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BY *Afsheen Fantemi*

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VOX populi

by Andrew James and Katie Thurman

A group of fish is called a "school," a group of crows is called a "murder." What is a group of geoducks called?

"Frivolous goo."
Carolyn Commer & Monear Fatemi
Freshmen
Illustrations of Character Shakespeare

"A sausagefest."
Jon Clemens
Senior
Atoms, Molecules, and Research

"A gooey-dom, like a kingdom."
Seana Benton
Sophomore
Africa and the Black Atlantic

"A slime bucket."
Max Ski
Junior
Studio Projects "Paint Slinger"

"A herd."
Renee Healy
Freshman
Forensics

The Shirts Tell A Story



The Clothesline Project Exhibit on Red Square. The Exhibit went up in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness. Each T-Shirt was made by an Evergreen student who has been affected by sexual assault. For more information contact the Coalition Against Sexual Violence at 867.6749. photo by Joe Jatchko caption by Sarah MacKenzie

A CALL TO ADVOCATES

To all those concerned with the well-being and health of all in our community: The Campus Advocacy Program is a new resource starting at Evergreen through the Office of Sexual Assault Prevention. The program, which is one of the first of its kind, is dedicated to offering support and information to any Evergreen student who has a history or relationship with sexual violence or assault. We are currently seeking dedicated students who are interested in becoming volunteer advocates for the coming 2004-2005 school year.

The program will facilitate trained student advocates to be on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The advocates will be available to listen to and speak with survivors or supporting friends who need someone to offer warmth, help with resources, understanding, or just a person to speak with. Through the Campus Advocacy Program, advocates can assist callers with access and information to other facilities and resources that exist in the Evergreen Community that will be of service to them. Being available to act as a mediator with campus employees such

as faculty, administration, or police services may be another role of the advocate. The program will also help with access to resources that exist in the greater area surrounding Olympia such as Safe Place.

Becoming a volunteer advocate requires prior advocacy training through Safe Place or equivalent organizations. The Campus Advocacy Program can also offer access to these trainings for some of those who wish to be advocates for the program. Once trained, the advocate will have a chance to be on call for one week out of a quarter, at which point they will have the program's cell phone and resource binder as their tools.

This program is radical in its potential to pave the way for new forms of advocacy and peer support on campuses. I believe that it can serve as an effective new tool in working against sexual violence and assault. So please, if you would like to be a part of this new program, contact The Office of Sexual Assault Prevention at 867.5221.

Thank you sincerely,
Evan Fortin, Program Coordinator

CORRECTIONS

Jacinta McKoy's name is **Jacinta McKoy**, not "Jocinta Mckoy," as we so unfortunately printed in our April 8 issue. **We, your friendly CPJ copy editors, feel really stupid and horrible for this mistake.** Our page designers feel terrible too. **Jacinta, one of the most wonderful and awesome people ever to grace these Evergreen halls, deserved better than having her name misspelled on the cover. We apologize for the error.**

Faculty **Sean Williams**, whom we identified as male in last week's cover article ("Blogs Will Keep Us Together," April 8), is in fact a female. **We apologize for this, too. Sorry, Sean.**

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Free Wi-Fi is the "Soup Du Jour" for Local Businesses

As part of Zhonka Broadband's unique "Surf-break" program, innovative businesses around the Puget Sound are serving up free wireless Internet access for customers.

While other companies offer "wi-fi" (short for wireless fidelity) for a charge, Zhonka's Surf-breaks are no-cost and hassle-free with no login, password or membership required. With diverse locations from grassy parks to late-night diners, there is a Surfbreak location to suit most anyone's preference.

Zhonka's Secretary General Jacob Stewart notes, "It's great to see business people and students escape the office or classroom to meet or study in cafés or parks instead."

Zhonka, an Olympia-based Internet service provider, introduced this unique program in early 2003, and interest quickly spurred expansion to numerous cafés, espresso shops, computer stores, taverns, and public markets throughout Western Washington.

Recent additions include coffee roasters Batdorf & Bronson's Dancing Goats Café, Café Allegro's two locations near the University of Washington, a few micro-brew taverns, and the Olympia Farmers' Market. A complete list—including contact information—is located at <http://www.zhonka.net/surfbreak/>. In addition, locations are identified with distinctive "Free Wi-fi for the People" posters and window stickers.

The Surfbreak locations use high speed Zhonka DSL connections to power the wi-fi hot spots. A customer simply brings a wireless-ready laptop or PDA to a Surfbreak location and "Voila!"—they are online.

Zhonka's Minister of Marketing Affairs Dave Olson puts forth that everyone involved stands to gain from this arrangement. "The Surfbreak program offers participating businesses a strategic advantage over competitors who charge for use," he said. "While we certainly enjoy the goodwill and publicity, the biggest winners in the scenario are folks using this exciting new technology."

For more information, contact Olson at 360.357.8776.

Sustainability Lecture Series

Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Seminar II B1105

The Sustainability Lecture Series continues next week with John Dodge's "Lifelong Learning—Local/Media Sustainability." Dodge is a senior reporter and columnist for *The Olympian* and has covered environmental, natural resource and energy issues since 1984. He has authored many award-winning projects, ranging in topics from nuclear power to the decline of salmon in the Pacific Northwest and geological hazards of Mt. Rainier.

Greetings from the Counseling Center!

The **Graduation Anxiety Group** began Thursday, April 8 and meets from 5-6 p.m. This group is co-facilitated by Leslie Johnson, MSW, and Jason Kilmer, Ph.D.

The **Depression Therapy Group** begins Wednesday, April 21 and meets from 3-4:30 p.m. This group will be co-facilitated by Jamyang Tsultrim, MA, and Elizabeth McHugh, PA-C.

To sign up, call 867.6800 or visit Seminar I 4126.

Pay Your Taxes, then Donate Blood!

Just a reminder: Today (the 15th), the Puget Sound Blood Center will be accepting your blood donations from 10 a.m. to noon and 12:45-4 p.m. in the second floor Library lobby. This is a blood-only event; bone marrow registry will not be available.

General Meeting

5 p.m. Monday

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

Paper Critique

12:30 p.m. Friday

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

Friday Forum

3 p.m. Friday

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

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Voices of Color

Voices of Color

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

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

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

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

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

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

*-Sophal Long
Editor-in-Chief*

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Pro-Tree Education: Fires and Forests Roadshow Comes to Olympia, April 18-19

by Deane Rimmerman

On Sunday and Monday, April 18-19, a merry band of performers, activists and trainers known as the Oxygen Collective will perform, visit classrooms and hold workshops in Red Square.

The Fire and Forests Roadshow 2004 Save the Wild Siskiyou! Sunday, April 18, Olympia, WA 6 p.m., The Evergreen State College, Library Lobby

The Oxygen Collective will climb aboard their forty-foot biodiesel bus and travel the West Coast for the 2004 Fire and Forests Roadshow. The trip will include 15 stops from San Francisco, CA to Bellingham, WA.

Expect live music and laughter, action video and information.

Fire has become the latest government excuse to log our precious public lands. "Thin 'em before they burn, salvage 'em after they burn," says the Forest Service. We are told that wildfire is unnatural and an imminent threat, that a burned forest is dead forever.

The issue has gone critical in Southern Oregon with the Bush proposal for the largest timber sale in modern history! From the heart of the world's most diverse conifer forest, there is a plan that would fill a line of loaded log trucks bumper to bumper from Mexico to Canada. The big lie known as the Biscuit Fire Recovery Plan is the greatest threat the Siskiyou Wild Rivers area has ever known.

In the face of these poisonous lies, the O2 Collective appears on the scene bringing evidence, science and spirit to the issue of fire in the forest. In their wake they will leave a trail of people informed, inspired and empowered to protect the land we all love.

But this Roadshow is more than just two hours of entertainment and information. In most locations they will spend a second day giving free public trainings and classroom presentations on a dozen different topics, from ecology to economics, on media and activism. See the calendar below.



april 15, 2004

Food Service Crisis! or You'll Eat What You're Told!

by Meredith Brown and Kenari Breshem

A lot has been going on recently that will affect the course of food service at Evergreen for years to come, and it has been an essentially closed decision-making process, without students' knowledge or significant input. Contract extension negotiations with Bon Appétit took place last quarter, but the school rejected Bon Appétit's final proposal for financial reasons. Late last month, the Evergreen State College issued a Request for Proposal (RFP, essentially a want-ad) for a new food service vendor. The RFP, which loosely outlines the terms of a potential contract, was not offered for review by the community before being sent out.

There are five possible vendors who have responded as of Monday, when a mandatory proposal meeting was held here on campus. Representatives from the corporations Sodexo and Aramark were there, as well as from Consolidated Food Management, Inc, a Seattle based company, South Puget Sound Community College, and the local American Grill. It is exciting to find that there may be some local alternatives offered to the corporate approach of Sodexo and Aramark, but it is too early in the process to have much of an idea about the likelihood of their ability to make an offer attractive to the administration.

Evergreen is in an awkward position, in some ways frustratingly similar to the one we were in three years ago when the previous food service provider's contract was up, before Bon Appétit came. Fine Host, the old vendor, left because neither they nor Evergreen were satisfied. The food was of very low quality, and although Fine Host paid the college for the privilege of operating here, the company had consistently lost money on the operation. With Bon Appétit, quality is high, but the college has been paying the losses. The administration favors re-contracting out with another large corporation, but that seems to us like a quick, sloppy fix that will benefit no one in the long run. It may be that one of the more local vendors will be able to offer a better alternative, but it may also simply be impossible for them to make the sort of offer that appeals to the administration.

There is an ironic history to all this. Throughout the 2000-2001 academic year, a Disappearing Task Force (DTF) researched the food service situation at Evergreen. The final recommendation of the DTF was that in the long run, a self-operated food service (meaning the college itself would be in charge of managing the food service rather than hiring an outside vendor) would be in the best interests of the college. A professional consultant, paid by the college, corroborated this conclusion.

It was recognized that the college needed one to three years in order to make a successful transition to self-op, so it was necessary to contract out again in the meantime. Because of the weak bargaining position of the college, Bon Appétit nearly had to be begged to come here in the first place. The college agreed to pay the company a management fee, and to cover any losses or profits made above or below that. After losing around half a million dollars per year on that deal for the past three years, the college has decided we need to try something new.

In the meantime, the now three-year-old recommendation of the DTF to work towards going self-op has long since been swept under a rug somewhere on the third floor of the Library building. The carefully researched recommendations were ignored without explanation, and the last minute, quick-fix decision-making of the administration may be leading to a situation in which students, faculty, staff, and food service workers will be forced to pay a high cost for a corporate food service we did not choose.

The recommendations of the DTF have been selectively and misleadingly quoted by the administration. Sections that refer to short-term difficulties involved in going self-op have been taken out of context, leaving out the long-term benefits and turning the overall thrust of the recommendations almost inside out. A previous member of the DTF recently expressed extreme frustration at the way their work has been ignored. "Having already gone through this process once it is infuriating to see the lack of follow-through on the part of the administration and the misinformation being put out regarding the last food service DTF..."

We now find ourselves, unsuspectingly, at a critical point in the decision-making process. If we allow another multinational corporation to come in for a standard 5- or 10-year contract, things will get much worse before they get better. If we want things to stay tolerable while we work toward an ideal, we need to act now. Bon Appétit, despite their corporate ties, may be our best option for the time being. Even since they were bought out by the multi-national Compass Group, they have provided a quality of food unmatched by other corporate food service providers. They have been willing to work with organics and local growers, and have catered to the diverse needs of the student body. It is extremely unlikely that Sodexo or Aramark would be willing to go to such lengths.

The administration's solution of re-contracting out with a large corporation does not seem to us to be sustainable or wise, especially considering the history of unprofitable corporate food services, and of campus opposition to corporate food service. According to the timeline for the RFP process, the new contract will be awarded during week ten of the quarter, although the college has reserved the right to adjust the timeline. That could mean that the final decision will not be made until summer break has started and pesky students are out of the way.

Unless we say something, and soon, the food service will almost certainly get worse. Even for those of us who don't often use the food service, food is an important part of our community. Our opinions need to be part of the discussion around what happens on our campus. There are a variety of ways to get involved. Students Organizing for Food Autonomy (SOFA) is dedicated to promoting sustainable and social responsible food service on campus. Meetings are Monday, 6 p.m. in R207. The upcoming Student Organizing Summit will be another place to discuss issues that affect us as students. For more information, please contact igotbetter@graffiti.net. Your input is welcome.

Evergreen Top Choice For Most Students

by Brooke McLane-Higginson

Most students who came to Evergreen this year did so because they really wanted to be here. Eighty-nine percent of Evergreen's Fall 2003 first-time, first-year students and ninety percent of its transfer students indicated in a new student survey that Evergreen was their top choice of school. Evergreen was the only choice for thirty-seven percent of first-years and forty-eight percent of transfers. Of those, ninety-seven percent of the first-years and eighty-three percent of transfers said this was because Evergreen was the only college they wanted to attend.

This information comes from the Evergreen New Student Survey, which was administered by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment last fall. Sixty percent of the 1,367 new students responded to the survey, which they did by mail or at new student events. Respondents were representative of the new student population in age, race, and residency status, the only significant difference being an overrepresentation of women among the respondents.

Among the factors affecting new students' decisions to attend Evergreen, designing one's own education, learning through programs instead of classes, interdisciplinary study, and close contact with faculty were within the top five for

both first-time, first-year and transfer students. Both groups indicated a campus visit, printed information, and Evergreen's website and online catalogue as the three most positive means of relaying information about the college.

Students were also asked about their goals after graduation. First-time, first-year respondents answered: understanding of a broad range of ideas and fields; becoming an informed citizen; having a better understanding and appreciation for differences; and getting a job of one's choice or making a career change. Transfer students ranked getting a job of one's choice or making a career change, understanding of a broad range of ideas and fields, helping others or contributing to one's community, and becoming an informed citizen as their top goals.

The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment will compare the results of this survey with those of the Evergreen Student Experience Survey, which will be administered in the next few weeks. The results of this survey, as well as many others, can be found in entirety on the Research and Assessment website at:

<http://www.evergreen.edu/institutionalresearch/>

New TESC Scholarship Available!

by Nancy Deardorff

One day Alison Eldridge, a student and staff at here at Evergreen, came into some money. Not an incredibly large sum of money, but enough to entertain ideas of large screen televisions or trips to Europe. But neither one of those ideas sat quite right with her, no matter how much she loved television and the idea of ponies frolicking in the Italian countryside. She wanted to do something for the good of her community, so she initiated a scholarship.

The scholarship, started January of 2003, is intended to support female Evergreen students who are survivors of domestic abuse or sexual assault. The Phoenix Rising Annual Scholarship has been designed to "not only to provide a full year of tuition, but to also provide support for additional needs that the recipient may require, such as payment of legal fees incurred while separating from an abusive partner, funds to cover the cost of psychological counseling, or the money necessary to attain certified childcare for her children while she is in school!" The applicants will be chosen by a collection of local leaders from related

organizations.

The scholarship fund is in its beginning stages at this point, holding only a little over a thousand dollars. Once it reaches \$5,000, an anonymous donor has pledged to match that number, bringing the fund up to \$10,000. But even then, there will still be \$15,000 to go before the scholarship can be endowed. The endowment will allow for the scholarship to be continuously offered over the years at Evergreen.

If you are interested in supporting the Phoenix Rising scholarship, there will be a fundraising Bookfair at Barnes and Noble, Saturday, April 17. The fair will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day, and a percentage of every purchase made accompanied by a voucher will be donated to the scholarship fund. Vouchers will be available from a number of sources around campus the week before the event.

If you would like more information on the scholarship or the Barnes and Noble Event, send me an e-mail at colladv3@evergreen.edu, or call 867.6300.

S&A Board Now Accepting Applications

The Evergreen Services and Activities Fee Allocation Board is a group of eleven students hired during the fall to distribute nearly \$1.5 million dollars of student fees collected annually. The Board meets twice weekly throughout fall, winter, and spring quarters to address the needs and wants of the students as the years goes on. The Board deliberates on all requests, and makes its decisions by consensus. The eleven person Board is comprised of nine members, one office manager, and one coordinator. Applications for Board Coordinator and Office Manager of the 2004-2005 school year are now being accepted. Applications are due by 5p.m., Monday, April 19 in CAB 320.

Board Coordinator:

- \$1330 stipend / quarter
- Full academic year commitment

Duties Include- *recruit Board Member applicants in the fall, *facilitate biweekly board meetings, *prepare meetings agendas, *disseminate information concerning actions of the Board, *submitting the S&A Board developed budget for administrative review and approval by the Board of Trustees

Office Manager:

- \$1330 stipend / quarter
- Full academic year commitment

Duties Include- *record, type, and post minutes *submit a minutes to all Board Members, post on bulletin board and revise when needed, *type agendas and keep bulletin board updated, *provide written or telephone confirmation of all appointments with the board, i.e. special initiative requests, Tier I and Tier II budget request hearings, etc

Applications available at the front desk in CAB 320 and due at 5p.m., Monday, April 19, 2004

For more information: (360) 867-6221

ON THE SCREEN

by Lee Kepraios

Jersey Girl

After bidding farewell to his idiosyncratic little universe and his loyal geek following in *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*, Kevin Smith effectively wiped his slate clean. Frankly, I thought the Jay and Silent Bob movie was the right way to go because I knew that Smith's next film would really be something to look forward to, a chance for the writer/director to show me what he could really do.

Along comes the much-delayed *Jersey Girl*, which comes very close to the greatness but falls short ultimately because it still feels tied down and inhibited. Smith's marginally talented buddy Ben Affleck stars as Ollie Trinke, a hotshot New York publicist who loses his job and his comfortable upscale status after coming apart at a Hard Rock Café opening (he publicly trashes Will Smith). This is probably because his wife Gertie died giving birth to their daughter. Jennifer Lopez plays the wife, and the brief screen time she's given near the beginning feels like it strayed from a different movie. It's a distracting echo of the real life trials and tribulations of Hollywood's most over-hyped celebrity couple.

But as the film progresses, Ollie has moved back to his New Jersey suburb with his daughter, also named Gertie (Raquel Castro) and lives in his old house with his father, Bart, played by George Carlin in his most serious movie role to date. He meets a sweet-natured video store clerk (no doubt Smith's ideal woman) played by Liv Tyler, and it was here where I began to see the movie's strength in the great ways Kevin Smith writes dialogue and character. As a director he's clunky and unimaginative. He simply fills his shots with actors and points an eye-level camera at them. But as a writer he has exceptional talent creating likeable characters who enjoy speaking, and cut to the chase in a unique way. Listen to the frank way Tyler speaks to the Affleck character and the way Carlin gets enough space to act mostly like himself while in a role that requires him to do things that are very un-George Carlin.

Jersey Girl is abounding with clichés. Albeit Smith trusts those clichés and doesn't use them cynically, there were moments that didn't sit right with me. The climax feels formulaic and corny. But it never bothered too much because I understood Smith's appreciation for his craft. I can't fully recommend this, but it's pretty difficult to resist.

Rating: ** and a half stars



Spartan

David Mamet's new thriller, *Spartan*, is the best film out in theatres right now. I didn't have the room for it in last week's issue and I don't want you to think that I am generous with four-star ratings, but this film is nothing short of amazing. Among his many other talents, Mamet is a gifted filmmaker. In every movie he's ever made, be it based on his original screenplays or one of his own stage plays, a corn of some sort takes place.

Here, Val Kilmer gives one of his best performances ever as a Special Ops officer named Scott. Ed O'Neill and William H. Macy play a CIA officer and a White House operative who enlists Scott in a secret search for the President's daughter before the media get wind of the story. She's believed to be kidnapped, but who the kidnappers are and what it means become the real crux of the story instead of the search itself. Derek Luke (the very talented star of the highly overrated *Antwone Fisher*) plays a young trainee who insists on assisting Scott in his investigation.

This sounds like another Tom Clancy potboiler but it's not. This is a smart, sleek, minimalist piece of entertainment. Kilmer is a durable hero, playing a character of few words and major actions, who knows how to apply the necessary force almost brutally, to get what he wants. Mamet's dialogue is fascinating: terse and aphasic without being too simple. His characters don't speak in "thrillerese." Quite the opposite. One reason I have personal affinity for Mamet's work is the way his characters communicate in jargon and trade craft. The pattern in *Spartan* is almost cryptic: a fusion of shop talk, shorthand and elliptical non sequiter.

Much of the movie's action involves spycraft, and Mamet explains Kilmer's techniques not only by describing them but simply by showing them. Meaning we have to think about it because everything's not going to be outlined in black and white. That's not how spies work.

In terms of storytelling, Mamet's tactics are like that of a magician rather than a screenwriter, more Houdini than Fellini. The kidnapping story never seems to stop unfolding, and the way we come to understand it resembles being placed in a dark room and having the lights come on very slowly so that only when the lights are fully on do we fully see what the room looks like. Trust me, that's about as much as I can go into *Spartan* without giving it away.

Rating: **** stars

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Evergreen Herbal Fair:
NETTLE PROFILE

by Amy Moore

Until the twentieth century, herbal medicine was the basis of all medical treatment practiced. Much of what we call "Modern Medicine" has been derived from the herbal remedies of your ancestors from around the globe. On a local level, Indigenous Peoples have used native plants to heal their ailments, prevent illness and strengthen their minds and bodies. The Quinalt have used the root of field horsetail, *Equisetum arvense*, and human milk to create a wash for sore eyes. Oregon grape root, *Mahonia aquifolium*, has been used as a gargle for a sore throat by the Squaxin. Even species that some deem to be "weeds" have medicinal properties, such as dandelion, *Taraxacum officinale* and nettle, *Urtica dioica*. Today, interest in herbal medicine is on the rise. People from all walks of life are immersed in the study of this ancient form of healing.

This week we have chosen to highlight nettle, *Urtica dioica*, an extremely diverse, nutritious and helpful plant. Any one that is familiar with nettle will know why it is referred to as "stinging nettle." Nettle has many tiny hairs containing formic acid, which upon contact with the skin will cause irritation. No need to worry—the stinging sensation will subside within a few hours and cause no further problems.

Appearance: Nettle is a tall dark green plant with opposite leaves, which are highly serrated along the edges and come to a sharp tip. The stinging hairs are found on the underside of the leaves and on the stem.

Habitat: Nettles can be found nearly everywhere in the Pacific Northwest. Nettles prefer rich soil in areas such as meadows, stream-banks, open forests and disturbed land.

Constituents (individual components of the plant): Vitamins A & D, ascorbic acid, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, calcium and silica, just to name a few.

Medicinal Uses: Nettle is a wonderful plant that has far too many uses to name all of them here, but a few of its common uses are: an astringent, diuretic, nutritive and to strengthen and support the whole body.

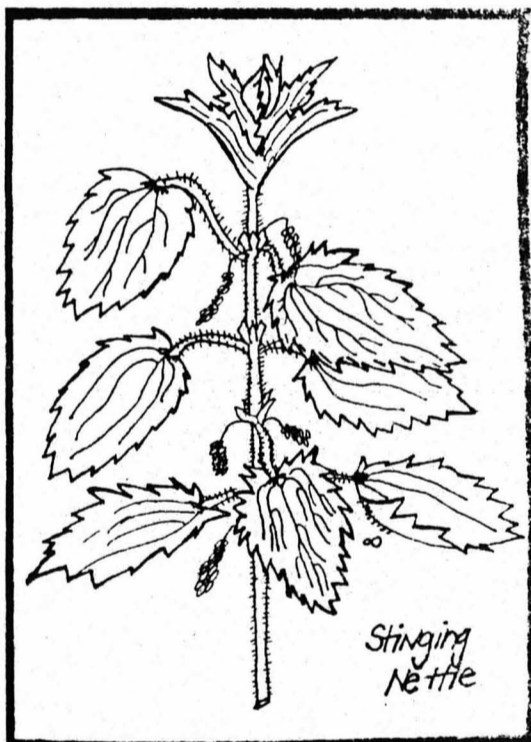
Harvesting: Gather mid-spring to late summer. Wear gloves when harvesting to

avoid any unwanted "stings" and bundle the herb for drying. Once the nettle is completely dry, the stinging hairs are inactive.

Simple Herbal Tea: A simple mineral rich tea can be made from dried nettle, red clover tops and alfalfa. Add the dried herbs in equal parts for a ratio of one teaspoon per 8 oz. of hot water. Infuse for 10 minutes. Fresh nettles can also be blanched and added to salads.

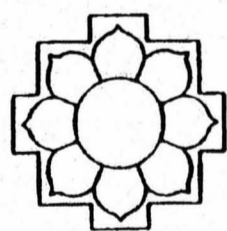
Ethical Harvesting: Know the area in which you intend to harvest: Have there been any pesticides or herbicides sprayed, or is it a heavily trafficked area? Search for the most unpopulated areas, for what toxins have entered the plant will also be introduced into the medicine you make from it. Also, do not over harvest and put good energy into the area.

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"We Leave as We Came, and God Willing,
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by Brian Flewell

...with peace and hope for all mankind."—Eugene Cernan, the last man to ever set foot on the moon, 1972.

"It is time for America to take the next steps... we will undertake extended human missions to the moon as early as 2015, with the goal of living and working there for increasingly extended periods..." These were the words of President George W. Bush on January 14, 2004. This speech, given at the NASA headquarters, is similar to the speech given by then President John F. Kennedy in 1961: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth." Sure enough on July 20, 1969 the world listened to the now immortal words of Neil Armstrong: "Houston, Tranquility base. The Eagle has landed." Since the end of the Apollo missions, we have established manned space stations in orbit around Earth, some falling out of orbit after only a short time, such as the *SkyLab* projects, some setting human endurance records in the Soviet *Mir*, and now Space Station *Alpha* (the International Space Station) glides silently across our planet's skies. The moon base is the next logical step into outer space and, as President Bush proposes it, would be the jumping point from which to launch new

missions to Mars and beyond.

In a conversation I had in preparation for my class last week, one of my classmates asked me, "Who would go to the Moon to live and work?" I raised my hand and said, "I'll take a retirement home on the moon." Since I first heard of the President's announcement, I was excited that, within my lifetime, an event that would change the course of history and send our people in to the cosmos would unfold in front of my eyes. My joy with this bright future excited my passion for astronomy all over again. Though, being an evergreen student, I have heard several arguments that propagate further ignorance in NASA and space related matters.

Why do we spend billions of dollars on sending people in to space when people in our cities are going hungry? Answer: The current budget of NASA is \$18.5 billion, which will be raised by about \$800 million for the next five years to develop new technologies to send astronauts in to space to finish the S.S. *Alpha* and then shuttle us over to the moon within the decade. This budgeted amount is scant in comparison to the \$87 billion supplemental budget for the war in Iraq. So why bother to take up grievances with an under-funded agency whose mission objective is to further mankind's knowledge about the cosmos?

Is this another Space Race with

China, since they have recently put their "Taikonauts" in to orbit? Answer: Sure. We could use a healthy competition with Red China, rather than sending our home-grown jobs over there, right? Frankly, the Chinese space program is at the same stage that Communist Russia was in on April 12, 1961 when Yuri Gagarin became the first human to enter Earth orbit. The Russians never made it to the Moon. China has little chance of overcoming the 40 years' head start that the United States has in space exploration and technology. Therefore, we have no need to race the Chinese.

While several questions remain unanswered in this brief article, I would be happy to entertain YOUR questions that you may have about Bush's space initiative. Write me with your questions at elb3r14@evergreen.edu or check out the article "A New Vision for Space" in the May '04 issue of Astronomy Magazine for more information!

Perhaps someday in our lifetimes, we will place a plaque on Mars similar to the one left by the Apollo 11 crew when they first touched down in Mare Tranquillitatis (the Sea of Tranquility):

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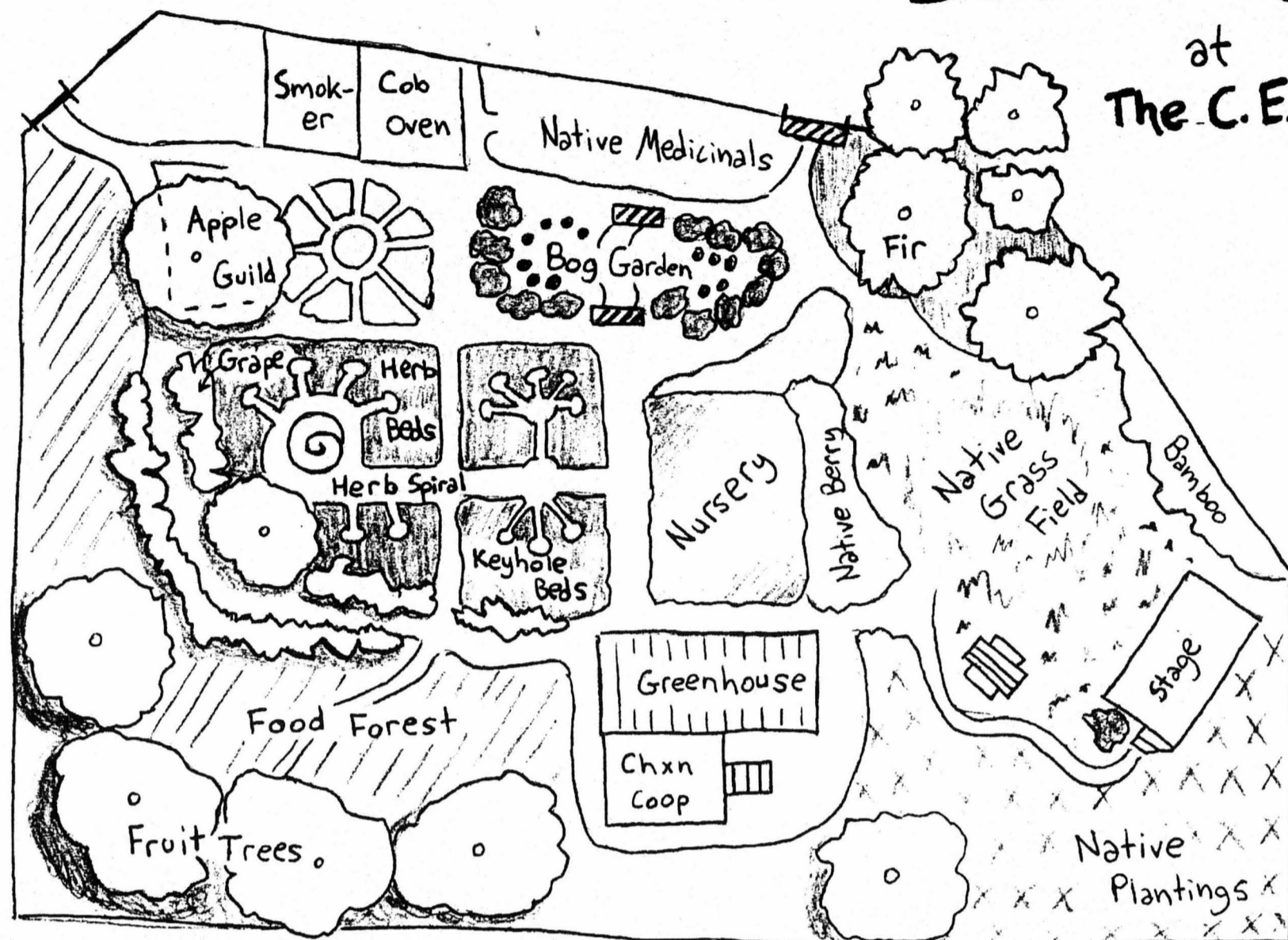
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Permaculture: Principles to Live By

by Kris Pendleton



Few gardeners these days are unfamiliar with the term permaculture. The pattern language and development principles of permaculture are in fact used most often to describe garden systems, but in actuality permaculture can be applied to any organizational system. This is because rather than being strictly a gardening technique, permaculture is actually more or less a systems design strategy. A garden, being a system that is easily manipulated, is a great tool for applying permaculture principles. This article is a first in a series of two articles describing permaculture principles and techniques leading up to a series of workshops at The Evergreen Center for Ecological Learning and Living, (formerly known as the Organic Farm) on April 25. This all day festival will be celebrating Earth Day 2004. But more about that later... Because it is spring we'll look at permaculture in the garden and how the principles that are applied in the home and garden can be applied elsewhere.

So what exactly is permaculture? Permaculture is a set of principles and ethics that guide the development of sustainable human systems whether that be an ecologically designed home garden or a green government. There are three

ethics that guide the whole of permaculture design:

- (1) *Care for the Earth.*
- (2) *Care for People.*
- (3) *Share the Surplus.*

The third guiding principle often is taken to mean putting all the surplus back into care for the earth and caring for people. This could be composting or giving away fruit and veggies that you can't store or preserve to people who can't afford good wholesome food.

In a permaculture design there are a few principles that help make a system really tight and efficient.

(1) *Observe and interact.* Symbolized by the eye in the hand observation, interaction is at the root of becoming intimate with the world around you. Note the season's change and the phases of plants. Note these things and begin to learn about them and interact with them. Know your habitual movements through your house. Know where the wind comes from and how the sun lies on your garden. All these observations will be key players in the design of your home and garden system in the future.

If you will be in a place for a good while (10 years, let's say), it is really a good idea to observe your property for at least a year or even two. The fruit of this observation is the design of a system with the least possible energy expenditure, making the most efficient use of natural and human resources. I know a permaculture designer who designed a garden with different paths so that a different path was traveled daily. The paths overlapped so that daily garden tendings could be done but garden activities that happened every other day or once a week say were also taken care of. Observe. Note your observations. Interact with your surroundings and observe your interactions. Repeat steps 1-3.

(2) *Start small and expand on success.* You know those dandelions in your yard that bloom huge every year and spread seed? Let's start with them. Every part of the dandelion is either edible or medicinal. Instead of spraying them, pick some of the buds early in the morning, roll them in pancake batter for a breakfast of dandelion fritters. When you're done go out and pick the rest of the open buds for dandelion wine. Got a wart on your finger? Pluck the stem and smear the sap on it a

couple of times daily for a few weeks. In the afternoon after you've spent the day plucking dandelion pedals for your wine go out and gather a good mix of succulent young and bitter mature leaves for your salad. And in the fall come back for the roots to make a bitter digestive tincture. As important as it is to know your plants it is equally important to know your local and greater environment. As you've spent this season gathering dandelions you've been watching the weather and the sun and next year maybe you'll start by growing some herbs in an herb spiral right out side your back door. Maybe you'll want to grow some of your favorite veggies in a ten by ten garden in the spot you've noted to be the best for veggies. Start small. Next year, after you've learned from some mistakes, your garden expands a little bit. But keep expanding small. The less variables you have in your system the less likely you are to have something go catastrophically wrong and the more likely you are to know where you went wrong. I was told this and it is so true. "Even though you may understand what I am saying, you won't listen and you'll make a huge garden. Just watch." Simple though it is, this is a hard principle to follow.

(3) *Integrate your system.* There's this old permaculture adage that goes, "Every element should serve many functions and every function should be served by many elements." I know this is a bit like some sort of esoteric permaculture Zen koan (riddle), but really it's a very simple concept. The *element* is any thing in your garden or house. That could be you, a tree, the sun your neighbors hole digging dog, whatever it is if it is something it is an element. The *function* is the *act* of an element. Let's try the tree for an example. The tree does some great things for you. It provides shade in the summer and let's light in to your home in autumn when the leaves fall. This is a walnut tree and so every year you get a nice crop of walnuts. So far what has this tree provided? Shade (or cooling). Sun (or warmth). And food. But there is something else that this particular tree provides you: *Junglan* toxicity. Of the *Junglan* family the walnuts all exude a kind toxin that doesn't allow much to grow under it, like mulberries. Problem? Nope, just an opportunity for diversity. So now this tree has provided you with four things. Shade, sun, food and diversity. You just began your first guild.

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DEAP: guilds

by Jaime Mitchell

When I started researching for my good compadres over at DEAP (Development of Ecological Agricultural Processes, for the Evergreen Organic Farm) I didn't know much about the topic of guilds. Everything I found in the process was fascinating to me. The following is a brief overview of the points I deemed most important.

There is much more to be learned regarding guilds, not to mention other ecological agriculture practices. So much, in fact, that the abundance can be daunting—however, underneath every principle in permaculture is beautiful simplicity. The way one treats the environment essentially begins with the way one treats oneself. So, I invite you to satiate any appetite for knowledge, taking what you need and leaving the rest for a more suitable time.

What is a guild?

A guild is a "harmoniously interwoven group of plants and animals, often centered around one major species, that benefits human while creating habitat" (Hemenway). This means that a guild is essentially mimics the ecosystems that exist naturally. It is a group of plants that symbiotically exist, creating a sustainable habitat for themselves and providing polyculture (a variety of species) crops for human reaping. This manner of planting is appropriate for personal

gardens, but is not necessarily practical for large-scale procedures.

Why build a guild?

In nature, symbiotic relationships are abundant from coral reefs—clown fish and sea anemones—to the depths of the rainforest—acacia trees and ants. Bringing this kind of community into our garden allows us not only the chance to observe harmony up close, but also the opportunity to alleviate some labor for our hands.

What does a guild look like?

The most renowned example of a guild is the Native American "Three Sisters." This trio of corn, beans, and squash qualifies as a guild because the plants support one another. Toby Hemenway explains this in his book, *Gaia's Garden*, which was used as a primary resource in composing this article.

The cornstalks form a trellis (support structure) for the bean vines to climb. The beans, in turn, draw nitrogen from the air, and via symbiotic bacteria convert the nitrogen to plant-available form. These nitrogen-fixing bacteria, scientists have recently learned, are fed by special sugars that ooze from the corn roots. The rambling squash, with its broad leaves, forms a living parasol (umbrella) that densely covers the ground, inhibiting weeds and keeping the soil cool and moist. Together, the Three Sisters produce more food, with less water and fertilizer, than a

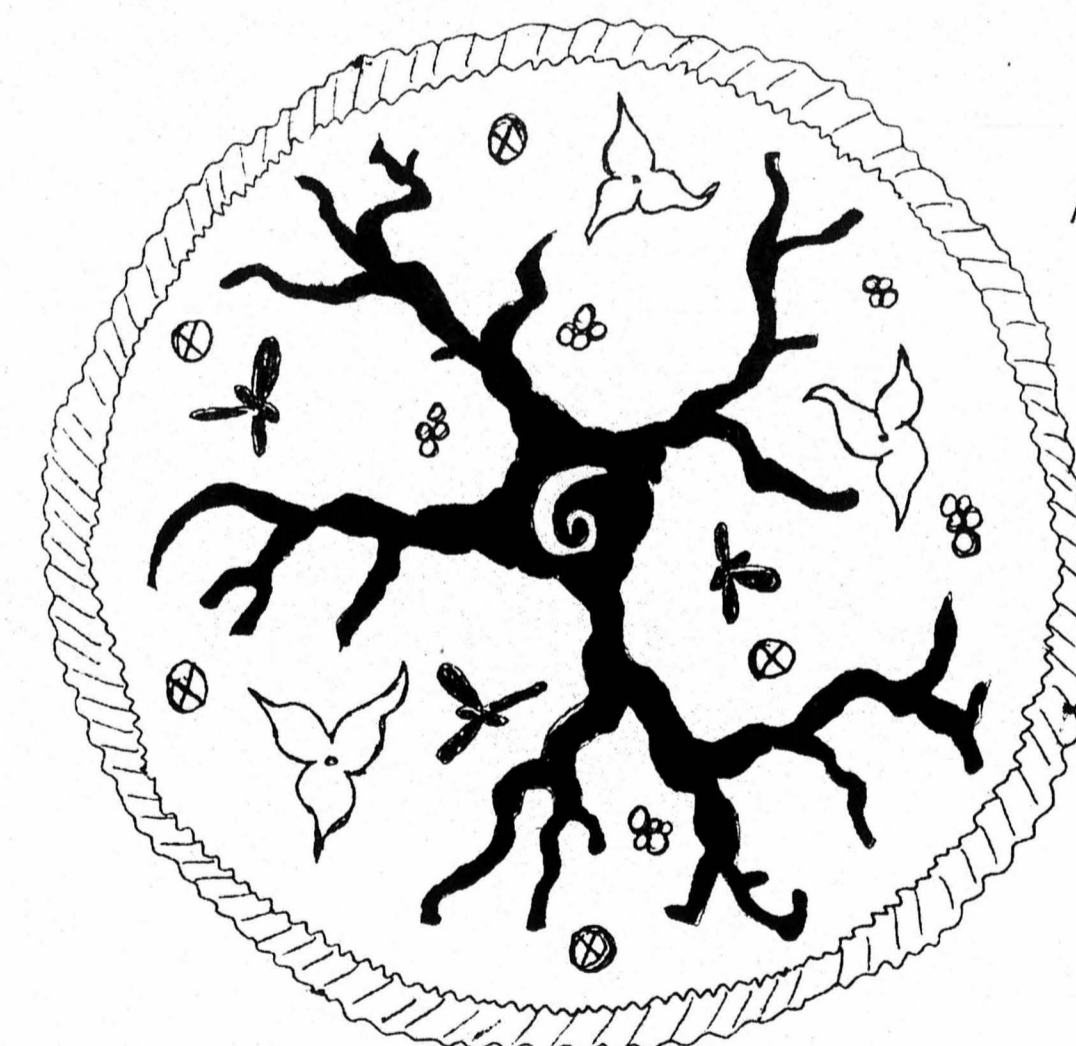
similar area planted to any one of these three crops in isolation.

Further studies on this combination have revealed that the vegetables themselves are richer in nutrients when grown together. One such study showed a 20% increase in caloric capacity, again in comparison to monoculture plots of each of these crops. Crops higher in caloric value would provide more nutrition for human system in smaller numbers. This is beneficial not only because of agricultural limitations, but also because it means less toil for the farmers.

Another popular type of guild is centered on an apple tree. The members of the apple guild are a congregation that pollinate, control pests, boost soil fertility, reduce root competition, conserve water, balance fungal populations, and counter disease. Quite an overwhelming amount of work for one, but a diversity of plants can help to keep each other happy and healthy. Thus, the biological support replaces human intervention, "shifting the gardener's workload onto the broad back of nature" (Hemenway).

There are a few basic groups that comprise a guild. Each family of plants contributes different attributes to create a solid whole. Using the basic principles from Hemenway's book, the gardener can customize their guild for optimal yield in their climate.

Central Element. Usually this is a harvestable plant, a fruit tree or a timber producer, whose size is variable.



guilding A Garden Mandala

- ⊙ → Central Element
- ✕ → Mulch Plants
- 🐦 → Insect-Attracting Plants
- ☘ → Nutrient Accumulators
- ⊗ → Nitrogen Fixers
- 🌿 → Grass-Suppressing Bulbs

Grass-Suppressing Bulbs. Shallow roots of bulbs form a barrier against grasses that could vie for soil nutrients. These bulbs should be planted in a dense ring beneath the tree's drip line (the outermost leaves of full-grown branches).

Insect- and Bird-Attracting Plants. Flowering plants should be scattered within the circle (circumference formed by the bulbs) to lure pollinators and predators that

prey on pests.

Nutrient Accumulators. deep taproots will dredge up minerals and other nutrients. A the guild will recycle these in these plants will be obsolete.

Mulch Plants. This greenery, left to rot, will deliver a mineral-organic material to the soil.

Nitrogen Fixers. These plants make nutrients soluble for other roots.

Soul Fumigants and Pest Repellants. Some plants naturally exude pest-repellant substances. They can be beneficial but should be used with caution.

Habitat Nooks. These make the guild accessible to beneficial animal species.

The Definite Article

by Ellen Peterson

Before I begin writing, I waste a lot of time. My reasoning is that I need to let the subject ferment and age like good cheese, so that when the reader finally reads the outcome he will get a many-layered piece of writing that pervades his senses with its combination of bite and body and subtle aftertaste.

Now, I've only made cheese once in my life (third grade), but I know that cheese is the result of a long process. Any good cheesemaker will tell you that you can't rush your cheese. Likewise with writing. Although, it is practically inevitable that, after fermenting the subject for so long, the actual writing must be done in a flourish.

The prewriting stage is sacred, it's gent. The paper is a white blank of non-writing. The writer can pretend that she knows a lot. She can plant strawberries in the garden and ignore her pen. She can consider all the wonderful things

that could be written. Then she has to sit down and write.

Many writers have published how-to books on writing, not because they figure that the more advice a person has the fewer mistakes she'll make, but because they are compelled to make fun of themselves. In fact, by describing their faltering, makeshift writing processes, these writers usually help to lessen the reader's belief that real authors write with ease and discipline.

In her book *Bird by Bird*, Anne Lamont describes how she carries around index cards in her back pocket so that she can jot down phrases or thoughts that occur to her at mundane moments during the day. She then clothespins these cards along a line that she's strung above her desk. Lamont also advocates the "shitty first draft," which she writes with no intention of showing a soul. She suggests using a highlighter to pull out any sections that ring true and then proceeding to write a

real first draft from there. Lamont and others do their best to make light of the fact that there is an intimidating stage of the writing process that each writer must pass.

There is a big, scary gap between prewriting and writing. Trolls lurk there. Here are three ways to get across:

The Running Leap (my favorite tactic): Hang out and look at the gap. Dangle your feet over the edge and eat your lunch and stare into the wide open. Then back up and run as fast as possible and somehow you'll end up on the other side, in the green meads of writing.

The Filler Technique: Most self-help writers books suggest "free-writing," the practice of letting it all flow out onto the page, anything you're thinking. It works for many. Eventually the gap is no longer a gap but a pile of rubble and rhinestones, and the traveler can trip lightly across like the little Billy-Coats Gruff, grabbing some rhinestones on the way and reaching

at last the verdant glades of writing.

The Conversation Bridge: If you tell someone about what you're wanting to write, usually the exact words you use could become the perfect paper. Ask that person to write down what you say. One favorite tactic of the tutors in the Evergreen Writing Center is to get you to explain yourself and then shout, "Stop! Write that down!" If you remember what you just said, it works beautifully. Now I ask you, is it trolls, and not trolls, who lurk in the gap, under that friendly bridge?

Sooner or later, the gap must be crossed. The cheese must be put on the shelf, and you must, like any humble writer, leave it for the readers to decide whether you've written a tasty piece of writing, or whether it just stinks.

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The Curmudgeon: On Outsourcing

by Lee Kepraus

To be added to the list of new dictionary words born out of the modern age, alongside "extranet," "key pal," "digerati," "clicks-and-mortar," "soocer mom," and "bootylicious," is outsourcing. I've even got a definition: "The relocation of jobs from the United States to foreign nations, chiefly for the purpose of cutting labor costs." And these exported jobs are not limited to the assembly line—over 500,000 highly skilled white-collar jobs in the past five years have been outsourced. To where? Bombay, Manila, Estonia, Dublin: all of it possible through the use of computer technology and low-cost fiber-optic phone lines. The pay? A skilled engineer in say, India, fluent in English, earns \$27,000 a year. In the U.S. it's \$90,000.

Here's the deal: The Curmudgeon is actually torn about outsourcing. On one hand, it's argued that outsourcing creates a better macroeconomy: for every dollar sent overseas by a U.S. company, \$1.12 returns. That's the economic viewpoint, but what about the political?

No politician wants to defend outsourcing. They know that a basic test of real economics can be applied to the issue, that of course, an economy suffers when jobs disappear. If other countries had the same minimum wage, child labor and environmental laws and regulations that we do, we'd be able to compete on a more level playing field, but since they don't, we can't. Our trade policies are a joke and have been for decades. But neither party has the guts to do anything about it. Both parties are "on the take" from the multinationals and could care less what is happening to our people out here.

Not to mention, no starving child in a third world country should have to support his thirteen brothers and sisters

working for less than bus fare weaving tiny imperfections into beanie babies for eighteen hours in a factory house that smells like paint.

Technology is making businesses more efficient and businesses are doing more with less, meaning that job growth may not come back for 30 years. Sure, when workers of other countries demand higher wages and health benefits then maybe outsourcing will slow down but it may take 30 to 50 years before all cheap labor sources have dried up. In the meantime the American worker will suffer a lowering of the standard of living. Doesn't anyone get it? This is why corporate America has stolen so much these last few years: because they see the big picture. And we don't. Cause we're fucking stupid. As Dr. No told 007, "The successful criminal brain is always superior."

I stop worrying sometimes because it would seem that outsourcing shouldn't be a problem as long as we are dynamic enough to create new markets of employment and the American worker advantage of the training opportunities presented to them. The writing has been on the wall for decades: Be versatile, continuously learn and have a sense of vision for job markets with staying power. In other words, because of outsourcing, the need for jobs will be created by original thinkers who make their own way, make their own discoveries, invent new technologies, start their own businesses and get job retraining for work in fields of endeavor that will always need people like medical/health/nursing, science, education, etc. In effect, the job market is always in a state of flux and evolution; therefore, it may continue to grow, but in areas heretofore otherwise unknown or unexplored.

But then I think, "Wait a minute!

That can't be right!" First of all, if third world countries do the manufacturing, what do we sell to these emerging third world markets? I'm having trouble with that. If we allow good paying jobs to start going away, then what do we have to look forward to? Why would I want to be a lab assistant at \$35k/year when I could have used my degree to make ten times that as a say, a structural engineer? I hope you never have surgery and right before you go under, the doctor and nurse start talking about how much they hate their job. Then you're likely to wind up with one testicle and an arm where your leg should be.

Secondly, our tax system does not reward folks starting new businesses. We'd like to think that's how it works, but it doesn't. Getting shown how to put mustard and mayo on a burger is getting trained on a "new craft." But when your \$80,000/year job goes to India or Mexico for someone to make \$20k, are you really going to be pleased when asking your future clients, "Do you want fries with that?" The problem with our economy today is that we thrive on too much HOPE that new technologies will be invented here and create new markets thereby creating jobs. Maybe it's me, but I don't like to base the economy on what *might* be invented in the future. Did somebody say McDonald's?

Another thing I don't understand: If corporations start dishing out our work to others for pennies on the dollar, then shouldn't they do the same for the cost of their products as well? I mean, it's not about greed, is it? It's not all about sheer profit, is it? Tell me it ain't so. Because I would love to get a six foot plasma TV for \$50!

Personally, I'm not worried about outsourcing because eventually even big



corporations suffer too because nobody would have any money to buy their products because nobody would have jobs. It's a ripple effect, like a domino principle. And governments may also suffer. I mean, isn't the result of exporting jobs and importing non-immigrant labor going to lower the overall revenue our government collects from income taxes? Am I the only one who's thinking ahead here? Even a tax increase won't help. Perhaps this is why some people are talking about taxing wealth instead of income.

By the way, this is going to be my last column because I've been outsourced and replaced with an eight-year-old boy from Calcutta named Rajamir.

Lee's New Rule of the Week: Keep your idiot political irony off my t-shirt! I was pleased to learn that recently, Urban Outfitters yanked from their retail the t-shirt that reads, "Voting is for Old People!" I've got a slogan for the Urban Outfitters T-Shirt line: "Being Fuckin' Stupid Is For Young People!"

A-Dorm Elevators: It's Everyone's Problem

by Connor Moran

As a resident of A-Dorm, one of the first annoyances I encountered on campus was the elevator in that venerable breadbox I call home. I distinctly remember lying awake the first night of Orientation Week, my only lullaby the loud "ding" of the elevator. Needless to say, these elevators have been a problem for a very, very long time. I have steered clear of mentioning them thus far because I imagine that solving the problem permanently would require nothing less than replacement, a very expensive fix beyond what I usually suggest. However, the problem has come to a head, and so I felt I could offer a few suggestions to improve minor aspects of the elevator experience that may otherwise go unnoticed.

First, a request to everyone who uses the elevator: if you spill something on the elevator floor, *CLEAN IT UP*. Please. The bottoms of both A-Dorm elevators feel like some kind of multicolored fly paper set down to trap foolish college students. It's disgusting. And when the maintenance people have to clean it up, that means one elevator will be out of commission for some time, and it will take twice the forever it usually takes to get where you want to go. So clean up your own mess and make life better for everyone.

Second, now that the elevator doors cannot be reliably expected to actually

close, I imagine that some major maintenance is going to occur on the elevators. If I imagine incorrectly, I would like to respectfully suggest that some major maintenance occurs on the elevators. In a ten-story building, a working elevator may not be an absolute necessity, but they are a pretty important luxury.

Third, if there is going to be maintenance anyway, I would like to suggest that the elevator bell be disconnected. As I noted before, the sound of it is loud and obnoxious, and carries more or less throughout the building. The bell also serves no discernible purpose, as it is loud enough that it sounds the same whether the elevator is actually on your floor or not. It does not, therefore, serve its intended purpose of announcing the arrival of the elevator. Not only that, but the bell from one elevator can easily be heard in the other, so it doesn't even reliably indicate arrival to the people inside. It would make life in A-Dorm ever so much quieter if the bell would be disconnected.

The elevator is an important supplement to life in a tall dorm building. With a little help from everyone, it can be a pleasant and efficient one as well.

What's YOUR problem? E-mail it to me at Morcon03@evergreen.edu.

by Karen Starz

We have so many wonderful freedoms here at Evergreen: freedom of speech in seminar, freedom of speech on banners, fliers and the newspaper, freedom of expression with our clothes, hair and attitudes, freedom to attend class or not, freedom to change the system. What I've noticed as a student is that all these freedoms have led to another freedom: freedom from responsibility.

I'll give you a few examples of what I mean. I was on the Red Square a couple of weeks ago and a group of five students dropped a large glass juice bottle which shattered. They proceeded to kick it around a little on the ground and then, looking over their shoulders, they walked into the CAB. Example two happened in the science building. A student rushed into the foyer, sat down and quickly ate some fries he brought at the CAB. He then tossed the ketchup smeared plate onto a table and went to class. The plate was still there two days later. There are so many more examples, from spray painting to trash being left in the seminar rooms.

Here's the deal, though, guys. Sometimes you can go so far to the left you're back on the right. Freedom can become oppressive if it is no longer used for creating. The oppression comes in the form of negativity, i.e., bad attitudes and lack of care for others who share the same space. Protesting and organizing is fine and good, but if we can't even have a little respect for the piece of earth which we visit every day, how can we expect the rest of the world to be responsible and conscious for their environment? One day we will all have jobs out in the greater expanse of society. We could end up being house cleaners, waitresses, environmentalists, taxi drivers, or teachers. When this happens we would hope that we are treated with respect and that the space we work in is filled with enough responsible people to make it a nice place to work. I have an idea, why don't we start here and now at our very own school so that it will be second nature to us by the time we leave Evergreen?

The Iraqi Quagmire

by Graham Waleryzak

Montasser Zayat, an Islamist lawyer in Cairo, said this past week, "Thank God that the American administration is too stupid to win the Iraqis over. On the contrary, they create feelings of frustration and commit more mistakes, leading more Iraqis to rise against them." [1] This seems to be a common sentiment in the Arab world: stupid, arrogant Americans. We were stupid arrogant Americans even before we opened up the Pandora's Box that is Iraq. Now we are stupid arrogant, fucked Americans. It only took one year for the Americans to alienate their assumed allies in the Shiite Muslims of southern Iraq (60% of the population) and push them into an alliance with their historic rivals and oppressors, the Sunni Muslims. Shiites suffered countless acts of brutality and political and religious persecution at the hands of the Sunni Muslims over the past decades, but an alliance with these very people is more palatable than one more minute of American occupation. This is the worst thing that could have happened to the American troops in Iraq. According to a State Department official working in southern Iraq, "Six months of work is completely gone. There is nothing to show for it." [2] We are entertaining the worst-case scenario.

So should we pull out of Iraq? That

would only lead to sectarian strife and the creation of a possible terrorist haven, while further empowering other "rogue states" to shit all over America. If America is perceived as weak and vulnerable, this could inspire other nations to settle some old scores with the Americans. How about those North Korean folk and their clandestine nuclear arsenal? Before you know it, we're all going to be hiding under our desks, practicing nuclear fallout drills. Should we stay in Iraq and add more troops? That would only lead to more American and Iraqi casualties and continue to piss off Arabs for generations to come. Also, a continued military buildup would put in jeopardy the reconstruction projects that are already underway, meaning that portions of the \$87 billion the U.S. is spending on Iraqi reconstruction may literally be up in smoke.

The one certainty in Iraq is the continuance of violence. The amount of weapons and people ready to use them creates an extremely sensitive environment that is already made touchy because of the clash of cultures that occurs on a daily basis. These heavily armed power seekers represent a variety of interests and constituencies. They consist of the American military, the freshly trained Iraqi army and police, thousands of highly trained

personal security guards, militia linked to political and religious parties, and foreign insurgents, former Hussein loyalists, Baath Party members, jobless ex-soldiers, aspiring terrorists, and everyday Iraqis looking to protect themselves, their families and their cultural and personal identity. [3] While the United States has made it a stated goal of creating a united Iraqi state, what ultimately might hold the people of Iraq together is their ultimate hatred for the Americans.

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EVERGREEN BASEBALL

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Sports Analysis/Commentary by Talia Wilson

Second Annual Boulder Bash:

April 5, 2004

by Kyra Berkovich

As The Outdoor Program edges closer to its second annual climbing competition, the Boulder Bash at The Evergreen State College's climbing gym, it also invites everyone and anyone to the Gear Swap, April 17.

With registration beginning at 9 a.m. (at the Administration Office of the CRC), and the competition kicking off at 10 a.m., it leaves an entire day of climbing for prizes and new personal records. Designed to generate enthusiasm for the sport, The Outdoor Program (TOP) encourages spectators to attend, giving them access to an outdoor climbing wall, as well as the gear swap. With an Evergreen student fee of \$10, and a community fee of \$15, that still leaves plenty of options available for new gear, and a great afternoon.

Sponsors for this year's event include Teva, Bison Designs, Prana and Rock & Ice Magazine. Prizes for competitors include climbing apparel and equipment.

This year's event, organized by program manager Ian Bondi and Ben Markchek, office assistant, will follow last year's example, of stripping the usual climbing holds, and replacing them with

specific courses, ranging in levels of difficulty. Each climber is given 25 minutes to complete as many courses as they can, with more points given to the tougher runs. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the event.

Bondi and Markchek are hoping for a larger turnout than last year's 30 climbers, and with all the effort placed into this year's event, they can only expect the best.

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Last Saturday was a great day for baseball. And aside from losing yet again, Evergreen's club baseball team reminded its few spectators that a great day of baseball isn't necessarily derived from winning.

Facing the Western Washington University Vikings, the Geoducks were the underdogs before they even left the capitol city, as the Vikings trampled them 12-8 and 11-0 in their previous match-up last month. And when the Geoducks arrived Saturday morning at Joe Martin Stadium in Bellingham, they were again short of players, this time bringing only ten.

In the first game of the doubleheader, the Vikings dominated the first three innings and scored seven runs, partly in thanks to catcher B.J. Hickok's three-run homer at the bottom of the first. They also allowed only one base hit, by catcher Will Tubman at the top of the first. Tubman would later score the first of the team's two runs, when he managed to steal home on Viking error. In addition, Tubman picked up an RBI at the top of the fifth when his line drive to center allowed outfielder Whalen Dillon to score.

Unfortunately, it wouldn't be enough to either secure a win or keep the Vikings from dominating the rest of the game. The Vikings went on to score five runs in the fifth inning, thanks to infielder Michael O'Donnell's two RBIs and a ball given to the team when Geoduck pitcher Sean Presley supposedly stepped off the mound. That event prompted strong reactions from team members and one spectator, who directed his anger at the discerning umpire: "You can't even see the rubber where you're at. That's a chicken call!"

The highlight of the game was a sweet triple play at the bottom of the fourth inning, when Viking infielder Andrew Irvine's line drive straight to third baseman Evan Kearley enabled the Geoducks to throw out O'Donnell, outfielder Michael Johnson and Irvine, all thanks to quick reacting by Kearley, second baseman Jeremy Villianos and first baseman Tucker

Waugh. Afterwards, one onlooker commented, "That looks like a real baseball team out there!"

In the second game, it look like the Vikings might succeed in shutting out the Geoducks, but the guys in green managed to score two runs at the top of the seventh inning. Outfielder Miles Conroy, in his only time at bat, ran in the first run, giving Tubman his second RBI of the day. Then, outfielder Jeremy Harrison-Smith scored the final run, following a Presley base hit. And though the Geoducks still lost 12-2 and 5-2, this was the first time all season that the team hadn't been shut out during a series of games. The two teams were scheduled to play an additional game the next day, but the Geoducks chose to forfeit.

The Geoducks finish out the season with Central Oregon Community College on May 1 and 2 at Vince Genna Stadium in Bend.

Clearly the team's ability to follow through and make the necessary plays has taken a step forward. More players had base hits (many more than one), the offense took more risks, the defense made bigger plays, and the pitching remained solid. Even some mistakes turned out okay, like when Dillon bobbled a fly ball right into Villianos' hands. The Vikings' strengths, however, seemed to lie in their pitching (or maybe not, as they cycled through four pitchers in the second game) and the players' ability to steal bases. But the Vikings hadn't appeared to change much, at least not in the same respect as the Geoducks, whose playing has greatly improved since the start of the season. It just goes to show that while the Geoducks may be walking (talking) clams, they can control their Dang Hot-ness until the right moment arises to let it all hang out.

Damn, I love those great baseball Saturdays! (Rip it!)

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Thursday, April 15

5-7 p.m. Anti-Oppression Training, Library 3500. Sponsored by the Coalition Against Sexual Violence.
6:30 p.m. Dinner, with vegetarian option, available for a \$6.50 donation. New Freeway Hall, 5018 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle. For more information, rides or childcare, call 206.722.6057 or 722.2453. Everyone welcome. Wheelchair accessible.

7:30 p.m. The Fight for Reproductive Rights, at the New Freeway Hall (see 6:30 p.m.). An analysis of the strategies being put forth by different political tendencies in the women's movement to defend reproductive freedom.

Friday, April 16

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Alien Abduction Night, Mod 309A.

Sunday, April 18

Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Monday, April 19

3-5 p.m. Healthy Relationships Workshop with Seattle's Cara. Library 3500. Sponsored by Student Group Coalition Against Sexual Violence.

Wednesday, April 21

Film, location and time to be announced. Sponsored by the Women of Color Coalition.

Friday, April 23 to Saturday, May 15

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Olympia Little Theater presents One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, April 23 through May 15. "A harrowing and hilarious story, featuring a classic showdown between underdogs and a bully." Tickets \$8. Olympia Little Theater, 1925 Miller Ave N.E., Olympia. For more information, call 360.786.9484 or visit http://www.olympialittletheater.org/.

Thursday, April 29

6-8 p.m. How To Ask Your Date For a Kiss, interactive theater with the Office of Sexual Assault Prevention's Peer Education Project, Library 3500.

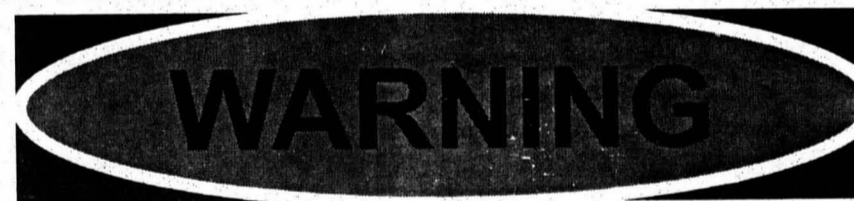
Friday, April 30

6-8 p.m. Self-Defense Workshop, CRC Dance Room. Sponsored by Office of Sexual Assault Prevention.

Thursday, May 6

7:30 p.m. General Radical Women Meeting. Learn more about their current activities and campaigns. Dinner, with vegetarian option, available at 6:30 p.m. for a \$6.50 donation. New Freeway Hall, 5018 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle. For more information, rides or childcare, call 206.722.6057 or 722.2453. Everyone welcome. Wheelchair accessible.

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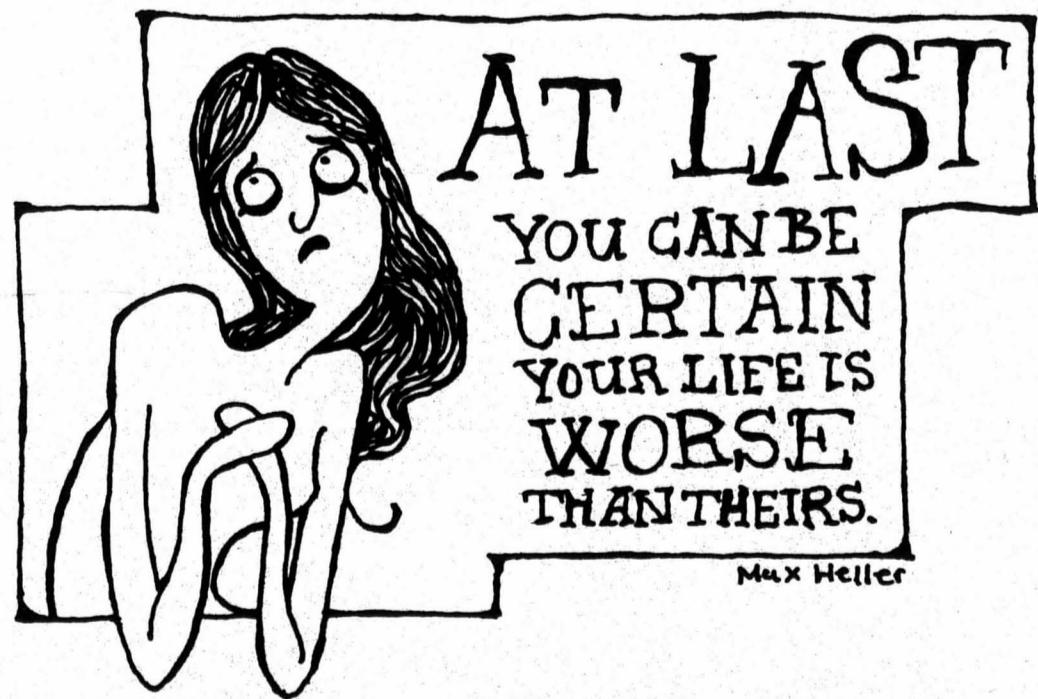
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kids are stupid, contact me: kids_are_stupid@hotmail.com

hey dad! I just fought the power by tapping over one of their evil vending machines. I think that's about equal to saving the life of one columbian union worker (in a hero!

oh my son, what a waste. there are aborted fetuses up in heaven with god, and they're saying "I WOULD'VE BEEN A DOCTOR" and god is patting them on the head with his gigantic hand, reassuring them.



are you sure the plural of fetus is fetuses? I think it might be fetu, you know, like lung?



just shut up.

jesus is also very disappointed in you

