I know I can compete with the best and it's not as scary as I thought."

Before all is said and done, Carlson will have a legitimate chance to become the greatest track athlete in Evergreen history and if her vision comes to fruition, she will become the first Geoduck track athlete to become All-American. But for now, the senior-to-be can rest assured knowing she has had her best season ever and has a promising 2011-12 season to look forward to.

Classes end and fall sports ready to begin

Lewis Mikkelson

CPJ Staff

With the 2010/2011 school year coming to a close in matter of weeks, the 2011/2012 sports season for a number of the Evergreen school teams is months away.

However, at the beginning of August, four out of seven school teams will start their pre-season matches to get ready for their regular seasons.

Cross Country

Evergreen's cross country team will look to try to capture the Cascade Conference title when their season begins with the Pier Park Invitational in Portland, Ore. on September 9.

Men's Soccer

The Geoduck men's soccer team is set to regroup from the 2010 campaign that saw them with an overall record of 4-10-3 (wins, losses, draws) and 4-8-2 in conference play.

Their first match that will kick off

their season is at Evergreen on August 19, against Trinity Lutheran College. The rest of August and the first two weeks of September are filled with pre-season matches. After two pre-season games at home, they will travel away for their first conference match.

On September 13, the team travels across Washington and into Idaho to face the College of Idaho and get their regular season off to a flying start. Four days later, the men have their first home conference game on campus where they take on last season conference winners and tournament champions, Concordia College.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team looks to improve on their poor 2010 campaign that saw them go 0-9-0 in conference play and are looking for a quick start to the 2011 season. The women Geoducks face off against North Idaho College on August 18 on the Evergreen Campus for their first match of the season. The rest of the August and September matches are warm-up

matches to prepare for conference play to begin.

Their first match in Cascade Collegiate Conference in October, when they take on the Northwest Christian University in Eugene, Ore. Seven days later, the Geoducks have their first home conference match against Northwest University.

Cross country and men and women's soccer is not all!

Volleyball

The Evergreen women's volleyball squad look to rebound from last year's season that saw them go 4-14 in conference and 5-17 overall. Their first game of the season is against Tacoma Community College at home on August 25. Two days later, they square off against the alumni, which could be a highly entertaining game.

Their first conference match is away against Eastern Oregon University on September 2. The women's squad has to wait a total of 14 days to have their home season opener against Northwest Christian University.

Evergreen 5k series underway

Darren Woods

CPJ Staff

On May 8, 2011, the first leg of the Evergreen 5k series took place on The Evergreen State College campus. The final two legs of the series will take place on June 12 and July 3. The June 12 event is the Evergreen Classic 5k that starts at 9:00 am, while the race on the July 3 is the Torchlight Night 5k, to begin at 9:00 pm.

The Evergreen 5k series is great for those looking to compete at a high level or to get out and have fun with friends or family. The overall age groups for the races are ages 0-39 and 40+ while age group awards are given out to 13 different age groups.

For those interested in taking part in either of the remaining 5k's, entry is \$20 per race if registered a week before the race and \$30 per race if registered within a week of the race. Entrants who plan on running the final two races of the series may do so on the same registration form.

Evergreen 5k T-Shirts will be given out to participants who register a week in advance while those who register within the week of a race receive shirts on a first come first serve basis. To register, visit <http://www.evergreen.edu/athletics/5kseries.htm> to print off a mail in registration form or fill out an online registration form. Further questions may be directed by phone to Jason McConnell at (360) 867-6741 or e-mail at mconnej@evergreen.edu

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Change the vibration; sit for compassion

Benjamin Stahnke

On behalf of Sustainability From the Inside Out

Hello friends, colleagues, brothers, and sisters,

The students of The Evergreen State College's program "Sustainability From the Inside Out" would like to invite you to gather with us for a large group meditation on Saturday, June 4th at the State Capitol Campus Lawn in Olympia from 12 until 5 p.m. Our program has, over the course of the last three quarters, been delving into the arena of sustainability studies with a conjunctive delve into the practice and theory of Yoga. Through an interwoven study of Yoga, meditation, and academia we have learned the importance of community solidarity - coming together with purpose and compassion to effect positive changes.

For our year's end project, we have decided to conduct a large group meditation on the lawn of the Washington State Capitol Campus, in Olympia. We aim to have a five hour event, with guided meditations led by a multi-faceted group of meditation leaders. We aim to have guided meditations in the traditions of Yoga, Buddhism, Quakerism, as well as non-denominational traditions.

Our busy lives entangle us to the point where we forget to be occasionally still, and we forget our breath. Our meditation aims to teach the value of stillness and silence as the panacea to the wildness of our colorful and fast-moving world. We would like to dedicate this day to thinking positively, and we welcome people of all religious and non-religious denominations, with no bias to race, gender, social standing, or any other divisive categorization. We aim to wish good tidings and love to all, for mass meditations

have very real and measurable benefits.

We base our event, in part, off of the 1993 study done in Washington, D.C. (Hagelin, et. al., 1999) which hypothesized that large scale meditations have impact on the surrounding, social consciousness. The two month study was shown to have positive results, with a correlation between the length of the meditation and the decline of violent crime in the city. "Given the strength of these results, their consistency with the positive results of previous research, the grave human and financial costs of violent crime, and the lack of other effective and scientific methods to reduce crime, policy makers are urged to apply this approach [focused mass meditation] on a large scale for the benefit of society", (www.istpp.org/crime_prevention/, 2011). This decline in violence can be seen in the graph.

Of the numerous reported and studied effects of meditation, the most notable are typically: relaxation, lowered arterial blood pressure, alleviation of drug abuse, release of physical and mental tension, decrease in oxygen consumption as well as heart rate, increased skin resistance, and so on (Wallace, 1970). To quote Robert Wallace from his 1970 article in the peer reviewed Science journal, "meditation is easily learned and produces significant physiological changes in both beginners and advanced students... Physiologically, the state produced by transcendental meditation seems to be distinct from commonly encountered states of consciousness, such as wakefulness, sleep, and dreaming, and from altered states of consciousness, such as hypnosis..." (Wallace, 1970, p. 1754).

We also draw inspiration from the work of the great soul, Mahatma Gandhi. We are attempting to embody the change we wish to see in our world, in the spirit of Gandhi,

and we believe this change starts with the quiet stillness effected by a large group of individuals sitting with collective intent for the healing and wellness of our community and world.

Our world is now, as it ever has been, uncertain and seemingly full of danger, but by sitting together with compassion and love, we are doing the one thing that lies outside the arena of corporate-interest politics, money fueled destruction of our biosphere, and war. We sit to counterbalance all of these with our compassion and love, and in keeping with Gandhi's Satyagraha ideals, we do this with the utmost truth, compassion, and commitment to non-violence that we are capable of.

So join with us for a day of fun, growth, insight, and love as we gather together on

the lawn of the State Capitol Campus in Olympia, Wash., from noon until five pm. We look forward to sitting with you in community for common purpose, regardless of our differences, acknowledging that we are one species sharing one planet.

"Om svasti prajabhyahah paripalayan-tam nyayena margena mahim mahisahah.

Go brahmanebhyahah subhamastu nityam lokahah samastahah sukhino bhavantu.

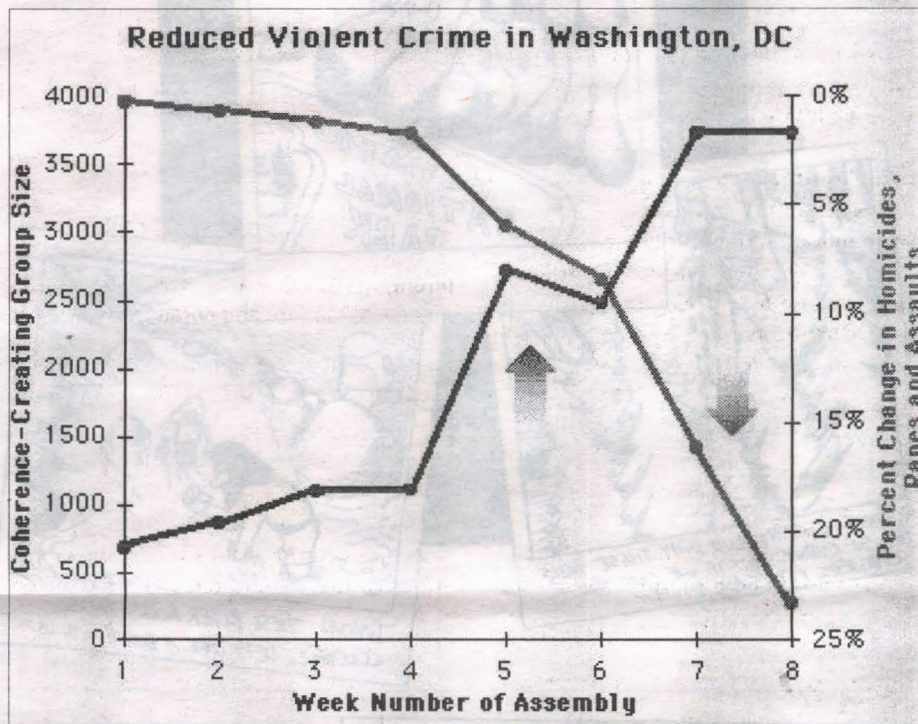
Om shanti shanti shantihih."

"Om, let prosperity be glorified, let the rulers rule the world with law and justice.

Let divinity and erudition be protected, let the people of the world be happy and prosperous.

Om, peace, peace, peace."

-Mangala Mantra



End-of-quarter events

Thursday

Forests in the Farm Bill: Advocating for Conservation Programs for Small Forest Lands in Washington State SEM II E1107 12pm

The MPA program's Cargill Fellow, Tammie Perreault, will present an overview of the forest conservation programs in the Farm Bill, how you can advocate to keep these programs in the 2012 Farm Bill and her experience as a Cargill Fellow.

Self Evaluation Workshop LIB 2310 4pm

The workshops will answer any questions about the eval process and introduce you to useful prompts and exercises to consider in writing your evals.

Film: Two Spirits

A film about a Navajo youth who was murdered for his identity. Sponsored by Queer People of Color, Native Students Alliance, and Women of Color Coalition

Euripedes' Trojan Women Experimental Theater 7:30pm

The Dionysia: Enlivening Greek Theatre program presents the Greek tragedy "The Trojan Women" about the Trojan War. General admission \$10, students \$5.

Friday

Sensei Greg Lewis Self-Defense Workshop Lecture Hall Rotunda 6pm

At this workshop, you will learn basic self-defense strategies and tactics. Activists are especially encouraged to attend. Sponsored by SDS.

Aristophanes' Lysistrata Experimental Theater 7:30pm

The Dionysia: Enlivening Greek Theatre program presents Greek comedy "Lysistrata" about the women of Athens and Sparta. General admission \$10, students \$5.

HONK! WA Center for Performing Arts 7pm

Riot To Follow Theater Productions presents the musical based on the story of the Ugly Duckling. General admission \$13.50, students free.

2 Saturday

HONK! WA Center for Performing Arts 2pm

Euripedes' Trojan Women Experimental Theater 2:30pm

Aristophanes' Lysistrata Experimental Theater 7:30pm

Latin Dance Night HCC 8pm

Learn cumbia, salsa, merangue, bachata, and reggaeton with music by DJ La Adray.

Sunday

HONK! WA Center for Performing Arts 2pm

Euripedes' Trojan Women Experimental Theater 2:30pm

Aristophanes' Lysistrata Experimental Theater 7:30pm

Self Evaluation Workshop LIB 2310 2pm

Gateways 3rd Annual Co-Ed Kickball Tournament

Evergreen Field Registration 9:30am First Game 10am

Registration is \$10/person or \$100/team. 100% of proceeds go towards books & tuition for the youth pursuing higher education.

Tuesday

What is Steampunk? SEM II A1105 7pm

A presentation based on a year-long ethnographic study about the subculture of steampunk.

Thursday

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2011 Graduation Red Square 1pm

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Summer events

June

National Summer Institute on Learning Communities June 19-24

Workshops designed around practical problems, consults with resource faculty, and a campus action plan for learning community development.

Football Passing Academy June 26-29

High school teams from the area attend workshops.

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Upward Bound July 5-22

Upward Bound provides South Sound area youth a summer academy preparing them for academia and life.

The Guild of Natural Science Illustrators July 10-17

The GNSI celebrates its 42nd year with workshops, field trips, and an exhibition in the Evergreen Gallery.

EF Foundation July 13-August 6

International students prepare to stay with US families.

RTF's SubUrbia July 14, 15, and 16 Sem II C4107

Riot To Follow Productions presents their summer show about the reality of American youth culture. Free.

Chinese Visiting Students July 17-22

Students from China will take ten classes at Evergreen.

UK Elite Soccer July 23-28

Workshops for middle and high school students.

Point Guard Academy July 25-29

High school basketball camp.

Xcelerate Lacrosse July 30-August 5

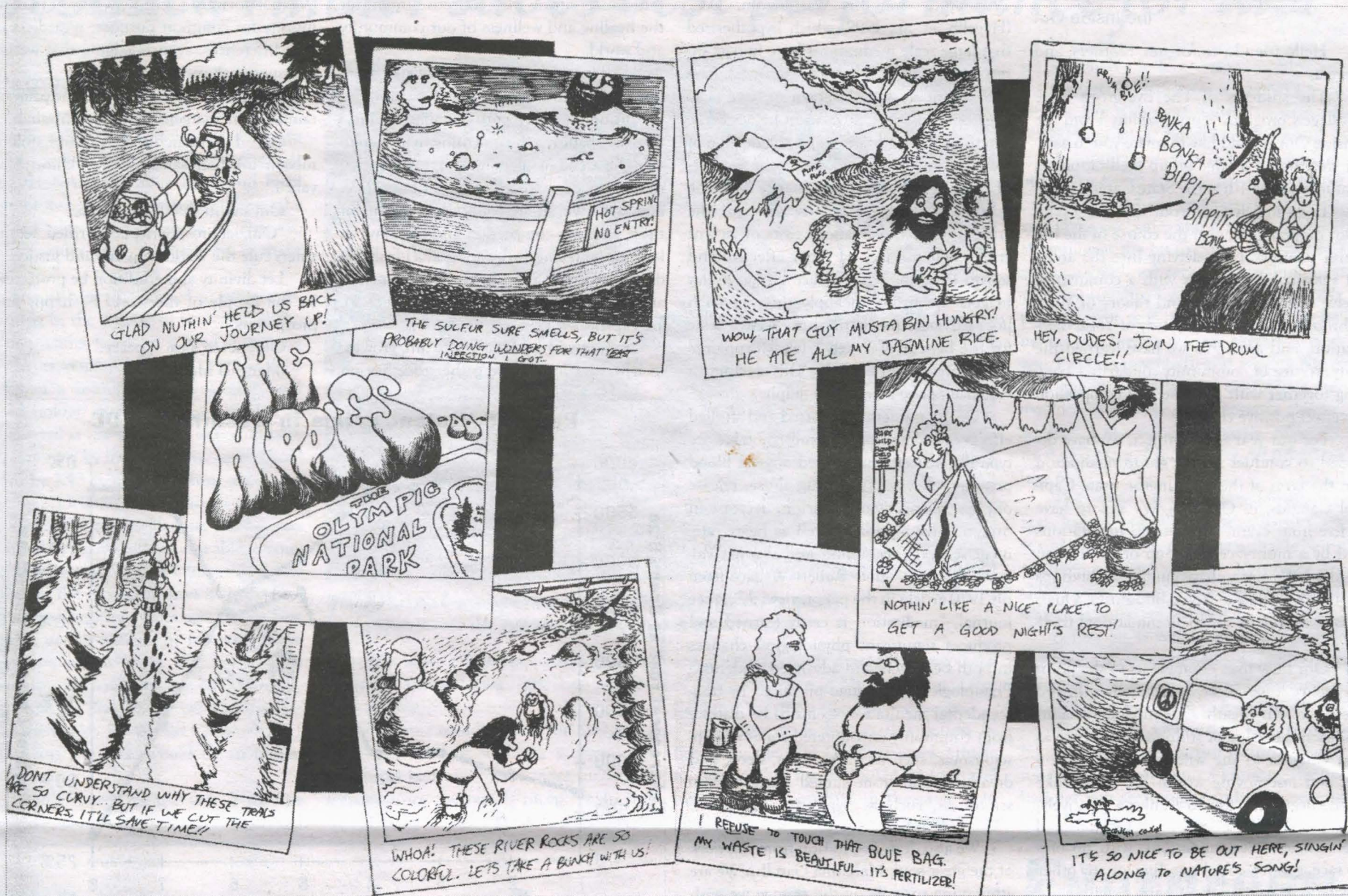
Workshops for high school students.

Phage July 6-13

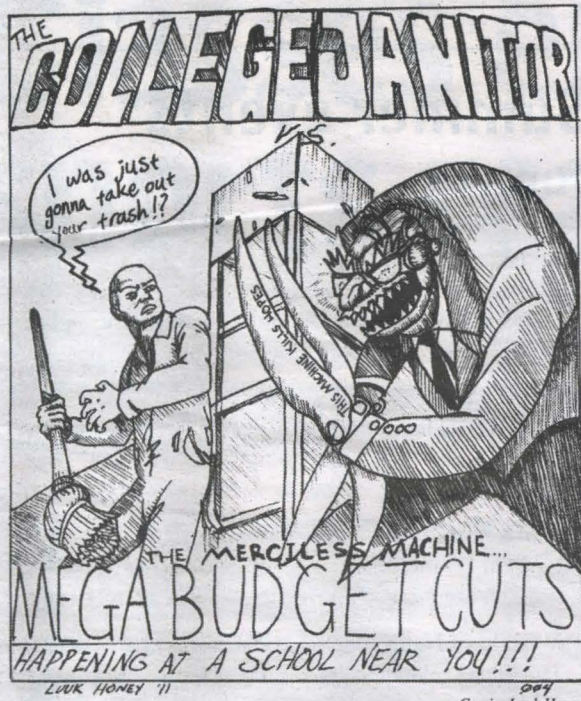
Presentations on a number of phage biology related topics. The goal is to bring together different people to build working relationships and attain new insights.



Comic: Grayson Del Faro



Comic: Kyle Rollins

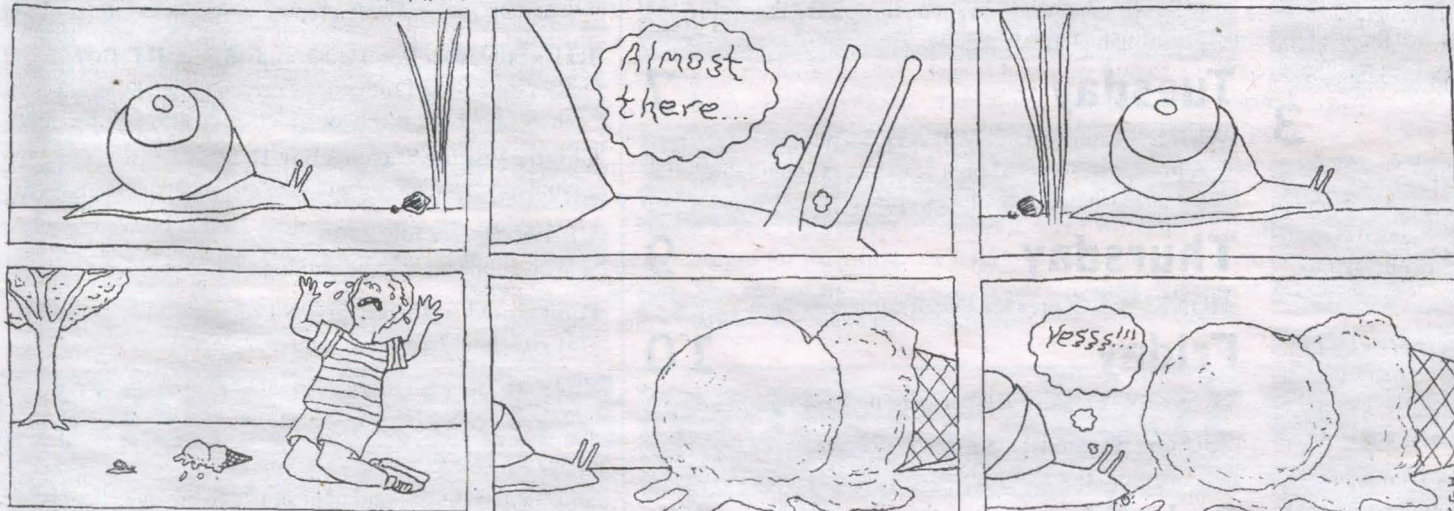


Comic: Luuk Honey



Comic: Jason Trent

A BREAK FROM THE HUMAN DRAMA



Comic: Cameron Hostetter



Comic: Ali Rohrbacher