

Cooper Point Journal

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Break-in at Lab I

by Erin Finch

A student allegedly broke into the Lab I machine shop last Monday causing \$1,500 of damage, and assaulted Evergreen Police Officers responding to the scene.

At roughly 5:20PM Monday, Evergreen Police Services received a call from a staff member working in the Lab 1 building reporting a person attempting to kick the handle off of the door to the machine shop.

The man, described in the police report of the incident as being in his 40's, is currently enrolled as a student at the Evergreen State College, and has had previous interactions with Police Services. "We have had contact with this person before," said Sabine Riggins, Communications Officer for Police Services, "We are familiar with him by sight." According to Riggins, the man has had a history of minor disciplinary issues, and has become belligerent with officers in the past.

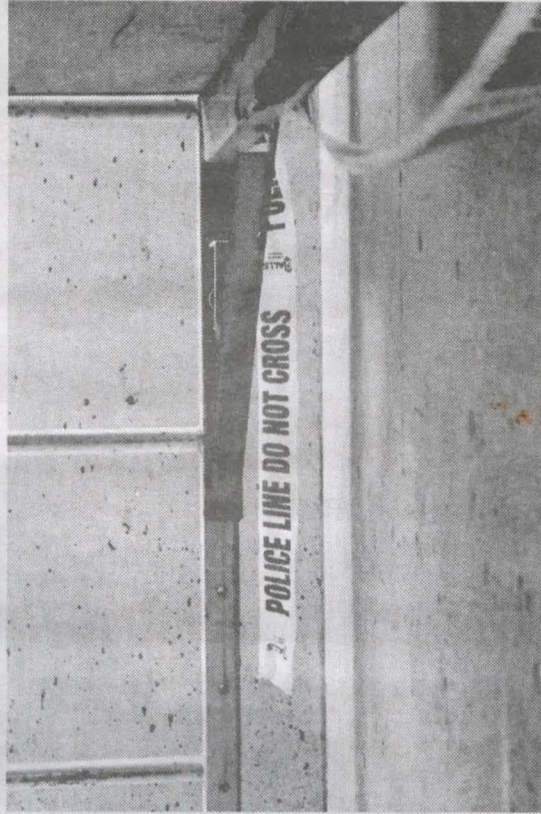
According to the police report, Officers Tammi Stretch and Tim Marron responded to a report from a Building Maintenance worker, making their way to the Lab I building. At the time of their arrival, the man had already forced his way into a room in the Lab I basement. Officer Stretch, who was acquainted with the man, entered the room hoping to calm him down.

"When attempts to de-escalate the situation failed, one officer deployed a Taser and attempted to arrest the individual," said Steve Hunter, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services, in an email sent Tuesday regarding

the incident.

According to Riggins, the Taser caused the man to fall to the floor where he continued to resist the officers, began "thrashing around" and shouting.

The man managed to dislodge one of



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the barbs fired from the Taser, got to his feet and assaulted Officer Stretch with a metal stand. The officers then retreated outside the machine shop, barricaded the doors, and called for backup.

Officers from Thurston County Sheriffs Office, Washington State Patrol and Olympia Police Department responded, assisting Evergreen PD in subduing the man with pepper spray,

and arresting him. After the arrest, officers took the man to the Thurston County Jail. As of the writing of this article, the alleged perpetrator had refused to be booked by officers at the jail.

Officer Tammi Stretch was not seriously injured in the incident, and apart from the pepper spray and the Taser, the man was not harmed in the course of the arrest.

Riggins refused to speculate on the man's motivations for carrying out the alleged break-in. The man did have a bag or backpack, which he might have used to remove items from the shop, but it is unclear whether he intended to do this. "We don't know what he's dealing with right now. The man was emotionally agitated and did not seem to be in control of himself" according to Riggins. "Once he got started he just couldn't stop," she said.

The damage seems to be limited to the door and the handle, and damages have been estimated at \$1,500. The Lab 1 machine shop has been temporarily closed to assess the door, and determine whether other items have been damaged.

It is unclear whether there will be any changes made to campus security policy as a result of this incident, but Riggins believes that no change is necessary. "The officers handled the incident fairly well, considering what they encountered," she said.

The investigation into the incident is ongoing.

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Walk-Out/ Teach-In Rally

by Shane Whitaker

Students walked out of class on Thursday, September 30, in participation of the Walk-Out/Teach-In rally. They gathered in Red Square at noon to protest various issues and hear from speakers from the community.

"We're out here today for three reasons," said Peter Boehmer. He said the rally was the anniversary of the United States' invasion of Afghanistan, it was in protest of the ethnic studies laws in Arizona, and was the National Day of Action against budget cuts to education. Some students actually walked out of their classes, while others walked out as entire classes with their instructor's consent.

Ricky Neiman, 20, said that his class discussed the idea of walking out ahead of time.

"They settled on us joining the walk-out," Neiman said, and the class would return from the rally at 1pm, one hour after the rally began.

Speakers at the rally included several students, faculty, and members of the community. They each spoke of their own particular points of interest, sometimes suggesting actions for the student body to take, other times informing the crowd of little known information regarding the issues being discussed.

One faculty speaker, Elizabeth Williamson, spoke of the budget cuts to the college that many in the crowd were protesting. She mentioned several consequences of the budget cuts, including reduced services at the school and limited potential for students to learn in the classroom.

"Faculty, students and staff are in the same boat; very few of us have real financial security, and all of us are affected by the cuts to public education," Williamson said in an email after the rally. "I wanted to acknowledge the evils of a system that can only pay my salary by making hundreds of students take out loans they can't afford--while reaffirming my belief that all of us, as wage laborers, are fighting the same fight."

Les Purce, President of the college, spoke after the event speakers were finished. He stressed the importance of being educated about the issues, and taking part in the current elections. "This is not about 'we' and 'they' on this campus," Dr. Purce said. "Get the information, and it will speak for itself." Purce did not speak of specific initiatives at the rally, and was reluctant to show support for any specific initiatives in a later interview.

After the speakers were finished, the rally was broken up into three small groups, each discussing one of the three primary issues brought up in the rally. Dr. Purce stayed after the rally to talk to students about questions and concerns they had.

As the crowd broke up to continue their discussions, one student shouted from the crowd: "Hatred will never conquer hatred. Only love will save the world."



FROM TOP: LES PURCE, PRESIDENT, CONTEMPLATES CONCERNS WITH A STUDENT; MANY ENJOY COMPLEMENTARY SOUP AND COFFEE (PHOTOS BY SHANE WHITAKER); STUDENTS FORM A SEMINAR GROUP TO VOICE OPINIONS; AND A MASS GATHERS IN RED SQUARE (PHOTOS BY NANCY FRANCO).

Experience Japan Summer 2010

by Jason Hesnan

Words cannot describe how much I miss Japan and Tokyo. Even after 2 months, the culture shock has still not left me. I think the sheer magnitude of difference between Eastern and Western life is so strong that a westerner would have to actually visit Asia to fully realize it. I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to experience it for myself, but still how I miss it. I'm currently editing together a documentary-ish film of my trip, which is on youtube.

I did the "Experience Japan" program this summer at Tamagawa University with some Evergreen and Pierce College students. I've been independently researching Japan since my teens, and I was studying Japanese Language and culture over the winter and spring with Tsutsumi Sensei, so I decided I wanted Japan to be my first journey abroad. It was a month long cultural studies course and my first time outside the United States. It was also definitely one of the best and most fulfilling educational experiences I've ever had. I was assigned a host family in Tokyo whom I met shortly after arriving. There was a bit of a language barrier between us, but we still managed to communicate, and my roommate was American.



Our experience at Tamagawa was as eclectic as it was educational. Each week we attended a variety of classes from Japanese language to Communicative English, American culture, speech writing, history and art. The coolest thing about this was that we were often there to assist the Japanese students with their understanding of Western Culture and Language courses, and sometimes the opposite, where they would help us with our Japanese studies. The lectures were very open to suggestion and often times student's questions would spark very interesting class discussions. Our professors were also super cool and from all over the world.

We were each assigned to an individual study group with different American and Japanese Students. We went on many field trips and excursions through Japan in these groups, mostly in Tokyo, but often out to Kamakura, the medieval capital, Enoshima, and few other places. We saw a great deal of historical sites, museums and beautiful temples on these trips, as well as many modern youth culture areas and activities. Each of the Evergreen students chose a research topic for their student project, and mine was "Electronic and Gaming Culture." On my fieldtrips and personal outings I explored Yokohama, Akihabara, Odaiba and other areas of Tokyo that are popular with electronic and gaming youth culture. I also had the chance to interview many Japanese teens about how frequently they game, and why.

I certainly met a lot of different amazing people from many of Japan's various youth culture groups, but I really dug the Japanese artists and art students. Tamagawa had some of the most prolific and insouciant artists I've ever met; they just blew me away constantly. It's always fulfilling to see people create art in line with their own purpose and taste, and not for any other reason or popular aesthetic. Many of my fellow students were brilliant painters, filmmakers, and even clothing designers. Japan is surely a country with some very different customs and rules compared to the West, but it is not all that hard to fit in as a "Gaijin". 2 months after leaving, I am still heartbroken, but hopeful, and I am already working on finding a way back. Nihon Matane!

The Cinephile's Lens: Movie Review-It's Kind of a Funny Story

by Jilda Lamb

Ever since the success of 2007's *Juno*, Hollywood has been rapidly spitting out mainstream indie films in hopes of attracting the same praise. However, a pattern has appeared: only one film in the genre stands out each year. Last year it was "500 Days of Summer," a film that benefitted from its incessant commercial spots and likable stars. Attempting to follow suit, will "It's Kind of a Funny Story" garner similar praise?

"It's Kind of a Funny Story" opens with 16-year-old Craig (Keir Gilchrist) biking to a New York City emergency room at five in the morning, after waking up from a dream in which he commits suicide. The overwhelmed teen convinces the on-call doctor to help him out, thinking that a quick fix is available to him. However, he soon finds out that his stay in the third floor psychiatric ward will be a minimum of five days, setting him behind on schoolwork and tying him up in fibs to his friends. Though Craig feels out of place at first, he finds a confidant in Bobby (Zach Galifianakis), a love interest in Noelle (Emma Roberts), and a new appreciation for everything he has.

Every problem that I have with this film stems from its poorly written screenplay, which is essentially a mishmash of stale characters whose problems are given all-too-convenient resolutions. Craig comes off as a cliché, devoid of any unique traits that would at least make him a somewhat sympathetic character. In fact, all of the teenagers featured suffer from the same fate. Their dialog feels unnatural and makes clear to the audience that they are really actors playing teenagers who are trying so hard to be typical teenagers. With the exception of Bobby, who is allowed the chance to develop a distinct personality, the adults in the film are no better off than their younger co-stars. So much time is spent on these bland characters that the film's central topic, depression, becomes a lighthearted afterthought and, in the end, gets treated like a fleeting speed bump standing in the way of a perfect life. If these elements would have been considered more thoroughly, "It's Kind of a Funny Story" would have had a chance at being something fresh, but sadly, they were not.

Though I took issue with most of this 100 minute public service announcement, I cannot dislike it because it is just too nice. The mainstream indie style will have mass appeal, as will Galifianakis's performance. My advice? See a matinee showing with your mom and little sister, but don't be fooled: the story isn't really as funny as you want it to be.

Rating: 2.5/5

The Wider World: Everyone to Blame But Themselves

by Mark Ciccone

In every election year in this country, political candidates spend as much, and often more, time on TV, radio and the Internet bashing their opponents as they do touting their own virtues. Though atrociously expensive, often vitriolic, and mind-numbingly annoying after only ten repeats, these ads sway millions to vote this way or that—often, in this columnist's opinion, the wrong way. Of late, however, as the New York Times highlights in its October 9th issue, candidates from both parties and across the nation are adopting a tactic both well-used and relatively new in terms of its target: blaming their opponents for supporting measures which send jobs to companies in China.

The ads themselves, costing tens of millions of dollars, go further than any other in expressly targeting this nation, now considered by a majority of Americans and the rest of the world to be the new economic superpower. Using images of Chairman Mao and the Forbidden City in Beijing, Chinese music, and other symbols associated with the nation's Communist regime, candidates in Ohio, New York, and California, both Democratic and Republican, have assailed their opponents as favorers of free-trade policies, corporate tax breaks, and other measures which have led to the outsourcing of a still-disputed number of jobs—researchers claim the total is near three million.

As the country continues to lurch along in near-double-digit unemployment, and Wall Street continues to claim that the recession is "over" while raking in still more millions after the bank bailout, both political parties need a scapegoat for the lack of jobs and general sluggishness in the nations' economy. In a rare moment of unity, they seem to have

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How the budget cuts affect me

by Lance Worth

I'm a single dad and a student at Evergreen. My life is pretty intense. I cook for two, clean for two, study for two, 24/7. I also have a chronic illness- so when this is done, I have no energy left for a job. My student grants and loans put food in my child's mouth, help me rent a drafty two bedroom apartment in Tumwater, and little more. I'm barely making ends meet as it is- and a minimum wage job instead would actually be worse. If tuition goes any higher, I won't be able to stay in school- which will mean another family on assistance. I'd rather be paying taxes and contributing to society. Please fund state universities so that folks can obtain a basic quality of life.

Women's soccer facing early challenges going into conference schedule

by Darren Woods

Evergreen women's soccer is off to a slow start this 2010 season, but it has not been because of a lack of effort. Tivoli Farler did not return to the team in order to pursue a high school coaching opportunity while Rachel Torreon has taken the year off from soccer. Both Farler and Torreon starred on the 2009 team. Since those two departures, Sophomore Emma Loftis tore her ACL early in the preseason, and Nina Hinton is also out for the season. This leaves the Geoduck women's team with a skin and bones crew that includes six true freshman.

With just 12 active players on the women's roster, the Geoducks have limited substitutions and have to rely on superior conditioning just to keep enough players on the field to face their opponents. This has not been an easy task for first year coach Adam Fenster to address. "It's a brand new squad and with all the injuries it's been a challenge," coach Fenster said of the young Geoduck squad. Fenster added in response to the challenge of a small roster "We show up with 11, 12 people players [to games]."

Just to put the 12 player roster in perspective with the teams Evergreen shows up against, Cascade Collegiate Conference rival Concordia boasts a 21-player roster. The young Geoducks have relied on swift junior Brianna Speed for leadership. Speed has two assists on the season with six shots on goal this season. Katie Mendoza was the recipient of both of Speed's assists and her two goals lead the team. Freshman goalkeeper Brianna Ewoldt had seven huge saves in the Geoducks first conference game against Northwest University of Kirkland. Leah Aragon and Sophie Krauza are two more newcomers to watch out for as the lady Geoducks ready themselves for the rest of the season.

Women's soccer hosts conference foes Eastern Oregon University and College of Idaho this weekend and look to steal a win or two. The Geoducks are 0-1 on the season vs. conference opponents.



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agreed that the best way to get the populace fired up for November is to blame each other in particular, and China in general, for the voters' lack of paychecks, or at least ones they can live on. Never mind that the seeds of the crisis were laid by multiple rounds of GOP- and Blue Dog-backed deregulation enacted starting in 1994; or that Wall Street played fast and loose with the public's money all through the late '90s and early '00s, until the whole house of cards imploded in 2008; or that the previous and current administrations still won't touch the bloated military budget that drains trillions of badly needed dollars each year from an already crippled economic and financial system.

If the attack ads continue, already-present trade and IMF tensions with China (described in the Times as well) will only be further exacerbated, potentially lengthening the current recession as the only nation to buy up massive amounts of the debt we've accumulated over the last fifteen years decides instead to slam the door in our faces and those of the Western economies in general. This, in turn, though the possibility is remote for now, may lead to even harsher messages and possibly even saber-rattling, economic or otherwise, by conservatives both here and abroad against China, which given the military strength of all nations involved is an invitation to global suicide if it goes on for too long.

Once again, being too afraid to admit their complicity in the greatest downturn since 1929, our two major parties have begun pointing fingers at each other and at foreign nations, this time in language and frankness not yet seen in political advertising, and disturbing to behold. I only hope some semblance of sanity returns to their leadership and members, before the current barrage of invective triggers a war of bonds and bombs instead of words.

Dear
Readers,

How many times has this happened to you:

you're at a party, when the really cute person you had really bad sex with shows up with your best friend?

Or your ex-partner refuses to return your sex toys? What do you do?

If only there was someone you could ask!

Well, the Evergreen Queer Alliance is here for you.

We're a group of rad-ass queers with the resources to help you navigate the treacherous and varied relationship world of Oly. Write in anonymously with any question from (dirty) anal beads to ze pronouns and get a heap of knowledge with a side of sass from your friends at the EQA.

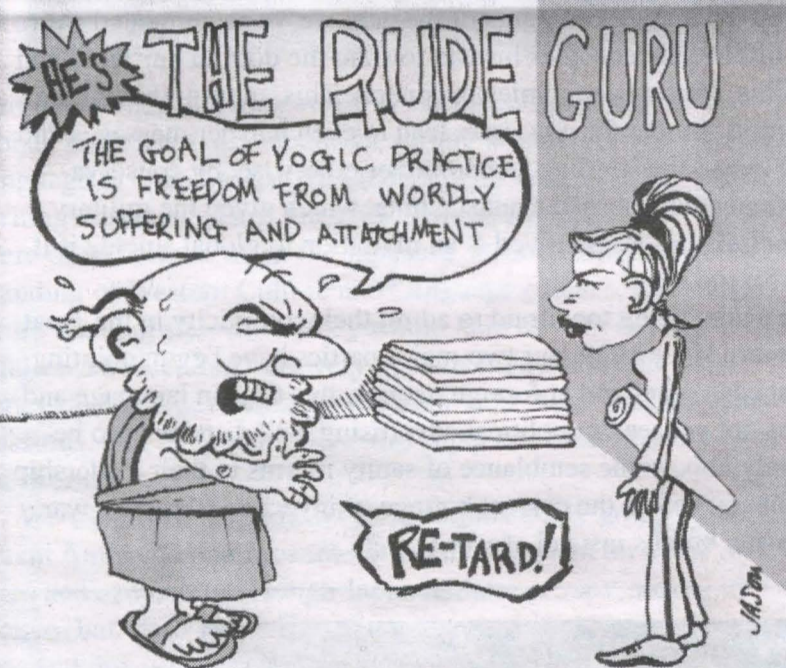
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for the week of October 11

1. Alpha Yaya Diallo - Immé
2. Highlife - Best Bless
3. Salteens - Kid Songs
4. Various Artists - Salsa Explosion: The New York Salsa Revolution 1969-1979
5. Natacha Atlas - Mounqaliba
6. Samantha Crain - You (Understood)
7. James Cotton - Giant
8. Atmosphere - To All My Friends
9. Y La Bamba - Lupon
10. Grass Widow - Past Time
11. JJ Grey and Mofro - Georgia Warhorse
12. Corin Tucker Band - 1,000 Years
13. Alex Cuba - Self-titled
14. Blackberry Bushes - Little Bit Of Grace
15. Octopus Project - Mexadecagon
16. Frankie Rose and the Outs - Self-titled
17. Bostich and Fussible - Bulevar 2000
18. Roots Manuvah Meets Wrongtom - Duppy Writer
19. Toubab Krewe - TK2
20. Crocodiles - Sleep Forever
21. Raul Malo - Sinners and Saints
22. Moondoggies - Don't Be a Stranger
23. Yuko Ito - Mania De Voce
24. Marty Stuart - Ghost Train
25. Max Wild - Tamba
26. Joy Harjo - A Trail Beyond Tears
27. Chris Hillman and Herb Petersen - At Edward's Barn
28. Ebo Taylor - Love and Death
29. Picoso - Mas Picao
30. Axel Krygier - Pesebre

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The Simpleton

by Bob Stark

A simple friend of mine
dreams out loud about big travels
and plans for his life.
Bringing vibrant and exotic
images to my mind.
I picture myself working farms in Latin America
where I am forced to speak their language
learn their culture
live like them.
Trekking in Kashmir with
a caravan of yaks and local guides,
prayer beads swinging in the
crisp Himalayan air.
Traveling to Peru with my family
for our first out of country experience together.
Having my own land to farm and provide healthy food
for hungry people within the community.
I dream and I dream and I dream
His dream: To live on any body of water
somewhere within the state of California.
When? I ask.
At some point within the next five years.
After that he will return to his father's farm in Yakima
to take over the family pear business.
Where he will spend the rest
of his life
and his career
being one hundred percent content.

The 2010 mushroom season is well underway, but it isn't too late to find some tasty mushrooms!

by Greg Eide



It is about two months into the 2010 mushroom season, but you can still get out there and get your Pacific Golden Chanterelle (*Cantharellus formosus*), our resident species of the famous Chanterelle genus. Be sure before you go picking to have at least one person in your group who knows how to identify them, because there are some stomach-upsetting look-alikes. One particular look-alike species, *Omphalotus olearius*, the Jack-o-lantern, glows in the dark! It is also very useful to carry a field guide, such as David Arora's "All That the Rain Promises and More," for identification and cooking ideas; University of Washingtonian Steve Trudel's "Mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest;" or one of Paul Stamets' handy guidebooks, because there are lots of different kinds of mushrooms out there. You may find more than a few edible species, because there are a lot of tasty ones out right now. Sticking with the color orange, a more vivid neon tint, Chicken of the woods (*Laetiporus sulphureus*) is a more saprophytic fungus among us, compared to the mycorrhizal Chanterelle, but cooks up a little chewier. A few tips for finding friendly fungi:

- ♦ Chanterelles form mycorrhizal relationships most often with Douglas fir, so start in those patches. They sometimes form what I call a "vein" through the woods.
- ♦ Chicken of the woods: Usually on stumps and dead softwood material. Find the youngest (least chewy) specimens. Extremely easy to spot and identify.
- ♦ The Oyster mushroom (*Pleurotus ostreatus*) and various related species, such as Angel Wings (*Pleurocybella porrigens*) grow on dead hardwoods
- ♦ King boletes (*Boletus edulis*) Likes pines and kinnikinnick.

The most important phrase to remember on the foray: "When in doubt, throw it out!"

The Farming Frenzy



Clockwise from left: Matt Frederick wraps an Organic band around the stems of rainbow chard before sending them to the market; Matthew Elswick is all smiles during the classroom hours; Tuesdays and Thursdays are potluck days on the farm – a group finishes last minute preparations; and a fresh bouquet of flowers ready to be sold in Red Square.



Calendar

Thursday, October 14

It's Complicated - Art about Home
5 - 8pm
Evergreen Gallery

Exhibition continues through January 12, 2011

Is home a house, a place, a reservation, an ecological region, a spiritual landscape, a gathering of family and friends? Is home an idea, or a feeling, or a literal architectural space? Can we choose home? Is there an ancestral geographic home that is more home than any other place could be? What are the dynamics of the very literal legal and geographic boundaries to home, as on tribal lands, reservations, pueblos, and reserves? What are the experiences of moving from one home to another? How do we make a new place home? How do these experiences of home tie in with our daily lives and the divisions between home and work, family and friends?

Curated by Evergreen Faculty member Lara M. Evans, Ph.D., this exhibition looks at how Native American and First Nations artists address these questions. Pieces of Home includes artworks by: Nicholas Galanin, Erin Genia, Maria Hupfield, Merritt Johnson, Jason Lujan, Kimowan Metchewais, Sarah Sense, Kade Twist, Jeffrey Veregge.

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Being Muslim In America Today
6pm
Longhouse

How does it feel to be Muslim in America now? Meet Muslims from Lacey Islamic Center, potluck desserts & tea; Walking Meditation & Candlelight Vigil for peace. Friends from all faith communities are welcome to this conversation in the Longhouse!

Friday, October 15

Hillel Potluck
5:30pm
Sem II E2105

This Fall, the Evergreen Hillel is offering a chance for interested students to learn to read Hebrew for free. This five week course will take place Friday evenings, beginning 4pm this Friday, in Sem II E2105. A vegetarian Shabbat potluck (Also free) will follow each lesson. The potlucks begin at about 5:30.

For more information, please email Josh@evergreenhillel.org

Tuesday, October 19

Peace Corps Info Sessions
3:30-4:30pm
SEM II A3109

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going on?**

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