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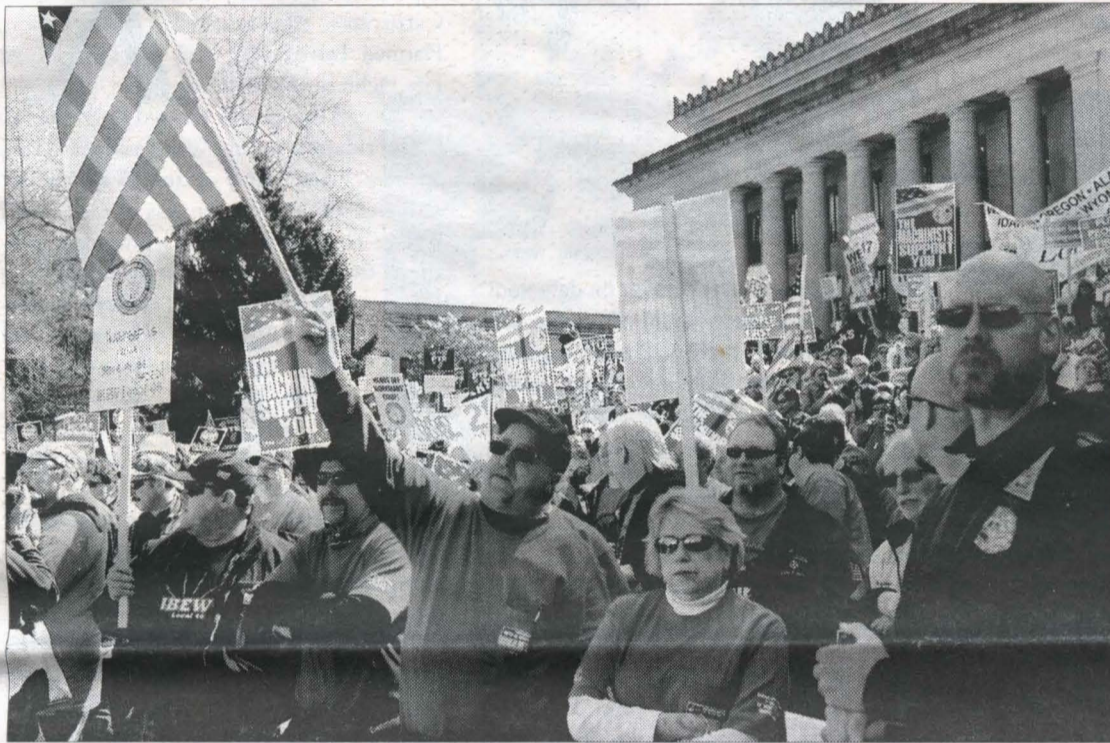


Photo: Nick Strite

Approximately 7,000 people gathered in at the Olympia Capitol Friday, Apr 8, 2011 to protest the state's budget that would cut \$236 million in state spending.

Sabra Chandiwalla

CPJ Staff

Tuesday, April 5, marked the first of a four-day rally to fight proposed budget cuts the state legislature is considering in order to address a five billion dollar deficit. The budget cuts would affect many public services such as public education, college tuition, food stamps, and healthcare, to name a few. In a list of demands given to the governor prior to the rally, protesters demanded the legislature close tax loopholes that give tax exemptions to corporations, banks, and the wealthy before cutting necessary public services.

According to The Olym-

pian, one of the tax deductions protesters were fighting to eliminate "exempts banks from paying taxes on the interest income they make from first mortgages." Eliminating this exemption would generate about \$86.6 million in taxes in the year 2011.

Some other tax exemptions protesters want eliminated include exemptions for non-organic fertilizer, financial services, insurance and real estate fees and commissions, and golf club and country club membership fees. Together, eliminating these exemptions would generate approximately \$487.7 million in the year 2011. For a complete list of the tax exemptions protesters were fighting to eliminate, go to www.OurEconomicFuture.org.

Due to a ballot measure adopted last year, any tax increase requires a 2/3 majority vote from the legislature, or it must be directly approved by voters. If neither of these things happens, the legislature will be unable to close tax loopholes.

Activist Megan Cornish said, "We have a tax structure where poor people pay the bulk of the load in taxes, and now [the legislature] is taking away what few social services are left, making schools unaffordable, and yet the poor are still paying all the taxes." Cornish came down from Seattle with the group Sisters Organize for Survival to protest these budget cuts.

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Free trip to Sakura Con

Kent Reister
Student Contributor



Free Trip to Sakura Con! That's right, Seattle's annual Japanese animation and culture convention is back Friday, April 22 through Sunday, the 24, and this year the Giant Robot Appreciation Society is sponsoring 12 currently enrolled Evergreen students to attend this year's convention. Transportation, convention fees, and lodging will be paid for, food will not. We will leave early Friday morning and come back Sunday evening.

If you are interested please send an email with your A-number, contact information, a one paragraph statement on what you intend to learn at the convention and how you will bring that knowledge back to the Evergreen students. Please also inform us of any special requirements you may have (wheelchair accessibility, lodging necessities, and other things) in the email to animeclub@evergreen.edu. If more students apply than there is space available for, students will be chosen based on the quality of their application. All applications must be submitted by Monday April 18 at 1 p.m. All who are going will be notified by Tuesday the 19 at 1 p.m. Returning convention attendees will be expected to fill out a short questionnaire on the ride back.

RTF announces 2011-2012 season

Faith Coben

CPJ Staff



Riot to Follow Theatre Productions confirmed their 2011-2012 play schedule on Wednesday, April 13. The season opens this summer with the drama "Suburbia" by Eric Bogosian, directed by Conor Zaft. Auditions will take place at the end of this quarter. Zaft describes the show as being "about the decay of the American Dream."

In fall quarter, Grant E. McGee will direct "The Man Who Came to Dinner" by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart. It is a well-known comedy with a cast of approximately 25 actors, which will provide a good opportunity for new students to become involved with campus theatre.

Bridget Keely Sievers will, in winter quarter, direct "The Pillowman" by Martin McDonagh, a terrifying dark drama involving gruesome children's stories, murder, and a good cop/bad cop pair of detectives. Also in winter quarter will be the Fourth Annual One-Act Festival featuring numerous directors and short plays.

In spring quarter, Clara Illson will direct absurdist playwright Eugene Ionesco's "The Bald Soprano," an intelligent and nonsensical comedy about the death of language and modern society's downward spiral.

Bridget Keely Sievers, Grant E. McGee, and Patrick Gilmore will serve as RTF's 2011-2012 coordinators.

Still to come this quarter, May 5, 6, and 7, is Sarah Ruhl's tragic and beautiful "Eurydice," directed by Miller Pyke in the Recital Hall.

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Go online to cooperpointjournal.com and read Nicholas Taylor's review of the 1964-1967 television series Gilligan's Island. You can also check out Taylor's previous reviews of shows such as The Ad-



Watch Dalton Short's Short interview with local band String Theory online at cooperpointjournal.com! If you haven't yet, you should also go see Short's video of the Evergreen underground tour from last quarter. Be sure to stay tuned for more of Dalton Short's Shorts.

IMPROLYMPIA!!!

"Have you considered that your belief in us is all that keeps us alive?" asks Ryland Duncan, improv comedian. Keep the Generation Friends Improv Troupe breathing, and check out a hilarious conversation with them online about the three-day improv festival with performers from all over the country this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. There are free workshops for interested students on Saturday from 1:00-5:00.



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Theresa Mosqueda said while addressing the crowd of protesters, "These cuts are unacceptable... We will not stand for them. We refuse to have another legislative year with no improvement. I don't want my liquor stores privatized! I don't want my schools privatized! Let's frame this [rally] as the start of our revolution [against tax exemptions]." Mosqueda is a community member that works with the Olympia Coalition for a Fair Budget, one of the leading groups that organized this four-day rally along with the Washington State Labor Council and the Federation of State Employees.

As the days went by, the rally continued to grow. Wednesday focused primarily on the Washington Community Action Network. This is a statewide group that lobbies on behalf of lower-wage earners, immigrants, and people of color. There were over 500 protesters at the capitol that day.

On Wednesday night, about 80 community members, labor union workers, Evergreen students, and other college activists occupied the Capitol building chanting, "Whose house? Our house!" Police and legislators allowed the protesters to stay overnight rather than arrest or forcibly remove anyone from the building. Some politicians came out to talk with the protesters, sympathizing with their demands and distributing food to those staying the night.

Evergreen Student Jamie Alwine, Junior, said she thinks it's important to occupy the Capitol with everyone because "[it's] a sign of solidarity. I know a lot of these people here from different organizations, and we're all coming together collectively to fight the budget cuts. I think occupying the Capitol is a really effective action."

On Thursday, the rally became less peaceful when 17 protesters stormed the hallway in front of Gov. Christine Gregoire's office, shouting "let us in" and "we want the governor." Of those 17, only one was charged, although all were trying to get arrested in an act of civil disobedience, according to Senior Evergreen student and activist Nancy Franco.

Nicolas Reese, 22, a new member of Olympia's Uncut group said, "We marched from the capitol with about 30 other people... We tried to storm the governor's of-

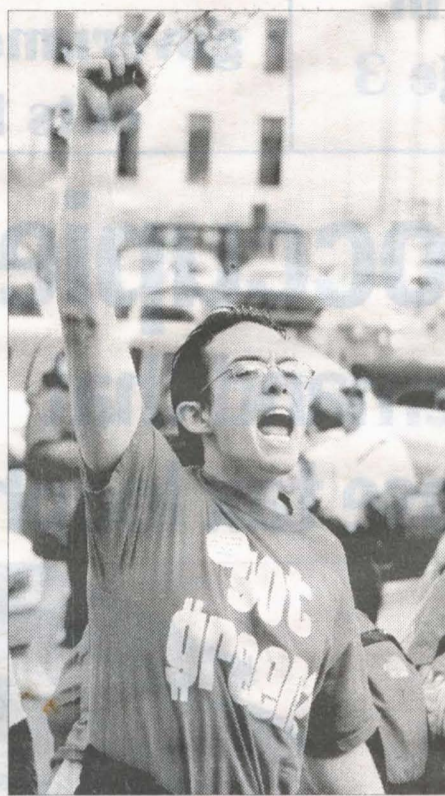


Photo: Nick Strite

"The people united will never be defeated!" shouted Ryan Garrison, 21, of Seattle, who drove down with the Got Green? organization to protest the state budget that was on the table April 6, 2011, at the state capitol.

ice, but it got blocked by all the cops. We all left because they gave us a warning that they were going to arrest us. We didn't want to be defeated; our larger goal is to take the capitol for the rest of this week. Then about 30 people marched down to Bank of America, protesting and graffiti-ing the sidewalks and buildings with facts about the bank. We've actually created three new jobs. They now have two security guards outside Bank of America because of us and they had to hire someone to clean up all of our chalk graffiti."

Due to this act of civil disobedience, however, the Capitol building was shut down around 3:30 p.m., only allowing Lobbyists and politicians in and out of the building. Protesters who had intended to occupy the building that night refused to leave until the building was reopened.

With the help of some Senate Demo-

crats who joined the protesters, refusing to work in a locked building, the Capitol was reopened at 7 p.m. and closed for the rest of the night at 9:26 p.m. About 40 protesters occupied the Capitol that night, again with police compliance. The occupants were even allowed to order out pizza. In addition to those sleeping inside the Capitol building, there were about 20 latecomers who decided to camp outside of the capitol.

With food and drink stands, a podium, microphones, and speeches, Friday was by far the biggest rally day. Union workers from all over the state showed up at the capitol to rally against the proposed budget. Some of the unions represented included the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers, the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters, Amalgamated Transit Union, Planned Parenthood, and the Professional Fire Fighters of Kitsap County.

Over 5,000 people showed up to the rally on Friday, including Wisconsin state Sen. Spencer Cogg, one of the Wisconsin-14 who fled the state in protest of Gov. Scott Walker's budget repair bill, a bill that greatly affects the power of unions. Eventually, the rally moved inside, where a number of protesters marched in a circle to bagpipes and drums, passing by both the House of Rep. and the Senate, shouting "Whose house? Our house!" and "We want healthcare, not corporate welfare," among some other chants.

The rally ended with another peaceful occupation of the Capitol building, but by Saturday, April 9, the state patrol had had enough. 21 of the 30 occupants complied with the requests of the troopers to leave, however, nine of the protesters had to be forcibly removed from the building, not wanting to give up so easily. Although the four-day rally has ended, people continue to show up and protest the proposed budget cuts and demonstrations are still occurring.

Wednesday, April 13, there was an "unholy matrimonial ceremony" held on Red Square to oppose the partnership between corporations and politicians. On Friday, April 15, there will be a Labor Rally at the Capitol starting at 1 p.m. with an end goal of once again occupying the Capitol building for the night.

Employee data exposed

Jo Sahlin

CPJ Staff

On March 18, 2011, Computing and Communications became aware that information was made available to the "internal campus community," according to a letter that was sent out on March 30. The letter assured recipients, who were all employees at the college, that the information release was inadvertent and that Computing and Communications "immediately restricted access and restored the security of this data."

Information at risk included employees' name, address, and social security number.

Aaron Powell, Director of Computing and Communications, was quick to refrain from calling this a "leak" of information, since the information wasn't made accessible to just anyone. "Somebody outside of the campus environment that didn't have network access to the campus—in other words, a user id and login—would not have been able to find it."

Powell said that it is impossible to know how long the information was accessible to unauthorized persons, but he says that once the technical staff saw that access was open, they immediately fixed the problem and no-

tified the individuals at risk of information theft. "We don't know exactly how long that access window looked like, so we decided even though... we didn't have a breach, we decided the best course would be to have everybody know so that they could watch their credit, so we could give them some information."

Furthermore, Powell assures that there have been no reported instances of identity fraud or theft because of the information release. "We have no data, no information that leads us to believe that anyone inappropriately accessed the data. I've had... probably 20, 25 phone calls, emails, communications that I've gotten from community members with further questions... and no one has said 'I did my credit report and I have a problem.'"

There also is no information on how the actual release of information happened, or who was responsible for it. If there was a culprit, Powell says that finding him or her is not as much of a priority as identifying the actual problem, and that Computing and Communications has several ideas about what was wrong with the system.

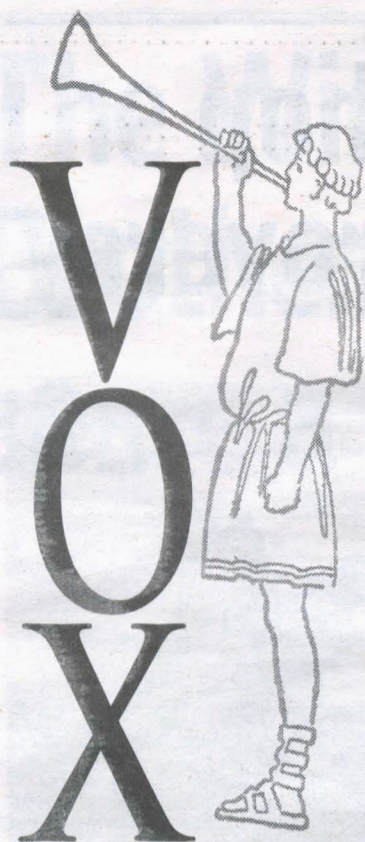
"Before the 18th, faculty and staff that are given data storage, places to store their

files on the server systems would have been able to authorize other people to have access to it," Powell said. At that point, he explains, it was easy to mistakenly hit a button and accidentally authorize anyone to access one's information. "It also... could have been moving from one server box when that one got too old to a new one, and that transition with the software and the hardware may have set access inappropriately as well. We just can't tell."

Now, however, Computing and Communications has instituted a more regulated system for sharing information. College employees are no longer able to allow others access to their files; instead, they must contact Client Services, who will monitor the information access more closely and authorize access themselves. In addition, Powell said that Computing and Communications is trying to consolidate the personal information on the servers electronically. "The level of security around the data that is personal, identifiable data—we want to elevate that... If we see where I have maybe saved or stored a file in my less secure space, as Computing and Communications we want to help that user to not have that file there.

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What do you think about Marijuana legalization or decriminalization?



Elise Vidler
Senior

The deficit- you could tax it, just like the state taxes alcohol.



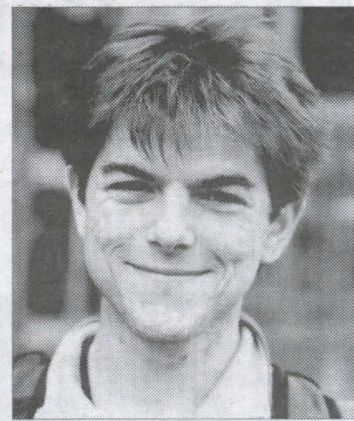
Zachary Frazier
Sophomore

I think that it would be really really great. I think we need to watch out for the privatization of marijuana by huge corporations. What we don't want to see is our children smoking marijuana filled with ammonia in twenty years.



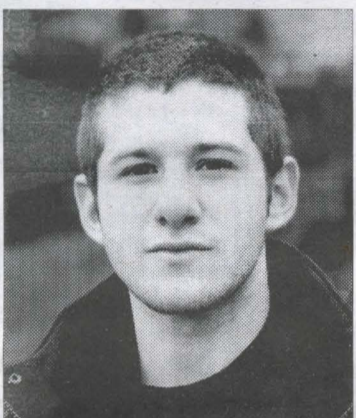
Danielle Beagle
Sophomore

I would prefer decriminalization as a start. I am for legalizing it because it would get rid of the whole underground drug system and it would be a whole lot of money but I don't want it to become a corporation.



Constantine Dixon
Junior

Decriminalization, because what you do with your own body is your own choice.



Jake Paul-Cash
Senior

If it is legalized, I think they should definitely put an age limit on it. The male brain does not stop developing until 25 and as far as I'm concerned, as far as health risks, that's the biggest threat about smoking weed when you are young, is not maturing parts of the frontal lobe. And obviously there are vaporizers so you can avoid bronchitis and those types of things. I don't even know if I would want the government to handle that, so decriminalization would probably be what I would vote for.



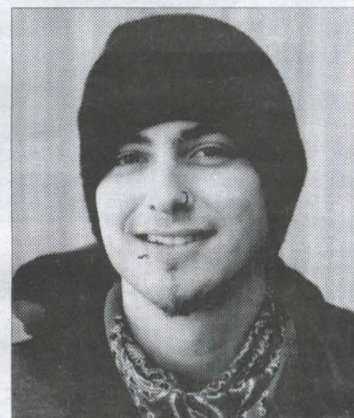
Edwina Finefrock
Senior

I think that everyone should have their own autonomy with being able to imbibe whatever substance they want to put into their body, but at the same time, I know that different people have different neurobiological inclinations toward addiction. I feel like if the government is going to legalize marijuana, the government needs to open up more rehab centers and more help for people who are more predisposed to have these addictions.



Nikolas Koehler
Sophomore

Well, it's a 13 billion dollar a year industry in California alone, and its comparable in other states. Especially in Washington, with our reputation, there is no way we wouldn't make bank. And just for financial reasons, I think that it should be legalized, regulated, and taxed.



Strife
2010 Graduate

In the bigger picture, either one will do. Each is a small step in our ongoing cultural evolution. It's a matter of our twisted budget priorities and avoiding unthinking respect for authority. It's ass-backwards to ban any drugs because it's impossible to legislate private morality or consumption. Prohibition fails every time, 1920's 'til the present. Banning drugs creates a thriving black market that we could easily tax and use for social spending. I hope to live to see a society where people who harm no one and want to have a good time will not have to walk the streets in fear.

By Ray Campbell and Nick Strite

Sheep club brings lambs to Red Square

Erin Finch

CPJ Staff

Evergreen Students for Sustainable Animal Agriculture attracted attention by bringing two lambs to Red Square Wednesday, April 13.

ESSAA, or 'Sheep Club' as it's more colloquially known, is a student club dedicated to teaching Evergreeners about raising livestock, giving students the opportunity to manage a flock of ewes.

The group chose to use sheep because sheep's gestation period is roughly five months, allowing members to take part in every aspect of animal husbandry.

"Within a school year, we can show student everything from breeding through when the lambs are born, and then all the time they're being raised. So while students are here they can get a really good idea of what the life cycle is really like," said senior Alex Beck, a club member.

While the club does not own the sheep themselves, they have purchased equipment such as shears in order to teach students how to collect wool. They also hold fiber-spinning workshops to help students learn to process

the wool into yarn.

"We raise the lambs primarily for meat, that's what the club is for," said Beck. "At about 6 to 8 months, they are slaughtered and we sell them."

The meat is butchered in Chehalis and is sold directly to customers by halves and wholes. "We've started a relationship with Full Circle Farms, a local CSA, and they have started selling some of our lamb meat, so in the future it may be available there as well," said Beck.

"The club is a great opportunity for students to learn about animals and really get hands-on experience with the entire process," said Beck. "Whether you want to have one sheep or one goat or one cow, or 10,000, we teach basic husbandry stuff that everyone who raises animals should know."

For more information, call Evergreen Students for Sustainable Animal Agriculture at (360)867-7046 or email them at essapastured-lamb@gmail.com.



Becky Zarkh, junior, pets one of the two sheep that ESSAA brought to Red Square to promote their club and show students the joy of sheepon Wednesday, April 13, 2011.

Photo: Nick Strite

Bust your windows:

Police enlist student aid in patrolling for prowlers



Photo Courtesy of TESC Police Services

Thirteen smash-and-grab-style vehicle burglaries have been reported in the past month.

Melkorka Licea

Student Contributor

Car prowlers have been especially efficient in their endeavors lately, with 13 reported break ins within the last month alone.

More than half of the break-ins have occurred in F Lot, "most likely because the thieves live nearby in the Glenn or in student housing" stated Police Services Chief Ed Sorger.

It would be convenient for burglars to commit the crimes and return to their homes without running the risk of being caught walking around the premises.

Electronic items, purses, or backpacks are especially sought after by burglars since loose cash can be quickly claimed and items of value can be turned over at pawn shops or on Craigslist. "More often than not the back or side windows are broken," said Sorger. This is because the items are visible within the vehicle and easy to acquire.

After a break in is reported a surveillance is done of the vehicle and serial numbers are recorded in order to possibly recover stolen items.

"We're doing everything we can to warn people of their valuables" said Sorger. Police Services have been sending out campus wide notices on TESCRIDER that have informed students of the occurrences in or-

der to prevent future thefts.

Police Services is also trying to be more proactive; "Not only are we sending out notices but we are also picking up more patrols and conducting more surveillance," said Sorger. With more police officers patrolling the area, it would be less enticing for burglars to steal valuables.

In addition, Police Services is working with Parking Services to tackle the problem by recruiting students to walk around the parking lots and contact car owners with any visible valuables in their vehicles so that they can remove them or put them in their trunks.

Though these precautions are being taken, there is still theft in the parking lots. Police Chief Sorger stated that "students should not leave valuables in their vehicles." Taking extra precautions will better to ensure that your vehicle will not get broken into.

If any information is acquired regarding car thefts or possible suspects at TESC, individuals are asked to report information to Olympia Thurston County Crime Stoppers at (360)493-2222. There is a reward for information revealing leads and all information collected by the OTCCS is completely anonymous.

For further information or questions please contact the Evergreen State College Police Services at (360)867-6832.

SDS workshop raises controversy

Darren Woods

Student Contributor

About 25 tech-savvy men and women converged on SEM II Tuesday night to attend the Electronic Civil Disobedience (ECD) workshop hosted by Students for a Democratic Society. The topic of discussion was "How to Plan and Execute an Act of Electronic Civil Disobedience," as it read on the workshop handout.

While the workshop seemed to push some boundaries of legality, administration at The Evergreen State College decided after careful review that the workshop was within the college's policies on events.

Anonymity seemed to be an underlying theme throughout the workshop even though one of the ECD emcees Alexander Bryan stated explicitly in the opening address that SDS did not condone illegally using the information they were about to teach.

"We don't believe these tools are bad or good. It's the user's legal responsibility, not ours. Please be responsible. If you ask us to help you break the law, we will ask you to leave," he said.

On a private server, they showed workshop attendees how to pick a target and do research anonymously. On page two of the manual intended to aid people at the workshop, it offered valuable advice to those who wish to do their research of other's servers anonymously.

The manual stated, "When doing research, it's important to do your research in a way that can't be easily traced back to you. As what you're doing will likely be illegal, you'll want to cover your tracks well."

As the workshop progressed, participants were familiarized with three different ECD tools. The first, Greek-Solidarity, is used to repeatedly reload images from a target's website in effort to monopolize available bandwidth. If enough users run this tool, the server can be knocked offline or it can render the site unusable for others.

Another tool showcased at the workshop was the Low Orbit Ion Cannon (LOIC), which is used to flood a server with multiple requests. LOIC can be run on PCs that use Windows.

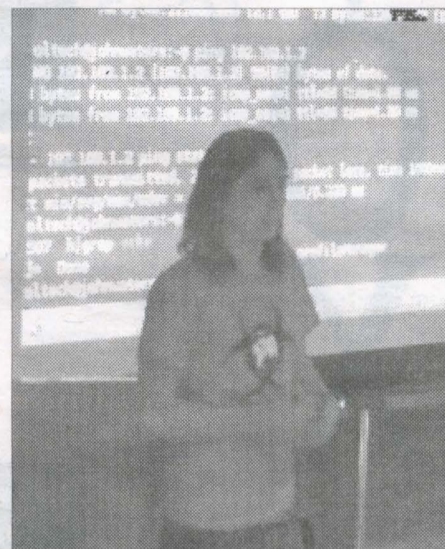


Photo: Darren Woods

Alexander Bryan addresses the audience at ECD.

The most sophisticated ECD tool introduced to the workshop, named Slow-Loris, differs from the other tools by keeping a smaller amount of requests open but keeping those requests open for much longer periods of time.

There was a large amount of opposition preceding the ECD workshop. Associate Director of Computing and Communications Rip Hemingway received e-mails that contained concerns about teaching the public how to perform an illegal and malicious activity. These concerns were relayed all the way up the chain of command and ultimately ended up getting attention from college president Les Purce.

After review, it was Vice President of Student Affairs Art Costantino and Tom Mercado who decided that the workshop would be allowed on the grounds that it did not violate any College policies.

Furthermore, Costantino concluded in an e-mail that "it is not illegal to discuss how to create a tool which can be used for illegal purposes. It is illegal to use the tool for criminal purposes." Costantino added there was a fine line, but it was apparent that the students were aware of their limits.

Director of Student Activities Tom Mercado echoed this view on the workshop, adding that it did not use any state funding but was funded by S&A fees that come from students of the college and that the intent was not criminal but educational.

Random acts of improv: IMPROLYMPIA!

Faith Coben

CPJ Staff

This weekend, Evergreen will be overrun by twelve improv troupes from far-off regions such as New York, Los Angeles, Seattle, Bellingham, and Vancouver for "IMPROLYMPIA," the 3rd annual Evergreen improv festival. Evergreen's own Generation Friends Improv hosts the event and will be opening the festival on Thursday.

The shows, which are held in Lecture Hall 1, begin at 7:00 pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and finish with an Improlympia Jam, where Bridget Keely Sievers, GenFriends member, says "a bunch of improvisers get together and

they do a jam session. Like with music, but it's funny! And interesting!"

If you think this sounds fun and are interested in trying out some of this improv stuff for yourself, you can attend one or both of the free workshops on Saturday afternoon. The first is "Improvising Without Fear!" with Joel Dale & Andrew McMasters from Seattle's "Improvisia" on Saturday from 1:00-3:00. Jason Nguyen, Generation Friends Coordinator, says "You can't learn to be funny. But what you can learn to do is improve your improv skills, play some games, and learn the basics of long-form improv."

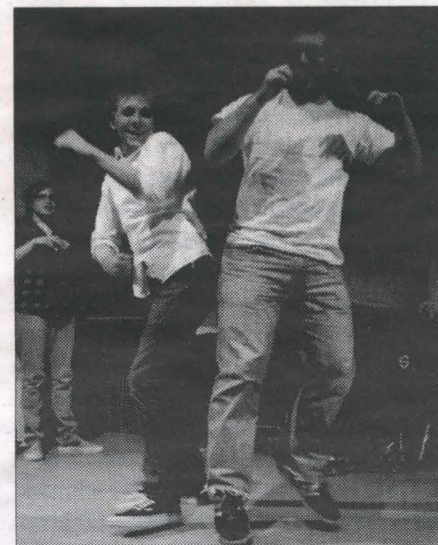
The second is "Introduction To Solo Improv" with Michael Short from New York's "Legion" from 3:00-5:00 in Lec-

ture Hall 1. "Learn to get suggestions from the audience and bounce them off yourself. Narcissism is the new you!" says Nguyen

Tickets are \$5 per night, or \$10 for all performances. However, all Evergreen students, faculty, and staff attend free with ID.

For more information and a little audio entertainment, check out the .mp3 of the CPJ's hilarious conversation with Generation Friends online at cooperpointjournal.com.

From left: Ryan Hitchcock and Zak Nelson, Evergreen alumni and members of the Evergreen Spontaneity Club, performing in an early incarnation of Generation Friends.



Courtesy of Generation Friends

The Wider World: Brother, can you spare a budget?



Photo: Nick Strite

Mark Ciccone

Student Contributor

After constant, bitter, partisan bickering until almost the stroke of midnight, the "expert" politicians in DC worked out a last-minute plan to avoid a partial, though still potentially devastating, shutdown of the federal government last Friday (4/8/11).

The end result was legislation that traded roughly \$39 billion in spending cuts for the abandonment of social riders like funding for NPR, and severely reduced the ability of the EPA to regulate environmentally hazardous operations such as mining, oil extraction, and greenhouse emissions. Other legislation could eliminate most or all federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

The tensions and debates between the two parties, however, remain unresolved. In its recently released, so-called "Path to Prosperity" plan, the GOP is calling for \$61 billion in total cuts across the board—mostly aimed at already record-low taxes on corporations and the top wealthiest 1%, while virtually ignoring defense spending—as well as repeal of the health care law, dumping most Medicare costs on beneficiaries, and slashing Medicaid care and food aid for the poor and the disabled.

The Democrats and the President, though unwilling to accept the more draconian social cuts, are nonetheless presently debating the merits of raising taxes on higher-income citizens combined with changes to Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, as well as cuts in military spending mixed with rejuvenated investments in clean-energy, education, research and infrastructure (See NY Times, 4/10/11).

Needless to say, the GOP's plan is perhaps scarier than any horror flick, and would likely regress the country to Gilded Age depths of poverty, corruption, disenfranchisement, and inequality.

Though the President's apparent return to the logic of taxing the wealthiest and taming defense spending while investing for the nation as a whole is certainly welcome, guarded optimism should be the watchword, especially given the (present) vagueness of his calls for changes to social programs, and those for additional "compromise" cuts as part of any future budget.

The simple fact, though, is that regardless of whatever budget emerges from the morass of harsh rhetoric and backroom deals that is DC politics, with all the cuts that are being and have been made at the national and state level, we the people will have to endure even more belt-tightening, likely both short- and long-term, while the "experts" continue to bicker over how to even keep the government's doors open, let alone the right way to end the worst crisis since the 1930s, and the essential problems and inequalities in our system remain unaddressed.

At present, all that we average citizens—the ones who have the most to lose in any budget fight—can do is keep up the pressure on those who claim a "popular mandate" to behave virtually as they wish on Capitol Hill and in statehouses around the country.

Only this will make the haves cough up what is needed to fund and rebuild the economy, the have-nots regain their faith in the system, and the US reclaim a measure of the prosperity and respect it has lost over the past decade.

Budget cutting close to home

Melkorka Licea

CPJ Staff

Nationwide public service budget cuts have been a widely discussed topic amongst all Evergreen students. As a state decision grows nearer, student activism grows fiercer, and the tension is well acknowledged on campus. Nancy Franco is an especially involved and informed senior at the Evergreen State College and she believes "any chance to get your words out to the public is an important one."

She was actively involved with the occupation/demonstration on the Capitol building this past weekend, spending four days and three nights pursuing peaceful protest.

"Last week, this week, and next are very important concerning budget cuts since the Senate is still on the fence concerning where cuts will be made." Her experience at the demonstration was positive and encouraging; she pointed out that "the demonstrations held this past weekend at the Capitol building were only successful because of the number of people who showed up. If there had only been a few people, we would have all been arrested and that would have been it." In addition, she passionately exclaimed that "having fun is what made our protest/occupation successful. There was music, food, and conversation."

However, her passion stems from her outrage with the injustices invoking these events. She believes that "the poor and working class should not be the ones getting punished and corporations being rewarded. It is outrageous that the top 1% income bracket pays the least amount of taxes."

Her words really hit home as she starts to describe the effects the cuts will have on both herself and her family. "Perhaps one of the most unknown issues of budget cuts is with dental insurance. My mother, who is a teacher, should have the best health insurance in the world but has to pay \$20,000 dollars to replace some teeth! Due to the huge amount of money potentially being cut from dental insurance, it is estimated that there will be deaths among Americans [that are] solely caused by tooth infections."

In addition, "A lot of people don't know that food assistance programs will be affected as well, and I'm kind of scared to be honest. I don't know how people, including myself, are going to feed themselves and some students are even saying that they might be homeless. Graduated Evergreen students with degrees might face homelessness! It's just backwards. We should be outraged and if we aren't then something is very wrong."

She goes on to point out some alarming statistics that undoubtedly are a reflection of diminishing social services. "In 1989, 75% of the Evergreen State College was funded by the state and 25% was funded privately. Today it is the reverse. How can we call it the Evergreen State College when it's barely being funded by the State and now we face even more state cuts? It should really just be called the Evergreen College."

The irony is not lost on Franco, and neither is the state decision to place public resources on the chopping block. "The budget cuts are not accurately representing the people of Washington State, since 76% of Washington residents voted against corporate tax loopholes." Some tax cuts are even "being given for non essential luxuries such as cosmetic surgery and private jets."

Though many demonstrations have already been held, I asked Franco what students can do now to help the cause. She informed me that there will be another demonstration held at the Capitol building this Friday at 12:00 p.m. and that "Just showing up will be really helpful." She also had ambitious plans to occupy Sylvester Park during the Art Walk happening the weekend of the April 22, to "take back the public spaces. It's a good opportunity to come together, have food, play music, and take back what's ours."

She also informed me, which I'm sure is also unknown to Greens, that there is a group of conservative Democrats newly born into the state Senate termed the "Roadkill Caucus." They were described by Brian Blake as "moderate Democrats who want to see the state be successful and don't think taking a hard-left or hard-right is the route to take."

Franco stated, "Those are the ones we need to direct our focus on. We really need to do our research because it will only be possible to sway these politicians with direct action."

Though this information may be repetitive, actions speak louder than words, and ultimately that is Franco's ideal message when discussing budget cuts with students such as myself. "When I talk to people they say, 'Hey, you're preaching to the choir,' but my response to them is, 'Well... where is my choir?'"



Photo: Nick Strite



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'Unholy matrimony'



A group of Evergreen students and budget cut activists gathered in Red Square to celebrate the symbolic marriage between corporations and the government Wednesday. The ceremony was complete with a young man dressed in a wedding gown with the American flag draped over his shoulders and a woman wearing a suit and bow-tie with a Charlie Chaplin-style bowler hat.

The wedding procession was led by the couple through Sem II, past the Greenery, and though the CAB during the lunch hour rush. There were a number of people in top-hats skipping ahead of the group shouting "come to the wedding, come to the wedding."

The procession was welcomed at the library entrance by a small band, playing

"Here Comes the Bride". The unholy matrimony was officiated by a red-headed "magistrate" wearing a suit and tie with a big, brown, business-style mustache. She was wielding a revolutionary's standard issue bullhorn, into which she announced the customary wedding script, with, of course, a few satirical quips interjected.

The officary of the ceremony concluded by saying, "If anyone has any objection as to why these two entities should not be joined together, let them now speak or forever be silenced." This was acknowledged by a verbose and vocal disapproval from the crowd, shortly followed by the newly wedded husband and wife being carted off by a few seemingly disapproving crowd members.



Brief: Ray Campbell

Photos: Nick Strite

Evergreen concludes 2011 season with awards banquet

Darren Woods

Student Contributor

Players, coaches, and supporters were in attendance at the 2011 edition of the Geoduck men's and women's basketball banquet that took place last Friday on the fourth floor of Evergreen's library building.

Evergreen's best basketball players filed into the green and black decorated former cafeteria over looking red square. On the agenda was an address from interim Director of Athletics and Recreation Wendy Endress, an awards presentation for both the women's and men's teams, a photo slideshow of the 2011 season, and a final comment from Endress to conclude the ceremony.

Awards being given out for both teams were Most Valuable Player, Best Defensive Player, Most Improved and Most Inspirational with the men's head coach Arvin Mosley adding the Most Valuable Teammate award to their program.

First on the agenda was head coach Monica Heuer as she recognized supporters of the program both on and off the court. Senior Vanessa Caskey led off the award winners, receiving the team's Most Inspirational award. Coach Heuer described Caskey as an "offensive-minded" player at the beginning of the season but improved consistently throughout the season and ultimately gained the confidence to know what to do on both sides of the ball by the end of the season.

The Most Inspirational award was given to senior Cambria Smith, who was summed up as a passionate player who gave it her all on a daily basis.

Latrina Woods, painted by Heuer as "the rock of the team," took home the team's Best Defensive Player and Most Valuable Player awards. Woods led the team in five statistical categories and received the team's only All-Cascade Collegiate Conference First Team award.

Freshman Danielle Swain was recognized for her All-CCC honorable mention award and was the team's most dominant rebounder. Swain was the only freshman in the conference to receive recognition on the All-CCC team.

The men's basketball team's presence at the banquet was similar to its presence throughout the 2011 season... outnumbered. Coach Mosley reflected behind the wood Evergreen State College podium, that his team often competed with nine players suited up compared to most teams

that boasted at least 15 player rosters. The night of the banquet, just three of the nine men's players attended. One of the players not in attendance was junior Marice Tolliver, who was awarded the team's Most Valuable Player and Most Improved accolades. Another player not in attendance was Tacoma native Michael Brumsey, who received the award for Best Defensive Player.

Senior Josh Troyer, who was in attendance, was dubbed the Geoduck's Most Valuable Teammate. Troyer was twice the CCC Player of the Week while he was the team's quiet leader. Coach Mosley said of Troyer, "I could put pieces around him. He was consistent, never was lazy, [and] never had a bad attitude," adding that he was "a guy that did it all."

Larry Green, a transfer from Grays Harbor College, took home the final "official" award of the night as he was named the team's Most Improved while coach Mosley said he is "looking forward to next year. [Larry] will be starting next year."

Patrick Lewis was given special recognition, even though there was no official award given, as one of the team's hardest workers. When asked after the banquet what

the name of the award he received he said with a laugh, "The Patrick Lewis Award."

The comment drew laughs from teammates and supporters within earshot.



Photo: Darren Woods

From left: seniors Latrina Woods, Cambria Smith and Vanessa Caskey all received awards at the Evergreen basketball banquet.



Photo: Darren Woods

Both men's and women's basketball teams celebrated their achievements this past season at the end-of-the-season banquet.

Sports brief: Evergreen track and field rounding into shape

Darren Woods

Student Contributor

Meaghan Tomasciewicz broke her own school record in the pole vault while Karissa Carlson improved her season's best in the 800-meter run as they competed at separate meets this past weekend representing the Geoduck track and field team.

Carlson competed at the Western Washington University Ralph Vernacchia Invitational in Bellingham, Washington in a loaded 800m field.

As Evergreen's sole runner at the Vernacchia Invitational, the junior from Pateros, Washington, scored the Geoduck's

only point of the meet, crossing the line in 2:18.32.

Not only was the time good enough to place Carlson in the top eight, it was a slight improvement on her Cascade Collegiate Conference qualifying time of 2:18.36 from a week before.

While Carlson competed north of Olympia in Bellingham, the rest of the Geoduck track and field team was south of Olympia in Oregon City, Oregon, at the Northwest Relays.

Headlining the Geoduck cast in Oregon City was Tomasciewicz, who competed in the pole vault. Tomasciewicz competed in just her second pole vault competition

of the season and managed to place second after vaulting to 9 feet 2 and 1/4 inches, her best performance as a Geoduck.

Senior sprinter Evelyn Coleman etched her name into the Evergreen record books, posting a 21.97 in the women's 100m hurdles in her first hurdle race ever. Coleman's time was good enough for seventh place in the race.

The men's 3000m run saw three Geoduck tracksters run season's best times. Freshman Jared Clarke led all Geoducks by breaking the 10 minute barrier with his time of 9:56.39 for a fifth place finish. Finishing behind Clarke were seniors Chris Johnson and Tyler Luce, who finished in

10:30.21 and 10:39.05 respectively.

Another notable performance from the NW Relays was that of Zephyr Forest, who ran a CCC qualifying time of 17.10 in the 110m hurdles. Forest has already qualified for the championships in the 400m hurdles.

The Geoduck track and field team will head south this weekend to Portland, Oregon for the Lewis and Clark Invitational at Lewis and Clark College.

Various Evergreen athletes will look to improve their times as they ready themselves for the last stretch of season before the conference championships in May.

Thursday

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Evan Greer provides workshop on LGBT Liberation and Environmental Justice Sem II B1107 4:30pm
 Computer Security Workshop sponsored by SDS Sem II E2109 5pm
 Rachel Carson Forum, featuring Paul Stamets Longhouse 6:30pm
 Generation Friends Presents IMPROLYMPIA! Lecture Hall 1 7pm
 Ancestral Wisdom Sem II C2105, 3:30 - 5:30 pm
 Common Bread Longhouse, Cedar Room, 5:30-7:30 pm
 Dance Matrix Coll. Sem II B1107, 6-9 pm
 Evr. Stu. 4 Sus. Animal Ag Lab I 3033, 7-8 am
 Freewave Dance Coll. C1107 & C1105, 7:30-9:30 pm
 Law Society Sem II D2109, 4-6:30 pm
 MidEast Solidarity Project Sem II B2105, 5-8 pm
 Sabot Infoshoppe Sem II A2107, 5-6 pm

Friday

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Generation Friends Presents IMPROLYMPIA! Lecture Hall 1 7pm
 Capoeira Angola CRC 177 2:30-4:20 pm
 Circus Resurgence LIB 3000, 5-9 pm
 FreeWave Dance Coll. CRC 116, 6-9 pm
 Knitting and Crocheting Club CAB 313, 1-3 pm
 SCNM (New Music) The Flaming Eggplant Cafe, 12-1 pm
 Anti-Racism Discussion Group LIB 2207 3-4 pm

Saturday

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Tranny Roadshow sponsored by EQA LIB 4300 6pm
 Humans v. Zombies outside Sem II 6pm
 Generation Friends Presents IMPROLYMPIA! Lecture Hall 1 7pm
 Sci-fi Collective LH 2, 5:30-9 pm
 SVGA (Video Games) CAB 301, 3-6 pm

Sunday

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Demeter's Garden Work Party and Potluck Organic Farm 10am
 Shape Note Singers Meeting and Potluck Longhouse 5pm
 DEAP

Monday

Clothesline Project T-shirt Display Red Square 12pm
 Asian Pacific Islander Coalition
 Capoeira Angola
 Cooper Point Journal
 Evr. Stu. 4 Sus. Animal Ag
 Funny Bones Organization
 FreeWave Dance Coll.
 Health Society
 TREX
 WashPIRG

Tuesday

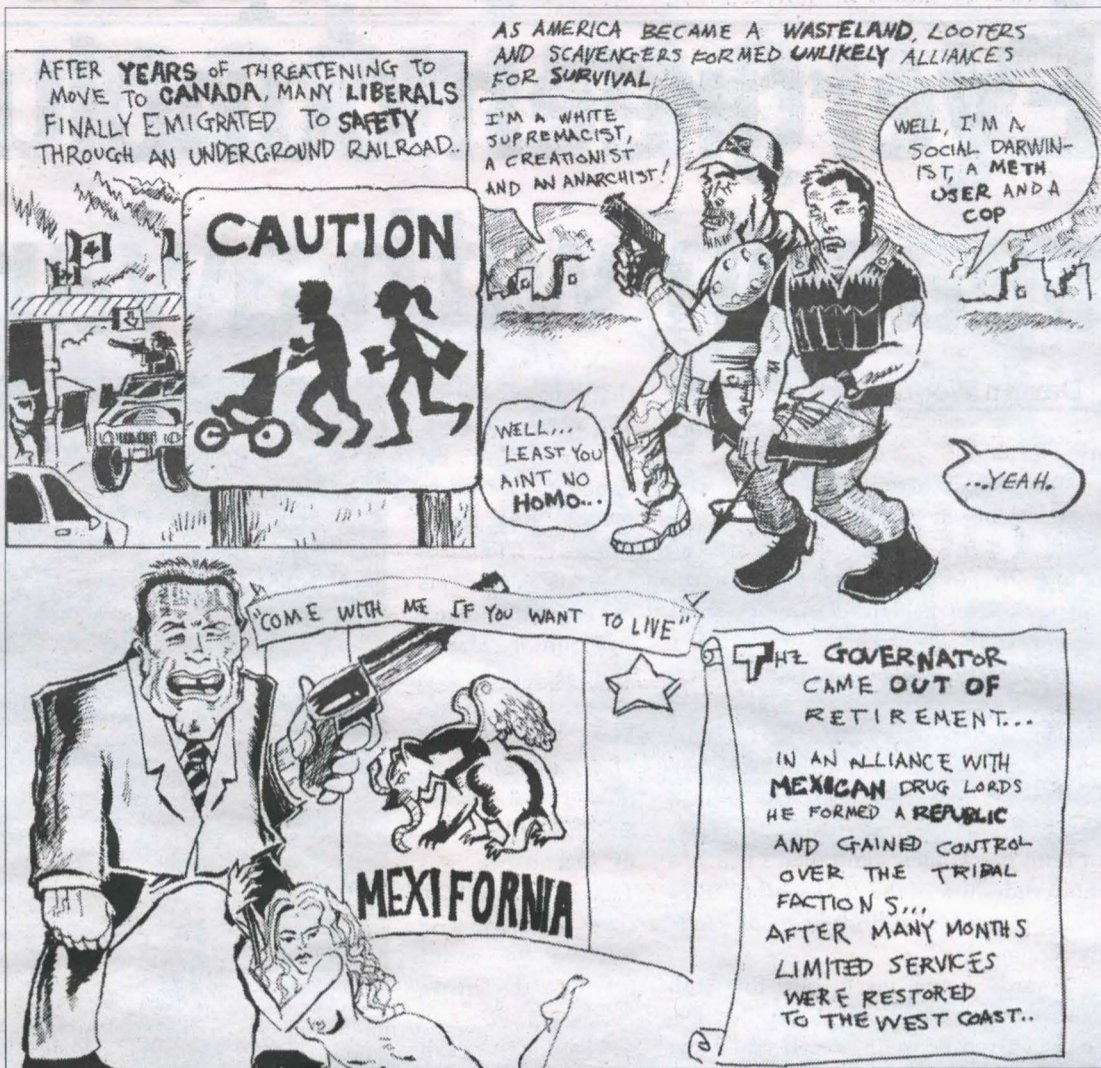
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Living Along the Fenceline Movie Screening sponsored by APIC Lecture Hall 1 2pm
 Dance Matrix Coll.
 GRAS
 The Great Fires
 Greeners for Christ

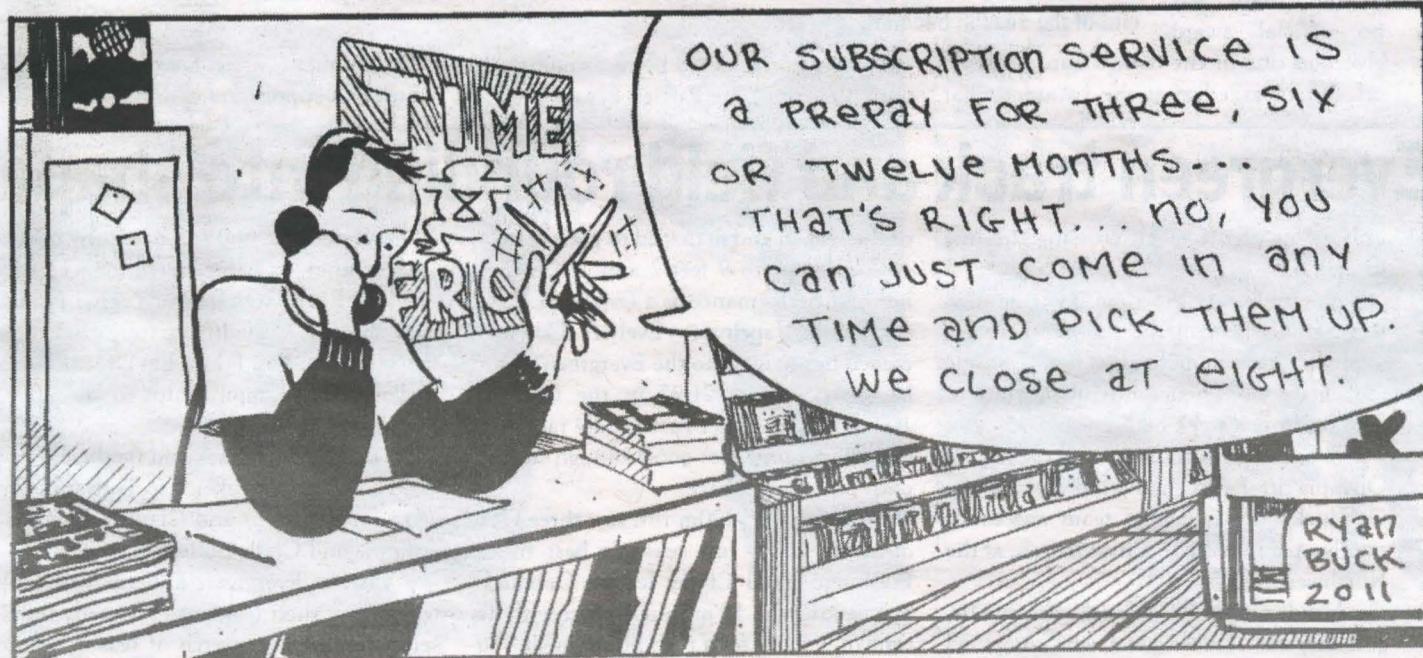
Wednesday

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Bedfellows
 Coalition Against Sexual Violence
 Conscious Cooks
 Chemistry Club
 Dance Matrix Coll.
 Ever. Gaming Guild
 Evergreen Queer Alliance
 Funny Bones
 Geoduck Student Union
 Geoduck Campus Games
 Geology Club
 Greeners for Choice
 Icarus Project
 Latin Am. Solidarity Org.
 MidEast Solidarity Project
 Native Student Alliance
 Photo Club
 Slightly West
 Socialist Alternative
 Student Vet Org
 WashPIRG
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