

Shake your groove thing, ooh yeah, shake your groove thing.

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## TESC officer jokingly displays firearm Deadly Force Review Board convenes to display findings

by Mat Probasco & Greg Skinner  
Staff writers

On Friday, Oct. 16 the Deadly Force Review Board was convened by Vice President of Student Affairs Art Costantino. This is the first time the board has been convened since its inception in the spring of 1996.

As of Oct. 9 TESC Police Services Officer Bob Bird has been suspended with pay, pending the findings of the internal Police Service investigation looking into his improper display of a firearm.

At approximately 9 p.m. on Sept. 24 Officer Bird removed his issued .40 cal. semi-automatic Glock pistol from its holster in the presence of custodian Bonnie Griggs. Griggs had been cleaning windows in the Police Services lobby when the incident occurred. Griggs had playfully squirted at the officer with her spray water-bottle. It was then that the Officer removed and displayed his firearm in a joking manner.

Griggs was stunned and exclaimed either "What the hell do you think you're doing, pointing that gun at my face?" as retold by Griggs, or "Hey, don't point that at me," as retold by sources close to the case. Realizing his mistake, the officer then quickly reholstered his weapon.

Sixteen days later in the early hours of Oct. 9, Griggs confided in Police Services Officer Lana Brewster as to what had happened. Griggs had not yet filed a report because of her prior friendship with Bird. "I was in disbelief, and scared," said Griggs when asked why she did not come forward sooner, adding "[but] I knew something had to be done."

At that point Officer Brewster, left a memo for Police Chief Steve Huntsberry disclosing what had happened. In most cases, when a police file is started, an officer is assigned to collect evidence and statements from those involved. However, in this case, Huntsberry took it upon himself to conduct an internal investigation.

The ensuing investigation involved collecting statements from both Bird and Griggs as well as one witness. The witness had heard what was said, but saw nothing of the incident.

On Oct. 12 a written complaint was signed by Griggs. This warranted the continued internal investigation. On Oct. 15 official criminal charges were filed by Griggs, warranting Thurston County Sheriff's Department to be called in to impartially investigate. Brad Watkins was the Sheriff's Department investigator who reviewed the case. The case was returned with no criminal charges pending. This led back to a strictly internal investigation.

Evergreen officers are allowed to draw their weapons only to protect themselves or others; to arrest or apprehend a person the officer believes has committed or has attempted to commit a felony; or to prevent escape from an officer in these situations. An officer may draw his/her weapon as a show of force if confronted with the threat of deadly force. An officer is not allowed to draw his/her weapon to gain arrest or compliance unless there is a potentially life threatening situation.

When asked if officers unholster their weapons at times other than those sanctioned, Huntsberry said that Evergreen officers do not, and that during his investigation "as I've looked

into it I've check with other agencies... but I could find no one, that I talked to, that experienced [this] type of incident, and there really was not a bunch of precedent to it. I'm sure it has happened, but I just couldn't find any evidence of it [elsewhere]."

The elements of the improper display incident that are in dispute, that is to say, are not agreed on by both Griggs and Officer Bird are as follows: whether the weapon was drawn slowly and pointed away from Griggs, or if the weapon was unholstered and pointed directly at Griggs' head; whether the incident took place near the Key Issues/Parking desk or in front of the Dispatch Officers' desk; and whether or not a casual conversation about an unrelated topic took place between Bird and Griggs after the incident.

Huntsberry, in the next few days, will share the findings of his investigation with Officer Bird and contemplate any disciplinary action to be taken. Once that process is complete the entire report will go to the Deadly Force Review Board for review. The Board will consider the findings to decide whether the college's and Police Service's actions were thorough and complete.

The board was set up to review "all incidents when a firearm is drawn, discharged or displayed in a threatening manner (improper display), or any other type of deadly force is displayed or used by a public safety officer... and any other individual on campus" as stated in the final report of the public safety DTF (Disappearing Task Force) May 24, 1996.

See next issue for further news in the End of the Barrel dedicated to arming issues.

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Heat by Jen Blackford

And it was in a night like this and at an unholy hour  
you came to me like a demon  
and whispered you would never go

When I became aware of who you were  
you left leaving a chill in the air  
and a fever in places long forgotten

You still lingered somehow  
and I could hear your cries  
Ecstasy and terror I could not tell which

New life we created and murdered as one  
while the outside noises scraped harsh against our ears  
and the candles flickered in and out

Dark desires and darker secrets intruded  
so that you ran screaming out my door,  
chased by some hidden fear

Still you came back to my bed,  
possessed by a feeling you needed to know  
and we were driven to madness in a single move

Dreams became visions of what could never happen  
You would not come back to me in your flesh  
Only spirits make love to the dead

And would you call down on heaven  
to bring back the humanity you abandoned  
when you left me in the night

The nights are no longer ours  
and you have forgotten your promise to stay  
and I need to feel some heat

Empty Feelings by Rickie Holt

I see the laughter but I can not laugh.  
I shed tears for those who do not see.  
The joys and happiness others see in  
me is nothing more than an empty shell,  
like the pain that fills me.  
All to real is the pain others have done

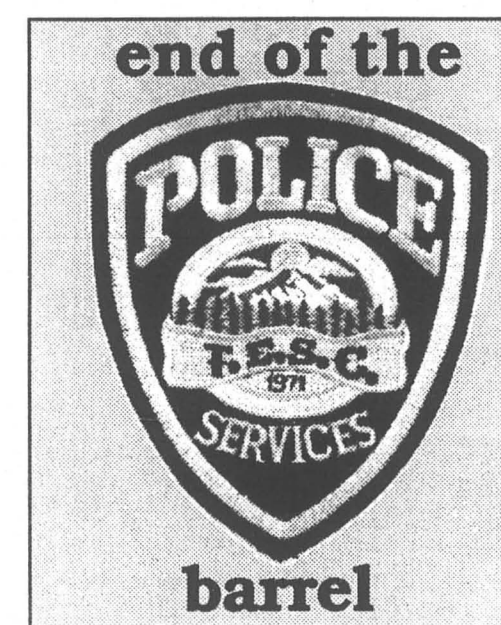
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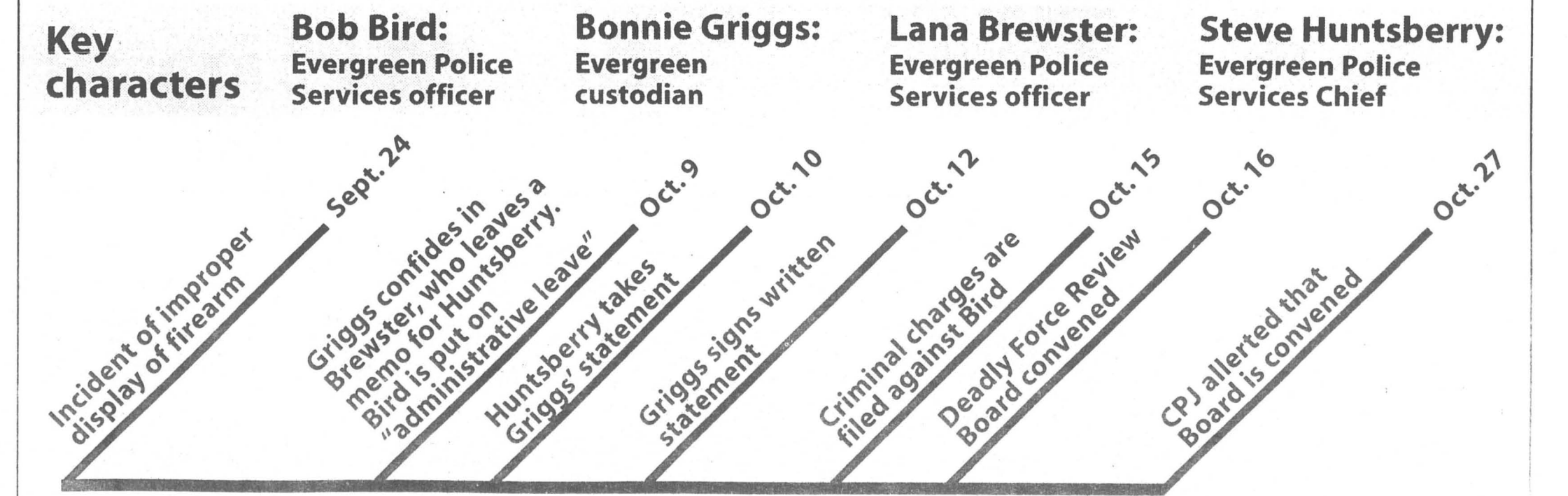


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I was in  
disbelief, and  
scared, [but] I  
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something  
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done.  
—Bonnie Griggs

### Time line of events leading to the convening of the Deadly Force Review Board



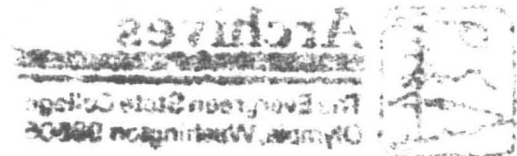
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# Newsbriefs

## Flu, pneumonia shots offered

The Veterans Administration Puget Sound Health Care System, in conjunction with the Tumwater Disabled American Veterans 41 and the American Legion Post 166 will offer free flu and pneumonia shots. These will be available for veterans and their spouses on Oct. 29 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Tumwater American Legion Post 166, 5745 Littlerock Road. There will also be a free blood pressure, blood screening and a registration for medical care at the V.A. Medical Centers.



## Ceremony commemorates Veterans Day

The public is invited to attend a ceremony on Nov. 11 to honor the 25,000 veterans and their families living in the Thurston County area. The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. until noon at the steps to the Legislative Building on the Capitol Campus. It will be held in the Capitol Rotunda if the weather is inclement. This year's ceremony will include participation by Veterans Service Organizations. Music will be provided by the American Legion Post 3 Band, the Rifle Squad by VFW Post 318 and the Cannon Salute by American Legion Post 166.



## The 1998-99 S&A Board

1. Jen Blackford
2. Chris Butler
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4. Faith Inman
5. Alex Jennings
6. Fatema Karim
7. Mac Lotowsky
8. Cory MacDonald
9. Maggie Ragatz

Thank you to everyone who applied.

*Corporate globalization will try to pit women against each other, particularly the women in the North against the women in the South. I think it's important for women's movements to say we not only reject the global corporate agenda, we also reject being pitted against each other.* - Sunera Thobani

This Monday, Nov. 2, Professor Sunera Thobani will be speaking about the global conditions of women in our globalizing economy. Professor Thobani is Ruth Wynn Woodward Chair of Women's Studies at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, British Columbia and the former president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC) in Canada. She was also a member of the organizing committee for the Second International Women's Conference Against APEC (Asian Pacific Cooperation) held last November in Vancouver. This event will be held in the Library Lobby beginning at 12 p.m. For more information, please contact the Women of Color Coalition x6006.

## Not the achy-breaky heart

Every second Saturday, September through June, an Olympia Old-Time Country Dance will be held at the South Bay Grange featuring musicians across the United States as well as an experienced caller. These dances are open to the public, all participants are taught each dance, and first-timers are made to feel welcome. Highlighted this month at the dance are musicians Stuart Williams, Nancy Katz, and Rich Levine, with Sherry Nevins calling dances. On Nov. 14, a workshop will be held at 7:30 p.m. with the dance following at 8 p.m. Donations are \$6 at the door and \$3 for seniors and people aged 10-18 years.



## Homeless young adults need your help

Community Youth Services of Thurston County is starting a transitional housing program, The RISE Program (Responsibility, Independence, Support, and Encouragement), that will provide housing and support services for young adults. They need the following items to make this project a success:

- Single/double size beds, microwaves, couches, living room chairs, coffee tables, end tables, living room lamps, radios/cassette players/speakers, televisions, dining room tables with at least four chairs, vacuum cleaners, garbage cans, sheets and pillow cases, blankets and bed spreads, alarm clocks, dishes, eating utensils, glasses, baking sheets, pots and pans, towels and wash cloths, hot pads, irons and ironing boards, cooking utensils, serving bowls, dish drainers, toasters, food strainers, bedroom lamps, toilet bowl brushes, plastic food storage containers, pillows, cookbooks, mixers/blenders, measuring cups and spoons, mops and brooms, dust pans, and games and puzzles (with all their pieces).

If you can help, drop the items at their collection site behind the Goodwill store in Lacey before Oct. 30. If you have any questions please call Michelle Swope at 943-0780, x.641.

## Why study abroad?

The National Security Education Program (NSEP) is now providing opportunities for Americans to study in regions critical to U.S. national interests (excluding Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand). Award amounts are up to a maximum of \$8,000 per semester or \$16,000 per academic year. You must be a U.S. citizen and enrolled as an undergraduate at a U.S. university, college or community college. Scholarships are for study in Summer '99, Fall '00, and /or Spring '99. For applications contact the NSEP office at (800) 618-NSEP or e-mail at [nsep@iic.org](mailto:nsep@iic.org). Deadline for application is Feb. 8, 1999.



Fall quarter enrollment at TESC is at an all-time high, 4,194, up from 3 percent last year. The number of students of color has increased to 17 percent of the student population, from 637 to 700 students. Programs and courses all over campus are filled to capacity, with science and technology programs drawing the most. Even the freshman retention rate has gone up 11 percent.

## Security Blotter

compiled by Jimmy Cropsey

The blotter has been split into four parts. The first is all the miscellaneous stuff that goes on. Then comes public service, traffic, and finally general information. Dates are in bold.

Staff  
**10/21** 2043- (Narcotics) Paraphenrmlia removed from MOD... (Neely)  
 2300- (Injured Owl) Young owl flew into window @ CAB. Recovered transported to Westside Animal Hospital. (Neely)  
**10/22** 0939- (Theft) of plant from LIB bldg (Talmadge)  
**10/23** 0508- (Mal Misch) Fire extinguisher and, beer bottles, and food items were thrown from 6th floor of A-Dorm (Neely)  
 1454- (Theft) See case report for info (Stretch)  
 2235- (Insecure) Part-time studies office, LIB 3225 (Eddy)  
**10/24** 1011- (Mal Misch) Campus courtesy phone and lighting fixtures in the HCC damaged (Stretch)  
**10/25** 0131- (Fire Alarm) B-Dorm 4th floor malicious pull (Eddy)  
 0200- (Time Change) Clock back 1 hr.  
 0119- (Disturbance) J-Dorm noise/ belligerent person (Eddy)  
 0306- (Fire Alarm) F-Dorm malicious pull (Eddy)  
 0307- (Fire Alarm) B-Dorm 2nd floor (Eddy)  
 1858- (Fire Alarm) Q-Dorm 2nd floor (Eddy)  
**10/26** 0800- (Mal Misch) Exterior window of ceramics studio damaged (Talmadge)  
 1725- (Criminal Trespass) Late Entry Violation, 1605  
**10/27** 1346- (Theft) Of furniture from Housing (Talmadge)

Public Service  
**10/21** 0630- Escort completed on shift. (Brewster)  
 1042- Jumpstart in B-Lot (Talmadge)  
 1202- Jumpstart in C-Lot (Talmadge)  
 1202- Jumpstart in C-Lot (Talmadge)

1300- Veh entry in C-Lot (Talmadge)  
 1339- Jumpstart in B-Lot (Talmadge)  
 1345- Jumpstart in B-Lot (Talmadge)  
 1455- Escort completed on day shift (Talmadge)  
 1505- Jump start completed, C-Lot (Brewster)  
 1511- Jump start completed, C-Lot (Brewster)  
 1600- Jumpstart completed, B-Lot (Brewster)  
 2236- Unlock (Neely)  
 2238- Escorts (Neely) <7 cases>  
**10/22** 1323- Veh entry in C-Lot (Talmadge)  
 1330- Jumpstart in C-Lot (Talmadge)  
 1548- Jump start completed, B-Lot (Brewster)  
 1707- Jump start completed, B-Lot (Brewster)  
 2235- Unlock (Neely)  
 2236- Escorts (Neely) <3 cases>  
**10/23** 1018- J/S completed in F-Lot (Stretch)  
 1312- J/S completed at housing dorm lp (Stretch)  
 1534- Jump start completed, F-Lot (Stretch)  
 1605- Jump start completed, C-Lot (Stretch)  
 1650- Jump start completed, C-Lot (Stretch)  
 2230- Escorts (Stretch) <8 cases>  
**10/24** 0635- Escorts (Eddy) <2 cases>  
 1500- Unlocks (Stretch) <4 cases>  
**10/25** 1759- J/S completed in C-Lot (Eddy)  
 2045- J/S completed in C-Lot (Eddy)  
 2245- Escorts completed on shift (Eddy) <3 cases>  
**10/26** 1935- Jump start completed, B-Lot (Neely)  
 1954- Veh. entry completed, C-Lot (Neely)  
 2245- Lock (Neely)  
 2245- Escorts (Neely) <9 cases>  
**10/27** 0016- Escort (Neely)  
 0721- Escort completed (Talmadge)  
 1550- Jump start completed, B-Lot (Brewster)  
 1552- Veh. entry unsuccessful, C-Lot (Brewster)  
 1717- Jump start completed, C-Lot (Brewster)  
 1905- Veh. entry completed, C-Lot (Neely)  
 2235- Escorts (Officers) <9 cases>

Traffic  
**10/21** 1728- Boot assist completed, F-Lot (Brewster)  
 1950- Boot assist completed, B-Lot (Neely)  
**10/22** 1724- Boot assist completed, B-Lot (Brewster)  
 1817- Citation issued for speeding, Pkwy/ McCann WA lic temp plate (Neely)  
 2111- Citation issued for susp/ revoked driver lic. And failure to have proof of insurance, Pkwy (Neely)  
 2118- Citation issued for speeding, Pkwy/ Overhulse Rd. (Neely)  
**(10/23, 10/24, and 10/25)** no traffic cases logged. JC  
**10/26** 1245- ...was cited for parking in a handicap zone without an authorized placard or plate. (Mc Hendry)  
 2009- Citation issued for speeding, Pkwy/ Overhulse (Neely)  
 2020- Verbal warning issued for speeding, Pkwy/ Overhulse (Neely)  
 2035- Verbal warning issued for speeding, Pkwy/ Overhulse (Neely)  
 2048- Citation issued for speeding, MOD parking lot (Neely)  
 2257- Pkwy/ Overhulse verbal warning B/O tail lts (Neely)  
 2307- Pkwy/ Overhulse verbal warning speed (Neely)  
**10/27** 0002- Verbal wrng CA speed (Neely)  
 0539- Cite- speed Pkwy/ McCann (Neely)  
 1910- Veh. booted in C-Lot (Bryce)  
 2024- Citation issued for fts, Driftwood and Overhulse (Neely)  
 2232- Verbal warnings issued for speeding (Neely) <2 cases>

Shift Info/ Housing/ CUP Info/Key Info/ Fuel Info  
**10/21** 0000- Brewster/ Young on duty. All keys accounted for. Terry on callback for CUP. H1/RA...Tim H/ 2RA...Vita RMS...Kate

See BLOTTER on page 11

## NEWS

# Student Government Evergreen Police takes first steps chief responds

by Kevan Moore  
Staff writer

Two years ago there was a referendum at TESC which offered three choices regarding student government: an electronic government based on e-mail, a forum model government, or no government at all. The voter turnout was impressive and although there was no true majority, the forum model received the most overall votes. This was really incredible when you consider that, in twenty seven years, Evergreen has never had an undergraduate student government. In the midst of the board of trustees elections last year a recurring theme and concern was student government, and it played a large role in the discourse of the election.

As a result of all of this, students are coming together and making student government a reality. This week marks the third consecutive meeting of students trying to implement a student government. These students are not only interested and concerned about the absence of student government here at the college, but they are also taking a very proactive role and maintaining a dialogue. The group is also constantly making itself aware of the progressive ethos of Evergreen at odds with the lack of participation and involvement by students. The discussion at these meetings includes aggressive time lines, bylaws, mission statements, education, and an overall consensus that student government is necessary to balance an existing faculty senate and curtail typical reactionary sentiments for the betterment of the community. In short, these students are making it happen.

At this point it is worth noting that this is not the first time something like this has happened at Evergreen. Students have come together in the past, but only to go their separate ways at the

conclusion of a year and leave new students at square one. Besides that, some of their contributions, like a drum circle government, have been questionable. However, there are some notable distinctions between this year and years past. The group this year continues to leave the doors to their meetings open, they have an unprecedented pace and vigor, they have the referendum to rely on, and while there could be more students in attendance the group is devising ways to bring "the mountain" to the student body. Signs and fliers are visible throughout the campus while informational pamphlets are soon to come. Next week the group will be hosting two open forums which will take place on Tues. Nov. 3 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and Thurs. Nov. 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the lobby of the CAB. In addition, student surveys are in the works, a box will be available in the third floor of the CAB to submit written suggestions or input, and as always Monday meetings at 4 p.m. on the third floor of the CAB are open to all.

The group has devised a preliminary mission statement which at the time of print reads, "The mission of student government is to be the vehicle for assessing, implementing, and communicating the general student will, synthesizing possible solutions and informing students of issues affecting them. The student government will serve as a bridge between students and faculty, administration, and the Board of Trustees. Through communication and empowerment of students the student government hopes to enrich the Evergreen community."

This preliminary mission statement comes after only three weeks of Monday meetings, it will be almost directly followed by forums, and displays real direction. By all appearances it is starting to look like student government will be a reality by the end of year twenty eight.

by Mat Probasco  
Editor in chief

In the Oct. 22 issue of the CPJ, a letter to Evergreen Police Services Chief Steve Huntsberry appeared which addressed concerns about how Police Services is handling the case involving multiple threats to an Evergreen student. The letter also contained a list of demands and was signed by "Angry students of Evergreen." Huntsberry contacted the Cooper Point Journal to respond.

"There are some serious comments in there that should be addressed," Huntsberry said early Tuesday morning, adding that all Police Services investigations must follow State and Federal standards. "If we could do like they do on TV, we'd love to. But we'd be breaking the law."

That doesn't mean that action hasn't been taken, though. "The logical thing was to find out who sent the e-mail," said Huntsberry. He told how Police Services was aggressively searching for the threatening e-mail's source. They contacted Hotmail's offices in California, only to find out they needed a search warrant to find out who has the account. Currently Police Services is in contact with the Prosecuting Attorneys office in consultation as to how to get the proper warrant for an e-mail account.

Huntsberry himself sent an e-mail to the address on the "From:" line of the threats, only to have it returned "Not Deliverable."

The case is currently under investigation by three or more officers. There are theories

that the address could be under a false name. Huntsberry feels the case could quickly obtain Felony crime status.

As for the location of the note slid under the victims door, it's "in the case," said Huntsberry. That's police talk for, "it's in the evidence file."

Why won't the police do a fingerprint check? The State Patrol Crime Lab won't do a fingerprint check unless the police have a suspect, because they are so busy. Police Services doesn't have the capability to do a fingerprint check in-house.

In what ways have Police Services tried to keep the victim informed about the case's progress. Ironically enough, Lieutenant Russell sent her an e-mail and Sergeant Eddy slid a note under her door. Well, the note was a business card, but you see where this is going. Huntsberry has also on several occasions contacted Mary Craven, Sexual Assault Prevention Education Coordinator and Advisor to the S&A Board. Police Services has also worked with housing suggesting change in residence, e-mail account, and phone number.

"We are taking the steps in the directions that will give us the quickest and best results," said Huntsberry. "Many people are working on finding this person."

Something Huntsberry says he has learned from this case however, is that "the campus aspect is at least as important as catching the person." That aspect is especially crucial at Evergreen says Huntsberry because of the campus's small size.

**errata**

Last week we identified Rozey Catania as a first-year student. She is really a second-year student.

In looking at this year's past issues, we noticed that we had two issue #2s. To rectify this error we numbered this issue #6 instead of #5.

The *Anglo Jackson* article in the Oct. 22 issue contained several errors. The time on the flier that Housing put out read 8 p.m., the flier put out by others read 7 p.m., and the actual starting time was at 8:30 p.m. Also, the "possible arrests" mentioned in the first sentence in the article was misleading because the drunk and belligerent person who almost got arrested that night at the HCC was never mentioned in the article. The author apologizes for any feelings or relationships that may have been hurt due to these errors.

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# Local currency supports community

## Sound HOURS offer a way to spend money and keep it local

By Maya Kurtz  
Staff writer

If you've been anywhere in Olympia lately, you might have noticed signs in local businesses that say, "We accept Sound HOURS!" You probably wondered what they were talking about. Well, Sound HOURS are legal local currency; that is, real money that stays in our South Sound communities. Sound HOURS are both taxable and tax-deductible. If you've ever wanted to get more involved with the Olympia community, using Sound HOURS is a great way to do it. If you're an Evergreen student who is only here for a few years, don't fool yourself into thinking that Sound HOURS are not for you. If you need a job or some extra money, Sound HOURS can fill your empty wallet.



Just pay ten dollars to become a member of the Sound Exchange Program (pick up the HOUR Town Directory at the Food Co-op and fill out the membership form). They will give you forty dollars in Sound HOURS and two listings in their Town Directory for a year. All you have to do is figure out what skills you have to offer the community. If you can babysit, run a computer, sew, drive a car, do yard work, build things, make jewelry, or even do research, you can list your service in the Sound Exchange Town Directory. Maybe you have a unique skill that someone out there desperately needs- check in the Directory under Goods & Services Wanted. People will contact you and pay you in Sound HOURS for your work, while you will have forty dollars to spend in local businesses or on other people's Sound Exchange services.

Even if you don't want to become a member, you can still use Sound HOURS. Tell your employer about Sound HOURS and ask them if they will pay you (even partially) in HOURS. Or ask for your change in HOURS

when you shop at local businesses. Sound HOURS are accepted at both Food Co-ops, Garden Works, Blue Heron Bakery, Danger Room Comic Books, The Farmers Market, Traditions Cafe, and many other local businesses. There are also lots of local non-profit organizations, like Bread & Roses, that accept HOURS.

Local currency may seem revolutionary, but it's not a new idea. There are sixty other local currency programs in the U.S., and 1400 worldwide. If there's not one there already, go start a local currency program in your hometown! If you want to know a lot more about it, go volunteer for Sound Exchange. It's a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers. They need people to do anything from distributing Town Directories to public speaking (training provided). They would also be stoked to get some Greeners in there under internships. As an intern you could learn how to run a small non-profit organization or how to start a local currency program. Call Gail at 705-2527 or Kerry at 352-2767 for more information.

Sound HOURS are great because accepting and spending them keeps our money here, where we live. If you've ever become annoyed with all the chain stores around, protest in a way that actually makes a difference- stop shopping at those stores! Use your Sound HOURS to support local people and businesses. Our local economy will become stronger and big corporations will be begging for mercy! As the HOURS themselves read, "In Each Other We Trust!" Unlike federal money, which loses value as time passes (it's

called inflation), the more Sound HOURS circulate through our community, the more they are worth. There is also generally less environmental impact when you spend Sound HOURS. If you are using local people and businesses for all your needs, ideally there is less trucking involved and local resources are being used.

Local currency may seem revolutionary, but it's not a new idea. There are sixty other local currency programs in the U.S., and 1400 worldwide. If there's not one there already, go start a local currency program in your hometown! If you want to know a lot more about it, go volunteer for Sound Exchange. It's a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers. They need people to do anything from distributing Town Directories to public speaking (training provided). They would also be stoked to get some Greeners in there under internships. As an intern you could learn how to run a small non-profit organization or how to start a local currency program. Call Gail at 705-2527 or Kerry at 352-2767 for more information.

Sound Exchange is currently planning their Second Annual Holiday Bazaar, and they also need lots of help with that. It's going to happen sometime in the first two weeks of December. Kia Dallons, who volunteered for last year's Bazaar, said, "It was really gratifying

to work on such a successful project. I felt my effort made a big difference. Sound Exchange is really organized, which made working with them fun instead of frustrating. I enjoyed it so much that I'm doing it again this year!" Stay tuned to the CPJ for a future article about the Holiday Bazaar.

If you have any questions about Sound HOURS, pick up an HOUR Town Directory at the local libraries, Food Co-ops, and businesses, or visit the Sound Exchange website at [www.olywa.net/vision](http://www.olywa.net/vision). Just remember: local currency only works when you accept it for payment and spend it, so do your part!

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And Now For A Paid Political Announcement!

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McDonald traveled to Haiti in 1995 to assist the United Nations with rebuilding Haiti's legal system. In 1996 McDonald went to Sarajevo to work with the war-torn government of Bosnia in setting up a nation-wide elections system. He was born and raised in Washington State and earned a Master's degree in Public Administration from The Evergreen State College as part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class of 1997.

McDonald plans to set up his own version of Evergreen's "disappearing tasks forces" to consider ways to make the office more efficient, technologically enhanced, customer oriented and a better working environment for the staff. He will work with the legislature to make the position of County Clerk non-partisan. He will reach out to the community by providing educational pamphlets and community forums on how the courts operate and receive community input. He will work to improve the jury process and will create informational brochures that are multi-lingual (including Braille).

*"Patrick embodies all that is positive about government service. He will be an outstanding County Clerk for the citizens of Thurston County. He has the technical knowledge and administrative ability to make the Clerk's Office a leader and example of good, progressive, caring government"*. Ralph Munro, Washington's Secretary of State

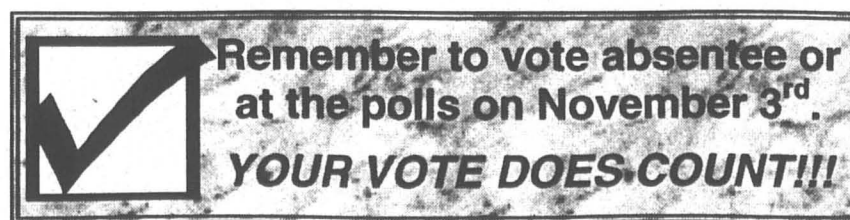
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#### Community Involvement:

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✓ Endorsed, along with Democratic Congressional Candidate Brian Baird, by the Irish American Coalition because of his strong support and effort to end employment discrimination and violence in Northern Ireland.

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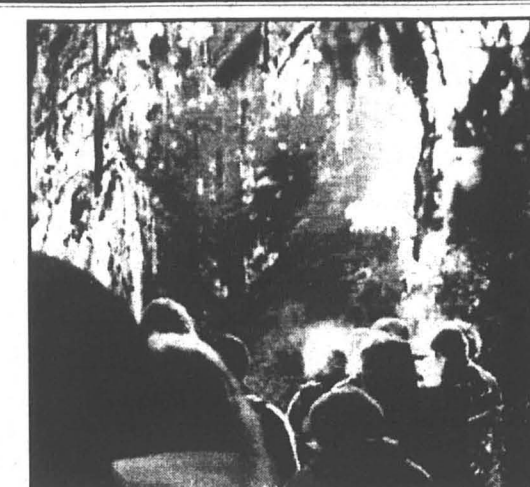
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# A forest journey

by Josh Courteau  
contributing photographer and writer

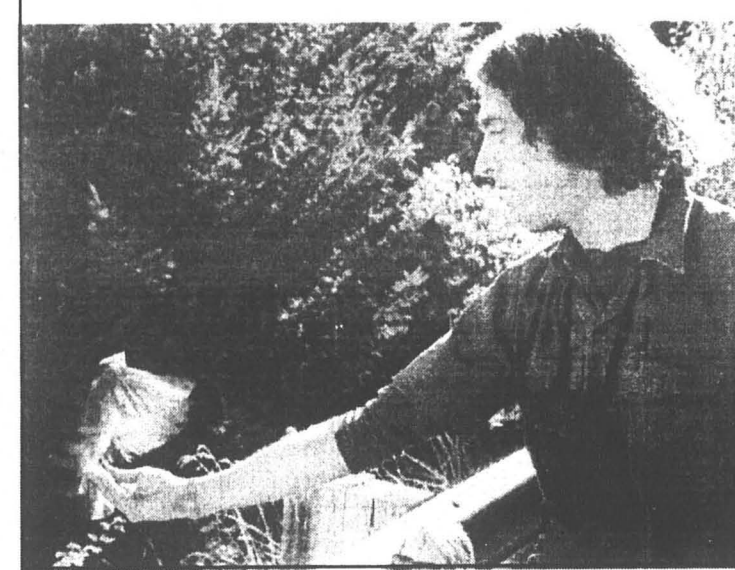
With instructors Brian Price and Gabe Tucker, the core level class "Forests: Human and Natural Communities" spent four days in the northern Olympic Peninsula studying parts of the Boreal Rainforest and Alpine regions of the Hurricane Ridge area. With speeches from foresters and Department of Natural Resources workers about lodging and forest management practices, the whole week was a definite success.

One of the first stops on the way to the northern peninsula, John Flurio ponders existence and how he's gonna get down while taking in the fresh sea air.



Awed by the mosses and mists, Rachel Mitrani and the class meander through the mystical rainforest. The Pacific Northwest has some of the most extensive Boreal Rainforest in the whole world. And less than a three hour drive from campus... what's stopping you?

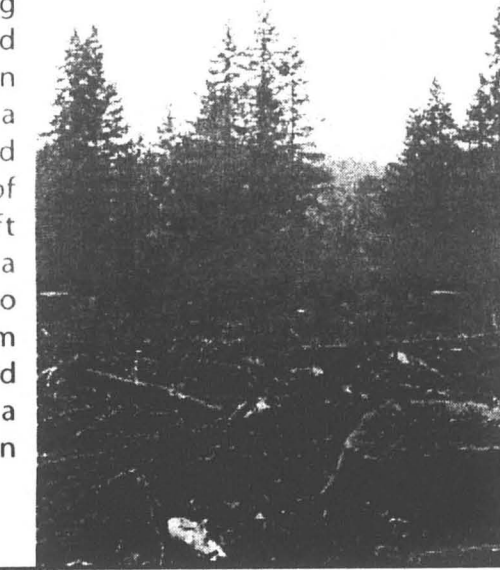
At a scenic overlook, David Stephens entices the local wildlife with his PB&J lunch. Fancy eats.



I mean, come on... It is Evergreen. Maya Pierce, Gretchen Brownstein, and instructor Brian Price... you know.

One of the last stops on the trip, this recently logged area is just one example of the continued logging in the Olympic Peninsula forests.

Note the standing trees surround a "Riparian Zone." This is a designated buffer zone of trees left around a waterway to protect from erosion and such. What a way to end on a high note.



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You don't have to simply believe me. You could do the responsible thing and go look for yourselves. I will include a list of legitimate scientific studies about the effects of marijuana and THC for anyone who wants to see the primary documents for themselves.

Please make an educated decision Nov. 3. Vote YES on I-692!

For more info consult these studies: Costa Rican Study (1980), Report of Indian Hemp Drugs Commission (1893-1894), Siler Commission (1930), LaGuardia Marijuana Report (1938-1944), Shafer Commission (1972), Canadian Government Study (1972), Alaska State Commission (1989), California Research Advisory Panel (1989), National Academy of science "Marijuana & Health" (1982), Ohio State Medical Society 15th Annual Meeting (1860), Jamaican Study, National Institute for Mental Health (1968-74, published in 1975)

"Free the seed"

Kevin Ward

## BP vs. Alaskan Wildlife

On Friday, Oct. 23, WashPIRG's Save Our Wilds sponsored a rally at the British Petroleum (BP) gas station at Harrison and Division. Twenty-five students and community members displayed signs and chanted slogans urging BP, ARCO, Chevron, and Exxon to refrain from drilling in the Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The Refuge is a rich, biologically diverse ecosystem that shelters a variety of wildlife including musk ox, caribou, snow geese, wolves, bears, and migratory birds. Oil exploration and drilling in the Refuge would seriously disrupt this pristine wilderness. But many of those who attended Friday's rally also support efforts to decrease our gasoline consumption: most who participated had taken the city bus from Evergreen to Harrison.

As we inherit the work of previous generations of conservationists, the responsibility of fighting to preserve our remaining wilderness areas falls squarely on our shoulders. If we allow the petroleum industry to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, we will have four to six months' worth of petrol. The cost, however, is irreversible damage to one of the last great untouched wilderness areas on earth, not to mention further disruption of the world's climate from greenhouse gases released by fuel combustion.

Ironically, BP has conceded that global

climate change from fossil fuel emissions is happening, yet it continues to seek possible petroleum sources. In 1995, an international panel of 2,500 weather and climate experts concluded that human-caused climate change is already underway. However, most major oil companies (except for EP) continue to fund extremely effective propaganda schemes to convince the public that climate change is "natural" and "healthy." But if BP is truly concerned about its impact on the environment, it will take a closer look at the environmental effects of its oil exploration.

Instead of looking for potential fossil fuel resources, the oil industry should research sustainable energy production. Currently, gasoline is heavily subsidized by our government; if these subsidies are gradually phased out, there will be greater incentive for oil and coal companies to turn toward alternative energy sources.

I applaud those who participated in the rally for supporting a worthy cause, and urge others to do so as well. The economic perspective of the natural world, which greedily views nature in terms of potential profits, is short-sighted and childish. It is time for us to exercise a new respect for our natural environment, to appreciate it in light of its natural complexity and beauty.

Jeremiah Miller

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."  
— First Amendment, U.S. Constitution

## LETTERS & OPINIONS

# Few folks favor the flavor of fluoride

### Greeners react to proposed fluoridation

On Nov. 3, voters will decide whether or not they favor the addition of fluoride to the water supply of the city of Olympia. I live in the Cooper's Glen apartment complex, which utilizes water from the city. I also attend the Evergreen State College, which utilizes water from the city. However, I vote at the college precinct (129), where this proposition will not be on the ballot. If you do not live within the city limits, you will not be entitled to vote on the fluoride proposition but you may have to live with the results if you use city water. Also, if the fluoride plan goes ahead, ratepayers outside city limits will have to pay for the fluoride addition just like everyone else, even though their voices will not be heard in the process.

There are three different chemicals that can be used to add fluoride to the water supply. They are sodium fluoride, sodium silicofluoride, and hydrofluosilic acid. Before these chemicals are added to water, all are

labeled as dangerous poisons, and two of them indicate that they can be fatal if taken internally.

For further information, you can check out the following web sites:

<http://www.olywa.net/nofluoride>  
<http://www.cadvision.com/fluoride>

You can also write to:

Olympia Citizens For Pure Water  
2103 Harrison Ave. NW #2731  
Olympia, WA 98502

The phone number for the Elections department is (360) 786-5408. The phone number for the Olympia Department of Public Works is (360) 753-8468.

Newkirk L. Johnson

I am afraid! Can someone please help me? I don't think I will be able to afford safe water anymore, and there is so little I can do about it without you. I personally do not want the fertilizer and aluminum industry's toxic wastes in my water or accumulating in the waters where I swim. Don't people deserve to be able to choose if they want fluoride or not? Why couldn't we put in some kind of free fluoridated water source at foodstores for those who want it? Those of us that live on the Evergreen campus are not allowed to vote on whether our water will contain fluoride, but we will be forced to accept what the Olympia City Council decides. I have called them and told

them I do not believe that in the great democratic nation we live in today, I should be forced to abide by something I, a registered voter, couldn't vote on. Maybe you too could make a friendly phone call to the city council (753-8450). Oh and by the way, if you accidentally swallow that three-centimeter squirt of toothpaste we use every day, you should call the poison control hotline, because you just ingested fluoride. Have a good day, and don't forget to drink your eight glasses of water.

Justin Solondz

# Defining rape is the real challenge

This letter is my reaction to "Men Missed the Point of Event" in the Oct. 22 edition of the CPJ. I was one of those men who walked up to the stage and said "rape is wrong." Ms. Russo brings up a good point. In that brief moment prior to my walking to the stage, I reflected on the appropriateness of such action.

When Ms. Koestner first began to articulate her thoughts of men coming up to the stage and saying "rape is wrong," it sounded like an appeal, urging the men in the room to do just that. But, as I now recall in a vague impression, the thoughts that followed Ms. Koestner's initial "appeal" seemed to contradict the notion that she was really asking men to stand up and speak out... so at that time I did not.

But—and this is the point that Ms. Russo elucidated—had I remained seated, the implications of my non-action were too grave... I had little choice in the matter—or, two bad ones. The gentleman who took the mic, I don't doubt, had very good intentions. His level of discretion was a bit amiss.

On behalf of myself and, perhaps, other men in the room, I offer an apology. It was not my intention to steal the show, disrespect Katie and the women in the audience, bond with males, nor pump myself up with the "penis party." When I took the mic and said "rape is

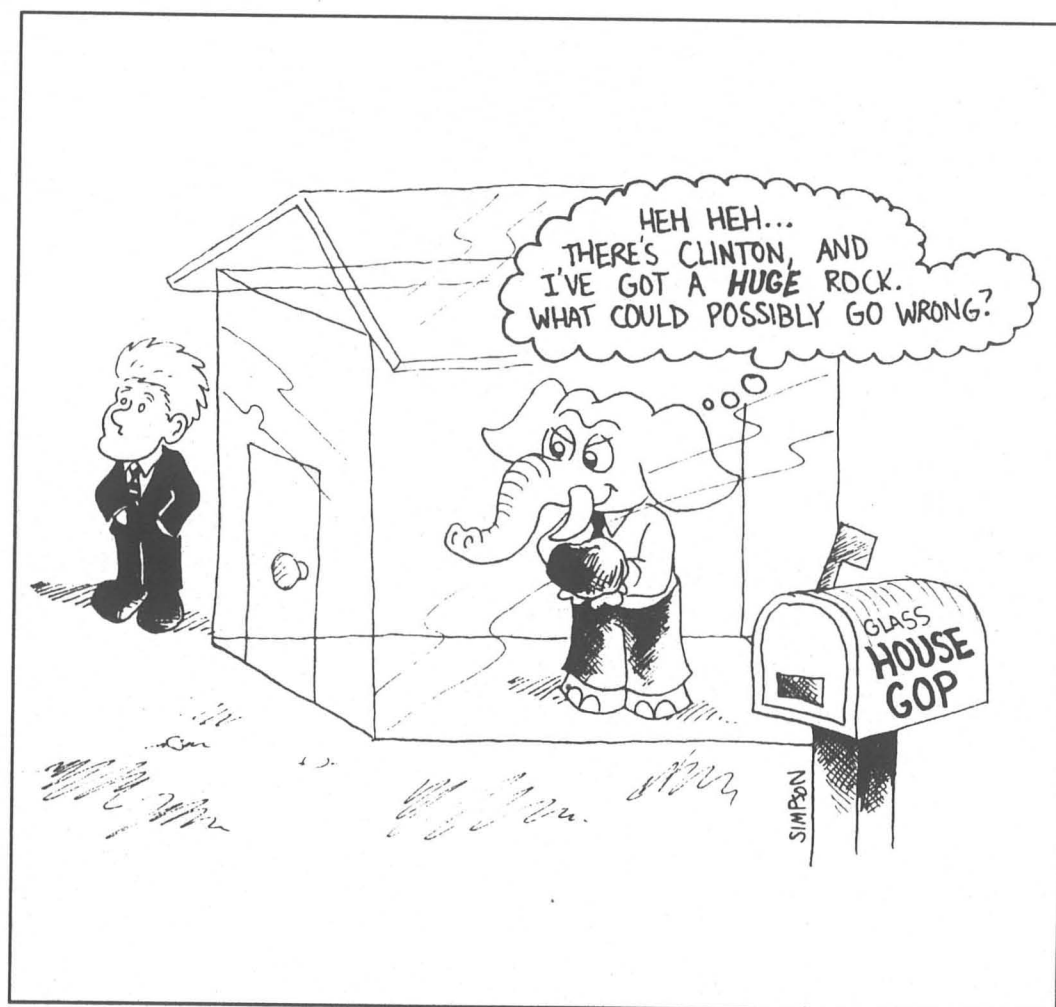
wrong," I knew that to speak these words, and thus mean what I say, was my sole intention. To those who took offense, please understand the difficult situation, and know that I meant no disrespect and I tried to use my best judgment.

To say "Rape is wrong," in my opinion, says very little... I had this thought that evening. Had the discourse during the forum been of a nature less than dire, I would have found the utterance humorous. To me, rape being wrong doesn't need anyone to vouch for it as such. The difficult issue is that of defining "rape." That's a task that, to some, may seem cut and dried, and to others, a very nebulous, murky mess.

Rape can be as blatant as one person using physical force to gain sexual access to another. Or it can be as confounded as one wife's refusal to take "no" for an answer... should I have to beat her off me before I gain protection from our laws? Should I even have to raise my voice? And what if I say "no" and I mean no, I still get an erection and she needs it... and so she takes it...

Definition is the problem. How could the law, in this case, help me?

Ken Radin



# Confessions of a straight guy

Hey everybody, it seems we have a problem in our community. I'm sure most of us would rather ignore this problem, but that won't make it go away. Our problem is homophobia. Last week, a student was targeted for fighting for the acceptance of her lifestyle. First, she was sent 200 e-mails of only one word: DIE. Later, someone slipped a note under her door that said: "If you're through being mad, you can start being scared." "If you're through being mad, you can start being scared."

It could have been you. It could have been anyone for any reason. And guess what kids, it could happen here. At least at Evergreen we're strong enough to take a stand against it. So here is my stand.

I'm a straight guy. White, Anglo-Saxon and, as far as anyone knows, Protestant. In this world I learned early that homosexuality and masculinity did not mix. We figured that if a man wanted to sleep with another man he would have to be just like a girl, and if there is one thing a man is not, it's a girl. Then, of course, there's the idea of sticking your pee-pee up another guy's poop-chute. That's a hard one

to get over. Somehow, our idea of what it was to be a man was threatened by homosexuality. It was all about what some old wanker told us what being a man was about. And, since other people's opinions are always more valued than our own, we went along.

While I'm on the subject, I can't tell you how many times I've heard men here say that all the women at Evergreen are lesbian feminist man haters. For the record guys: just because the girl you met in your seminar doesn't want to sleep with you doesn't mean she's gay. It just means she wants to be friends. Why do we have such a hard time dealing with this type of relationship?

Anyway, homosexuals do not have a problem. Heterosexuals have a problem. We have a problem accepting the fact that some people are madly and passionately in love with people of the same sex. Love is not rational. Love is magic! True love is so rare; who are we to condemn it just because it doesn't fit our conception of reality?

There is also this idea floating around that homosexuality is a chosen lifestyle. And since it can be chosen, it can be unchosen,

especially with some good, old-fashioned, Christian guilt. Well then, why not just choose to be Muslim? Why not choose to be a Catholic priest and practice celibacy for the rest of your life? Or, better yet, why don't you choose to live in a doghouse, change your language to various intonations of the word "ruft," and develop a taste for chewing on bones. These are not lifestyles that are chosen lightly. They are commitments of your whole being that have serious disadvantages. Homosexuals can no more choose to be straight than you or I could choose to be gay. Understand?

I know that most straight people don't have a negative opinion of homosexuality, and it is up to us to stand up to those who do. So speak up! Don't let an ignorant bigoted joke go by without telling them exactly what you think of it. If you hear a slur yelled at someone from a passing car, YELL BACK! And if your uncle or your grandmother speak ill of your homosexual brothers and sisters, then gently, but emphatically, tell them you disagree. I know it is hard to stand up alone against a group, but think how much more alone Matthew Shepard was.

Sebnem, I can't tell you how sorry I am about what happened to you. No one deserves to be treated like that. I wish that the people who disagree with your lifestyle would just leave you alone, but I guess that's not going to happen yet. Thank you for your bravery. I thank you for having the courage to live your life as you choose and not how our society says you should. Please, continue to live and speak your truth.

And to that little boy (or girl, who knows?) that thinks it's funny to slip threatening notes under people's doors: Stop! What you are doing is called stalking and will send you to jail. You don't like queers? Fine. Either keep your opinions to yourself or have the courage to state your opinion in public. Like I did. Like Sebnem did. Instead, in the safety of anonymity, you have scared the shit out of a woman you don't even know enough to hate. Please, don't do it again.

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You don't have to simply believe me. You could do the responsible thing and go look for yourselves. I will include a list of legitimate scientific studies about the effects of marijuana and THC for anyone who wants to see the primary documents for themselves.

Please make an educated decision Nov. 3. Vote YES on I-692!

For more info consult these studies: Costa Rican Study (1980), Report of Indian Hemp Drugs Commission (1893-1894), Siler Commission (1930), LaGuardia Marijuana Report (1938-1944), Shafer Commission (1972), Canadian Government Study (1972), Alaska State Commission (1989), California Research Advisory Panel (1989), National Academy of Science "Marijuana & Health" (1982), Ohio State Medical Society 15th Annual Meeting (1860), Jamaican Study, National Institute for Mental Health (1968-74, published in 1975)

"Free the seed"

Kevin Ward

## BP vs. Alaskan Wildlife

On Friday, Oct. 23, WashPIRG's Save Our Wilds sponsored a rally at the British Petroleum (BP) gas station at Harrison and Division. Twenty-five students and community members displayed signs and chanted slogans urging BP, ARCO, Chevron, and Exxon to refrain from drilling in the Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The Refuge is a rich, biologically diverse ecosystem that shelters a variety of wildlife including musk ox, caribou, snow geese, wolves, bears, and migratory birds. Oil exploration and drilling in the Refuge would seriously disrupt this pristine wilderness. But many of those who attended Friday's rally also support efforts to decrease our gasoline consumption: most who participated had taken the city bus from Evergreen to Harrison.

As we inherit the work of previous generations of conservationists, the responsibility of fighting to preserve our remaining wilderness areas falls squarely on our shoulders. If we allow the petroleum industry to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, we will have four to six months' worth of petrol. The cost, however, is irreversible damage to one of the last great untouched wilderness areas on earth, not to mention further disruption of the world's climate from greenhouse gases released by fuel combustion.

Ironically, BP has conceded that global

climate change from fossil fuel emissions is happening, yet it continues to seek possible petroleum sources. In 1995, an international panel of 2,500 weather and climate experts concluded that human-caused climate change is already underway. However, most major oil companies (except for BP) continue to fund extremely effective propaganda schemes to convince the public that climate change is "natural" and "healthy." But if BP is truly concerned about its impact on the environment, it will take a closer look at the environmental effects of its oil exploration.

Instead of looking for potential fossil fuel resources, the oil industry should research sustainable energy production. Currently, gasoline is heavily subsidized by our government; if these subsidies are gradually phased out, there will be greater incentive for oil and coal companies to turn toward alternative energy sources.

Applaud those who participated in the rally for supporting a worthy cause, and urge others to do so as well. The economic perspective of the natural world, which greedily views nature in terms of potential profits, is short-sighted and childish. It is time for us to exercise a new respect for our natural environment, to appreciate it in light of its natural complexity and beauty.

Jeremiah Miller

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

— First Amendment, U.S. Constitution

## LETTERS & OPINIONS

# Few folks favor the flavor of fluoride

## Greeners react to proposed fluoridation

On Nov. 3, voters will decide whether or not they favor the addition of fluoride to the water supply of the city of Olympia. I live in the Cooper's Glen apartment complex, which utilizes water from the city. I also attend the Evergreen State College, which utilizes water from the city. However, I vote at the college precinct (129), where this proposition will not be on the ballot. If you do not live within the city limits, you will not be entitled to vote on the fluoride proposition but you may have to live with the results if you use city water. Also, if the fluoride plan goes ahead, ratepayers outside city limits will have to pay for the fluoride addition just like everyone else, even though their voices will not be heard in the process.

There are three different chemicals that can be used to add fluoride to the water supply. They are sodium fluoride, sodium silicofluoride, and hydrofluosilic acid. Before these chemicals are added to water, all are

labeled as dangerous poisons, and two of them indicate that they can be fatal if taken internally.

For further information, you can check out the following web sites:

<http://www.olywa.net/nofluoride>  
<http://www.cadvision.com/fluoride>

You can also write to:

Olympia Citizens For Pure Water  
2103 Harrison Ave. NW #2731  
Olympia, WA 98502

The phone number for the Elections department is (360) 786-5408. The phone number for the Olympia Department of Public Works is (360) 753-8468.

Newkirk L. Johnson

I am afraid! Can someone please help me? I don't think I will be able to afford safe water anymore, and there is so little I can do about it without you. I personally do not want the fertilizer and aluminum industry's toxic wastes in my water or accumulating in the waters where I swim. Don't people deserve to be able to choose if they want fluoride or not? Why couldn't we put in some kind of free fluoridated water source at foodstores for those who want it? Those of us that live on the Evergreen campus are not allowed to vote on whether our water will contain fluoride, but we will be forced to accept what the Olympia City Council decides. I have called them and told

them I do not believe that in the great democratic nation we live in today, I should be forced to abide by something I, a registered voter, couldn't vote on. Maybe you too could make a friendly phone call to the city council (753-8450). Oh and by the way, if you accidentally swallow that three-centimeter squirt of toothpaste we use every day, you should call the poison control hotline, because you just ingested fluoride. Have a good day, and don't forget to drink your eight glasses of water.

Justin Solondz

# Defining rape is the real challenge

This letter is my reaction to "Men Missed the Point of Event" in the Oct. 22 edition of the CPJ. I was one of those men who walked up to the stage and said "rape is wrong." Ms. Russo brings up a good point. In that brief moment prior to my walking to the stage, I reflected on the appropriateness of such action.

When Ms. Koestner first began to articulate her thoughts of men coming up to the stage and saying "rape is wrong," it sounded like an appeal, urging the men in the room to do just that. But, as I now recall in a vague impression, the thoughts that followed Ms. Koestner's initial "appeal" seemed to contradict the notion that she was really asking men to stand up and speak out... so at that time I did not.

But—and this is the point that Ms. Russo elucidated—had I remained seated, the implications of my non-action were too grave... I had little choice in the matter—or, two bad ones. The gentleman who took the mic, I don't doubt, had very good intentions. His level of discretion was a bit amiss.

On behalf of myself and, perhaps, other men in the room, I offer an apology. It was not my intention to steal the show, disrespect Katie and the women in the audience, bond with males, nor pump myself up with the "penis party." When I took the mic and said "rape is

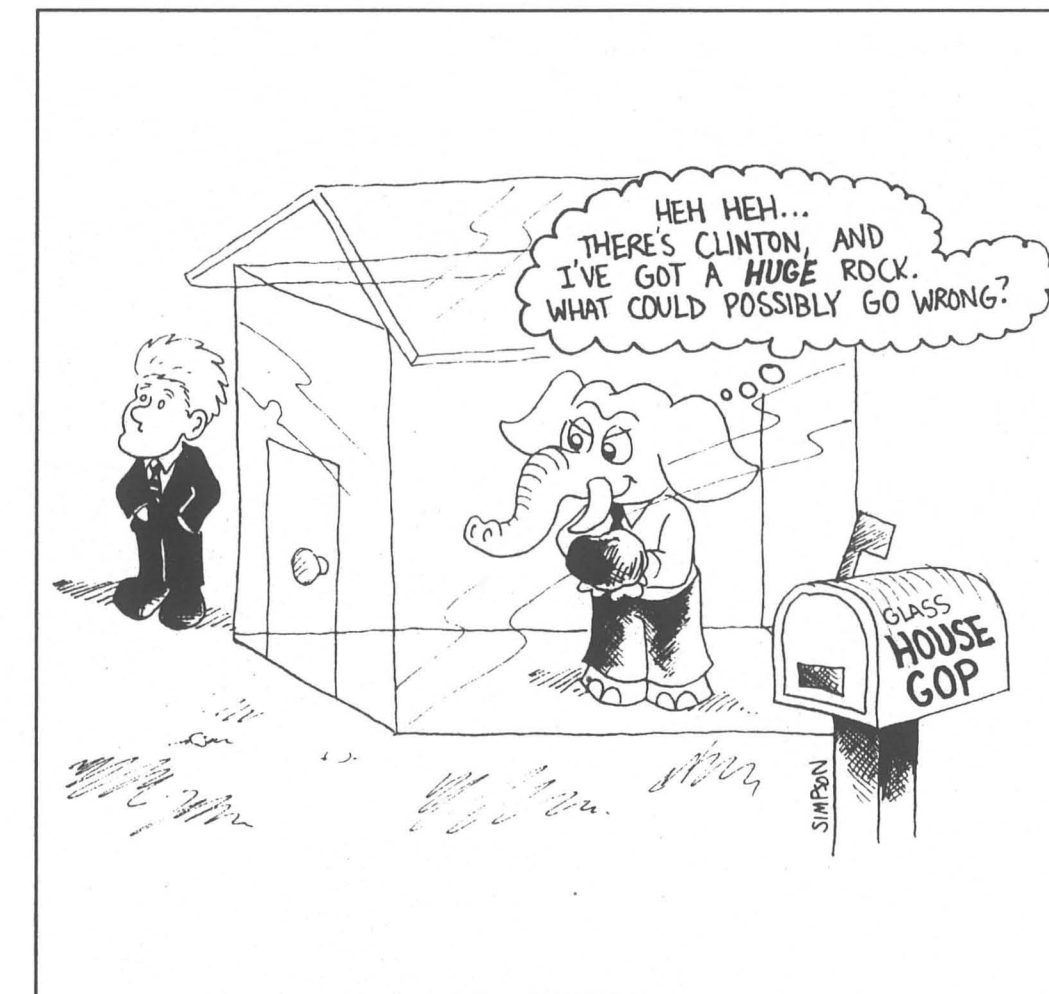
wrong," I knew that to speak these words, and thus mean what I say, was my sole intention. To those who took offense, please understand the difficult situation, and know that I meant no disrespect and I tried to use my best judgment.

To say "Rape is wrong," in my opinion, says very little... I had this thought that evening. Little... the discourse during the forum been of a nature less than dire, I would have found the utterance humorous. To me, rape being wrong doesn't need anyone to vouch for it as such. The difficult issue is that of defining "rape." That's a task that, to some, may seem cut and dried, and to others, a very nebulous, murky mess.

Rape can be as blatant as one person using physical force to gain sexual access to another. Or it can be as confounded as my wife's refusal to take "no" for an answer... should I have to beat her off me before I gain protection from our laws? Should I even have to raise my voice? And what if I say "no" and I mean no, I still get an erection and she needs it... and so she takes it...

Definition is the problem. How could the law, in this case, help me?

Ken Radin



# Confessions of a straight guy

Hey everybody, it seems we have a problem in our community. I'm sure most of us would rather ignore this problem, but that won't make it go away. Our problem is homophobia. Last week, a student was targeted for fighting for the acceptance of her lifestyle. First, she was sent 200 e-mails of only one word: DIE. Later, someone slipped a note under her door that said: "If you're through being mad, you can start being scared." "If you're through being mad, you can start being scared."

It could have been you. It could have been anyone for any reason. And guess what kids, it could happen here. At least at Evergreen we're strong enough to take a stand against it. So here is my stand.

I'm a straight guy. White, Anglo-Saxon and, as far as anyone knows, Protestant. In this world I learned early that homosexuality and masculinity did not mix. We figured that if a man wanted to sleep with another man he would have to be just like a girl, and if there is one thing a man is not, it's a girl. Then, of course, there's the idea of sticking your pee-pee up another guy's poop-chute. That's a hard one

to get over. Somehow, our idea of what it was to be a man was threatened by homosexuality. It was all about what some old wanker told us what being a man was about. And, since other people's opinions are always more valued than our own, we went along.

While I'm on the subject, I can't tell you how many times I've heard men here say that all the women at Evergreen are lesbian feminist man haters. For the record guys: just because the girl you met in your seminar doesn't want to sleep with you doesn't mean she's gay. It just means she wants to be friends. Why do we have such a hard time dealing with this type of relationship?

Anyway, homosexuals do not have a problem. Heterosexuals have a problem. We have a problem accepting the fact that some people are madly and passionately in love with people of the same sex. Love is not rational. Love is magic! True love is so rare; who are we to condemn it just because it doesn't fit our conception of reality?

There is also this idea floating around that homosexuality is a chosen lifestyle. And since it can be chosen, it can be unchosen,

especially with some good, old-fashioned, Christian guilt. Well then, why not just choose to be Muslim? Why not choose to be a Catholic priest and practice celibacy for the rest of your life? Or, better yet, why don't you choose to live in a doghouse, change your language to various intonations of the word "ruff," and develop a taste for chewing on bones. These are not lifestyles that are chosen lightly. They are commitments of your whole being that have serious disadvantages. Homosexuals can no more choose to be straight than you or I could choose to be gay. Understand?

I know that most straight people don't have a negative opinion of homosexuality, and it is up to us to stand up to those who do. So speak up! Don't let an ignorant bigoted joke go by without telling them exactly what you think of it. If you hear a slur yelled at someone from a passing car, YELL BACK! And if your uncle or your grandmother speak ill of your homosexual brothers and sisters, then gently, but emphatically, tell them you disagree. I know it is hard to stand up alone against a group, but think how much more alone Matthew Shepard was.

Sebnem, I can't tell you how sorry I am about what happened to you. No one deserves to be treated like that. I wish that the people who disagree with your lifestyle would just leave you alone, but I guess that's not going to happen yet. Thank you for your bravery. I thank you for having the courage to live your life as you choose and not how our society says you should. Please, continue to live and speak your truth.

And to that little boy (or girl, who knows?) that thinks it's funny to slip threatening notes under people's doors: Stop! What you are doing is called stalking and will send you to jail. You don't like queers? Fine. Either keep your opinions to yourself or have the courage to state your opinion in public. Like I did. Like Sebnem did. Instead, in the safety of anonymity, you have scared the shit out of a woman you don't even know enough to hate. Please, don't do it again.

Sean Rogers

# Fear is the real enemy

The recent rash of completely juvenile attempts to instill fear at Evergreen has been successful. To that effect, women walk in fear, others in anger, and others empowered. Men are not the source of this problem. Women are not to blame, either. This is a problem of our society. Beyond our sexual preference lies a greater being, a human person, a physical body who has the same right to exist as you, and the same random properties of this world that have made him/her subject to believed ideologies. We cannot deny the truth of this. Recently I heard the term "person of two spirits," a perfect way (albeit a bit new-agey) to describe a state of being, gay, or bi, but still a person. This leads me to this statement: fear has no gender. Fear and anger are not a man's possession, birthright, or legacy. It is individual people who choose to attack a person, rape a person (for men are raped as women are, and more often remain in silence), or verbally assault a person. What we need to fight against is the fear created by ignorance. For the ignorant it is frightening to realize that anyone could be gay, that stereotypes are no longer a barrier to separate, or identify. It is frightening that love (sexual, spiritual, and emotional), can

transcend gender. Men are not the enemy. Men are our brothers, fathers, lovers, and sons. We cannot exclude them from speaking out about their fears, issues, and the silence they have been forced into by our society. Who counsels when a grown man gets beaten up by his partner, or a young man is raped, or a boy is molested? This is sexual discrimination, not giving them a voice, giving them less support in the community, and to make them afraid to interact with women both queer and straight. Holding the door open is polite no matter what gender you prefer. Smiling is not a gender specific activity, just as shaking hands is a sign of initial trust in a human being. You have to be tolerant of ignorance. Education comes slowly and painfully for people. That does not make it acceptable to torment individuals. Learned and ingrained ideas die hard. The men of the Evergreen Community are being persecuted, judged for the actions of ignorant individuals of the male gender. Persecution breeds isolation on both sides. Fear has no gender, and its the mind and consequence of the individuals' actions we need to address.

Amy Loskota



# Welcome to the real world, Sebnem Pura

COLUMN ►  
by Jason Korneliusen  
Staff Writer

Welcome to the real world, Ms. Sebnem Pura. How do you feel now that you've had your first taste of real political activism? Judging from the letter that you and several equally angry students sent to both Steve Huntsberry, Chief of Police, and the Cooper Point Journal last week—not very good. The letter harshly criticized the TESC police services, urging them to "recognize the significance of their inaction," and also questioned their ability to ensure the safety of the Evergreen community. You demanded that the police make an effort to bring your oppressor to justice, and that they take steps to guarantee your safety.

**There are people out there who are simply incapable of being reasoned with... As an emerging political activist you will have to deal with these individuals on a regular basis.**

Well, I'm here to tell you that it's time to toughen up a little bit if you want to be a player in the game of civil protest.

You claim to have been threatened by 200 e-mails reading "Die Pura," and a letter slipped under your door reading "if you're done being mad, you can start to be scared." I'm sorry to say it, but those, dear

motivated your harasser. The story as I know it is that there were several individuals poking fun at a demonstration that you were speaking at. Your statement concerning the situation was, "Some people were laughing and making stupid comments. I was mad in the mic. These people were pissing me off." After the rally you confronted three males who were chuckling at signs that you had made, and they reacted in a questionable manner. Personally, I am shocked and appalled at your behavior. Do you feel that you have the right to voice your opinion on political issues, while others must keep their comments to themselves? I do not agree with the behavior of these three men, but it seems to me that by approaching them you were placing yourself in a potentially dangerous situation. One of the first lessons that one must learn when taking part in governmental activism, Ms. Pura, is that not everyone is going to agree with what you have to say. If that were the case, there would be no need for rallies in the first place. Yes, they disrespected you, and yes, they were acting immaturely and ignorantly, but did you really think that you could change them?

For an example of a great political leader, look to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He stood by what he believed, facing greater adversity than you can possibly imagine, and I can guarantee you that he dealt with more than a few chuckling morons. Dr. King's life was threatened, his windows smashed with bricks, and his lawn decorated with burning crosses, but did he ever run to the police for help? No, he did not. The police were against both him and his movement, and he spent a night or two in jail himself. You see, Dr. King knew that the people who threatened and oppressed him were nothing more than cowardly and uninformed fools, too scared to do much more

than talk. In the end, he might have died for his cause, but it was something that he believed in enough to do so. Can you say the same?

This column is not meant as an attack against you, Ms. Pura. It is merely intended to both warn and inform. There are people out there who are simply incapable of being reasoned with. People who chuckle at signs and mock protesters. People who are all talk, and no action. As an emerging political activist you

will have to deal with these individuals on a regular basis, but you must remember to use your head! By criticizing them for speaking their opinions, are you not infringing on their First Amendment rights? The day that we are prohibited from laughing at protesters and telling them to "die" or "go to hell" is the day that we are no longer free.

I wish the best in the future, and ardently support both you and your cause.

## Sebnem Pura's response

What an interesting letter coming from a person with privileges. Even though I accept your welcome, I wonder how much you would know about the real world, since you are the one with privileges. I also wonder why you assumed that this was my first political activism. You do not know what I have been through or what I stand for. You do not know what it means to be a woman of color—when you are a person of color, everything you do is an act of political activism.

Yes, Dr. King was a great leader. However, while you laud his conviction, you implicitly suggest that I would not stand fully by my beliefs. You have no way of knowing what adversity I have or have not faced, and I question your condescension and your assumptions. Twenty years have passed since Dr. King was murdered, and society has seen many changes, but one thing remains the same: we still must fight continually, not only to preserve, but to obtain, our civil rights. We should remember Rosa Parks, Lucretia Mott, Carrie Chapman Catt, Caesar Chavez, Medgar Evers, and many others. We should honor all those who have fought, and

who continue to fight for civil rights, not just those who have died for that cause. Do I have to die for my cause to be treated with the basic respect I should be afforded on the basis of our common humanity?

As for the technicalities of the phrase "Die Pura," you claim that it is a command, not a statement of intent. A command, however, is an order. There is very little difference between saying "Die Pura" and "Pura, you will die." The letter slipped under my door, which you claim was worded ambiguously, becomes more clear when considered contextually. In the past few weeks, college students nationwide have been threatened, stalked, harassed, beaten, and murdered, merely for their convictions. Considered in this light, whether or not I jumped to conclusions is a non-issue.

Furthermore, you suggested that I placed myself in a "potentially dangerous situation." What was the stereotype again? Girls are not supposed to be outspoken! I can go on and pick apart your letter, but I have far more important things to do.

Sebnem Pura

## We all need to stand firmly against bigotry

I am writing this letter to the CPJ to express my anger at the disgusting incidents of homophobia that I have been reading about in the CPJ. I don't live or take classes in Olympia so I haven't seen any of this in person, but I am part of the Evergreen community as I go to the Tacoma Campus, and I feel that this can't be glossed over.

I have no doubt that the obvious gay bashing statements on campus are a sign of internalized homophobia on the part of the student body at large, and this needs to be discussed in the class room seminars and campus groups at Evergreen. Nor would I say I am exempt from all this. I have been working on issues of racism and sexism within the white male community, as an activist, but I really haven't made an attempt to speak out publicly against homophobia. I need to change this.

It also angers me that after the devilish MURDER of Matthew Shepard; the campus administration did not step up and have the responsibility to fly the black flag. I agree strongly with Ri Sullivan and Courtney Aiken's assertion that "people operate under the illusion of acceptance... Essentially we have to wait for an Evergreen student to be killed to get that flag hung." This is wrong!

As the loving and extremely respecting brother of my beautiful sister who is gay, I am scared and angered that she could be killed by the same forces of ignorance that led to the MURDER of Matthew Shepard!

We must, as a student body, speak out against homophobia on campus, and discuss our own internalized stereotypes.

Noah Prince

## Bimonthly paychecks for student workers

To: Art Costantino  
CC: Jane Jervis, Ruta Fanning, Laura Grabhorn, Lee Hoemann, Alan Parker, Dan Leahy, Barbara Berguist, Sarah Ryan, Rob Knapp, Peter Bohmer, Larry Mosqueda, Matt Smith, Rita Pougiales, Jose Gomez, Therese Saliba, Ann Fischel, Alice Nelson, Tom Womeldorff, Allen Whitehead, The Labor Center, The Cooper Point Journal  
From: The Union of Student Workers (x-6098)  
Re: Meeting

Upon receiving the revised list of student affairs goals, we were happy to see that student worker paychecks is listed as an issue to be

addressed during the 1998-1999 academic year. We recognize that the change to bimonthly paychecks for all student workers of The Evergreen State College campus will take time and careful planning, therefore we feel that we should meet with you soon to ensure that we have adequate time this year to make actual progress on the issue.

We would like to hold a meeting at 2 PM on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1998. We, student workers and supporters, would like to meet with you, Art Costantino, Jane Jervis, Ruta Fanning, and Laura Grabhorn, as well as any other administrator who might be instrumental in instituting the twice a month paycheck change.

Please get back to us as soon as possible. We will be coming to you with concrete proposals and hope this meeting will make it possible for us to illuminate exactly how this change will be executed. Consequently, we will be able to focus our energy on the next stages in the process.

In solidarity,  
Becka Tilsen and active members of the Union of Student Workers

## How to submit:

Please bring or address all responses or other forms of commentary to the Cooper Point Journal office in CAB 316. The deadline is at 1 p.m. on Monday for that week's edition. The word limit for responses is 450 words; for commentary it's 600 words. The CPJ wants to use as much space as possible on these pages for letters and opinions. Therefore, in practice, we have allowed contributors to exceed the word limit when space is available. When space is limited, the submissions are prioritized according to when the CPJ gets them. Priority is always given to Evergreen students. Please note: the CPJ does not check its e-mail daily; the arrival of e-mailed letters may be delayed and may cause the letter to be held until the following issues. We will accept typed or handwritten submissions, but those provided on disk are greatly appreciated.

All submissions must have the author's name and a phone number.

# Student Activities

## Racism happens when we dont talk

by Jen Bowman  
contributing writer

At Evergreen I think there's the tendency to think that racism and other forms of oppression don't exist. Unfortunately that isn't true. Racism, sexism, classism, and heterosexism are all a part of American society, which the majority of people at Evergreen have been raised in. The foundation of the United States was built by the exploitation of people, stolen land, and slave labor. Stolen land from the Native Americans, slave labor of African peoples forced to come here, and the exploitation of immigrants that were coming here for the "amerikkan dream." Yet we don't

learn this in our history textbooks. Instead we learn that George Washington and a bunch of other white men worked hard to build the current capitalist, patriarchal, racist society that we live in today. If we open our eyes to the reality that surrounds us we will see that the exploitation, the stealing, and the slavery still exist. The clothes we wear, made by women and children getting paid \$5 a day: Exploitation. What about the people that we hear on the other end of the phone line when we're booking our flights to visit our parents: prisoners who are modern day slaves because it's legal (take a look at the 13th Amendment of the constitution for more on this). Who makes up the majority of the prison

population? Women and people of color. How does the above paragraph make you feel? You may even wonder what it has to do with Talking About Race. That's where the group comes in. Three years ago, Talking About Race was created after Day of Absence, which is when all of the people of color leave campus to make our absence/presence known. The group focuses on challenging ourselves on the effects that a white supremacist ideology has had on all people, not just white people but also people of color. To challenge this ideology means starting a dialogue within ourselves and with other people. Last year Talking About Race co-sponsored Reflections, a hip-hop, spoken word

celebration commemorating prominent civil rights leaders. This year we plan on co-sponsoring The Healing Racism workshop, an intensive anti-oppression workshop. Presently, Talking About Race is going through a transition. This year I want to make this group one that challenges all forms of oppression, not just racism; as a black, working class, radical, lesbian feminist I cannot separate the effects that other oppressions have on my life. We invite you to come and make yourself part of this dialogue and transition. Talking About Race's next meeting is Nov. 4 at 3:30 p.m. in the Longhouse, room 1007C.

## A cozy nook called the Bike Shop

by Jennifer Murphy  
Contributing writer

Are you in the CAB right now? If you're in the CAB on the second floor take a look over above the elevator. If you're in the CAB on the third floor don't try bending over the railing to see the sign, because you'll fall; just go down to the second floor. Have you noticed that sign before? Have you wondered why there's a big hole in it? Me too. Anyway, that's the sign that points your way to the magical world of TESC Bike Shop. Take the elevator down to the basement. Don't worry, you're justified: it's kind of hard to find the stairs down, so you're not being lazy or wasting electricity by taking the elevator. Later, when you're more familiar with the dungeonous, tunnel infested basement go ahead and use the stairs. Exit the elevator and take a right and you're there.

Picture it! Bright clean white lights flooding overhead. Rows of work benches precisely arranged for maximum efficiency, and upon those benches every state of the art tool imaginable, neatly lain out for easy location and accessibility with round the clock teams of engineers in lab coats ready to service your bicycle and charge you your first born son or something of roughly equivalent value for repairs and routine maintenance.

Well, that's nothing like our actual bike shop. I just thought it would be a nice little visualization exercise.

The Bike Shop is actually a cozy little nook, with lots of tools and most of the essential replacement parts that will get you and your bicycle back on the go after you've had a minor fender bender or a teeny little neglectful spell. If your bike is in the back yard with flat tires and a chain that has rustily

congealed into one piece and dandelions growing up through the pedals, then this refers to you.

The catch is: you have to do the work yourself. Sure, the volunteer on duty might be able to offer some sage advice, "Righty tighty, lefty loosey. Except for one of the pedals. I'm not sure which one. Oh and there's a couple of other exceptions. But almost always righty tighty." But even if the volunteer can't help you, she can definitely direct you to *Bartlett's Manual*. Your heart should flutter with reverence when you hear this title, similar to the reaction you might have when hearing *Merck Index* or *The Joy of Cooking*. The manual is definitive, easy to read, and it has everything you could want to know about fixing your bike. Unfortunately, it's also in a 3-ring binder format, but pretend it's not 'cause you can't "borrow" anything from it even for a second. Get that thought out of your head.

We have bike stands, truing stands, an assortment of wrenches, and other neat tools, some of them quite unidentifiable. If you need to replace a part on your bike but can't find anything suitable we can often order parts from catalogues and offer them to you for far less than most bike repair businesses. All that is required to use the bike shop is a membership. \$5 will get you a quarter long membership card, \$2 will allow you to use the Shop for a day and we accept donations for used parts or if you're just feeling particularly generous. If you're a volunteer, signing up and showing up for your two hour shift every week, you have free access to the Bike Shop 24 hours a day.

Don't be afraid to look around the Bike Shop. It's an experience similar to rummaging around Grampa's attic, complete with dust and grime and nostalgic aromas. Dig in the old parts boxes (you've had your tetanus shot, right?) One blue-haired volunteer can even show you how to make jewelry out of old parts if you can catch him while he's in.

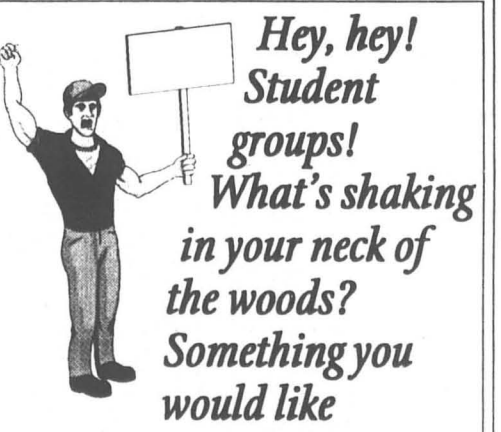
There are tons of old frames and crank shafts, boxes of old saddles, wheels and hubs and spokes and tires new and old. There are rusty old Huffy parts, slick Shimano derailleurs, and half baked chopper monstrosities waiting patiently for the day when they will be ridden around red square.

So come on down. If the door's closed check the volunteer schedule to see when it will be open. If it's open walk right in and make yourself comfortable. It's always warm because we're right next to the boiler and we have a big cozy orange couch, a tape player (which makes everything sound low because it plays too slowly but it doesn't eat tapes) and a radio with great reception of KAOS. What ambiance!

One more exciting fact: the all natural goop that we have for getting most of the grease off skin (nothing gets it all) leaves your hands smelling like oranges!

## Bikes fixed for free?

Squeaky wheel? Mysterious rattle? Chilling thuds with every round of the pedals? The Evergreen State College Bike Shop is sponsoring regular bicycle fix it days! On the first Wednesday of every month volunteers will be available to inspect and diagnose bicycles free of charge and not only prescribe appropriate therapies, but help you fix them right there on the spot. They'll lube your chain, tighten your cables, inflate your tires, and get you rolling again with peace of mind and a new confidence in your road or off-road machine. Look for the people with the tools and tubes and bike stand in front of the library on Red Square between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. wearing grease covered lab coats and/or cover-alls the first Wednesday of every month. Mark your calendars. (That's next Wednesday!)



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by Jason Korneliusen  
Staff Writer

Welcome to the real world, Ms. Sebnem Pura. How do you feel now that you've had your first taste of real political activism? Judging from the letter that you and several equally angry students sent to both Steve Huntsberry, Chief of Police, and the Cooper Point Journal last week—not very good. The letter harshly criticized the TESC police services, urging them to “recognize the significance of their inaction,” and also questioned their ability to ensure the safety of the Evergreen community. You demanded that the police make an effort to bring your oppressor to justice, and that they take steps to guarantee your safety. Well, I'm here to tell you that it's time to toughen up a little bit if you want to be a player in the game of civil protest.

You claim to have been threatened by 200 e-mails reading “Die Pura,” and a letter slipped under your door reading “if you're done being mad, you can start to be scared.” I'm sorry to say it, but those, dear girl, are hardly threats. Technically speaking, the phrase “Die Pura” is a command, not a statement of intent. Had the e-mails said “You will die at my hands, Pura,” I might sympathize with you. As for the letter delivered to your apartment, it was also ambiguously worded. It tells you to start getting scared, but of what? Global warming? Nuclear holocaust? A particularly harsh winter? At no point does the message mention anything about the author's intent to end your life. You are jumping to conclusions when you state that your life has been threatened.

You must also ask yourself what it is that

motivated your harasser. The story as I know it is that there were several individuals poking fun at a demonstration that you were speaking at. Your statement concerning the situation was, “Some people were laughing and making stupid comments. I was mad in the mic. These people were pissing me off.” After the rally you confronted three males who were chuckling at a signs that you had made, and they reacted in a questionable manner. Personally, I am shocked and appalled at your behavior. Do you feel that you have the right to voice your opinion on political issues, while others must keep their comments to themselves? I do not agree with the behavior of these three men, but it seems to me that by approaching them you were placing yourself in a potentially dangerous situation. One of the first lessons that one must

learn when taking part in governmental activism, Ms. Pura, is that not everyone is going to agree with what you have to say. If that were the case, there would be no need for rallies in the first place. Yes, they disrespected you, and yes, they were acting immaturely and ignorantly, but did you really think that you could change them?

For an example of a great political leader, look to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He stood by what he believed, facing greater adversity than you can possibly imagine, and I can guarantee you that he dealt with more than a few chuckling morons. Dr. King's life was threatened, his windows smashed with bricks, and his lawn decorated with burning crosses, but did he ever run to the police for help? No, he did not. The police were against both him and his movement, and he spent a night or two in jail himself. You see, Dr. King knew that the people who threatened and oppressed him were nothing more than cowardly and uninformed fools, too scared to do much more

than talk. In the end, he might have died for his cause, but it was something that he believed in enough to do so. Can you say the same?

This column is not meant as an attack against you, Ms. Pura. It is merely intended to both warn and inform. There are people out there who are simply incapable of being reasoned with. People who chuckle at signs and mock protesters. People who are all talk, and no action. As an emerging political activist you

will have to deal with these individuals on a regular basis, but you must remember to use your head! By criticizing them for speaking their opinions, are you not infringing on their First Amendment rights? The day that we are prohibited from laughing at protesters and telling them to “die” or “go to hell” is the day that we are no longer free.

I wish the best in the future, and ardently support both you and your cause.

## Sebnem Pura's response

What an interesting letter coming from a person with privileges. Even though I accept your welcome, I wonder how much you would know about the real world, since you are the one with privileges. I also wonder why you assumed that this was my first political activism. You do not know what I have been through or what I stand for. You do not know what it means to be a woman of color—when you are a person of color, everything you do is an act of political activism.

Yes, Dr. King was a great leader. However, while you laud his conviction, you implicitly suggest that I would not stand fully by my beliefs. You have no way of knowing what adversity I have or have not faced, and I question your condescension and your assumptions. Twenty years have passed since Dr. King was murdered, and society has seen many changes, but one thing remains the same: we still must fight continually, not only to preserve, but to obtain, our civil rights. We should remember Rosa Parks, Lucretia Mott, Carrie Chapman Catt, Caesar Chavez, Medgar Evers, and many others. We should honor all those who have fought, and

who continue to fight for civil rights, not just those who have died for that cause. Do I have to die for my cause to be treated with the basic respect I should be afforded on the basis of our common humanity?

As for the technicalities of the phrase “Die Pura,” you claim that it is a command, not a statement of intent. A command, however, is an order. There is very little difference between saying “Die Pura” and “Pura, you will die.” The letter slipped under my door, which you claim was worded ambiguously, becomes more clear when considered contextually. In the past few weeks, college students nationwide have been threatened, stalked, harassed, beaten, and murdered, merely for their convictions. Considered in this light, whether or not I jumped to conclusions is a non-issue.

Furthermore, you suggested that I placed myself in a “potentially dangerous situation.” What was the stereotype again? Girls are not supposed to be outspoken! I can go on and pick apart your letter, but I have far more important things to do.

Sebnem Pura

## We all need to stand firmly against bigotry

I am writing this letter to the CPJ to express my anger at the disgusting incidents of homophobia that I have been reading about in the CPJ. I don't live or take classes in Olympia so I haven't seen any of this in person, but I am part of the Evergreen community as I go to the Tacoma Campus, and I feel that this can't be glossed over.

I have no doubt that the obvious gay bashing statements on campus are a sign of internalized homophobia on the part of the student body at large, and this needs to be discussed in the class room seminars and campus groups at Evergreen. Nor would I say I am exempt from all this. I have been working on issues of racism and sexism within the white male community, as an activist, but I really haven't made an attempt to speak out publicly against homophobia. I need to change this.

It also angers me that after the devilish MURDER of Matthew Shepard; the campus administration did not step up and have the responsibility to fly the black flag. I agree strongly with Ri Sullivan and Courtney Aiken's assertion that “people operate under the illusion of acceptance... Essentially we have to wait for an Evergreen student to be killed to get that flag hung.” This is wrong!

As the loving and extremely respecting brother of my beautiful sister who is gay, I am scared and angered that she could be killed by the same forces of ignorance that led to the MURDER of Matthew Shepard!

We must, as a student body, speak out against homophobia on campus, and discuss our own internalized scaretypes.

Noah Prince

## Bimonthly paychecks for student workers

To: Art Costantino  
CC: Jane Jervis, Ruta Fanning, Laura Grabhorn, Lee Hoemann, Alan Parker, Dan Leahy, Barbara Berquist, Sarah Ryan, Rob Knapp, Peter Bohmer, Larry Mosqueda, Matt Smith, Rita Pougiales, Jose Gomez, Therese Saliba, Ann Fischel, Alice Nelson, Tom Womeldorff, Allen Whitehead, The Labor Center, The Cooper Point Journal  
From: The Union of Student Workers (x-6098)  
Re: Meeting

Upon receiving the revised list of student affairs goals, we were happy to see that student worker paychecks is listed as an issue to be

addressed during the 1998-1999 academic year. We recognize that the change to bimonthly paychecks for all student workers of The Evergreen State College campus will take time and careful planning, therefore we feel that we should meet with you soon to ensure that we have adequate time this year to make actual progress on the issue.

We would like to hold a meeting at 2 PM on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1998. We, student workers and supporters, would like to meet with you, Art Costantino, Jane Jervis, Ruta Fanning, and Laura Grabhorn, as well as any other administrator who might be instrumental in instituting the twice a month paycheck change.

Please get back to us as soon as possible. We will be coming to you with concrete proposals and hope this meeting will make it possible for us to illuminate exactly how this change will be executed. Consequently, we will be able to focus our energy on the next stages in the process.

In solidarity,

Becka Tilsen and active members of the Union of Student Workers

## How to submit:

Please bring or address all responses or other forms of commentary to the Cooper Point Journal office in CAB 316. The deadline is at 1 p.m. on Monday for that week's edition. The word limit for responses is 450 words; for commentary it's 600 words.

The CPJ wants to use as much space as possible on these pages for letters and opinions. Therefore, in practice, we have allowed contributors to exceed the word limit when space is available. When space is limited, the submissions are prioritized according to when the CPJ gets them. Priority is always given to Evergreen students.

Please note: the CPJ does not check its e-mail daily; the arrival of e-mailed letters may be delayed and may cause the letter to be held until the following issues. We will accept typed or handwritten submissions, but those provided on disk are greatly appreciated.

All submissions must have the author's name and a phone number.

# Student Activities

## Racism happens when we dont talk

by Jen Bowman  
contributing writer

At Evergreen I think there's the tendency to think that racism and other forms of oppression don't exist. Unfortunately that isn't true. Racism, sexism, classism, and heterosexism are all a part of American society, which the majority of people at Evergreen have been raised in. The foundation of the United States was built by the exploitation of people, stolen land, and slave labor. Stolen land from the Native Americans, slave labor of African peoples forced to come here, and the exploitation of immigrants that were coming here for the “amerikkkan dream.” Yet we don't

learn this in our history textbooks. Instead we learn that George Washington and a bunch of other white men worked hard to build the current capitalist, patriarchal, racist society that we live in today. If we open our eyes to the reality that surrounds us we will see that the exploitation, the stealing, and the slavery still exist. The clothes we wear, made by women and children getting paid \$5 a day: Exploitation. What about the people that we hear on the other end of the phone line when we're booking our flights to visit our parents: prisoners who are modern day slaves because it's legal (take a look at the 13th Amendment of the constitution for more on this). Who makes up the majority of the prison

population? Women and people of color.

How does the above paragraph make you feel? You may even wonder what it has to do with Talking About Race. That's where the group comes in. Three years ago, Talking About Race was created after Day of Absence, which is when all of the people of color leave campus to make our absence/presence known. The group focuses on challenging ourselves on the effects that a white supremacist ideology has had on all people, not just white people but also people of color. To challenge this ideology means starting a dialogue within ourselves and with other people.

Last year Talking About Race co-sponsored Reflections, a hip-hop, spoken word

celebration commemorating prominent civil rights leaders. This year we plan on co-sponsoring The Healing Racism workshop, an intensive anti-oppression workshop.

Presently, Talking About Race is going through a transition. This year I want to make this group one that challenges all forms of oppression, not just racism; as a black, working class, radical, lesbian feminist I cannot separate the effects that other oppressions have on my life. We invite you to come and make yourself part of this dialogue and transition. Talking About Race's next meeting is Nov. 4 at 3:30 p.m. in the Longhouse, room 1007C.

## A cozy nook called the Bike Shop

by Jennifer Murphy  
Contributing writer

Are you in the CAB right now? If you're in the CAB on the second floor take a look over above the elevator. If you're in the CAB on the third floor don't try bending over the railing to see the sign, because you'll fall; just go down to the second floor. Have you noticed that sign before? Have you wondered why there's a big hole in it? Me too. Anyway, that's the sign that points your way to the magical world of TESC Bike Shop. Take the elevator down to the basement. Don't worry, you're justified: it's kind of hard to find the stairs down, so you're not being lazy or wasting electricity by taking the elevator. Later, when you're more familiar with the dungeonus, tunnel infested basement go ahead and use the stairs. Exit the elevator and take a right and you're there.

Picture it! Bright clean white lights flooding overhead. Rows of work benches precisely arranged for maximum efficiency, and upon those benches every state of the art tool imaginable, neatly lain out for easy location and accessibility with round the clock teams of engineers in lab coats ready to service your bicycle and charge you your first born son or something of roughly equivalent value for repairs and routine maintenance.

Well, that's nothing like our actual bike shop. I just thought it would be a nice little visualization exercise.

The Bike Shop is actually a cozy little nook, with lots of tools and most of the essential replacement parts that will get you and your bicycle back on the go after you've had a minor fender bender or a teeny little neglectful spell. If your bike is in the back yard with flat tires and a chain that has rustily

congealed into one piece and dandelions growing up through the pedals, then this refers to you.

The catch is: you have to do the work yourself. Sure, the volunteer on duty might be able to offer some sage advice. “Righty tighty, lefty loosey. Except for one of the pedals. I'm not sure which one. Oh and there's a couple of other exceptions. But almost always righty tighty.” But even if the volunteer can't help you, she can definitely direct you to *Bartlett's Manual*. Your heart should flutter with reverence when you hear this title, similar to the reaction you might have when hearing *Merck Index* or *The Joy of Cooking*. The manual is definitive, easy to read, and it has everything you could want to know about fixing your bike. Unfortunately, it's also in a 3-ring binder format, but pretend it's not 'cause you can't “borrow” anything from it even for a second. Get that thought out of your head.

We have bike stands, truing stands, an assortment of wrenches, and other neat tools, some of them quite unidentifiable. If you need to replace a part on your bike but can't find anything suitable we can often order parts from catalogues and offer them to you for far less than most bike repair businesses. All that is required to use the bike shop is a membership. \$5 will get you a quarter long membership card, \$2 will allow you to use the Shop for a day and we accept donations for used parts or if you're just feeling particularly generous. If you're a volunteer, signing up and showing up for your two hour shift every week, you have free access to the Bike Shop 24 hours a day.

Don't be afraid to look around the Bike Shop. It's an experience similar to rummaging around Grampa's attic, complete with dust and grime and nostalgic aromas. Dig in the old parts boxes (you've had your tetanus shot, right?) One blue-haired volunteer can even show you how to make jewelry out of old parts if you can catch him while he's in.

There are tons of old frames and crank shafts, boxes of old saddles, wheels and hubs and spokes and tires new and old. There are rusty old Huffly parts, slick Shimano derailleurs, and half baked chopper monstrosities waiting patiently for the day when they will be ridden around red square.

So come on down. If the door's closed check the volunteer schedule to see when it will be open. If it's open walk right in and make yourself comfortable. It's always warm because we're right next to the boiler and we have a big cozy orange couch, a tape player (which makes everything sound low because it plays too slowly but it doesn't eat tapes) and a radio with great reception of KAOS. What ambiance!

One more exciting fact: the all natural goop that we have for getting most of the grease off skin (nothing gets it all) leaves your hands smelling like oranges!

## Bikes fixed for free?

Squeaky wheel? Mysterious rattle? Chilling thuds with every round of the pedals? The Evergreen State College Bike Shop is sponsoring regular bicycle fix it days! On the first Wednesday of every month volunteers will be available to inspect and diagnose bicycles free of charge and not only prescribe appropriate therapies, but help you fix them right there on the spot. They'll lube your chain, tighten your cables, inflate your tires, and get you rolling again with peace of mind and a new confidence in your road or off-road machine. Look for the people with the tools and tubes and bike stand in front of the library on Red Square between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. wearing grease covered lab coats and/or cover-all the first Wednesday of every month. Mark your calendars. (That's next Wednesday!)


Hey, hey! Student groups! What's shaking in your neck of the woods? Something you would like members of the Evergreen community to know about? Submit an article to the CPJ's Student Activities page and let your message be heard! I mean read.

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# Features

## How to start your student group

by Nichol Everett  
Staff writer

Have you ever said to yourself "Boy I wish we had a hackey sack club, or an outdoor group on campus?" Well, it's as easy as 1,2. "Anyone can start a club, it's easy, as long as two people are interested," explained Mary Craven, S&A advisor. The process is actually very simple. Initially, one must fill out an application stating the following:

- a detailed mission statement
- list of possible activities
- faculty or staff advisor
- list of members (you and a friend)

Besides a few other questions and an orientation, you're on your way. Your new club/organization gets lots of cool benefits, for example, all S&A groups have their own telephone and mailbox plus a shared workstation. S&A provides meeting places as well as help with copying flyers, etc.

"I encourage everyone to start a group," says Craven. "We have a lot of new clubs this year." Currently, there are six volunteer registered groups. These groups are non-funded, and last only until June. There are also approximately thirty funded groups who receive money from S&A in April by going through the funding process.

So if you're just dying to start that poetry reading group, or frisbee club, all you need is your student ID and a friend.

## Unearthing the roots of Halloween

by Jen Blackford  
Staff writer

If you celebrate Halloween, are you really worshipping the Devil? According to some literature floating about, those who wear costumes and trick-or-treat are being led on a straight path to hell. But from where does this information originate? Often when it comes to death or holidays that memorialize one aspect of it, misinformation runs rampant.

The practice of Halloween is said to originate among the Celts in Ireland, who called it Samhain. Literature debates as to what this word actually means, but the most commonly accepted translation is "Hallowtide." Contrary to several encyclopedic definitions, it is not the name of the Celtic god of the dead. Whatever meaning is chosen, Oct. 31 was the last night of the year for the Celts; thus this was a night to let go of things past as well as a time to bring in the harvest.

Samhain was a holiday in which the veil between the world of the living and dead were the thinnest. Thus spirits could cross over on this night. However, they were not evil as more recent tracts would have us believe. Instead, they were the spirits of friends and ancestors who died the previous year. On Samhain, they could cross over to the land of the dead. Those close to the dead would leave offerings of food to help them make the journey and so. Often children, gathering wood for bonfires to light the night and encourage the dead to leave, would pick up these offerings, giving rise to the custom of trick-or-treating.

Other customs that continue to be practiced also came out of the United

Kingdom. The jack-o-lantern most likely arose out of the fact that in a time that lacked a great deal of metal, lamps had to be made somehow. And costumes came from the traditional "mumming" that occurred in England on many holidays.

In Mexico and other Latin American countries, the days of Oct. 31 through Nov. 2, are the Days of the Dead—Los Dias de los Muertos. The eve of Oct. 31 sets up for the following day, which is the All Saints' Day, when saints and religious figures are honored. Nov. 2 is All Souls' Day, when deceased relatives are remembered. There, it is a time of great celebration. Skeleton figures are seen everywhere, home altars are built for the dead, and people decorate family graves. It is akin to the old feeling of Samhain, when the dead are remembered and honored with gifts.

Today, Halloween is not so much a time to remember the dead as it is to celebrate life. Costumes, candy, and parties all reaffirm a sense of wonder in those who commemorate this holiday. It's not a Satanic feast but a time when the dark side can be freely expressed.

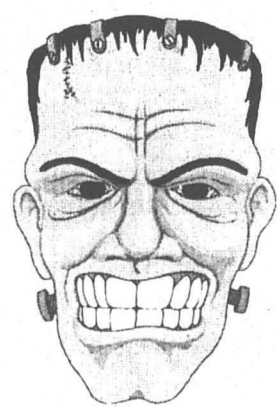
Revelers would enact roles in elaborate and symbolic clothing.

Much of this changed when the medieval "church" took over. In an attempt to camouflage traces of paganism, All Saint's Day was introduced by the Catholic Church on Nov. 1. Originally it had been on May 12 and later changed to Feb. 21. However, since the idea was to abolish pagan holidays, Pope Gregory IV changed it to coincide with Samhain. The dead were now said to be evil and the spiritual forces of that evening were caused by the devil. Samhain became All Hallow's Eve, later shortened to Halloween. Celebrating Oct. 31 was still widely practiced, however, in a variety of other countries.

In England, bonfires and trick-or-treating became part of another holiday: Guy Fawkes Day. On Nov. 5, 1605, Guy Fawkes was accused of attempting to blow up the British Parliament. He was caught, hung, drawn, and quartered. So the fifth of November became



There are scarier things out there on Halloween than writing for the paper.



Face your fears and join the dark side of life...CPJ.

## FEATURES

## She never dreamed the nightmare that is Providing support for victims of abuse

by Michelle Snyder  
Staff writer

Editor's note: Some of the information written is being used with permission from author of Safeplace's Case Study 1998-1999. Names have also been changed where necessary in respect to the subjects.

Perhaps this is a story all too familiar. When "Mary" met "Tom," she was 17 years old. At 18, they were married. Mary is white and was born into a middle-class professional family, the middle child of three children. Since their marriage, Mary earned three college degrees and gave birth to a child. It was a whirlwind romance that swept Mary off her feet. Tom was strong and knowledgeable and had lived a hard life. She made his life perfect. According to Tom, Mary was the only one who completely understood him.

Tom also gave Mary a strong sense of security. He loved her so much that he promised he wouldn't let anyone hurt her. He thought he could take care of her and she could take care of him. Two people against the world. As time went on, Tom needed all of Mary's attention. So, she devoted all of her time to him to the exclusion of friends. Then he destroyed her things, humiliated and hit her. He threatened, tortured and raped her. No one knew what was happening in their home.

The result of rape was a daughter. Tom forbade Mary to have the child. He often harassed her with threats of getting rid of their unborn baby. Fifteen years later, their daughter began having flashbacks of fondling, rape, and torture. Childhood threats kept her silent all those years.

Now both Mary and her daughter belong

to "Safeplace," an Olympia based program that provides services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. The mission of Safeplace is to empower the community to be free of domestic and sexual violence and oppression. Mary and her daughter shared their story in the hopes that people will see that abuse crossed all boundaries of economics, race and education.

Safeplace is the only rape relief center and women's shelter in Thurston County. They are a private non-profit organization, and the oldest rape relief program in the county. Agency Coordinator Ann Bridges wants Evergreen students to know that they are not exempt from these statistics. In fact, 20 percent of recent US homicides were women between the ages of 15-24 who were killed by their boyfriends, according to Safeplace.

"TESC students are at risk when it comes to dating and other intimate relationships. Yet another phenomenon is what I would call sidestream violence. This is something that Safeplace has observed heavily within this age group," said Bridges.

According to Bridges, 'sidestream violence' occurs when someone is the victim of abuse and another person intervenes and is threatened or killed in the process. A recent example of this is Amy Ravey, a South Thurston woman and victim of domestic abuse. Ravey's abuser showed up at her work and threatened her, and wounded a co-worker in the process.

Bridges wants to help students recognize domestic violence in their communities. Safeplace provides free support to abused women, teens and children, as well as offering rehabilitation for abusers.

"All month we've been around town with purple ribbons, the traditional woman symbol, placing them in twelve public places. The goal is that we get people learning about the issues and talking about them too," said Bridges.

## BLOTTER

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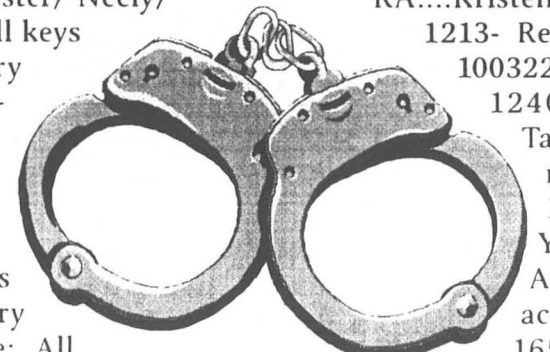
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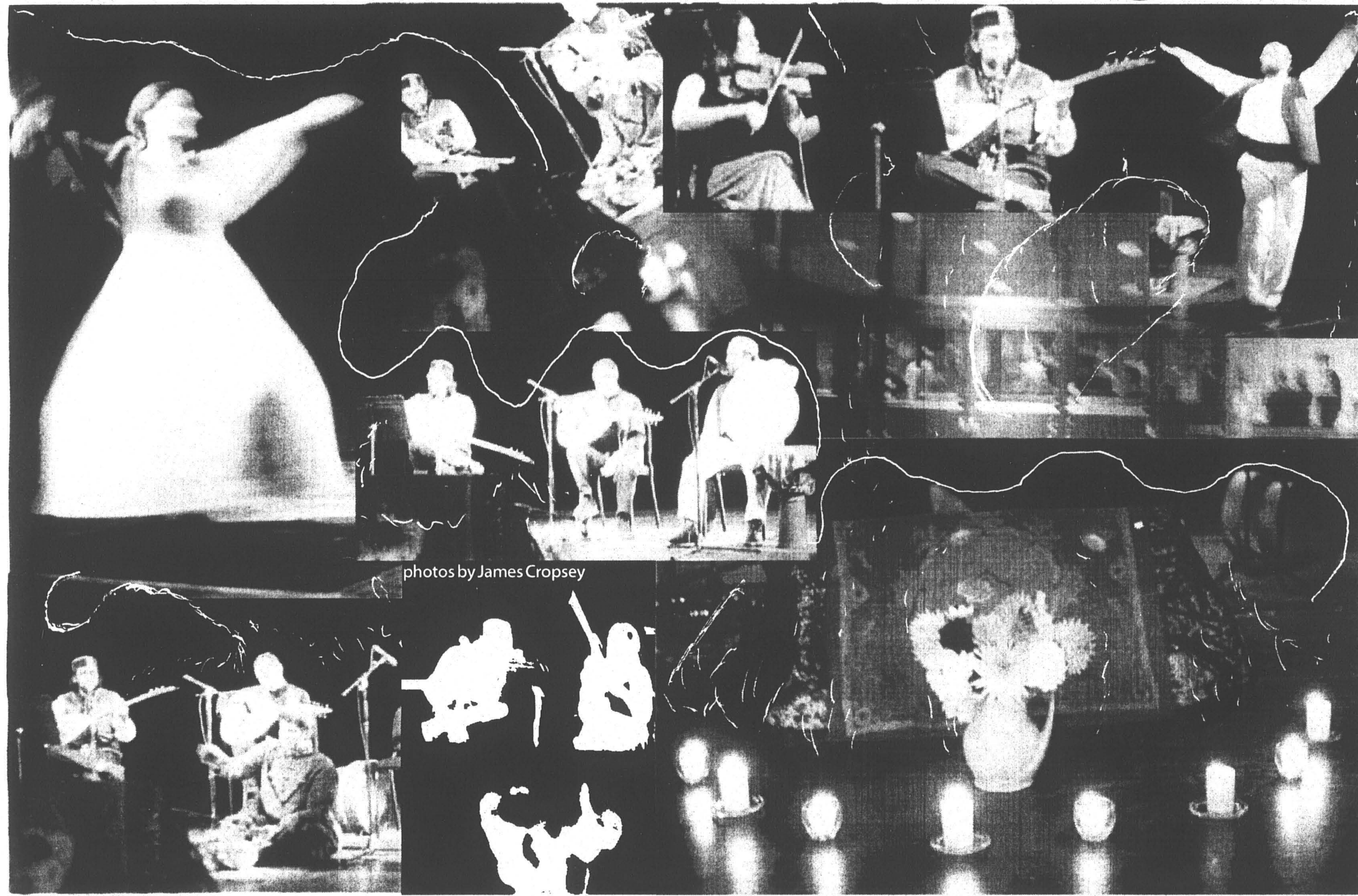
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photos by James Cropsey

by Jimmy Cropsey  
Staff writer

On October 23rd, a semi-circle of eight candles surrounded a vase of flowers in front of Turkish tapestries on the stage of the Experimental Theater. A sold out crowd had come to view a performance of Turkish music, dance, poetry and pictures. Latif Bolat and ensemble played traditional styles of Turkish folk music that emphasized the writings of Yunus Emre. Short lectures were given out through the performance about Turkish history, music and visionaries. Whirling Dervish Dancers spun for a song, and the crowd was also treated to poetry readings at several times throughout the performance. A visual representation of Turkish culture was presented with a slide show during one of the songs. The performers included Ahura Henke, Chris Henke, Michael Hisinger, Forest Shomer, Ashraf Byron and Arifa Byron.

Latif explained to the crowd that traditional Turkish music has 250 scales (or makams) to work with. Each scale tends to have a different effect on listeners, so different specialized applications (such as creating a sensuous state of mind or soothing patients in a mental asylum for example) are available for different songs. The scales are derived from separating a whole step (equivalent from Western music) into nine sections, determining what notes to use whether the notes are ascending or descending, and constructing a scale made of two intervals of six notes. The makams can have such subtle differences that it is encouraged for performers not to listen to or play music with different makams then the ones in their upcoming performance (within several hours) in order to remain in the appropriate psychological state for the performance.

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## Calendar of remaining Oly Film Festival shows

All Shows play at the Historic Capitol Theatre at 206 East Fifth Avenue; Downtown Olympia EXCEPT *Midnight Sun Events*, which are located at the Midnight Sun, 113 Columbia Street

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### Thursday, October 29th

5:30 pm - **Estonian Animation**  
87 min; Republic of Estonia  
7:30 pm - **Witness**  
1997; 60 min; USA  
8:00 pm - **Omophagia Butoh**  
*Midnight Sun Event*  
Live Butoh Dance Performance!!  
9:45 pm - **Freakin' Beautiful World**  
*US Premiere*  
1997; 100 min; Finland  
Midnight - **Animal Charm & Matt McCormick**  
*Fringe Event*  
Live Multi-Media Event

### Saturday, October 31st

11:00 am - **All Power to the People:**  
The Black Panther Party and Beyond  
*Books to Prisoners Benefit*  
1997; 141 min; USA  
2:00 pm - **Haunted Hour** and  
Young Frankenstein  
*Trick or Treat Kids Event*  
4:00 pm - **More Shorts Lounge**  
*Midnight Sun Event*  
World Wide Shorts  
Double Feature:  
5:30 pm - **Stagefright**  
1997; 95 min; Italy  
7:30 pm - **The Fly**  
1986; USA  
10:30 pm - **Nardwuar Rock n' Roll n' Videoshow**  
*Fringe Event*  
Live Rock n' Roll from Canada; Videos

### Friday, October 30th

5:30 pm - **Golden Oly Shorts**  
1998 Short Film Bumper Crop  
7:00 pm - **WITNESS: Collected Short Works**  
*Midnight Sun Event*  
Videos, Talk, and Q&A  
7:30 pm - **The Church**  
1998; 102 min; Italy  
9:45 pm - **Wild Goose Yourself**  
*World Premiere!*  
1998; 60 min; Utah  
Midnight - **Haunted House of Horror**  
*Fringe Event*  
A Live (Dead?) Haunted Theater

### Sunday, November 1st

11:00 am - **Panel Discussion: Defining Media Activism**  
Noon - **My Son the Fanatic**  
1998; 87 min; United Kingdom  
2:30 pm - **The Farm: Angola USA**  
1998; 93 min; USA  
4:00 pm - **The Puppet Slam**  
*Midnight Sun Event*  
Puppeteer Open Mic!!  
5:00 pm - **Arresting Gena**  
1997; 91 min; USA  
7:30 pm - **Devil's Island**  
1997; 104 min; Iceland  
10:00 pm - **Wind Down Party**  
1994; 105 min; Italy  
Midnight - **Wind Down Party**  
*FREE!!*—Till You Fall Asleep in the Aisles

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## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

# A descent into insanity

## How All Freakin' Night changed my life

by Jen Blackford  
Staff writer

I came to Evergreen seeking guidance and answers to long-standing questions. I was on a quest for meaning in my life. On Oct. 24, I discovered that my purpose was to stay up "All Freakin' Night" at the night-long horror film festival at the Capitol Theater. Put on by the Olympia Film Festival, this marathon of madness tests your limits of sleep-deprivation and endurance. Unfortunately, I lacked in transportation, so the bus became my ticket downtown.

Luckily for me, I found a guide on that bus to lead me through the maelstrom of strangeness that is downtown Olympia at midnight. Like Virgil to my Dante, he led me through screaming souls, darkened corners, and wisps of smoke that either came from the fires of hell or someone smoking, until we found our destination. The lines stretched around the block, and that was just for ticket-holders itself. At around ten minutes until the witching hour, the doors opened up and we hastened for a seat in the balcony.

With the 3-D glasses firmly fastened

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behind my own bifocals, I was prepared for the first feature: *Amityville 3-D*. Starring the illustrious Tony Roberts, this movie was also notable for the second screen appearance of Meg Ryan. While the movie itself was unremarkable plot-wise and its characters lacked any depth, the 3-D effects did startle most of the audience, who clapped any time a character bit the dust. I came out of that movie with both a better understanding of cursed real estate and a desire to never hear a voice in the audience cry out the word "banister" any time a character moved past the stairs. The audience was also introduced to a laser pointer that would keep reappearing to point out people's body parts on the screen and in general, detract from the movie. Whatever viewer who was playing with it, I know who you are and at least fifty people want to murder you.

My guide and I were still firmly awake and so were receptive to a little short that was cached in between *Amityville 3-D* and the next film. It followed the misadventures of a rock-playing band called "The Worms" and their conflict with a sheriff made of paper bags who wants to end all rock-and-roll. Since it is a silent serial, I wouldn't be surprised if it is encountered again at a later point. It was also a perfect time to load up on a caffeinated beverage down in the lobby, which I would later spill on the floor and try to mop up with film festival brochures.

For the next movie, *Maniac*, the director was in the audience to explain it. William Lustig told us of the budget of the movie (\$48,000) and the fact that France seemed to love his film. Of course, France also loves Jerry Lewis, so its taste can be questionable. *Maniac*, nonetheless, was a suspenseful, strange, and highly gory movie about a man who brutally murders women and scalps them for their hair. You could feel the cringing in the audience every time the knife came down on someone's hairline. I was beginning to wonder what I was in for. Could I really stand all this gore? Was my guide a wimp because he grabbed the seat and moaned loudly every time blood appeared? Should I really have sat next to someone who was still in high school?

I had nothing to worry about in the matter of gore with the next movie. *Mr. Vampire*, a Hong Kong horror film, was a perfect piece of cheesy entertainment that combined a kung-fu kicking priest with hopping vampires and flying ghosts. Even though it contained subtitles, you didn't need words to understand what was going on. Still, the translations did add something to the movie as I marveled at what the movie probably said in Chinese compared with its American counterpart. I could feel myself fading fast, however, so I grabbed coffee in the

lobby, which was discounted to 50 cents and which I managed to spill later. My motor control was rapidly deteriorating.

My personal favorite of the evening was the next piece of cinema, Dario Argento's *Interno*. It taught me three things that evening. One, don't dive into a strange pool of water in your basement; two, make sure you don't go exploring in a New York apartment building; and three, try not to annoy the three Dark Mothers if you can help it. It was doubtful if many people in the audience enjoyed this movie, but it was no shock to me. At around 6 a.m. many people's brains were turning to mush, and this was the type of film that only film critics, surrealists, and people on drugs can truly comprehend. It was a beautiful, intellectual movie, though.

The last film, Lucio Fulci's *Gates of Hell*, was by far the most horrific and gruesome. Called a "spaghetti Lovecraft," a typical scene from it featured a girl vomiting up her entire intestinal tract. It was a good thing I hadn't eaten, because I was unsure if I ever would digest anything again. This image, combined with a screw through the cheek, a hanging priest, and a plot that involved the dead taking over a small town, made me wonder if I would make it out of the theater alive. I began to identify with the people who had bleeding eyes throughout the movie, thinking that my eyes must resemble them to a degree. Of course, at that point, reality became blurred for me after twenty-some hours of the waking world.

Sadly, I missed the object of my desire and my quest went unfulfilled. I didn't get the t-shirt that said "I stayed up All Freakin' Night." Apparently, there were only fifteen of them made and there were at least thirty sleep-deprived, drug-addled, half-crazed people there, if not more. For a brief moment, I thought that real violence would occur. I could see the headlines: "Man gets spleen ripped out." Calm prevailed when a mailing list went around and people were able to put their names down for a later shipment. I emerged from the abyss of the Capitol into the sunlight, satiated by the gore and fully feeling the effects of a full day without rest.

So my odyssey ended as it had begun. I walked onto a 9 a.m. bus a wiser person for the night of mayhem I experienced. Fully convinced of the splendor that is All Freakin' Night, I intend to go next year. My guide and I parted there and he gave me a sound piece of advice. "Take care of yourself," he said. I laid down on my bed a full hour later, comfortable in the knowledge that not only was sleep soon to arrive but hopefully a t-shirt. My last thought was I had better get one or All Freakin' Night was going to become a whole lot more realistic next year.

# What to see at the Film Fest

compiled by Nick Challed  
Staff writer

Thursday, Oct. 29; 5:30 p.m.  
**Estonian Animation**

Estonia, a small country of only 1.5 million, has created some of the world's most unique and challenging animation over the past twenty-five years. This has been accomplished under hostile circumstances, including Soviet censorship.

Estonian Animation ambiguously combines the rational and absurd, and the surreal and real. It often examines how individual identity is affected by shifting ideological structures. Mati Kutt's film *Little Lilly*, for example, is a story about a daughter's questioning of her father's contradictory stance against flies; he wants to fly, but continually kills flies.

Friday, Oct. 30; 7 p.m.

**WITNESS: Collected Short Works**  
Midnight Sun Event

These films will be presented by Gillian Caldwell, director of WITNESS, a project of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights. WITNESS uses video and technology to promote awareness of human rights abuses around the world. Visitors will be given the opportunity to gather information and ask questions.

Saturday, Oct. 31; 11 a.m.

**All Power to the People: The Black Panther Party and Beyond**  
Books to Prisoners Benefit

This event will benefit Books for Prisoners, an all-volunteer non-profit organization which urgently needs funds to continue its mission of providing educational and other reading materials to inmates across the country. Award winning Human Rights filmmaker Lee Lew Lee (Oscar winning *Panama Deception*, *Mandela in America*) will present his chilling documentary on America's Political Prisoners and the secret war against various people and their movements. Highlighted individuals in the film include MLK, Malcolm X, Leonard Peltier, and Mumia Abu Jamal.

Saturday, Oct. 31, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Double Feature:  
**Stagefright and The Fly**

*Stagefright* received the Fear Prize at the 1987 Avoriaz Festival. A perverse musical about an owl-masked killer becomes all-too-real, when a true killer begins stalking the cast in the mask.

*The Fly*, starring Jeff Goldblum, is a story about a man who meddles with nature and futuristic technology. Watch the bad things ensue.

Sunday, Nov. 1; 7:30 p.m.

**Devil's Island**

*Devil's Island* portrays the cultural clash an Iceland family experiences, as the Rock 'n' Roll influence of the United States finds its way to Iceland. The eccentric characters' lives are filled with havoc, turbulence, and hilarious situations. This movie is sure to keep you amused.



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Latif also told of Sufism (Islamic Mysticism) originating from the chaos of the Crusades, a time when many people were looking for the comforts of mysticism. Today, Orthodox Islamic practices and Sufism can tend to blur in certain regions, but Sufism was initially explorations of the spirit and searches for ecstasy by Islamics using many methods including dance, poetry and philosophy. During the show, two Sufis from Portland (Ashraf and Arifa Byron) performed a Whirling Dervish Dance where the dancers spun seemingly endlessly with impressive coordination, leading to a pleasantly hypnotic effect. Many of the lyrics of the songs were written by famous Sufis of the past, including Yunus Emre and Seyyid Nesimi.

One of the foci of the concert was to "bring [the audience] to Turkey." This idea is consistent with the philosophy of Evergreen (and Evergreen Expressions) in its exploration of diversity. The music played explored many different regions from what was formally the Ottoman Empire. Music from places such as Urfa, the Crimean peninsula, and Anatolia was played. During lectures given on the days after the performance, Latif explained that he came to perform traditional Turkish folk music in the United States (rather than return to Turkey with a degree in Marketing) because the music is appreciated here greatly. While it is important for different cultures to be exposed to a wide variety of music, Latif is concerned that many different ethnic styles of music are getting smothered out in the world market. Latif feels that conservation of musical variety can come about through a "cultural environmentalism" that would provide adequate shelters to cultures whose prominent musicians are currently being siphoned away to Pop culture due to economic trends. World Music paradoxically explores many different styles of music while "popularizing" outside styles. The past filters of time and space are not adequate anymore to allow as wide a variety of traditional musical styles to remain in the world reality, according to Latif.

The performance technically went well thanks to the student crew who ran a show for the first time together as a unit. Latif and ensemble was also helpful, allowing the students the time they needed during the rehearsals to work out the kinks. The turnout was enormous, filling the Experimental Theater and more. A live video feed went into the Recital Hall (until the organizers could sneak more chairs in during intermission) for the overflow. The Evergreen Expressions Managing Director Patrick Owen was delighted by the audience response and turnout. Jacinta McKoy feels that the performance was particularly special because it was accessible to so many members of the community.

The next presentation in the Evergreen Expressions Series will be *Ally Acker's Reel Women*, Nov. 13th at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall.

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# Horrorscopes

by E. Clevenger & A. Fountain  
Staff astrologists

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)**  
Have you ever been to a Mexican restaurant, gone to the restroom, and found a painted man with a chicken at the door? There is one in Portland. Find your chicken and bring her to a Mexican restaurant... order lots of drinks and go to that bathroom.  
*Lucky alcohol of the week: Shot of Jameson—REAL IRISH WHISKEY!*

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)**  
Got a bad taste in the back of your mouth? A scent that lingers for days? Sunflower seeds. Try 'em. They are good and salty... crack 'em open with your mouth. And when you get a bad one, with a soft grub-like texture, SPIT HARD!  
*Lucky alcohol of the week: Shot of Jameson—REAL IRISH WHISKEY!*

**GEMINI (May 21 to Jun. 20)**  
Drink or dangerous weapon? Sound of celebration or high speed cork bullet? On a few festive occasions I have been designated the heavy job of cracking the champagne bottle open. I've pierced kitchen ceiling light fixtures, wounded household animals, and created some huge bruises in parts of fellow mates. All of which plainly leads to excitement and further celebration. The lesson here is to always find the drunkest kid to have the honors of wielding anything that could destroy your life. It gives it a kick.  
*Lucky alcohol of the week: Shot of Jameson—REAL IRISH WHISKEY!*

**CANCER (Jun. 21 to Jul. 22)**  
Has anybody seen "The Big Hit?" One of the finest movies ever made. Mark Wahlberg plays the part of the overly caring, codependent, good guy hit man. Brilliantly interweaving careless mass murdering and personal devotion to return his overdue King Kong video. Um, well, I guess that I'm saying that you should rent this movie, buy

champagne and point it at somebody's face, and then return the real movie.  
*Lucky alcohol of the week: Shot of Jameson—REAL IRISH WHISKEY!!!!*

**LEO (Jul. 23 to Aug. 22)**  
Eat macaroni and cheese sandwiches. Use white bread. Do you have a shotgun? Go into the forest and camp. Bring Billy Bob Thornton. Shotgun?  
*Lucky alcohol of the week: Shot of Jameson—REAL IRISH WHISKEY!!!!*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 23)**  
Be a rock star this week. Wear yellow glasses and short legged poly pants. Hey, it's a look, right? Maybe try starting all conversations with, "dude." Oh, and get yourself a pack of Lucky Strikes. No filter.  
*Lucky alcohol of the week: Shot of Jameson—REAL IRISH WHISKEY!!!!*

**LIBRA (Sept. 24 to Oct. 23)**  
A wise man once said to me, "Near a pool table, you will find love." Abandon all tradition and head out in search of kookiness this week. Spend large amounts of money, wear velvet underwear, do whatever it is that you need to do in order to free yourself from the funk that you have been in. Oh, and check out the new Soul Coughing CD, if you haven't already—it might be the inspiration that you have been looking for.  
*Lucky alcohol of the week: Scotch*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov 22)**  
Do you find it sad that Corey Haim was really popular in the eighties and now he is probably working as a janitor at McDonald's? Do you ever wonder if your life will mimic that scary, yet sometimes unavoidable path of pathetism? Never fear, for this week promises to be as satisfying as rainbow colored slipper socks. Everything will soon become clear.  
*Lucky alcohol of the week: Butterscotch Schnapps*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 to Dec. 21)**  
I saw the movie "Pleasantville" last night, which included the inspirational and profound statement, "You can't stop what's inside you." Take this to heart. Even if what you want to talk about is "Dawson's Creek," please share, because your knowledge may be beneficial to those around you.  
*Lucky alcohol of the week: Absolut Vodka*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)**  
Roses are red and violets are blue... seems you are feeling pretty blue this week. May I suggest that you try to ignore all of your worries for just one night and try to relax? Invite over a close friend, and watch "Ladyhawke." The super cheery, out of place soundtrack should make you laugh, and hopefully alleviate some of the stress that you have been under.  
*Lucky alcohol of the week: Brandy*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb 19)**  
For some weird reason, you seem to be attracted to beds other than your own. I think that this may stem from some severe intimacy issues, and I also think that now is the time to do something about that. Chain yourself to your bed, and chant over and over again: "I'm good enough, I'm smart enough, and doggone it, I'll stay in my own bed this week." Good luck overcoming this bizarre trend you have set for yourself.  
*Lucky alcohol of the week: Olympia beer*

**PISCES (Feb. 21 to Mar. 20)**  
Somedays you may feel like a baby hedgehog. And somedays you may feel like a tortuga loca. There are those days that you feel like all you want to do is rent "Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion" and veg out in front of the TV. What I don't think you realize is that out of all the fruits in the world, you are the STARFRUIT, and despite the different phases that you go through, you are still amazing.  
*Lucky alcohol of the week: Pabst Blue Ribbon*

# Sports

## Men's basketball team taking shape

COMMENTARY ▶  
by Corey MacDonald  
contributing writer

Last year the men's basketball team finished with 10 wins and 17 losses. Giving this all-important statistic only a quick glance may give one the impression of an unsuccessful season. Yet this could not be further from the truth. A deeper look reveals an impressive first season full of upset victories over tough and well-established competition.

Last season began with an exciting victory over perennially ranked Pacific Lutheran University (PLU). Then, after a string of losses against tough division one and division two competition, the Geoducks earned the championship trophy at the University of Puget Sound tournament. This, along with a second place showing at the Eastern Oregon tournament gave them confidence that they would carry into conference play. By the time Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference (PNWAC) play began, the team was already receiving props for their scrappy defense. It seemed that when the team wanted to, it could put the lockdown on any offense. This, along with a thrilling (but sometimes streaky) offense, would prove too much for half of the team's conference competition.

St. Martin's College, for example, could not handle the swarming hands of Kenny Robinson and Aaron Foy, or the persistent bodying of Adam Normoyle and Deontaye Chisolm. These cross-town rivals twice fell victim to the Geoducks' vicious attack. The second victory, at home in the packed Geopit, was equaled only by the season opening victory over PLU in sheer excitement conjured. Incidentally, St. Martin's earned second place in conference with a record of 6-6, proving that the Geoducks hadn't defeated slouches. The Geoducks ended up with a record of 5-5 in conference play. This was quite respectable considering that the top team, Central Washington, was only 7-3.

A few weaknesses did become obvious

throughout last season. The team's lack of experience showed in high pressure situations, and the Geoducks' big men had trouble against teams with bigger players like Simon Frasier and Central Washington. This wasn't surprising considering that the tallest players in E-State's frontcourt reached only 6'6". Also, their offense was sporadic.

However, with the experience from last year and a plethora of senior leadership, the team will inevitably perform better under pressure. As for the height, the team added seven-footers Ray Seastone, 6'8" freshman Travis Smith, and 6'7" Wayne Carlisle. This will help against tall division one competition including Eastern Washington and University of Montana.

Therefore, the main problem that they must focus on is offensive inconsistency. Unfortunately, the team will be without Troy Torbert, who was their best offensive player last season. All of the players will have to work together to pick up his slack, but a few individual players may have to step up and

score every game. Chisolm, Trelton Spencer, and Eric Works showed that they could score last year, averaging 10.8, 9.7, and 8 points per game, respectively. If these three can continue and even improve their scoring, and if bomber Danny Neal can knock down a higher percentage of his three-pointers, this will aid the team considerably. Coach John Barbee said, "I expect Danny to hit 39 percent [of his three-pointers] this season."

Some of the team's newcomers may prove themselves as offensive threats. Nick Rippi can finish the break like a mini Troy Torbert, and both he and Abel Koelstz can hit the three. "Abel can just flat-out shoot," said Coach Barbee. Brandon Lyons is another addition to the team this year. "He is a pleasant surprise. He plays really smart," said Coach Barbee.

Regardless of their offensive skills, there is no doubt that Barbee will have the new players improving their defensive play and contributing in that area. He will have

**1998-99 Men's basketball schedule**

date	opponent	time
11/21	@ Master's College	7:30
11/24	@ Pacific Lutheran University	8:00
11/27-28	@ Western Washington University Classic	7:00/5:00
12/8	vs. Western Baptist University	7:30
12/12	@ Carroll College	TBA
12/15	@ University of Montana	7:35
12/18	vs. St. Martin's College	7:30
12/19	vs. Pacific University	7:30
12/22	@ Eastern Washington University	7:05
12/28-29	@ Hawaii Pacific Tournament	TBA
1/2-3	@ Chaminade College Tournament	TBA
1/9	vs. University of Puget Sound	7:30
1/14	vs. Northwest Nazarene College	7:30
1/23	@ Western Baptist University	7:30
1/26	vs. Puget Sound Christian College	7:30
1/29	vs. Multnomah Bible College	6:00
1/30	vs. Carroll College	7:30
2/2	@ University of Puget Sound	7:00
2/6	@ Oregon Institute of Technology	7:30
2/12	@ Multnomah Bible College	7:00
2/16	@ Pacific University	7:00
2/20	vs. Seattle University	7:30

them practicing their defensive stances with hours of the beloved crouching exercise referred to as "pistols," a name which describes both the way you hold your fingers, and the thing you wish you could put to your head rather than endure any more of the torturous pain.

Despite an already strong defense, Coach Barbee expects it to improve. "We should have a better defensive team this year than last year," said Coach Barbee, "Kenny Robinson could be the premier defender in the state of Washington. With Aaron Foy's help, he's going to get a lot of steals."

Curious about the starting line-up? Me too. Coach Barbee said, "I look for our seniors and Aaron to step up early. We're expecting a lot from them, but we could have a different starting line-up every game."

The Geoducks have a strange schedule this year. Because the PNWAC disbanded, with several of the teams moving from the NAIA to the NCAA, Evergreen is an independent team without a conference. Therefore, more than half of their games are on the road.

The team opens up their season on the road against Masters College, an NAIA school in Los Angeles, on Nov. 21. Their first home game will not be until Dec. 8 against Western Baptist from Oregon.

Eager fans can check out both the men's and women's teams during their home preview on Nov. 12.

**...All eyez on me...**  
A veritable cornucopia of women's athletics for you this Halloween: Everyone is cordially invited to the final home game of the season for the Evergreen women's soccer team this Saturday at 2 p.m. against Central Washington. But be sure to also come out at 1 p.m. to lend your support to the Helcats, the Evergreen women's rugby team, as they take on Western Oregon.  
And absolutely do not miss the preview of the Evergreen women's basketball team in next week's issue of our CPJ!

## Why you should watch professional wrestling

COMMENTARY ▶  
by Josh Manning  
staff writer and, apparently, rabid frothing WWF fan

I am not a mark. While I spend evenings watching professional wrestling on television, I do not think that what is going on before me is real. For instance, on last week's airing of the World Wrestling Federation (WWF)'s stellar program "Raw is War," ex-World Champion Belt holder "Stone Cold" Steve Austin spent most of the program hunting down (literally) owner of the Federation Vince McMahon with a pistol and compound bow. It was perhaps the most hilarious episode of the program I have seen in the year since I "refund" professional wrestling. Hilarious in the sense that it was so completely negligent of the rules and regulations surrounding what is supposed to make television safe and normal.

Today's professional wrestling is self-proclaimed "sports entertainment." Put heavy emphasis on the "entertainment." They make no amends on that. This mainly applies only to the WWF though. The other major league, World Champion Wrestling (WCW), or what we like to call Wheel Chair Wrestling since the major players are over the age of forty and most of them left the WWF since its growing maturity), is where you should go if you would rather watch simple, boring, comic-book

characters wrestle. This is not to say that the WWF does not have broad, stereotypical characterizations of their wrestlers. But the WWF is to the WCW what "The Simpsons" are to "Family Circus".

Today's professional wrestling is for the mature fan. Gone are the days of Hulk Hogan, the Iron Sheik, and the Ultimate Warrior. There are no longer the simple black-and-white distinctions between who is supposed to be the "bad" guy and who is supposed to be the "good" guy. It is no longer determined by the league; the wrestlers decide on their characters and how they wish them to evolve while the fans either cheer them on or boo them away. It is more, dare I say, democratic this way.

There are many new faces in the WWF this year. Among them, and you would never have seen this ten years ago (let alone today in the WCW), are a vampire, a porno star-turned-wrestler, and a "Circus of Oddities."

Wrestlers are not all musclebound gym rats and homo-erotic costumes either. Many of them are former amateur athletes who, unable to turn to professional sports, found their riches in the WWF instead. The WWF also has a gold medalist Greco-Roman wrestler, a gold medalist weight lifter, and a two-time victor of the Ultimate Fighting Championship. These are men at the peak of their physicality. They are exciting and highly-trained.

Wrestlers are as much athletes as they are

actors. Their storylines vary from wrestler to wrestler. From Stone Cold's feud with McMahon over his "firing" from the WWF, to ex-porno actor Val Venis' feud with various wrestlers over having slept with their wives (which will soon end as porn-actress legend Jenna Jamison will join his side), to an internal power struggle within the ranks of the Nation of Domination. Every wrestler is involved in some sort of commotion.

Not all storylines come from within the Federation; the WWF takes outside pop culture and involves it with the storylines as well. At the upcoming "Survivor Series," Marilyn Mason will wrestle with a tag team called the Headbangers against the Circus of Oddities and the band Insane Clown Posse. Motley Crue performed live with the conglomerate of superstar wrestlers, Degeneration X, on Monday night's "Raw is War." Mike Tyson refereed the Wrestlemania XIV championship match between Austin and Shawn Michaels, during which Michaels wrestled for nearly an hour with a back injury that has since kept him out of the WWF for nearly six months. Most people would think this idiotic, but I take it as a comment on how Michaels willingly sacrificed his body to further the evolution and popularity of the WWF.

At the apex of the WWF's experimentation is McMahon. He is a genius. Taking over the organization from his father,

he has transformed the WWF from a small-time operation to a multi-million dollar industry. He is as involved as the fans and wrestlers are in the plot of his organization. He broke nearly every rule of the business and involved himself in one of the most major plots of WWF's history. Not only did he join in the fun, he made himself, the *owner*, into the biggest heel surrounding the commotion. This was an incredible leap of faith for McMahon and one that has hit pay dirt as the WWF has gone from mediocrity in the ratings to pure gold week after week. McMahon doesn't think that the average wrestling fan is dumb, he knows that we know it isn't real. He knows all we want is to be entertained. Week after week, he gives the viewer the greatest show on earth.

Most people say that wrestling rots you brain or makes you irresponsible or dumb or less of a human. I disagree. At a place like Evergreen where people are expected to experiment with their thought processes and beliefs, there is no better forum for this than the world of professional wrestling. While I do not agree with every comment or wrestler within the WWF, there are of course a few bad apples, after spending the day toiling with the day-to-day operations of Evergreen there is no greater relaxation than coming home, turning on the television, and doing something, dare I say, American.



NEWS

# Arctic Protest Police Brutality Day

by Nichol Everett  
Staff writer

"Honk! BP out of Alaska!" students hollered at passing motorists. Holding hand painted signs stating "No oil drilling in Alaska" and "Honk if you Love our Wilds," over 25 Greens protested the drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The rally was held last Friday at the BP station on Harrison and Division as part of WashPIRG's campaign to Save Our Wilds. Paula Esformes of WashPIRG responded to the protest by saying: "The most empowering part was so many different students standing on the street corner yelling at cars, and making an impact. I feel this is one of the best ways to inform the public, by making a stink."



photo by Nichol Everett  
Paula Esformes and Sara Moothart implore passing motorists to help their fight against BP gas stations.

by Jennifer Lauren  
Staff writer

Wearing all black and waving white signs without words, they moved their lips but issued no sound. They shook their fists, and walked in a formed circle while a student, dressed as a police officer, beat on another student with a night stick.

Last Thursday was National Police Brutality Day, and students protested in Red Square during the busy noon hour.

"Know your rights," said one of the protesters through a bull-horn. "What you say can be used against you."

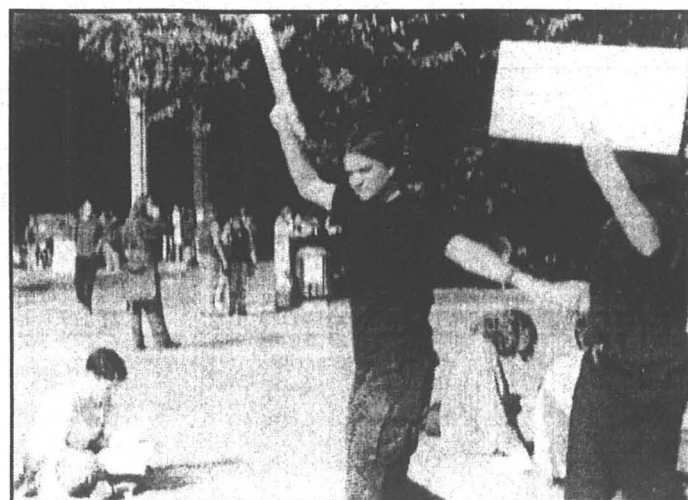


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Evergreen students protested in Red Square with signs and fists.

The protesters also informed the crowd of such as laws regarding assaulting officers. They talked about the continuing occurrence of police brutality and ways to stop it.

Protesters in Olympia's Sylvester Park declare their sentiments to the crowds on Thursday to commemorate Police Brutality Day.



photos by Ray Ayers



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# Calendar

What's going on in TESC and Oly life

By Aaron Cansler

Yes, another week, another calendar, here to foolishly attempt to add enjoyment to your relatively meaningless lives. So chin up, soldier! It's gonna be a long road ahead of you.

## Thursday 10-29

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Evergreen Medieval Society Movie Night Presents: Shakespeare-a-thon @ A-dorm's "The Edge"

6 p.m. The Wilderness Center is going to the Olympic National Park for a day trip on Sunday, Nov. 1. Go to the pre-trip meeting in room 208 at the CRC.

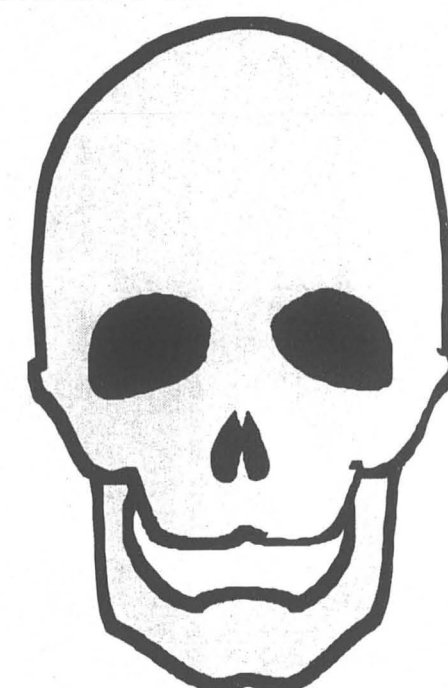
7:30 p.m. "Witness" (Part of the ongoing OFS film festival) Capital Theater.



We in the news business call this thing above: "Filler."

To Submit to the Cooper Point Journal's Calendar Page: Bring your item to CAB 316 by 4 p.m. on Mondays, at the latest.

## Friday 10-30 "El Dia De Muerte"



8 p.m. Harlequin Productions performs the original script of "War Of The Worlds" live on KAOS. Listen, or watch them perform it for \$5. TESC Communications Building- Experimental Theatre. Tickets available at TESC bookstore.

8 p.m. Street Karaoke Project. Live Karaoke @ Burrito Heaven, 2103 Harrison Ave.

10:30 p.m. Hey Deadheads, "Slow Roller" @ 4th Ave. Tavern. \$3 cover. \$1 off with tie dye or Grateful Dead shirt. 210 E. 4th Ave. 21 and up.

## Saturday 10-31 (or at it is more commonly known: Halloween)

5:30 p.m. Michele Saovi's "Stagefreight" and "The Fly" (at 7:30) Capitol Theater \$5 members, \$7 non.

Hey! Hey you! Yeah, uh, by the way, you need to go to the OFS film festival, which is still going on. There's some pretty groovy stuff goin on round there.

Go to the show below, or understand that your life, though pointless, will become much, much worse.

8 p.m. Witches Brew - Hip Hop and House Music w/ Source of Labor and DJ's Venom 3, UltraSonic, Kris Dorr, and Mike Pfaff. 4th floor of TESC library building. \$4 for non students, \$2 for students, KAOS members, and those in costume.

9 p.m. Trick or Treat for Hunger and Homelessness on the TESC campus. Meet @ bottom of A-dorm, dress up too. More info? Call 866-6000 x6058

Time? Halloween Ball @ Thekla and Niki's. \$5 gets you into both places. Knock off a buck if you come in costume. 21 and up.

## Sunday 11-1

12:30 p.m. "Mandala" original live music @ the Olympia Farmer's Market.

2 p.m. The Abbey Players Presents "Akafellas" for a matinee performance. Washington Center for the Performing Arts. \$13 bucks for students. Get your tickets via the box office, at 753-8586.

## Tuesday 11-3

8 p.m. "Puck The Vote" (The anti-apathy election day special) No Shirt No Shoes No Service (Olympia) The Better Automatic (DC) el Serioso (Oly)Takes place at the Housing Community Center. An Alcohol and drug free event.



This week's moral: Backstabbing is a mean and unhealthy habit, especially when doing it to yourself.

(Tuesday, 10-13 cont'd)

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Evergreen Swing Club lessons and boogie. (Every Tuesday) Library, 4300

## Wednesday 11-4

The "Save Our Wilds" Group of WashPIRG will be holding an Arctic Action Day during lunch hours on Red Square. Learn how to help prevent drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.



And Rember, Will sez, "Have fun, kids!"



# COMIXES

Ozy & Millie

by David Simpson

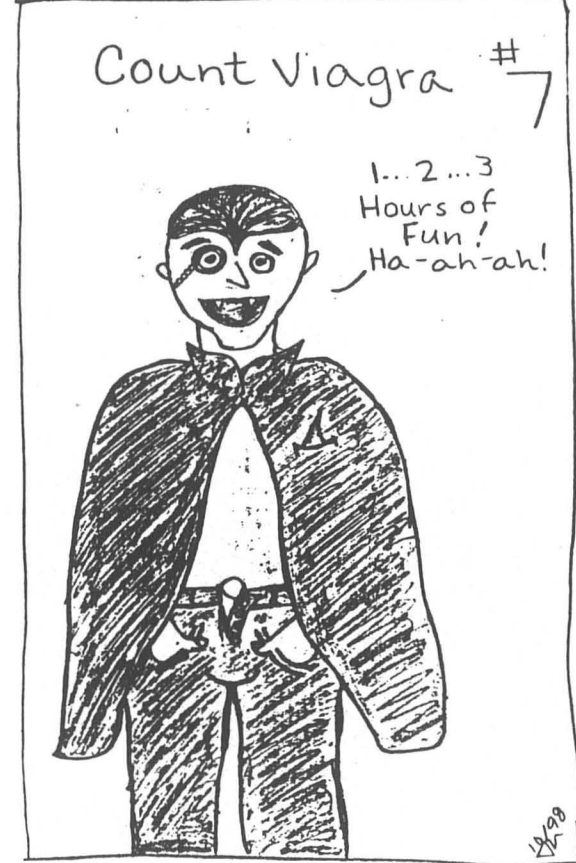


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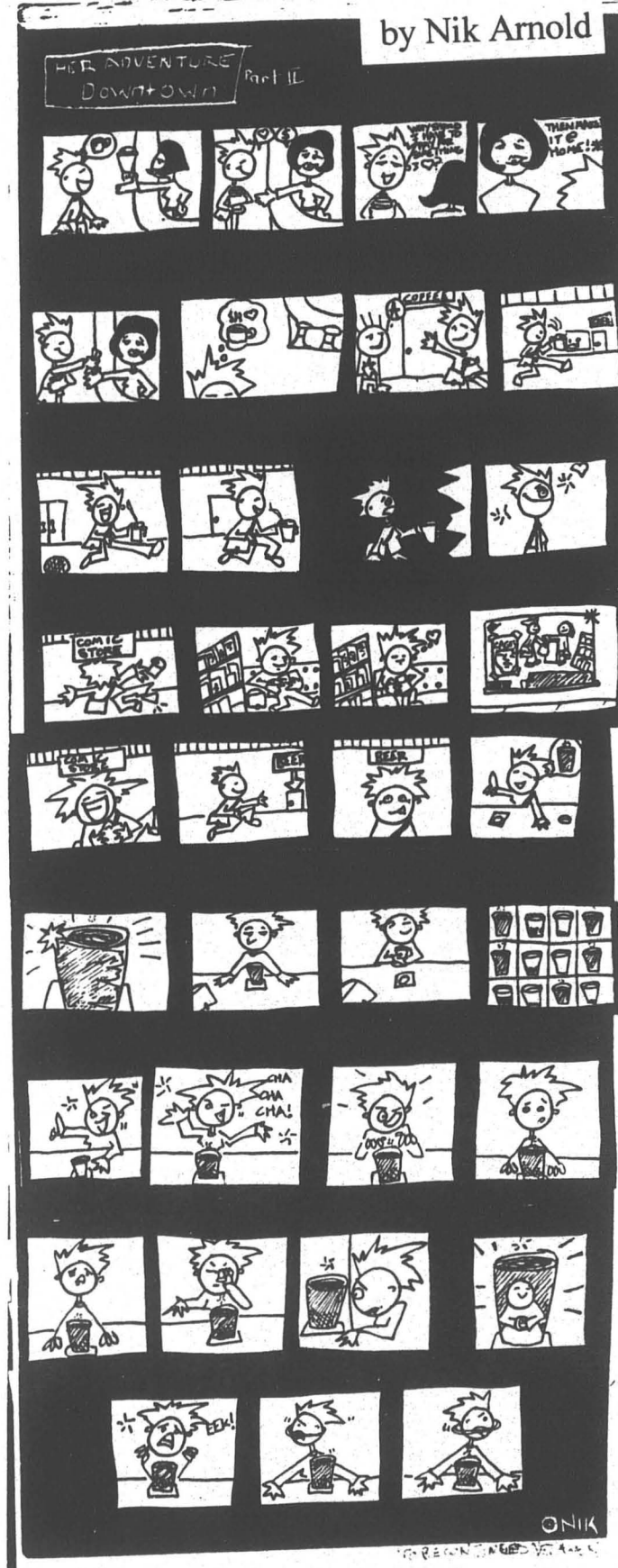
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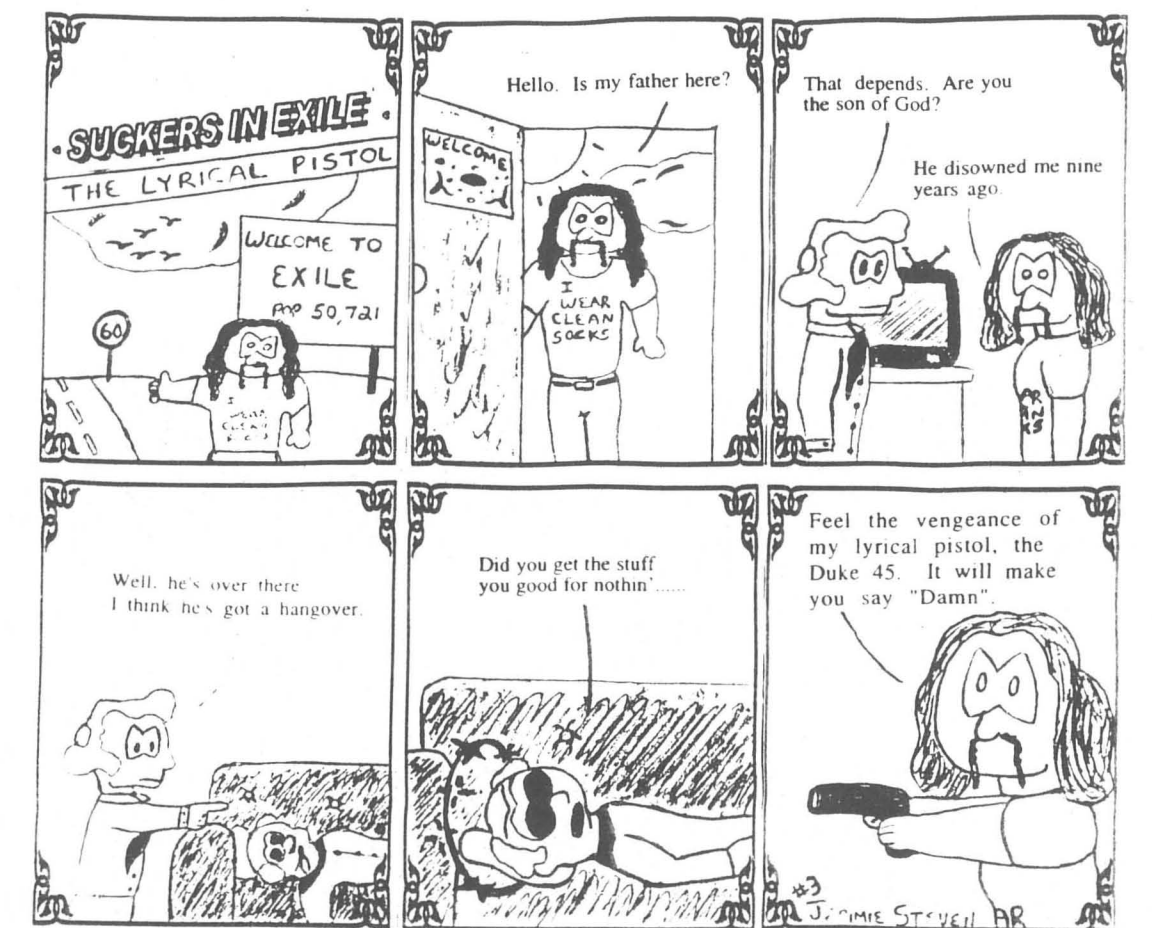
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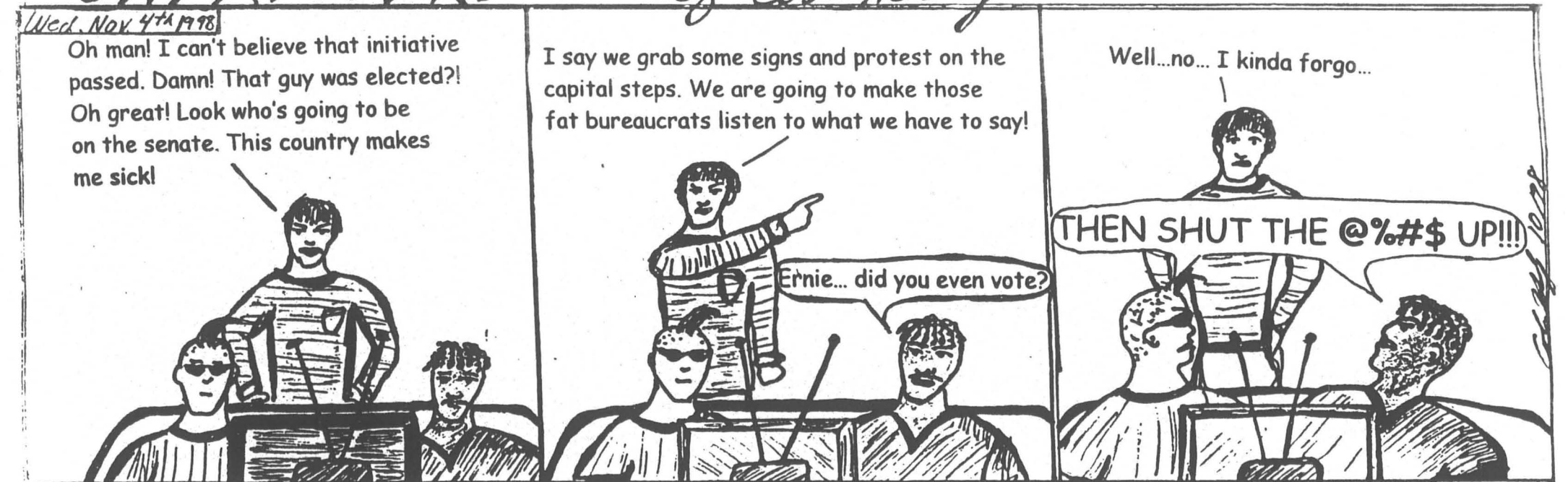


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