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A vote for a woman is a vote for America

by Bella Abzug

When the 96th Congress convenes in January, the 100-member U.S. Senate probably will have reverted to its status as the most exclusive men's club in the world. Its wily neighbor, the 435-member House of Representatives, is expected to include about the same number of women it has now—18—give or take a few.

The absence of women from the Senate and their slight presence in the House is one of the most glaring deficiencies in the supposedly democratic government of a nation in which women make up 51.3 percent of the population. But indignation about this lopsided state of political affairs is neither rampant nor even evident among the leaders of the Democratic and Republican parties or good government groups.

It remains easier for a millionaire than for a woman to get into Congress. At last count, 18 senators admitted to being millionaires.

The current imbalance reflects the male-dominated nature of politics from the founding of the American republic. For the first 129 years of this nation, it was easy to keep count because there were no women at all in Congress. Montana, one of several states that granted women the right to vote before 1920, elected the first woman representative in 1917. She was Jeanette Rankin, considered an oddball because the first vote she cast opposed American entry into World War I. She was not re-elected. After the suffrage amendment to the Constitution was ratified, women began trickling into Washington. But the trend never got past the rivulet stage.

Of the total 9,591 members of the House in the entire history of our nation, only 87 have been women. Of 1,728 senators, only 13 have been women. For long stretches of recent time, there have been no women in the Senate. The current two women senators—Muriel Humphrey of Minnesota and Maryon P. Allen of Alabama—got there the way most of their predecessors did; they were appointed as temporary replacements for husbands who died in office.

It is a reflection on the process rather than the woman, some of whom turned out to be able legislators, that widowhood became one of the surest routes to Congress. More than a third of the 100 women who have served in Congress were appointed because they were widows of members.

Men still make the rules in politics, with establishment power and money remaining dominant factors in electoral success.

In the current congressional election campaign, 45 of the 89 women who entered the major party primaries won nominations. Of these, less than half—15 of the 18 women in the House seeking re-election and several women candidates running in open contests—are considered likely to win. The 24 women running against incumbents are not given much chance of succeeding though upsets are possible.

In the Senate campaign, Sen. Humphrey chose not to stand for election and Sen. Allen lost in the primary. Of the two women who survived Senate primary races, Jane Eskin, a Tennessee Democrat who spent \$100,000 of her own money to win nomination, is up against the probably unbeatable Sen. Howard Baker, and Kansas Republican Nancy Landon Kassebaum is in a close contest with former Rep. William Roy.

Why aren't women making it to Washington in larger numbers? Not many can afford the increasingly high costs of campaigning. (Americans for Democratic Action estimates an incumbent of Congress spends close to \$1 million to defend his seat.) Also, more and more millionaires are running for office. In my off-election year race for a House seat last February, my Republican opponent, heir to a supermarket fortune, outspent me three to one, and he won narrowly. He spent \$330,000 in about three weeks.

Women candidates are often caught in a Catch 22—they can't raise much money because they're not expected to win and they can't

win because they can't raise much money.

Not many women are encouraged to run for office by party leadership or clubs or the "old boy" network. The political establishment, big business and the unions don't seek out women candidates and rarely help those who run on their own.

But just as important as any of these factors is that the underrepresentation of women in government is not seen by liberal or even radical men as a stirring civil rights issue or an affront to democracy. There is little sense of outrage about an all-male Senate or a largely male House voting to deny Medicaid benefits for abortion, an action that exclusively affects women. Nobody exclaimed at the irony of women having to watch the ERA extension debate in the Senate from the balcony, which is where we came in two centuries ago.

Aside from the efforts of the National Women's Political Caucus, the Women's Campaign Fund and the National Women's Educational Fund—all devoted to increasing women's participation in government—none of the national reform groups or liberal organizations has gone out of its way to encourage women to run or assist them in their campaigns.

In arguing for the necessity to have significant numbers of women in Congress—a goal that I would consider non-controversial in a self-respecting democracy—I often encounter the defensive "You don't expect me to vote for a woman just because she's a woman" response.

The answer is, "Of course not. But if a liberal woman and a liberal man are in the same race, I'll pick the woman, and I'll help her too." The sad fact is that I have had only a few opportunities in my life to vote for any woman in any office.

A Gallup poll in September 1975 reported that 71 percent of Americans feel the country would be governed as well or better with more women in public office, and 73 percent said they would vote for a qualified woman for president. Eighty percent said they would vote for a woman in Congress, for governor or for mayor.

Too bad that only a small minority of Americans ever get the chance to vote for a woman. We might find out that what's good for women is good for America.

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THE SITUATION

After a short demise, the Cooper Point Journal is publishing again. Although the schedule may be erratic and the coverage might not be as thorough as it should be, the Journal is here again, and that is a minor miracle by itself.

Publication of the Journal was halted Nov. 2 by Editor Brian Cantwell in protest over the lack of support the paper was receiving. The two associate editor positions were vacant, writers were scarce, and Cantwell felt it was unfair to the community to continue producing a sub-quality paper under such conditions. As a form of protest, a final issue of the paper was produced announcing jokingly that the staffing problem had been solved through cloning.

At the meeting with the College Publications Board later that afternoon, Cantwell presented the situation at the Journal and expressed desire to work closely with the board and the remaining Journal staff to find answers to the chronic staffing problems. He felt that more academic support was needed for the paper in the form of college faculty or staff to work closely with the paper, providing instruction, advice and academic credit. More community support of the paper was also needed, Cantwell felt.

Cantwell expressed an interest in publishing one final issue of the paper at the end of the quarter, but the Publications Board was concerned that suspending publication would inflict permanent injuries on the Journal. The board encouraged Cantwell to attempt publication of another issue after soliciting new staff.

After considering the comments of the board, Cantwell chose to resign. Meeting again on the morning of Nov. 9, the Publications Board accepted the resignation. Curt Milton agreed to coordinate publication of the next two editions of the paper provided staff could be found.



A staff meeting Nov. 13 at noon filled the Journal office with concerned and interested students and faculty. Although many had never written for a newspaper before, they eagerly accepted the challenge of producing the next Journal. The paper you are reading is the result.

This Cooper Point Journal is far from perfect. We are an eager staff with limited time and resources. Many things are probably missing that no doubt should have been included in this week's paper. We apologize.

Our purpose at the present time is to merely keep the Journal operating until a new editor can be elected for Winter Quarter. Hopefully, the staff which is presently doing such an excellent job now will continue past the end of the quarter and possibly more will join in.

The Journal's problems are by no means solved and the story does not end with the publication of this week's paper. Although we have found an eager and willing group of writers, work must continue to find a steady source of academic credit for those persons willing to work at the Journal on a full or part-time schedule and who need such credit. Faculty willing to work with beginning writers to teach them the basics of print journalism must also be found and encouraged to lend their time and talents.

The nature of the Journal's existence is also in question and must be properly discussed and decided upon. Once and for all, students must answer the eternal question, "What do people want to see in the CPI?" This process can begin now and should be formally initiated once a new editor is chosen. Many students are questioning the organizational structure of the Journal, noting that it may be at the root of many problems. They would like to see a collective editorship introduced. The feasibility and desirability of such a move must also be discussed.

To summarize, none of the Journal's major problems have been solved as yet. We're publishing now simply to keep interest up and to try and develop a new source of writers. Before the Journal can lead a safe and secure life, many problems must be identified and solved. The problems won't go away by ignoring them. Now, more than ever, the Journal needs your help and attention.

Please get involved. Our phone number is 866-6213. Drop in whenever you've got some spare time. Due to our own academic commitments and the lack of a large permanent staff, there may not always be someone in the office. Don't be discouraged. Leave a note and we'll get back to you.

—Curt Milton

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Trustees consider sports and strikes

by Amy Stevenson

A multi-part agenda and a lengthy meeting were the order of the day for the Evergreen Board of Trustees at their monthly meeting November 13.

Over a dozen items were taken up by the board during the meeting, which lasted from 10:30 a.m. to well past 4:30 p.m. Important decisions were made concerning the strike policy, intercollegiate athletics and the CAB Phase II project. (See accompanying article for CAB Phase II).

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Library, Room 3112.

The latest round of debate over Evergreen's strike policy leaves the matter still up in the air pending further action by the Board.

Prior to 1977, Evergreen had a low key policy of how to deal with a faculty strike. That policy called for no replacement of workers or sanctions against workers in the event of a strike.

In 1977, with the threat of a strike in the air, the Board called on Evergreen's state attorney general, Richard Montecucco, to draft a strike resolution. The resulting resolution takes a hard line on

strikes and states that "in the event of a strike or work stoppage or work slowdown of any nature, the Board of Trustees hereby delegates to the President and Vice Presidents the power and authority to adopt, suspend, modify, and/or repeal any and all rules and policies of the college." It further resolves that "the Board of Trustees delegates to the President and Vice Presidents the complete and absolute authority to make any and all personnel decisions, including but not limited to, decisions to fire, discipline, demote, hire, transfer, reassign and/or otherwise affect employment of persons at TESC."

Not surprisingly, this policy was unacceptable to a large number of persons, including President Evans and some members of the Board.

Since 1977, the Board has seen two extensive alternative strike policies proposed. Each has met with little enthusiasm. After two years of controversy, Evergreen still operates on the basis of Montecucco's original resolution.

During last Monday's Board meeting, Assistant to the President Les Eldridge brought up the second proposal of a

new strike policy before the Board. The Board remained unsatisfied and requested Montecucco to draw up a compromise policy incorporating the best of the various proposals. No specific timetable was set for completion of a new strike policy.

(Editor's note: A more in-depth analysis of the strike policy will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Journal, Dec. 7.)

Pete Steilberg, the Director of Recreation and Campus Activities, brought a progress report on intercollegiate athletics before the Board. He had researched various sports and concluded that the low-budget sports were the most reasonable to pursue in the near future. Those sports that he encouraged included volleyball, tennis, track and swimming. Of these, he concluded that swimming was the most worthy of consideration. The Thurston Olympian Swim Club, TOSC, has expressed interest in a joint co-operation with the College in developing a competitive team. He also stated that TOSC was willing to offer substantial financial support.

As for soccer, Steilberg felt that this

sport could easily be directed towards intercollegiate competition. At this time, TESC has nearly one hundred students involved in this sport. The existing soccer club plays smaller schools (Grays Harbor, St. Martin's). The Board seemed responsive, however, the budget must be carefully laid out by Steilberg, who promised to bring it to the next meeting.

The Board of Trustees clearly believed that an intercollegiate athletics program would promote public relations as well as increase both public and Evergreen spirit. Surprisingly, several of the Board expressed a pure sentiment: competition for the sake of play. Others were interested in winning, in recruiting the best athletes, and in using them as tools to create a new Evergreen image.

As it stands, Evergreen has little athletic credibility among the community. Others felt that if Evergreen could just show itself on the sports page, then public relations would miraculously improve. In this way, the recruited athletes would simply be pawns to aid Evergreen's sorry image of

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CHANGING WOMEN'S ROLES STUDIED

Changing women's roles around the world will be the subject of a modular course titled "Sex Roles in History," to be offered winter quarter. It will be taught by Stephanie Coontz, who will examine the origins and development of sex roles in Western civilizations from primitive times to present. Evolving relationships between women and men, and the way those relationships have been portrayed in literature, will also be covered.

"Sex Roles in History" is designed for teachers, advanced high school students and other interested members of the community, as well as for Evergreen students. It will be taught Wednesdays, beginning January 3, from 7-10 p.m. in LIB 1612.

For further information, contact Stephanie Coontz, LIB 1506, 866-6702.

EVENING AT THEATER PRESENTED

P.C.B. Productions, a TESC independent contract acting company, will present "An Evening at the Theater" the first two weekends in December. Three one-act plays will comprise each evening, which will open with George S. Kaufman's comedy, "If Men Played Cards As Women Do," a tale of role reversal. A murder mystery by George W. Cronyn called "A Death in Fever Flat" follows, and "A Good Woman," a comedy by Arnold Bennett, concludes the presentation.

The productions are produced and directed by Paul Cameron Bowyer, and will be performed by Mark Dutton, Bennett Fuchs, Amy Fowkes, Tom Lindsey, Kara Neff, Gary Strand, and Douglas Wright.

"An Evening at the Theater" will be presented December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10 at 8 p.m. in the Experimental Theater of the Communications Building. Tickets are \$2 for general admission and \$1 for students and senior citizens. They are on sale now at Budget Tapes and Records, Rainy Day Records, Yenny's Music, and TESC Bookstore.

FILM SERIES CONTINUES

The "Ascent of Man" film series is being presented Thursday evenings at 7:30 in Lecture Hall One. The fifth in the series of 13 films will be shown November 30, and the series will continue winter quarter. Bring a poem or two: there are poetry readings after the films. The evenings are presented by the Center for Literature in Performance.

GUITARIST TO PERFORM

Classical guitarist Ian Mitchell of Portland, Oregon brings his talents to the Evergreen State College Tuesday, November 21, with an 8 p.m. concert in the Recital Hall of the Communications Building.

Mitchell, director of Lewis and Clark College's guitar program, will present works by composers Bach, Tedesco, Couperin, Ohana and Barrios in his Tuesday evening concert sponsored by a group of Evergreen students.

A seasoned performer, Mitchell has studied with renowned classical guitarists Michael Lorimer, Philip Rosheger and John Mills, in addition to staging concerts throughout California, Washington and Oregon. Before joining the Lewis and Clark faculty, Mitchell taught guitar at Western Washington University while completing his master's degree in performance.

Tickets to his November 21 concert are \$2 general admission or \$1 for students.

DOG DREAMS



RADICAL WOMEN MEET DEC. 14

A report on socialist feminism as a growing nationwide movement will be the focus of the Thursday, December 14 meeting of Radical Women. There will also be reports from several chapters of Radical Women across the nation. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. For further information, contact Mary Reeves; address and phone numbers are below.

Also in Seattle will be a public forum on "Revolution in the Revolution: The Global Defiance of Women," on Saturday, December 9. The theme of the forum will be the role of women as a central, dynamic force in European, African, Native American, and Latin American liberation struggles. There will be an International Dinner at 6:30. The event is sponsored by the Freedom Socialist Party. For further information, contact Guerry Hoddersen.

Both events will take place at Freeway Hall, 3815 5th Avenue, Seattle, 98105. For information, child care, or transportation call, in Seattle, 632-7449 or 632-1815.

JOURNALISM

INTERNSHIPS OFFERED

The Office of Cooperative Education is offering four paid internships in journalism for this summer in Seattle. The Summer-Reporter Internship is an excellent opportunity for aspiring journalists to gain experience in the field.

The intern will be assigned to the city desk and given daily assignments. In addition to these general reporting jobs, time may be spent in the student's area of choice such as special "beats," copy desk, sports, etc. The intern will be encouraged to suggest stories and features in addition to regular assignments. Also, the intern will be required to write an evaluation of the Summer-Reporter program.

All applicants must be Washington State residents and of junior or senior standing. She/he should be able to demonstrate a strong interest in journalism through past or present work on a student or other newspaper. Selection of the interns will be based on the student's ability to think and express her/himself in writing; samples of the student's published work will be reviewed during the selection process.

Applications are due by December 1, 1978. For further information contact the Office of Cooperative Education, LAB 1000, 866-6391.

Family Circus, film, dance scheduled

The Family Circus will be on campus Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Women's Center, EPIC, the Men's Center, and the Gay Resource Center, there will be an admission charge of \$2.50.

Next month the Men's Center is planning to show the film "To Ourselves, Our Sons and Our Fathers." Call the Men's Center for time and place.

The Women's Center, Men's Center and Gay Resource Center are jointly planning a dance for the end of this quarter. "Iron Horse" will play for this benefit for the Olympia Women's Center for Health on Dec. 9 at 8 p.m., fourth floor of the Evans Library.

Community skills

exchange opening soon

For anyone who has ever wished they could reduce the costs of repairs, learn a skill, or meet other people in the community who are interested in swapping services, the Community Skills Exchange may be the answer. Fashioned after the Community Energy Bank in Eugene, Or., the Community Skills Exchange is being established as a member-controlled clearinghouse for people with service to offer each other.

Presently in its formative stages, the Community Skills Exchange is in the process of recruiting membership from individuals, groups, and institutions. They would also encourage and gladly accept any input from interested individuals. An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. at the Olympia Community Center, 1314 E. 4th Ave. For more information please call Paul Fink at 866-1087 or Maureen Fitzgerald-Krupke at 352-9910 or 943-9691.

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Members of The Evergreen State College Board of Trustees confer with S&A director Bill Hucks during last Monday's

meeting. The Board agreed to discontinue plans for CAB Phase II temporarily.

More Trustees

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being a hippy college without any brawn. The existing soccer club would not suffer and could work out with the recruited team, which could be mutually beneficial.

Lastly, cross-country running was well regarded. Evergreen's running club sponsored last summer's Lakelair Run, and this event was very successful with roughly four hundred participants. However, cross-country runners who are seriously competitive need to run year round and often in the spring turn out for track. Until Evergreen builds a 440 yard track, this idea rest on the back burner.

The Board asked Steilberg to arrive at some hard figures so that financing can be arranged without biting into S&A funds.

Any students who are interested in promoting or denying this plan for intercollegiate athletics should go to the next Board meeting, meet with Steilberg, or voice their opinions so that the Board knows what the students are thinking. As it stands, President Evans felt that most students were undecided and that a small few were against the issue of intercollegiate athletics.

Students are encouraged to make their opinions known as this issue could change the complexion of Evergreen far into the future.

CAB II change approved

by Laurie Frankel

The Services and Activities (S&A) proposal to alter the scope of the CAB Phase II project, the planned addition to the CAB building, due to declining enrollment and rising construction costs, was approved at the November board of trustees meeting.

In spring of 1977 the S&A board allocated \$20,000 to a building design fund after reviewing KAOS staff member Lee Chamber's proposal that an addition to the CAB building should be built with the aid of student input, and finding that there was a need for the addition due to predicted increased enrollment creating a lack of office, social, and cafeteria space.

During the fall of 1977, in response to the proposal a design team, eight student interns and Jon Collier, S&A hired architect-consultant, formed for three reasons:

1. To develop the program and design for an expansion of the existing facilities to meet the needs of the users of the building.

2. To analyze building technologies and energy conservation methods in terms of life-cycle costs.

3. To analyze the cost estimate of the proposed expansion in relation to the proposed budget establishing priorities as required.

In order to assemble the necessary data the design team decided to meet with all the CAB building users and to work under the supervision of a building user committee as well as to

do work in three stages consisting of the research and program, simple plans, and design development with the selected architect-engineering firm.

After studying the data the team decided that there would be a need for remodeling and adding to the CAB building since enrollment predictions estimated that the college would have about 4500 students by 1986. This enrollment increase would create a demand for more cafeteria and social space and offices as student groups would be forced to vacate their third floor library offices to make room for additional administrative and faculty offices.

After reviewing the design team's final report that \$650,000 would be needed to remodel and add to the CAB building the 1977-78 S&A board decided to fund the project from the \$100,000 set aside for CAB Phase II from S&A funds during the first few years of the college, the \$20,000 allocated for design costs and to float a bond (essentially borrow money from private sources), committing S&A to an approximate debt of \$50,000 a year.

S&A coordinator Bill Hucks' proposal at the November 8 S&A board meeting asked that "the scope of the CAB Phase II project be changed" quickly as "approximately 45 percent of design costs are for working drawings and these have been started rather recently."

Hucks stated that "the need for alternate student space is highly questionable" as "space analyst Kris Robinson estimated this need at an enrollment level of 3500 FTE (full time equivalents) or above" considerably higher than this year's enrollment figure of 2100 that declined from last year's

figure of 2300.

According to the proposal, "The state of S&A finances is already in enough jeopardy without a substantial debt service due to the enrollment reduction. S&A's revenue was reduced by \$29,000 from last year's level due to the 200 less students this year."

Hucks' proposal also states that "the funding of CAB Phase II requires a significant enrollment increase yearly," and that "it appears that S&A can not afford a \$550,000 bond debt in its present or near future state."

Hucks suggests that there are "numerous alternatives, from assuming a smaller debt to using only the S&A cash reserves of roughly \$130,000 minus costs to date."

In the proposal to the trustees the S&A board "expects to have an alternative plan for Trustees approval by the January trustees meeting."

The S&A board decided at last week's meeting that it needed to discuss exactly how much money it can obligate for the CAB Phase II project in order to stipulate some guidelines for the designers and engineers to use in making the formal plans.

The discussion about CAB Phase II with Bob Strecker, Director of Facilities; Jon Collier, CAB Phase II architect; and Dean Clabaugh, Administrative Vice President was tentatively planned for the S&A November 22 meeting.

Bill Hucks stated "essentially all the S&A board needs to do at this time is to decide how much should be spent on the project," taking into account the enrollment decline that led to the absence of need and funds.

APPLICATIONS FOR EDITOR

of the Cooper Point Journal are now being accepted. The position of editor will be open starting Winter Quarter. The position is a three quarter job but candidates may elect to serve only a portion of that time (not less than one quarter) if they so desire. Resumes, including a sample of your work and a statement indicating what your plans for the Journal are, should be turned into President Evans' office not later than 5 p.m. December 4. Candidates must be present for an interview with the Publications Board starting at 8 a.m. December 7. The Board will be meeting in Library 3112 for the purpose of selecting a new editor. Previous journalism/editing experience is helpful but not required to apply for the position. Candidates should be prepared to spend 45 to 70 hours weekly on the job.

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LET US HAVE SOME CONTROL!

To the Editor:

During the past few weeks at Evergreen, the issue of graduation requirements have been debated both by students and the faculty. But an important issue that I am very much concerned with, and that has not been addressed, is that students have no control over this decision which could affect them profoundly.

Last week I attended the forum sponsored by the Evergreen Council on graduation requirements. Although my first impression was favorable due to the strong turnout of students (the largest group to be angry and involved since a drug bust in the dorms last spring) and the sometimes heated rhetorical discussion, I was soon disillusioned when I realized that the forum was simply a place for the students to complain and that the proposal will be voted on by the faculty and their recommendation given to the Board of Trustees, who have the absolute authority to make this decision.

The only input that the students will have on this decision is 1) voicing their opinions through the forum (any board members there?) and 2) through their faculty (who have their own needs and concerns to consider).

In line with Evergreen ideals, I urge the board members to take seriously the reservations and will of the students.

Let us have some control over decisions that directly affect us!

—Bill Ferris

SPORTS PROGRAM UNWANTED HERE

To the Editor:

I was reading an article in the Nov. 14 issue of the Daily Olympian concerning intercollegiate sports at Evergreen. This was a hot subject here last year and the potential for the development of intercollegiate teams was investigated by the administration, and a DTF was formed to study the matter. My impression was that such a venture would never be supported by the student body, or be financially viable at Evergreen. I believe this feeling is widely held within the community here, both by students and administrators alike.

In the news article I read it was reported that the Board of Trustees of the College had instructed Pete Steilberg to form a task force of faculty and staff that would come up with a plan to implement the school's entry into full scale athletics. When board member Robert Flowers asked if there was anything other than money in the way of such a scheme he was told by Steilberg that money was the only obstacle. In the same article there are

several statements made that, to put it mildly, are very contradictory of each other, and others that are totally outside the realm of even the lowest degree of insight or intelligence.

It is estimated that an initial expenditure of about \$69,000 would be required to set the sports program up, and that, according to Steilberg, perhaps up to one-third of that sum would come from student activities fees. I don't want my tuition going into this and I think that most students here feel the same way. In fact, in the Olympian article, both Steilberg and President Evans were quoted as saying that student sentiment was strongly opposed to the issue. Steilberg said that 85 percent of the student body was opposed and Evans said he felt 60-70 percent were against it.

Most everyone is aware of the "enrollment crisis" here, and there seems to be a new strategy announced every day about how the school is combating the problem. My feeling is that a school with an enrollment crisis is like a drowning victim: they'll try anything to change their current situation. I don't think that such a person or school can deal very

& Sound," and the "Studio Project" we might find people wanting to come here. As it looks now, there are going to be students flocking away from here in very short order unless they find that their feelings and desires are given attention by the powers that be (Evans, Clabaugh, the Deans, etc.).

In closing, I'd like to urge anyone with opinions on this matter to organize and make your feelings known, especially to the Board of Trustees. I would also encourage those on the staff and faculty here to speak out on this, and not let Evergreen become more traditional than it is now (which is plenty). We can make our school living proof that you can be different and alternative and still prosper.

—Ken Sternberg

"HEART" OF COMMUNITY INFECTED

To the Editor:

As Associate Editor of the Campus Crier, the student newspaper at Central Washington University, I frequently

forum

Just what should be done with the Cooper Point Journal?

Obviously, problems aplenty plague the Journal. Many ways to resolve them have already been discussed. What do you think?

The next issue of the Journal (Dec. 7) will contain a forum for students, staff and faculty to air their opinions about the fate of the CPJ. Should the Journal be run by a collective management? What do

you want to see in the Journal: news? in-depth features? issue oriented reporting? new journalism?

Let us know what you think by sending a short, concise letter stating your opinion to the CPJ, CAB 306, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA 98505. We'll print excerpts from as many letters as we have room for. To be considered for publication, letters must be typed, double spaced and in our hands by Dec. 1.

rationaly under such conditions, and that they would be better off not to jump to anything too hastily, lest they find themselves in a worse spot than when they started.

Hal Havorson, a member of the Board, was quoted as saying the reason for intercollegiate sports at Evergreen, "is not for increased enrollment, but to give the students and community something to cheer for and to read about Evergreen on the sports page for a change." Well, I don't want to read about Evergreen in the sports section, and I don't think such desperate, foolish moves will help the school's enrollment. I would suggest that before huge amounts of money are spent on sports that they be put into what this place is about (at least on paper). By this I mean hiring a few faculty who know what they're doing and who care about their students, particularly in the fields of art and music. If there were more programs offered like "Psychological Growth," "Recording Structures in Light

peruse your pages to see what the competition has to offer. As a former lifelong resident of Olympia, I took particular interest in your story concerning the new Capital Mall. Having been born and raised within a mile of where the beast now sits, I have seen firsthand a number of qualitative changes in the environment of Olympia's westside; few, if any, for the better.

All of the places that I used to play in and interact with are rapidly turning into extensions of the American Nightmare. The woods and grass areas are being replaced by low cost (rhymes with sleazy) housing, parking lots and Hamburger Rows as far as the eye can see. Many of the streets are usually torn up for one reason or another, and the traffic, congestion that inevitably ensues is frustrating and ridiculous.

I guess the point that I'm trying to make here is that I've known for years that many of the citizens of Olympia bite the big one on a regular basis, and I'm thoroughly disgusted about the fact that they've managed to make the geography of the westside reflect their personalities.

Your quote from Virginia Hendricks features an analogy about the mall being "a kind of heart for the community" is really not too far from the truth. It's just that the "heart" is severely infected with a cancer that is turning everything around it into the bowels of the body community.

Things could be worse, however. Dixy could have used the site where the beast lies to construct a nuclear power plant or for nuclear waste storage.

To put even more perspective on the matter, if you think things are bad in Olympia (and I do), you wouldn't believe some of the things that go on over here in Ellensburg. That's another story, however; just be sure to thank the deity of your choice that you're there and not here.

You've got a good newspaper at Evergreen; keep up the good work!

Signed,

Just Another Alienated

Citizen of Earth,

Jody Daighneault

IT WOULD BE SENSATIONAL!

To the Editor:

I have a suggestion. What if, at the beginning of each quarter, all people who have individual contracts write a paragraph or less about what they'll be doing. You can publish the 400 or so contributors and it would be sensational!

Our school is filled with ideas and psychedelic pursuits, but just like the magical door of ecstasy, it is always there at all times, we just have to find the right key.

Then, if you want to find out more about someone's particular harmony, you can just go over to an academic dean. They read them all and know what's happening.

It's just us students that don't know what's going on.

Neill Kramer

(Ed. Note: Responses concerning Neill's proposal should be sent in care of the Cooper Point Journal.)

STUDENTS, GET OFF YOURS

To the Editor:

The recent action taking place in Red Square points out some necessary issues that I think should concern students. It is disappointing that with the exception of the few students who planned the forum, no one emphasized the role that initiative plays in developing community life. It is particularly discouraging to see a variety of "speakers' point" to the structural problems that keep students from organizing, participating, or otherwise engaging in the collective life of the campus.

In the instance of the Trial Balloons, students did not participate in this process because they weren't properly informed, nor can the low response to this curriculum planning effort be attributed to other deficiencies in the structure of the process itself. All criticisms that were directed at other forms of participation that require some measure of social responsibility clearly, were missing the mark.

The common tendency to externalize the problem of non-participation in student groups or activities that directly influence students, such as curriculum planning, to structural problems, is clearly a sign that the situation is growing worse. Apologizing for apathy by making suggestions that coordinated studies programs don't build in time slots for meetings, etc., that there is insufficient time to get involved in student organizations outside program activities, or that the information system is inadequate, are all attempts to remove oneself from complicity.

A more critical appraisal of the problem of public laziness should focus on why students lack the initiative to become involved in community life. Clearly, all ideas that impose additional structure to coerce involvement should be ruled out as ineffective; they only serve to erode what little student initiative exists. Initiative, in short, comes from within oneself, and has little to do in this particular situation with the structures that make community involvement convenient. While initiative usually is considered an independent effort, in political matters, it almost always results in something publicly useful.

Expecting Admissions to develop a propaganda effort that will raise the full time enrollment to a point that would insure funding for student groups is a case in point where reliance upon the structure could prove defeating. If the students who were convinced of the outstanding quality of Evergreen's programs would make a point to convey this to an eligible, and at least partially idealistic, individual whose future could include an education at

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Evergreen, then we would all see the results through the presence of more bodies registering each quarter.

The enrollment problem becomes an economic one when money initially targeted for student groups is cut in proportion to the decline in full time enrollment. However, it is doubtful that this problem will be alleviated by any new structural gadgetry, but instead by focusing on the psychological problem of how these existing structures repress initiative.

The only thing that needs to be redesigned or restructured is the attitude in which one accounts for one's actions, or in this case, inaction. One can't impose a community feeling on a group of people who, through their inability to commit themselves, don't understand initiative, one of the basic assumptions of the college.

The strength of the group still has to be measured in terms of its weakest link, which are those who fail to recognize the power initiative can carry when applied to making program proposals, organizing benefits, or working within the concerns of the many disparate interest groups on campus that offer a feeling of community.

In short, one cannot expect the college to get off its public ass, if the students don't get off theirs.

Douglas R. McLaughlin

Staff Meets Tuesday

The next Journal staff meeting will be Tuesday, November 21, at 3:30 p.m. in the Journal office, CAB 306. Purpose of the meeting will be to evaluate this week's paper and make plans for the next edition of the paper scheduled for December 7. The Journal was overset this week. Stories held over will be used next issue.

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Community Forum —again

by David Snyder and Doug Riddels
Well, folks, here we go again.

Have you noticed that every year about this time an article comes out about a group of students who are concerned about the lack of community spirit on campus and the need for a greater student voice in decision-making, and who are attempting to build an organization to meet those needs? The fact that it is happening again this year says something about students' concern about these issues at Evergreen, but it says something more about students' failure to adequately deal with these problems up until now.

This year's attempt began as an open community forum on Thursday, November 9, called by students Mark Chambers and Carolyn Dorey, coordinators of the Faith and Alternative Communities Center (formerly the Faith Center). Several hundred students gathered on Red Square to discuss their feelings and ideas about the lack of community at Evergreen. The large turnout was due in part to the sunny (!) weather and in part to Chambers' meeting with the faculty to request that they juggle their program schedules to permit attendance by students at the 11:00 a.m. forum.

Since the November 9 forum, there have been two more meetings, in CAB 108 on November 14 and in the library lobby on November 16. There will be a third tomorrow Tuesday, November 21. These meetings, attended by 30 to 50 students, have been trying to develop concrete strategies for bringing students together and to give them a voice in campus governance.

Students' comments at the November 9 forum ranged from specific proposals for changes (e.g., in curriculum planning or individual contract support groups) to more general solutions such as smiling more at one another and picking up cigarette butts.

Ideas brought up at the forum generally fell into one of four areas: 1) the need for better communication, both interpersonal and structural (e.g., the CPJ or the Info Center); 2) student responsibility for the community environment; 3) the problem of students' energies being focused entirely in their programs; and 4) the need to broaden Evergreen's outside support. Some of the specific items were:

For communication:
•Regular community forums for brainstorming and sharing community needs and ideas for solutions.
•Task groups to act on community needs (perhaps coming out of the forums).
•A directory of individual contracts, to

bring those students together as a group and into the larger community.

•Support groups for individual contract students.

•Organize student/faculty interest groups to create good coordinated studies programs.

•Get involved in the S&A Board and other existing channels of communication.

•An inter-program group representing all the programs on campus to share program happenings and perhaps begin a networking for inter-program activities.

•Have a student-operated coffeehouse "in the best sense of that word."

•Keep the CPJ going. Besides suggestions from several people as to how the paper could aid in building community, students from the Decentralization program (including yours truly) announced their interest in working with the CPJ. A major difficulty until now has been finding academic support for students working on the paper.

•Listing of all program lectures that could be opened to the whole community.

•Personal mailboxes for everyone on campus.

For community environment:
•To decorate and renovate the environment as we see fit, such as murals on the walls of the CAB building.

•One student is trying to initiate a program that would give community performances (perhaps weekly). For info call Danny at 866-5101 (on campus).

•The Environmental Design program will help any program or student group design their space. Phone 866-2223 (on campus).

For reaching outside of our programs:

•Give space within programs for involvement in the community.

•Programs with common interests should come together, both academically and socially. Iteration could include common lectures, library, projects, etc.

•Bring the curriculum planning process into the programs.

For broadening support:
•Breakfasts in Sylvester Park. Generally making ourselves more visible (in a friendly way).

•Encouraging high school students to come to Evergreen. One idea being developed is a promotional packet that any student could take back to his/her old high school as part of a recruitment presentation. For more info contact Carol at 866-5183.

Other ideas are already being worked on as well. A group of students are fleshing out the details of a proposed inter-program liaison group, where one student from each program would meet bi-weekly to share information and perhaps coordinate common activities.

The Environmental Design, Housing Design, Alternative Energy Systems and Decentralization programs have formed a consortium to work on common projects, share resources and learn from one another. "As You Sow," the alternative agriculture program, will enter the consortium in winter quarter. One student, Neil Cramer, is trying to put together a directory of individual contracts.

The two community meetings on November 14 and 16 have not produced any concrete proposals as of yet. The students at these meetings have agreed to continue meeting, probably once a week, and hope to get more students to attend. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 21 at noon in the library lobby. At the November 16 meeting, the history of previous forums and similar student organizations was discussed, and the November 21 meeting is scheduled to begin with a review of the by-laws of the Unnamed Student Organization, which was born and died last year. Whatever they decide to organize, be it forum or student union or task force or weekly dance (or all of them, or none), they hope to not repeat the mistakes that have led to so many previous failures.

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School officials plan legislative strategy

by Mark Stumpf

Details of The Evergreen State College's strategy in the battle of the bucks in the coming legislative session are still under development, indicated Les Eldridge, assistant to the president, last week. While that battle plan may never be for public or student consumption, the challenges facing Evergreen's two-pronged lobbying team of Eldridge and President Dan Evans in maintaining the college's budget and present structure are clear:

• Convincing legislators, in a general sense, of "the realities of what happens here." Eldridge sees the most important aspects of Evergreen's reality—contrasting with "the way we're perceived on the outside"—as the fact that students here are satisfied with the education they receive, that the program is "academically rigorous," and the college's "high percentage rate of both job and graduate-school placement."

• Persuading lawmakers the college is dealing seriously and effectively with its newest and most potentially damaging headaches, enrollment that has declined for the past two years. "In general, we're, for the first time, taking what I would describe as a marketing approach to our enrollment problems," said Eldridge. He will emphasize that

the "very complex process"—not yet complete—the college is pursuing with its enrollment DTF (disappearing task force) will reveal why students do or don't come here and why they leave, and thus how the college can attract more.

Higher-education institutions across the state are facing a tougher legislative climate this year, Eldridge agreed. Though state revenues have exceeded earlier expectations, Eldridge noted there is no surplus of monies when the changed priorities of the governor and legislators are considered. Last week, for instance, Governor Dixy Lee Ray said she'd like to see the increased revenues used for full state funding of basic education in common schools and to provide property tax relief for homeowners—not, apparently, to fund higher education.

(Dollars-and-cents details of the governor's intentions won't be known until December 20, when her legislative budget request will be made public. Eldridge would say only that TESC representatives got a "very cordial" reception before the governor's staff in presenting the school's own requested budget.)

As of late last week, several factors likely to determine the temperament of the two legislative houses were still

undetermined. Democratic and Republican caucuses were meeting last weekend to hammer out a committee and leadership structure in the state House of Representatives that will satisfy both parties, which the recent general election left balanced in numerical strength. Until the chairmanships are assigned and leadership set, Eldridge said, it is impossible to assess the scene there.

Eldridge views the state Senate situation optimistically. "I suspect it may be a bit more stable" than in years past regarding higher education, Eldridge said. "I think the Higher Education Committee is a good one. I think most members of that committee are pretty well acquainted with Evergreen and understand it fairly well." He sizes up the crucial Senate Ways and Means Committee, which controls the budget, in the same way.

Both houses of the Legislature are likely to be affected in their view of Evergreen by a study by the Council for Post-Secondary Education scheduled to be released this week. Gayle Norris, that agency's executive coordinator, said at a legislative hearing in October that research for the study has included survey of potential, current and graduate students, a survey of other colleges established at the time Ever-

green was founded, and analyses of Evergreen's "academic program structure" and costs. With the recommendations the CPSE makes from its research, the report promises to carry sizable weight. (The CPJ will report on it next month.)

Tight money isn't likely to cause the state's colleges to compete with each other for the scarce dollars, Eldridge seemed certain. "The higher education institutions of the state have always worked together," Eldridge said. "Each institution is well aware of the fact that the higher education system in the state is a well-balanced one and any inter-institutional squabbles are bound to be detrimental."

Eldridge doesn't consider student involvement pivotal in the school's relations with state government, but he's not against student lobbying efforts. To be effective, "it should come from students who are constituents of the individual legislator or (to legislators) who have particular interests in the student's field. Student efforts should focus not on technical matters such as the college's budget," Eldridge said, "but what the academic process of the college has meant to them personally. I encourage it."

Comic book convention is Nov. 25

Olympia's first comic book and science fiction convention will be held Saturday, November 25 at 207 East Fourth, across from the State Theater. The all-day affair begins at 10 a.m. and continues until 6 p.m. Admission is 50 cents; call Mike Ross at Four-Color Fantasies (943-3375) for table rates or more information.

The main attraction will be a "flea market" of comic books and science fiction posters and paperbacks. Collectors from the Puget Sound area will meet to buy, sell, and trade works by their favorite writers and artists.



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Monroe excites audience

by Sue Randall
There are some performers who remain great and are held deep in the soul of music lovers everywhere. Such a musician is Bill Monroe, the Father of Bluegrass. TESC students and bluegrass lovers from

all over Western Washington met Bill Monroe and his Bluegrass Boys in the Library lobby on November 5.

Early in the fall term the students in the Country Music contract, inspired by Tom Foote's sponsorship, started the show

rolling. Ticket outlets were established and posters were plastered from Aberdeen to Tacoma. News was flying about a touch of the Grand Ole Opry coming to Evergreen.

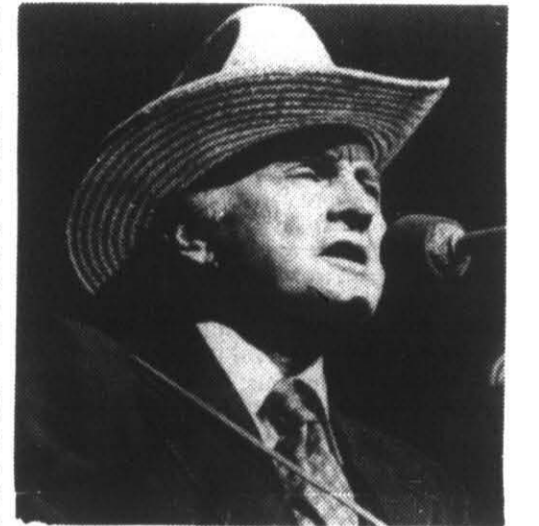
Being in the Country Music contract, I had the opportunity to participate in the making of a show. My friends and I in the contract shared a mounting enthusiasm for the night when Bill and the Bluegrass Boys would roll into Evergreen in the customized bus that has become their trademark. When they waltzed on stage Sunday evening, a sell-out crowd joined us in our excitement.

Kenny Baker on fiddle, Butch Robbins on banjo, Randy Davis on bass, and Wayne Lewis on Guitar, joined Bill's percussive mandolin and drove two hours of some honest Bluegrass north. Tunes like *Kentucky Mandolin*, *Orange Blosson Special*, and Monroe's own *Uncle Pen* filled the hall with bouncing melody. Bluegrass fans were clapping and singing along as Monroe led them in *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*. Gospel tunes played an important part in Monroe's repertoire and he put a touch of country soul into every word.

His high tenor voice drifted through the crowd as he was joined by the Boys in some four-part harmony. Butch was doing banjo breaks, and Kenny's singing fiddle filled in where Bill left off. Our own Tom Foote playing banjo and T.C. Rinkins on fiddle were pulled willingly from the throng to put a dash of Evergreen into Monroe. The energy was at its peak and my friends and I were living it.

I had an even better experience the next day listening to Bill Monroe in seminar. Tom Foote led a talk show with Bill as special guest. Bill answered questions with an honest humor that relaxed his audience immediately. Monroe told of his beginning in music. He was from a musical family, eight children in all. His mother, who played the fiddle and sang died when he was under ten years of age, so he started life working hard.

When it came to picking the instrument he wanted to play, he had to compete with his two older brothers, Birch and Charlie. Birch grabbed the fiddle, Charlie the guitar, and little brother Bill was furnished with a \$3 "later-bug" mandolin. He knew he had to excel and he certainly did. Bill spoke highly of Arnold Schultz, a fiddler who greatly influenced his love



BILL MONROE

for the blues of the deep South. When asked the role of the banjo in Bluegrass, Monroe quipped, "Well, I think the banjo's helped Bluegrass and played a great part in Bluegrass music, but I think Bluegrass played a bigger part in the banjo. If it hadn't been for Bluegrass, there wouldn't be much banjo playing today." He spoke of the dancibility of Bluegrass and how it drives people to move freely to its song, encouraging square dancing, one of his treasured pastimes.

The workshop that followed proved to me the integrity of this man. He patiently and professionally showed me the do's and don't of mandolin performance. Carefully, he placed my hand in the right position on my mandolin and opened my mind to his relaxed technique. Being very sure of himself instilled an even greater confidence in my own capabilities.

The Bill Monroe experience was fantastic and will be long remembered by everyone taking part in the show. All of the Country Music people and Tom Foote, our undaunted sponsor, would like to thank the Sound and Lighting crews for a smooth show, a thanks well deserved. And to the Country Music folks themselves, thanks for letting me share this beautiful space with all of you. We never could have pulled it off without Tom Foote's learned touch.

Most of all—Thank You, Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys.

DTF considers marketing plan

by Brian Cantwell

A disappearing task force (DTF) aimed at dealing with problems of enrollment at The Evergreen State College has been meeting weekly since early October to discuss such topics as Evergreen's public image and the formulation of a comprehensive plan for student attraction and retention.

In a meeting last Wednesday, the group gave the go-ahead to Dean of Enrollment Services Larry Stenberg, task force chairperson, to pursue the invitation of an outside marketing consultant for an exploratory discussion of ways to promote the college in the immediate future.

The proposal to hire a consultant, made in the November 8 meeting of the DTF by Administrative Vice-president Dean Clabaugh, was made the subject of further investigation by the group after a strong indication of support by DTF member Judy Annis and others. Evergreen has always relied on its own in-house resources for dealing with its image problems, said Annis, director of Evergreen's Office of College Relations. "We have been incestuous in what we have done," she said. "We need an outsider to help."

Academic Dean Will Humphreys supported the move, saying he has been "shocked" at how President Dan Evans' attempts to sell Evergreen have failed. "When Evans has attempted to present a simple, clear image of the college to Kiwanis Clubs and high school classes, he's gotten feedback that shows people just aren't understanding," said Humphreys, "and he is a pro at it." Humphreys suggested that the final solution might rest in the bringing in of someone "of the like of people who sell McDonald's hamburgers."

The task force, composed of administrators, faculty, staff and students, has been divided into four subcommittees to deal with different aspects of the enrollment situation. Topics to be dealt

with by the committees are: (1) Academic structure, curriculum design, and supporting services; (2) Systematic enrollment planning; (3) Internal and external public relations and communication; and (4) Campus environment and student retention.

Stated goals for the various subcommittees include: (1) to protect the basic academic design of the college limiting proposed changes to action that will influence recruitment and retention of students and redesign services to further support of the educational mission of the college and to improve responsiveness to student needs and concerns; (2) to determine clientele the college wants to serve, establish the college's marketing positioning in relationship to that clientele and develop a systematic plan for recruiting students; (3) to vastly improve lines of communication among all campus community members and the college's various audiences by developing and transmitting information that identifies the college in clear, concise and consistent terms; and (4) to determine major influences within the campus environment that impacts students' lives and develop plans to increase positive influences and to reduce negative ones.

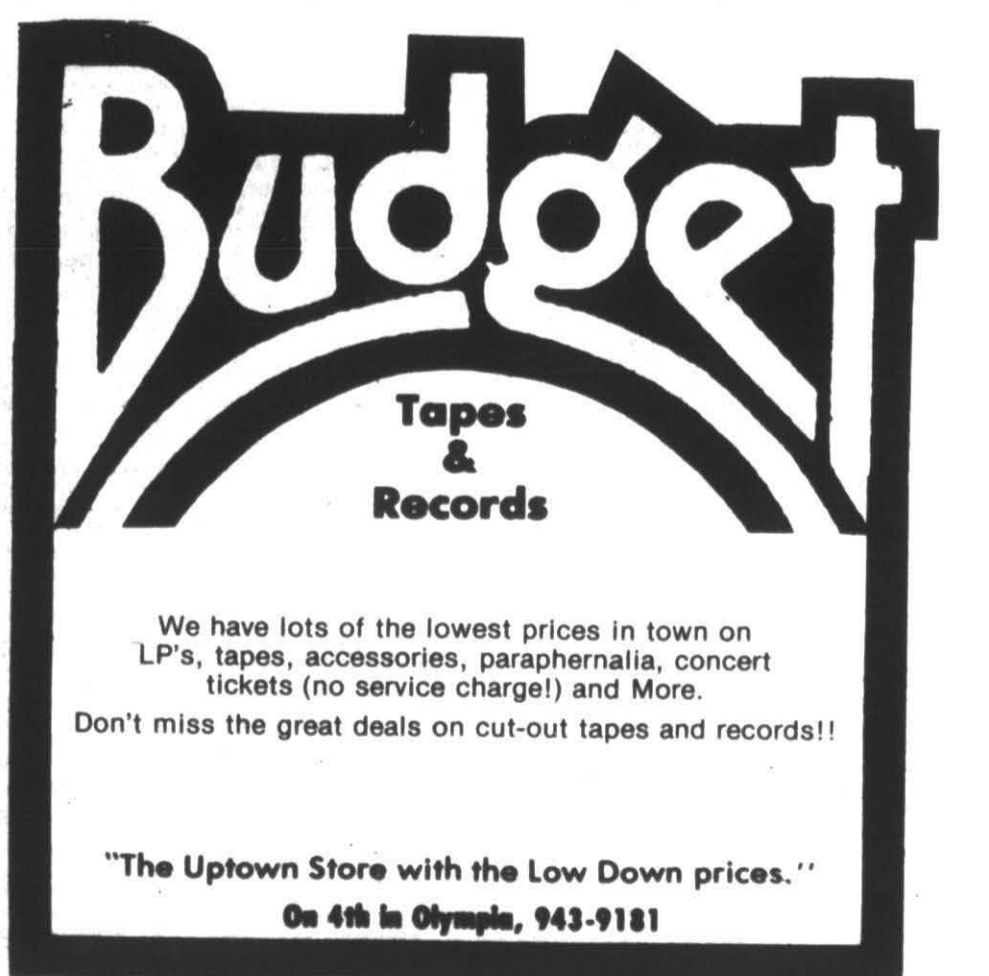
DTF members include Mary Ellen Benson, Marilyn Ward; faculty members David Marr, Mary Nelson, Duke Kuehn, Ginny Ingersoll, Burt Guttman, Greg Steinke, Nancy Taylor; Administrators Les Eldridge, Larry Steinberg, and Arnaldo Rodriguez; Staff members Barbara Cooley, Judy Annis, Tomas Ybarra and Stone Thomas; students Bill Hucks, Tom Richardson, Kevin Shultz and Diane Grise.

The task force will continue to meet through fall quarter on Wednesday mornings from 8 to 10 a.m. in Room 2118 of The Evergreen State College Library. The meetings are open to the public.

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