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Greeners speak up about their Evergreen experiences: Students generally

satisfied but see room for improvement

by Sean Riley

Evergreen students are generally satisfied with their Evergreen education but also indicate a concern about on-campus diversity and room for improvement on several computer-related skills, according to the findings of the recently published Evergreen Student Experience Survey.

The survey, administered in Spring 2004 by Evergreen's Office of Institutional Research, was designed to measure students' learning growth, understand students' goals and levels of confidence, gauge student use of campus resources and community activities, and check their perceptions and suggestions regarding oncampus diversity.

The survey found that Greeners, for the most part, take responsibility interdisciplinary approach to course content and narrative evaluations rather than grades was a factor that most positively affected their education.

Greeners also indicated that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the overall quality of instruction at Evergreen as well as their own progress in achieving their academic goals. Greeners noted that

63% of juniors, and 70% of seniors.

or apartment with non-family members.

Lab, or computer workshops "a lot."

gram in the fall and spring quarters.

Other statistics from the survey included:

• Over 64% of freshmen lived in on-campus housing.

find a job or make a desired career change after graduation.

· Sophomores, juniors, and seniors most frequently stated that they lived in a private home

• Nearly 43% of students stated that they used the Computer Center, Computer Applications

· Over 25% of sophomores indicated that they were not able to obtain their first choice pro-

• Forty percent of students were quite confident or very confident that they would be able to

• Twenty percent of respondents indicated that it is very important to them to start or improve

• Over 45% of students stated that they used Library Facilities and Services "a lot."

Evergreen observes World AIDS Day



evening, in commemoration of World AIDS Day. The panel was followed by a documentary

Evergreen student Maritza Sanchez speaks as part of a panel discussion Wednesday

film and vigil. learning independently and synthesizing their workload at Evergreen was "just

information from many sources were two right.' for their own learning. Evergreen's areas where their Evergreen experience helped them progress the most.

> Nearly 90% of Greeners were quite confident or very confident that they have the ability to succeed at Evergreen. Nearly 72% of students indicated that they were quite confident or very confident that they would be able to use their education to meet life-long goals.

Greeners also indicated areas where their Evergreen experience could use improvement. Diversity and computerrelated skills were two areas, in particular, where Greeners indicated gaps or weaknesses in their Evergreen experience.

Regarding diversity, 39% of Greeners stated that they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with diversity at Evergreen Students most frequently stated that Among those who responded to the question about what types of diversity they found lacking, most indicated that ethnic and racial diversity, political diversity and socioeconomic diversity were forms of • 42% of freshmen were employed at the time of the survey, increasing to 53% of sophomores, diversity they would like to see more of.

Interestingly, 97% of Greeners attending the Tacoma program indicated that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the amount of diversity on campus. On the Olympia campus, 23% of Greeners indicated they were satisfied or very satisfied with the amount of diversity on campus. Inversely, 42% of Olympia campus students stated that they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with oncampus diversity.

Eighty-three percent of all Greeners indicated that they think diversity on campus is somewhat to very important to their learning. Greeners most frequently stated that there is only "some" respect for different backgrounds, perspectives and lifestyles on campus.

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Vox Populi

What do you think of the CPJ?

by Sam Goldsmith



"The CPJ should be funnier." Tiger Scoccia Foundations of Visual Arts

'My favorite par of the CPJ are th pretty pictures o Kristie Landa Junior Local Knowledge





be folded into ori-

Andy Smith, Cooper Brooks, Ben Martehek

'I haven't read it i Ira Jessie





comics are good, but they're a little lacking. Ultimately I desire good comics." Birch Cooper Sophomore Foundations of

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I picked up a CPJ once and someone told me it wasn't worth reading .. **Annie Engman**

Senior Organizing for Democracy



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Mountaineers host film festival, December 4-5

The Olympia Mountaineers will host the Banff Mountain Film Festival as it begins its North American tour. Experience heart-stopping, thoughtful, and even hilarious adventures of mountain climbing, expeditions, remote cultures and the world's last great wild places—all brought to life on the big screen at the historic Capitol Theater in downtown Olympia. The film festival will be Saturday, December 4 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 at 6 p.m. Different films will be shown each night. General admission is only \$10 a night or \$17 for both nights, and there is a \$2 discount for members of The Mountaineers and Olympia Film Society. Tickets are available now at The Alpine Experience in downtown Olympia at 408 Olympia Ave. N.E., or at the door. The Mountaineers is a nonprofit organization founded in 1906 and dedicated to the responsible enjoyment of natural areas.

Student Experience Presentation

On Thursday, December 9, Jenni Minner of Evergreen's Office of Institutional Research will present the many findings of the Evergreen Student Experience Survey. Collecting data from 567 Greeners, the study was designed to measure students' learning growth, understand students' goals and levels of confidence, gauge student use of campus resources and community activities, and check their perceptions and suggestions regarding on-campus diversity. The presentation will highlight common experiences and interesting trends happening at Evergreen.

The presentation is on Thursday, December 9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in

More information on the study can be found in Sean P. Riley's article in this week's CPJ on the cover.

Blood Drive December 2

You may have noticed that The Puget Sound Blood Center is on campus today (Thursday, December 2). Because of the Library Building remodel, they will hold the drive in the Lecture Hall Building Rotunda. If you are interested in donating blood, this would be the place to do that. The Blood Center will be there from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Jello Biafra is coming to Evergreen

EPIC is bringing Jello Biafra to campus on Monday, December 6. Want to be there? Walk to the CRC by 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 if you are a student or \$5 if you are a member of the general public.

Rainbow Center holds open house December 8

The Rainbow Center is holding its Holiday Open House next Wednesday, December 8. They invite you to come visit their office, meet staff, volunteers and board members, eat yummy refreshments and catch up on what they've been up to. The open house will take place from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Tacoma. More information can be obtained at http://www.rainbowcntr.org.

Clean energy: What the hell is it?

Global warming is a problem, and some time back a few students and student groups decided to be proactive in halting global warming. ERC, SEED and WashPIRG came together in support of the Evergreen Clean Energy Campaign. This proposal asks students to spend an additional dollar per credit per quarter in order to purchase "Green Tags" for Evergreen. Green tags are, in a sense, energy stock. Consumers—in this case, Evergreen—pay a bit more for every kilowatt hour of energy used and in turn are guaranteed that a certain percentage of energy, however much we use in relation to the entire grid, is purchased from clean, renewable energy sources. The most commonly used sources of renewable energy are wind and low-impact hydropower. In this way, Evergreen can offset nearly all of our energy usage with clean, renewable energy. To make this a reality, however, you've got to vote on it.

Here's how you do it:

- 1. Log in to Gateway by going to http://www.evergreen.edu/gateway, clicking the link that says "Login" and then typing in your user ID (your student ID number, the one that starts with an A) and your pin number.
- Once you log in, click the first link that says "Student Vote."
- Click the link to the Student Survey.
- Vote yes or no. (Yes means that you support the purchase of green tags; no means that you don't.)
- Click Survey Complete.
- Also, keep in mind that if you signed a petition a few weeks ago, you didn't vote—you said you thought that we should be able to vote on it.

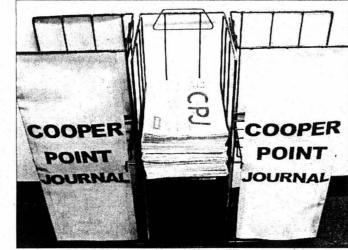
Questions? Contact Blair at blair@washpirg.org.

Learn about Kwanzaa on Tuesday, December 7

Umoja is presenting a multicultural learning event that will highlight the basic principles of Kwanzaa. The actual holiday is celebrated during Winter Break, December 26 to January 1. Umoja would like to share this important tradition with the Evergreen community on Tuesday, December 7 at 6 p.m. The event will include a potluck, speaker and special community craft session. Sound like fun? It will be held in CAB 110, and it's all free. This event is open to the Evergreen and greater Olympia communities.

Nice Racks

It's a momentous occassion! The CPJ has new, boldly labeled newspaper racks located all over campus. Find one at a location convenient for you to pick up your new copy each Thursday!



Our sassy new racks.

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Organization Meeting

5 p.m. Monday

Find out what it means to be a member of the student group CPJ. Practice consensus-based decision making.

Content Meeting 5:30 p.m. Monday

Help decide what should be in the next issue of the CPJ.

| Paper Critique

4 p.m. Thursday

Comment on that day's paper. Air comments, concerns, questions, etc. If something in the CPJ bothers you, this is the meeting for you!

|Friday Forum

3 p.m. Friday

all meetings are in CAB 316.

Put your values to the test! Discuss ethics, journalism law and conflict resolution.

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Are you a student of color at Evergreen and feel underrepresented in the Cooper Point Journal? Do you have an issue you feel needs to be brought to the Evergreen community at large? Write an article for Voices of Color! It's one of the better ways to get your opinions, life experiences and ideas about Evergreen from a different and unique perspective out! It's easy. You just:

- Write an article about something you know/want to know/feel passionate about.
- Send that article in to cpj@evergreen.edu or drop it off at CAB 316. (Make sure you have the article clearly earmarked for Voices of Color.)
- Make sure to keep in contact with our Voices of Color coordinator.
- Feel proud you have done something to educate the entire community!

It really is that simple!

voices of color

I highly encourage all students of color to take this chance to be heard and show Evergreen how many diverse and valid thoughts we have here on campus!

> Corey Young **Managing Editor** 2004 - 2005

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"Survey"

Continued from cover

Students' suggestions for improving versity on campus included reaching out new students, providing more financial id and lowering the cost of attendance, nproving programs and courses, and omoting dialogue and acceptance on

Regarding computer-related skills. or seven of the 10 questions regarding omputer-related skills on the survey, tudents most frequently stated that vergreen did not help them progress at II. These skills included giving presentaons by computer; using a computer for rtistic expression; solving mathematical statistical problems using a computer; reparing a newsletter, brochure, or oster; using a computer for scientific geographic analysis; developing and aintaining a website; and writing comuter programs.

Nearly 66% of students indicated nat Evergreen did not help them at all in eveloping and maintaining a website.

Explaining these findings, Jenni Ainner, the Project Manager for the Stuent Experience Survey, said, "We did not ecessarily expect students to indicate that omputer items. Evergreen is a liberal Research and Assessment.

arts college that expects learning in many areas, but we did not have expectations that a large number of students would have experienced growth in all computer areas listed in the survey. Rather, we were trying to get a sense of the computer skills in the curriculum and how students are

Minner added that some of the skills to what degree.

Greeners most frequently stated that Evergreen helped them progress quite a bit on their online research skills and their use of technology to present work, find information and solve problems.

A review and discussion of the results of the Evergreen Student Experience Survey will take place on Thursday, December 9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in Seminar II A2107.

Specific details of the study can found

http://www.evergreen.edu/ institutionalresearch/studentexperience survey.htm or by typing in "Student Experience Survey" in the search engine found on the Evergreen homepage.

Sean P. Riley is a second-year student in the Master in Teaching program and Evergreen had contributed greatly on all an employee of Evergreen's Institutional

Falling Stars In Gemini

y Brian Flewell

rom this year's Leonid meteor shower, the osmos has a chance to redeem itself this ext week. The Geminid meteor shower s among the brightest visible from North

This year's peak will span the entire week, with a spike in activity on Sunday, December 12 into Monday morning. Veather permitting, this will be an easy hower to view. Gemini rises in the late otoriously difficult to tell exactly how

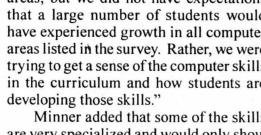
onditions, no clouds or light pollution, or each night during the shower. Each of he predicted peaks may vary by a few ours in either direction.

Friday morning, December 10: here will be a small rise in activity with nly about five meteors per hour, cenering at 2 a.m. Nearly all of these will e drowned out around Olympia, but if

iewing around 2 a.m.

Geminids per hour.

0 p.m., there is the increased possibility nat we will see Earth-grazing fireballs. hese are long drawn-out meteors that ight goes on, expect around 20 meteors tography.



are very specialized and would only show up among students studying areas such as computer science. Minner also stated that a survey has not yet asked students what

Despite a lackluster performance

per hour from Olympia. Monday morning, December 13: There is a strong peak of activity tonight, with about 75 to 85 Geminids per hour vening, around 8 p.m. local time. It is from a dark site and around 40 Geminids per hour from Evergreen. Combined with nany meteors per hour may appear, and the early evening fireballs, this could be Il of it depends on local light pollution the best night to view the Geminids.

Below are estimates given perfect like Sunday evening, this is going to be three times, finally settling on Bush. another night to look for fireballs.

Centered at 2 a.m. again; expect about 20 meteors from Evergreen, with around 40 in darker areas of the countryside.

The interesting thing about the Geminids is that the source of the shower is not a comet like most other showers, but rather an asteroid. Since first being discovered in ou are out in the country, you may see the early 1860s, the Geminids had been a mysterious shower having no origin. In Saturday morning, December 11: 1983, an asteroid was discovered to have lowly rising in activity: Expect about the same orbital characteristics as the 5 Geminids per hour. Again, focus your Geminid meteor stream (the source of the shower's dust particles). Since it was Sunday morning, December 12: named "Phaethon," numerous studies and again around 2 a.m., look for about 30 observations have permanently linked Phaethon to the Geminids. Washington's Sunday evening, December 12: weather has rarely been cooperative when Because tonight's activity peaks around it comes to winter sky watching, but if there is a chance hole in the clouds, be sure or the Washington Post. This included all to look for the rogue Geminid.

nove much slower that the usual blast Brain Flewell is a senior enrolled in f light. Look for these amazing meteors Lights, Camera, Election! and Politics elections. It was infrequent for the articles eginning after twilight ends. As the and the Media. He is studying cinema-

How the TV media failed on Election Night

News commentary by Genna Fain

In their scramble to break news about the election, many news outlets leave out important details. Most television news computer skills they want to develop and outlets, including ABC, CBS, NBC, KCTS, FOX, CNN and MSNBC, never cited the sources of most of their polls and statistics on election night. Print news sources cited more often where they got their information. The range of distribution of the paper also seemed to correlate with how often sources were cited in

Many people spoke to the networks on Olympian election night. Among them were Senator John McCain, adversary turned supporter of the president on CBS; Richard Clarke, former terrorism czar, who gained notoriety after the publication of his book Against All Enemies, criticizing the Bush administration's handling of 9/11 and the war on terror on ABC; Former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich on FOX; Ron Reagan, stem-cell research advocate and son of the former president, on MSNBC; and Rudolph Giuliani, former mayor of New York City, on CBS. Each advocated for one of the two

Broadcast journalists spent time speculating about each candidate's chances of winning. They made "projections" about who would win what county and what state, and eventually "projected" in no uncertain terms that Bush had won the election. It is pointed out in an article entitled "Electoral College, a Colonial Era Institution" in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer that the "formal vote" has not yet

The networks reiterated throughout the night that they were being careful this time. They promised they would not jump the gun and proclaim a victor before it was certain who really was the president-elect. The networks had lost some credibility with the public after the media debacle during the 2000 presidential election, when several networks proclaimed Al Gore the winner until FOX news broadcast that the winner was Bush. This confusion among the networks regarding their "projections" finally cleared, but not before **Monday evening, December 13:** Just NBC vacillated back and forth on the air

Still, for all their penitent bleat-Tuesday morning, December 14: ing, both FOX News and NBC declared George Bush the victor in Ohio before all of the ballots were counted, a move that NBC, later in its broadcast, defended by saying the numbers just wouldn't add up for the Democrats in Ohio once all of the ballots were counted. At no time did any network mention where it was getting its information about the number of votes for each candidate in any state.

On the local level, the Olympian did none of its own reporting on the presidential election. There were seven stories in the paper about the presidential election in Washington State, the election's status federally, and others, but they were all written and wired by one of the news services: Gannett, The Associated Press, of the reporting about Washington State, specifically in regards to the presidential election. The paper's focus was on the state to be attributed to any one person and for the writers to cite a source unless directly

The Seattle P-I wrote more of its own stories and focused more on the presidential race, with those stories in the very front of the paper, followed by state and county race news. The P-I published an article written by its staff describing the function and questioning the further usefulness of the Electoral College. There was also an article on the failed prediction of high turnout among young voters. The P-I made room for a diverse discussion about the election. The frequency of source citation was higher than in the

The New York Times ran a 16-page insert and devoted most of the first pages of the paper to the election. Photos, stories, reports and graphs told the story of November 2. Some reports put us in the long lines of Ohio and with those driving through the snow in the Texas panhandle to get to their polling place. Others told about the struggles with the voting machines and the inadequate election support, showed the changing political landscape of the country over the past 64 years and pictured those waiting for their chance to vote, waiting in lines at polling places from Miami to Oregon. The stories were all written specifically for the News York Times, and each was attributed to an individual author. Only two of those 16+ political pages were devoted to the local elections in New York. The New York Times frequently attributed information

The approach of the print news painted a picture the color and texture of which could not have been approached by the manner in which the election was broadcast on November 2. The 24-hour news market demands the news, now. That leaves little time to compose anything of deep meaning or beauty for broadcast during an election. The instantaneous gratification of knowing first who the president is fades next to the meaning and insight some news stories bring.

Because the networks are busy trying to fill the states, red or blue, as soon as possible, they lose the ability to say anything of lasting value about the election. The impatience of it all on Election Day leaves you on the edge of your seat for hours, thinking of nothing but what color each state will turn. You might have spent that time learning about your candidate or the history of democracy. What is more important in a democracy: substantial information about the candidates and the election, or being told first who will reside in the White House for the next four years?

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Rapscallion!

by Lee Kepraios



who don't hangs out in like me. The dives, bars, Curmudgeon has certainly made a number of enemies, having written my weekly column since fall of last year. The trouble is I don't know who these to finance his people are because they choose not to make filthy deeds. themselves known to me. They're kind of

like fictional Richard Nixon enemies. However, I have more people than ever more damn crecoming up to me to tell me what they think of my stuff. People now know what I look am. The trouble like—I was against having my picture next is, he sees eye to my column and the little biography after to each one. And to my chagrin, few people tell me what problems they have, where everything, but they disagree and why I should shut up. "Write a complaint to the CPJ," I say. "Let the paper know what you honestly think. Let's have a war of words," I tell them. "Take me on," or "Take on me." But a lot of people say they feel like that would

secretly crave. I find it strange, the lack of responses or mail the CPJ gets about me. In a school that prides itself on being a free-flowing waterway of ideas and opinions, I find that so many people pick up the CPJ and just put it I quote, "As if these tackle box-headed

only provoke me because that's what I

back down. Hey, who has time to respond? But recently an enemy and critic has surfaced, and a treacherous one at that. He getting from here to there. These hippies calls himself "The Rapscallion," and he's should have an entire reggae band shoved made himself the Moriarty to my Sherlock up their asses." Witty bastard! He beat surprise to Holmes. A dastardly, roguish cuss with a me to the protest joke! I can't compete

there are dering eyes, many people The Rapscallion clubs, anywhere he can finagle a few bucks out of some poor cluck

> a writer and a eye with me on nearly is quicker in his

wit and sharper. They say his tongue is sharp enough to cut down a 300-year-old redwood. An essay posted on his website (http://www.rapscallion.com) pertaining to the recent Port of Olympia protest is a fine example of how he beat me to the punch. [Editor's note: The above link is a joke. That domain name actually belongs to the Rapscallion Seafood and House and Bar, a Reno establishment that presumably has

no connection to Mr. Kepraios' nemesis.]

anyone that devilish smile and a pair of shifty, wan- with that. He rips on hippies better than

Like me, he's ative one that I

through school playing second fiddle to a trained seal in a carnival side show. For Halloween last year, he dressed up as a female, covered himself in lemonade and went around telling everybody his costume was R. Kelly's pasty white ass won't have it either. toilet. This guy's going to keep me on my

He slips his messages in whenever and wherever he can. Here's what he had to say about me: "The Curmudgeon? Ha! Indeed, a cut above the rest, a fellow no-goodnik and misanthrope, but his humor is flat and

obvious, his satire transparent and his writing worse than Hemingway the morning after Mardi Gras!"

I've only met him once. He's more dashing than me and in better physical shape. I asked how him if it's because he works out or eats better. Always with the remark, he cried, "Ha! Are you kidding? My idea of health food is going down on a vegetarian!" A vulgar snap, but a good one. As I talked to him, I realized where our differences lie. I'm a Curmudgeon, meaning I can crab and complain. But as They say he a Rapscallion, he's an official rascal, fully entitled to make mischief. He can do so much more. He's free in all the ways that himself up from I'm not.

> He's the Rapscallion and he's here to stay. Beware. He's going to turn up again in the CPJ at his leisure or during a week when I'm running short on ideas.

> Lee's New Rule of the Week: Catherine Zeta-Jones has to do a nude scene! Every prestigious actress has done at least one over the course of her career. I've watched this amazing woman in one mediocre movie after another, and I think I should get something for it. This is not keeping artistic integrity, it's torture. It's deprivation. Don't think Michael Douglas'

> Lee Kepraios is a senior enrolled in Forensics and Mystery Writing. He is studying film.

Setting the record straight on Israel

by Daniel Fleck



Palestinian contained a tremendous

amount of misinformation that I feel should be challenged. Amazingly, his article made no mention of Palestinian terrorism against Israeli civilians. Furthermore, he sought cumbered and to whitewash the legacy of one of the carry out savage world's true terrorist monsters, Yasser Arafat. For these reasons, among others, Stanley should not be considered a serious and children. commentator on this matter.

Stanley condemns Israeli's building of a security fence while ignoring the reason for it. The fence is a response to a massive campaign of Palestinian terrorism that has killed over a thousand innocents and maimed tens of thousands in the last few as Palestine. The Palestinian territories are course, are irreplaceable.

years. In all, there have been over twenty- disputed lands that Israel won in a defenfive thousand terrorist attacks directed sive war. If the Palestinians ever decide analysis of what they were. How could any person remainder of Stanley's comments on

the Israeli- of good will be opposed to conflict in what made such the wake of positive developfence, Palestinian

Arafat's death ments possible? Without the terrorists would into Israel unen-Israeli women

> Stanley further states that Israel's security fence is "dividing the country in two." history of the region, he would understand

concerned with Palestinian con-Without the [security] venience then fence, Palestinian terrorists Israeli lives. The would be free to waltz into Israel unencumbered and Court, a worldclass judiciary, carry out savage atrocities has ruled that, against Israeli women and while a perfectly legitimate counter-terrorism

sections of the fence should be rerouted so as not to interfere with Palestinian daily life. The Exactly what country is he referring to? If Israeli government complied. The bottom Stanley were familiar with the most basic line is if the Palestinians decide to end their jihad and live in peace with Israel, that there has never been a country known the fence can come down. Israeli lives, of

Stanley brazenly slanders the civilized and democratic state of Israel b against Israel in this time. Largely due to to abandon suicide terrorism, then part falsely claiming that it kills "thousands of Jacob Israeli's building of the fence, Palestinian of this land can become a Palestinian unarmed Palestinians every year without atrocities have dwindled to a fraction of state through civilized negotiations. The regard. Many of the casualties are women and children..." Of course, this is far from the truth. Israel takes great pains to avoid civilian casualties. It is the Palestinian radicals who engage in the mass indiscriminate murder of innocent civilians, without rebuke from Palestinian society. Indeed, too many Palestinians rejoice at Israeli Supreme the sight of Jewish and American blood, as on 9/11.

Why any American would want to make common cause with such people is something of a mystery. If one were to carry out a fair statistical analysis of this war, they would find that the majority of Palestinians killed have been male, armed and, in one way or another, involved in terrorist activity. By contrast, the majority of Israelis killed have been women and children. This should illustrate the moral differences between the combatants in this war. Nowhere in his piece does Stanley

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killing of Israeli women and children.

Stanley's efforts to portray Arafat as some sort of peace-loving moderate are particularly disgraceful. Not even the most hateful critics of Israel would sink to this level. To provide even partial documentation of Arafat's history of crimes against humanity would require more space then is available here. Suffice it to say, however, that the man Stanley seeks to elevate had

his hands—both Israeli and Arab.

According to Stanley, "the Palestinian Authority continues to take care of their people the best they can with what little support they have." Not only does he apologize for a terrorist entity, which I feel is morally questionable. Stanley should really get his facts straight before he comments on something he doesn't understand. It is widely known that Arafat's PA stole hundreds of millions of dollars of international aid intended for the Palestinians while inciting them to commit genocide against Jews. Arafat was estimated to be worth hundreds of millions of dollars, living in luxury while the people he claimed to represent suffered in poverty. The plight of the Palestinians a tremendous amount of innocent blood on is more a result of their corrupt and mur- oppressive occupation is a distortion. It

derous leaders and decisions, rather than anything to do with Israel.

In fact, the idea that the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands is the root cause cupied Palestinian population centers on of continuing violence is a difficult thesis to maintain for a couple of reasons. First, Israel's neighbors continued to be at war with Israel well before Israel came to occupy the West Bank and Gaza. Second. on the eve of the Palestinian declaration of war against Israeli society, there was little to no "occupation" to speak of. At this time, Israel had withdrawn its military presence from over 90% of Palestinian population centers and these Palestinians were under the administration of the Palestinian Authority. To claim that the Palestinians were suffering under an *bluegrass*.

wasn't until the Palestinians commenced a campaign of suicide bombings and terrorism that the Israeli military reoca temporary basis. I would suggest that the true root cause of ongoing violence between Israel and the Palestinians is the culture of genocidal hate that prevails in the Palestinian territories. Only when this is addressed and rectified can true peace exist between the two peoples.

In sum, I stand in solidarity with the state of Israel during its time of grave crisis. I invite you all to join me.

Daniel Fleck is a senior enrolled in Post Modernism and Post Modernity. He likes

Ashcroft is gone, yay! Gonzales is in, oh no!

by Jacob Stanley



Ashcroft is on national, even his way out though of the Bush administration, might imagine

slight sigh of relief. But in reality, it is only enough time to recoil in horror as the next man in line steps up to the plate: Alberto Gonzales.

His name may appear unthreatening to you or me; obviously few of us have heard who the hell this guy is. But I assure vou this man is an ominous one. In 1997, Gonzales—then counsel to Governor Bush—contested the Vienna Convention in regard to an impending execution of a Mexican national whose rights under the Convention had been violated by the Texas police. He felt the Articles of life-or-death decisions made by Bush at to have in this country. Aren't all execu-

the U.S. Constitution stating that treaties the time. are "the supreme law of the land" gave Attorney a way to execute

General John this Mexican international laws prohibited it. Of the 152

executions conis time for a doned by Bush in his six years as governor, the first 57 were a direct result of biased reports written by Gonzales. He was

the man in charge of telling Bush whether these men deserved in deciding whether or not a man should more time for an appeal or deserved to be be executed; the Supreme Court has since executed. In the reports given to Bush, he frequently left out information about to be cruel and unusual punishment. their trials, like witnesses who lied during

the time.

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> ing the diagnosis by the State of In the reports given to Texas. He also failed to inform Bush, he frequently left out the governor that information about their trials, the defendant had like witnesses who lied during an IQ between 58 testimonies that could have influenced the life-or-death decisions made by Bush at hoses, extension cords, fan belts

are crucial facts found executions of the mentally retarded

I've always found it interesting how testimonies that could have influenced the much support the death penalty continues

tions cruel punishment? I mean, is killing a man with the authority of the State not unusual? I've never seen an execution do anything but bring closure to the family of the victim. The death penalty most certainly does not deter acts of crime that might result in death. The death penalty is purely state-sanctioned murder.

Gonzales supports the death penalty and the use of executions, furthering the idea that murder in the name of the law is acceptable. In the next four years, Gonzales will maintain the death penalty under President Bush as he previously did in Texas. If we have learned anything under the reign of Ashcroft, it is that the Attorney General holds a great deal of power and that their moral beliefs shape our laws and lives. President Bush happens to be a religious man and supports the idea that "Thou shalt not kill," yet he hypocritically supports the death penalty.

Jacob Stanley is a freshman enrolled in America in the Twentieth Century.

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Black Ox Orkestar debuts with a mournful, klezmer-influenced album

by Christopher Alexander

Ver Tanzt? Black Ox Orkestar Constellation, 2004

The constant criticism lobbed at Godspeed You! Black Emperor isn't their uncompromising political beliefs (or malleable punctuation), but that said political beliefs are often incoherent, or at least inchoate. For all their earnest declarations in their liner notes about finding hope in a world filled to bursting with madness, their political agenda hasn't developed along a pace with their brooding, mercurial and swelling instrumentals, among the best of the last decade.

I've always felt this criticism was unfair, on two grounds: One, I find it hard to believe that indie critics, most of whom spend their free time with their noses in Merge Records' catalogue inserts, really feel unsatisfied that GY!BE hasn't given them, say, a detailed apologetics about squats/tent cities in Montreal and how it applies to Proudhon's critique of property. The second is that it's often untrue, and one of the more salient examples is the band's position vis-a-vis the Israeli occupation of Palestine. The liner notes to Yanqui U.X.O. explain that the tense, troubled "09-15-00" is named after the day Ariel Sharon "provoke[d] intifada" by visiting the Temple Mount. This rancorously debated issue is given no small amount of moral weight due to the fact that the nonet proudly display their Jewish heritage on their album covers, tattoos and with various side projects, such as A Silver Mt. Zion.

And now this: Black Ox Orkestar, a fourpiece consisting of Godspeed alum Thierry Amar and various musicians from the closeknit Montreal scene, who sing in Yiddish and play downcast Klezmer music, performing

traditional and original compositions. They also offer a recalcitrant blasting of the occupation on the titular track (which translates very practically

rage is palpable.

That the singer opts to use Yiddish to

render this critique is clearly a source for

much speculation, comment and analysis. So

much so, in fact, that it gives certain goy crit-

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BLACK OX ORKESTAR

ous, modal, patient to the point of glacial— "Who's dancing here / On the walls of and Klezmer music should not be surprised seen as a thinly veiled bleat for a compromising Jerusalem? / A Jew? A hangman? / A young soldier / He dances a hora on Arab bones / He sings over Arab graves / There's no peace, no truth / All oaths are broken / Do the oppressed mirror the oppressor? / The beaten child is in the street with fists / And the sad race of wise men / Sends brutes / To

is wonderful. "Shvartze Flamen Vayser So much for obscurity. While it's unclear fthe "brutes" from the "sad race" are soldiers from Israel or Palestinian suicide bombers (or perhaps both, considering the line about oppression may be a double reference to the Holocaust and Palestinians in the Intifada). punk," which is sort of accurate, given the bakunin@yahoo.com. there is no room for interpretation here. It's reductive contemporary definition of punk hands-down the most scabrous political song as fast, but it's a highlight here. "Papir Iz I've heard all year, and as Amar's bass goes into double-time with the strings, Gilmore's

cs like myself Dokh Vays" finds the string players using their a free pass to instruments not unlike Jimi Hendrix would completely use feedback, the discordant noise essential avoid discuss- to the composition's texture. "Toyte Goves ing the music. In Shineln," perhaps the set's most accessible Which is a piece, is a mournful, haunting song adapted shame, because from a poem by Itzek Fifer (which, reportedly, Ver Tanzt? is about Russian women freezing to death in is frequently train stations during the Russian Civil War). moving. It is While a full translation is unavailable, an interalso almost view with Gilmore reveals one of the poem's uniformly lyrics to be "They were waiting for trains that dolorous, and never came." He believes the line to be syms o m e w h a t bolic of Yiddish poetry, a glimmer of a future that isn't fated to arrive: "The train for Yiddish Anyone with a

The Israel-Palestine issue is, perhaps without rival, the most fractious debate in contemporary global politics. Yassir Arafat's death last month has incurred much talk of hope in a renewed peace process, which to the cynical is with the overall outcome. Which isn't to say milquetoast, and, as time progresses, doesn't that it sounds like the former band attempt- look very promising at all. Black Ox Orkestar's ing to create Jewish folk music, as much as record is a document of people trying to speak it sounds like a Godspeed album made with truth to perceived injustices done in their name, those sensibilities in mind, or at least with but simultaneously embracing their heritage. It's a brave and difficult dance, one that has The distinction is a slight one (and probalready earned them the label "anti-Semitic" in ably nonsensical), but the resulting album some quarters. "Who's Dancing?" indeed.

Fayer" starts with an elegant, understated Christopher Alexander is a senior enrolled acoustic guitar figure before the band adds in Patience and studying writing. A longer ominous, mourning texture (replete with review of this album can be found at http: muted free-jazz percussion, the sound hint- //alexanderlikemusic.blogspot.com. Anyone ing at labelmates Hangedup). "Ver Tanzt?" familiar with Black Ox Orkestar and Klezmer is billed on the band's website as "Klezmer- is invited to send translations to back like

"Everyone is political": An interview with musician Kaia Wilson

by Adina Lepp

CPJ caught up with Kaia Wilson of Durham, North Carolina-based band The happens where we're elevated to No Doubt Butchies. Kaia was in Oregon, staying at status. But no. We'll always play in basesomeone's mom's house while preparing ments or sheds. to play in Portland with LKN and Bitch (of Bitch and Animal). She is formally of Team Dresch. To ease post-election depression, that The Butchies would find more success for two weeks to play in a few rumbling cities up and down the West Coast. San Francisco, Seattle and Portland were the

CPJ: Where are you from? KW: Durham, North Carolina. For seven years, we've been there.

CPJ: What type of music are you? KW: We're a hybrid of pop, punk, rock, emo and power ballads. I don't know how to describe it, some combination of those.

CPJ: What were the key records that influenced recent release Make Your Life? KW: I don't know what I could say. What I was listening to at the time was Patti Griffin, Nina Simone, The Smiths and Living with Ghosts.

CPJ: You practice in a basement. Will

The Butchies ever be above practicing in cold basements?

KW: I doubt it. If something strange

CPJ: Many music articles have claimed The Butchies left their quiet southern town in the mainstream by toning down on their gay content. How do you respond to this

> KW: I'm used to them. If that's the way that you look at life, then that's sad. It's not the way we think about our music. We only talk about being gay because there are a day job? people that still hate gay people. People think that we are obsessed with gayness. It's just not true. Our music is accessible across boundaries. People need someone to look at to be honest and it's good for them to see it. Gay is so simple. It's bizarre to write about. People voted against the better option for president. Bush was voted in because of moral values, abortion, gay rights and Christianity. It's the fundamentalist state of the country. Everyone is political.

CPJ: Growing up, did you have any artistic training/influences?

KW: Yes. I grew up encouraged to play music. Mostly piano and guitar, and my dad

grew up learning to read music. I played in a jazz band and started playing guitar at age 15. Growing up, I was surrounded by music and encouraged to be a part of it. When I was seventeen, I started a band. It was called A Dick Did. I was in that band for one and a half

CPJ: Do you still have

would say assistant, but I'm more of a Melissa York, and Alison Martlew. sidekick.

CPJ: Over the years, you've had a few solo projects independent from the band. Are you working on any currently?

KW: In the spring, I'm coming out with an album, God Makes Monkeys. It's strippeddown music. It'll be out in the spring.

CPJ: Who would you like to go on tour

KW: Kimya Dawson and LKN.

"Cows with Guns" singer Dana Lyons

brings his bovine style back to Olympia

CPJ: LKN is currently on tour with you.

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KW: I work as a landscaping artist. I The Butchies: from left, Kaia Wilson,

haven't heard much about her. Can you tell me what she's like?

KW: LKN is here today, but she's ancient. She's got an ancient rock and roll soul. If you need a reason to go to this show, go

Adina Lepp is the Arts and Entertainment Coordinator at CPJ. Her position will be opening up after this quarter. Write about what you love. Apply for the Arts and Entertainment coordinator position. Adina is a freshman enrolled in Evolution of the

Trade Café, 300 5th Ave. S.W. The second

will be on Saturday, December 4, same cow

time, same cow venue. Regular tickets are

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tion, check out http://www.danalyons.com or

Mitchell Hahn-Branson is a senior enrolled

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Jello Biafra and Infernal Noise by Mitchell Hahn-Branson Brigade Come To Evergreen

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Godspeed's

by Spenser Russell-Snyder



Photo courtesy of www.ipass.net Jello Biafra will be in the CRC on Monday, December 6.

front man of the Bay Area's legendary punk What You Can't See on Alternative Tentacles. Resource Center. Recently, Jello has teamed ited, so get there on time, you hippies!

Next Monday, Dec. 6, Jello Biafra, former up with the Melvins to release Never Breathe

outfit, the Dead Kennedys, is coming to the After Jello speaks, the Infernal Noise Washington's official centennial song-CRC. The one-time San Francisco may- Brigade will rile you up and get your feet and book. oral candidate and founder of Alternative fists a-moving with their activist marching Tentacles will be performing some of his power. The INB has been at a majority of the spoken word material with topics blend- most raucous protests in recent years. From the ng social and political commentary with WTO protests in 1999 to the RNC protests of comedy, poetry, theatrics and performance this year, they have provided the beat to march art. Jello is one of the nation's biggest pro- to, and very well if we do say so ourselves.

ponents of free speech, having been put on Tickets will be sold at the door and will be trial in 1985 for obscenity charges brought \$3 for students and \$5 for non-students. The on by Tipper Gore and the Parental Music doors open up at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are lim-



Ride the Lawn Dana Lyons Reigning Records, 2004

For about 20 years, Bellingham singer Dana Lyons has written wise, frequently hilarious songs with ecological overtones. His work shows up in unexpected places: In 1986, for example, thirteen Washington State legislators sponsored his song "Our State is a Dumpsite" as the new national anthem. Sadly, it did not reach official anthem status, but it did make it into

Dana's biggest popular success to date is a 1997 tune called "Cows with Guns." That song has become an enormous international hit, but its creator is still little-known enough—in the U.S., at any rate—to be able to play concerts in small, cozy venues. He'll be swinging by Olympia this weekend on a CD release tour for his new album, Ride the Lawn. Like "Cows with Guns," the title song is a straight-faced parody of the sweet, idyllic "Berries Overgrown," which average ponderous cowboy song, but this time the only reference to our large-headed friends is in the first verse:

Low-pitched Clint Eastwood voice: "My Grandpa was a cowboy, /And his father before him/He road the range, killed the/ Buffalo and fought the Indian/But the great herds on the prairie/And the wild frontier is gone/So to carry on my heritage, /I go out and ride the lawn."

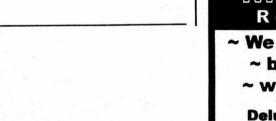
The story continues, "Rawhide"-style, as Dana describes the dandelion-whackin', mole-shootin' lifestyle of the truly committed lawn owner. Mower sound effects and crashing percussion round out the song. It's not as funny as "Cows with Guns," but it comes close.

The rest of the CD covers Dana's usual territory: social justice, endangered species and vast expanses of fragile wilderness. Overall, it's not one of his strongest albums, but most of the songs work. Especially good is "The Only Time That Matters," a bittersweet love letter to Homer, Alaska.

Dana's biggest weakness these days is a habit of occasionally adding weird distortions to his songs. In Ride the Lawn's penultimate song, "Fight for Your Mother," he sounds as though he's singing from the far side of an old, scratchy pay phone. This is also, at six minutes, the longest song on the album, which makes for a tiring listen even though the song as written is quite powerful. It's good to see him experimenting with his sound, but right now he's just messing about needlessly with songs that would be more at home with his usual no-frills acoustic style. Fortunately, he finishes up with the contains no voice-distorting woo-woo.

Besides "Cows with Guns" and several selections from Ride the Lawn, the song you're most likely to hear when Dana comes to town is "I'd Go Anywhere to Fight For Oil to Lubricate the Red White & Blue," which was written in honor of the first Gulf War in Poetics and Power. He is studying writing and would be blissfully outdated by now if and editing. our foolish government didn't still have its grubby little hands immersed in the Middle East. Until a month ago, I was confident that Dana would retire the song after Election Day, but now it seems he'll have to continue singing it regularly for the next four years. Ah, well. Worse could happen. Go see him.

Dana Lyons will play two concerts in Olympia this week. The first will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 3 at Traditions Fair



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On the screen: Kinsey, Sideways

by Lee Kepraios

Kinsey

So groundbreaking in the 1950s was Alfred Kinsey's work on human sexuality that its claims are being tested by scholars and scientists even today. Here is the man who opened the doors for the sexual revolution, literally shaking America out of its neurotic puritanism.

The new biopic about Kinsey, directed by Bill Condon, who did the equally great Gods and Monsters, takes a look at the man and his impact on our knowledge of human development. If I have one problem with the film, it's that it tries to cover too much ground. For years, Kinsey struggled with his theories, wrestled with bad health, taught a revolutionary marriage course, had a trying relationship with his loyal wife and friends as the result of involving them in his research and battled puritanical forces out to shut him down.

And the movie somehow manages to squeeze all of this into a nice, two-hour package. Condon's Kinsey should have narrowed its focus, shrunken its timeline. It's only because I was so fascinated by the film and because it is made so well that I have this complaint and that I sense there was much the movie wasn't showing me.

That said, the film is constantly fascinating and truthful. Liam Neeson is outstanding as Kinsey, an impossible, shambling maverick with extreme tunnel vision and rationality a person just couldn't argue with. The man comes across as a really tantalizing character. A true professor: knowing everything about the behavioral science of humanity and nothing about actual human nature, about the people in his own life. His wife, Clara, played by the always-good Laura Linney, is a student in

his early class who's so enthralled with the souls weighing the cost of standing up for professor, she marries him.

They are both awkward and unsure right thing. about what to do in the bedroom on their wedding night, and after becoming so enthralled in his own discoveries, Kinsey assembles a team of objective collaborators—all of whom are allowed to conduct their own experiments with Clara—and travels the country polling thousands of specimens throughout Middle America. Meanwhile, the powers-that-be are claiming Kinsey is a pervert and a communist.

The film is funny, too. It mines a rich, seemingly endless vein of humor in shedding light on the ridiculous scare-tactic beliefs people held about sex before Kinsey arrived on the scene. People walk out of a film like this going, "My God, I can't believe how uptight and wrong people were about sex back then." And it's kind of depressing to note that we're



Sideways

out that has me smiling right from the first frame. This kind of film is neither a eran of a failed marriage, a failed career comedy nor a tragedy, but is both funny and tragic and simply a look at a person's life, with the peaks and valleys that the personal flaws dictate and a true, honest portrayal of the trials of real, everyday people. I've come to love this kind of film. Last year, that film was Lost in Translation. A a few days. There will be misunderstandfew years back it was Ghost World. This year, that film is called Sideways. It's the latest entry from the greatly emerging rich with observant humor—poking fun at talent Alexander Payne, whose previous films—About Schmidt, Election, and zaniness. But all of it melds together so

their lives against the cost of doing the

The film stars Paul Giamatti, that great portrayer of the self-effacing loser, as Miles, an over-the-hill ex-teacher and would-be author. He comes across as a true loser, but Payne early on establishes and continues to establish through the movie—brilliantly with little touches, I might add—that he's a sophisticate and a wine expert who cares about quality in creature comforts. The wine and the character's beliefs about wine become a very true and poignant parable in the story, symbolizing what they think and feel deeply about life, age and time. And again, it's done with a beautiful subtlety that makes this film brilliant

Miles embarks on a planned trip through California wine country with his old buddy Jack—played by Thomas Haden Church—as a man who's screaming midlife crisis every minute of his life. Jack's an actor who's getting married in a week, and the two embark on a week-long road trip that rapidly becomes a voyage of selfdiscovery. Jack wants to live it up and get laid for the last time. Miles wants nothing About once a year, a movie comes more than to eat out, go to wine tastings and play golf. Miles seems to be the vetand perhaps a failed life. He's interested in Maya (Virginia Madsen), a waitress who seems to be the only person on earth who shares his love for wine. Jack courts the younger Stephanie (Sandra Oh) and seems to eventually forget he's getting married in ings and revelations.

All of this is played out as a road movie wine snobbery—and even some slapstick Citizen Ruth—were also about wayward beautifully that you don't seem to think



about any of the elements that make it

This is the kind of movie that a reviewer or critic wants to give a hug. It listens so skillfully to the way people really talk and come on to each other. One subtle, observant detail after another tells us so much about character and setting that would have taken pages of banal dialogue. About 25 minutes into this movie, I put down my notes and just enjoyed myself right to the very end. This is one of the best films of



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Greg's Finds: The Coup, Mitch Hedberg, Don Carlos

by Greg Fiennes

 The Coup will be performing at the Chop Suey in Seattle on Friday, December 3. If you missed their performance at Evergreen two years ago, now would be a good time to make up for it. The hip-hop group will be playing with a live band, and opening up for them will be local favorite Grayskul. The show is \$12 in advance and doors open at 9 p.m.

\$29.50, which seems pretty expensive for a Hedberg show, but they come with a 200% refund guarantee. This is no doubt due to Mitch's reputation for getting fucked up Doors open at 8 p.m.

you haven't heard his solo work, you may European tour, so come out and show your

• Comedian Mitch Hedberg is perform- know him as the former Black Uhuru front Theatre on Friday, December 3. Tickets are at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$15. (Carlos will also be performing at the Eagles Hall in Olympia the day before.)

 Local Olympia artists Scream Club and Joey Casio will be playing with is all ages. on drugs and not showing up to the shows. DJ Fucking in the Streets at Neumos on Seattle's Capitol Hill on Tuesday, Reggae legend Don Carlos will be at December 7. Tickets should be cheap and the Chop Suey on Saturday, December 4. If Scream Club has just returned from a brief

ing with Stephen Lynch at the Moore man and founding member. Doors open • Jello Biafra, politician and former Dead Kennedys front man, will be doing a spoken-word performance at the Showbox on Wednesday, December 8. Tickets are \$10 in advance or day of show. This show

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A short sports wrapup

by Meredith Lane

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Women's Basketball plays at Pacific University on Saturday, December 4.

Men's Basketball beat Whitman over Thanksgiving Break. Plays at Lewis & Clark over the weekend.

Men's Soccer earned a spot in the Top Ten NAIA teams in the nation. More next

Tip: No matter how good you think you are at snowboarding, 30 inches (76.2 cm, if you're in British Columbia, Canada) of ice will always kick your ass, or your wrist, tailbone and head... Mother Nature + gravity + overconfidence = two days in the hospital and no sympathy from your parents.

Until next week, Go Green!

Meredith is a quasi-senior enrolled in Pooled Sovereignty and Corporate Management. She won't be participating in athletic activities for the next six to eight

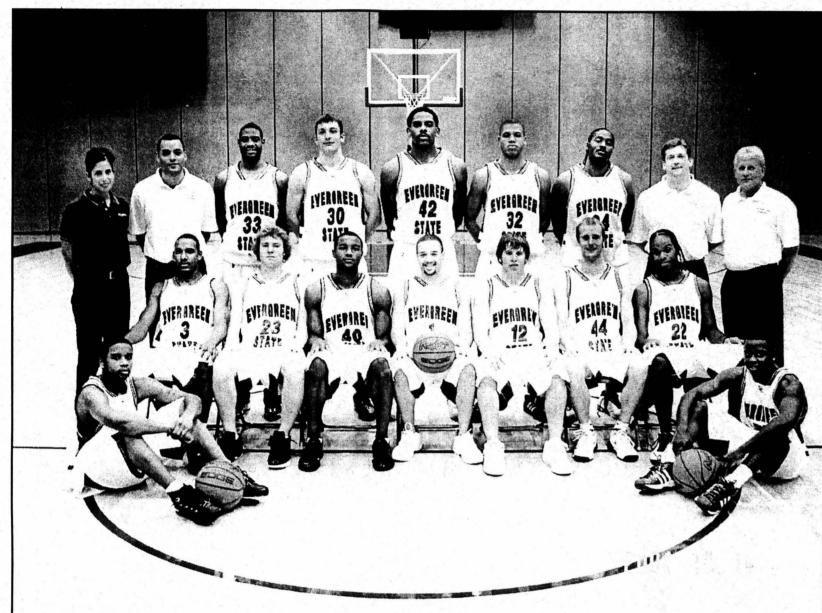


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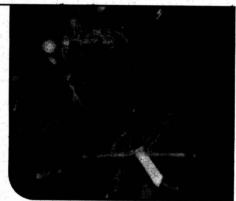
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5 p.m. Yoga Club, CRC 117.

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Seminar II A1105.

5 p.m. GeoDance Club, CRC 316.

5 p.m. Evergreen Kung Fu meets in the

6 p.m. Men's Center meets in CAB 320 in

7 p.m. Percussion Club, basement of the

Library Building. All are welcome and

7 p.m. Juggling Club, Seminar II B1107.

3 p.m. CPJ Friday Forum. Come put your

ethics to the test, learn about journalism,

and discuss issues in journalism and group

5 p.m. Electronic Music Collective, Semi-

5 p.m. Evergreen Kung Fu meets in the

3 p.m. Kickball on the field next to the

5:30 p.m. Yoga Club, Lecture Hall 3.

6:30 p.m. Common Bread, Longhouse

7 p.m. Giant Robot Appreciation Society,

6 p.m. EARN meets to discuss animal

Weekly Group Meetings

7:30 a.m. Yoga Club, CRC 116. 3 p.m. Student Union Campaign Group meets in CAB 320.

5 p.m. Evergreen Kung Fu meets in the Longhouse.

5 p.m. The Cooper Point Journal meets in CAB 316. Come participate in the organization and the planning of the newspaper. 7 p.m. Improvisational Theater, Seminar II C1105.

Tuesday

4 p.m. Prison Action Committee meets in CAB 320, Workstation 10.

4 p.m. STAR, Seminar II B2109.

4 p.m. Racquetball in the CRC.

5 p.m. Yoga Club, CRC 117.

5 p.m. Gaming Guild, CAB 320. 5 p.m. Evergreen Kung Fu meets in the Longhouse.

7 p.m. Associated Students of TESC (ASTESC), Seminar II A3105.

7 p.m. Students for Christ, Seminar II A2100.

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Yoga Club, CRC 116. 1 p.m. Evergreen Queer Alliance, Seminar II C2107.

1:30 p.m. Environmental Resource Center, Sem II E3105.

Wednesday, 1-2 p.m., CAB 320, Cubicle 17

3 p.m. Jewish Cultural Center, Seminar 3 p.m. SEED, Seminar II E3109.

3 p.m. Women of Color Coalition, CAB 3 p.m. Writers' Guild, Seminar II A1107.

4 p.m. EPIC, Seminar II A2105.

4 p.m. CPJ production night. Come participate in putting together your student newspaper. 4:30 p.m. Radical Catholics meet in CAB

5 p.m. Evergreen Irish Resurgence Ele-

ment meets in CAB 320, Workstation 4. 5 p.m. Evergreen Kung Fu meets in the Longhouse.

Thursday

4 p.m. Carnival, Seminar II D1107. 4 p.m. Women's Resource Center, CAB

4 p.m. Racquetball in the CRC. 4 p.m. CPJ paper critique. Come voice concerns about the week's paper.

Special Events this week 1:30 p.m. Native Student Alliance meets in CAB 320, Workstation 13. 2 p.m. Evergreen Capitalists Organiza-Thursday, December 2 tion, Library 1308. 2 p.m. VOX - Communities for Choice, CAB 320, Cubicle 17. Office hours:

Puget Sound Blood Center will be on campus from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The drive will be held in the Lecture Hall Building Rotunda.

> 7:30 p.m. The Evergreen Improv Alliance presents An Improvised Christmas Carol performed by Seattle's Unexpected Productions. Sem II E1105. Cost is \$3 for students and \$6 for general public.

Friday, December 3

6 p.m. Evergreen Irish Resurgence Element is having a Ceili in the Longhouse. Includes a potluck and free T-shirts for the first ten attendees.

Saturday, December 4

9 a.m.-noon. Join Nisqually Stream Stewards and Piece Conservation for a riparian planting project on Muck Creek in Roy, WA. Call (360)438-8687 to RSVP or to get more information.

7 p.m. The Olympia Mountaineers present a big screen mountain adventure. The Banff Mountain Film Festival will be presented at the Capitol Theater. Cost is \$10.

Sunday, December 5

6 p.m. The Olympia Mountaineers present a big screen mountain adventure. The Banff Mountain Film Festival will be presented at the Capitol Theater. Cost is \$10.

Tuesday, December 7

6 p.m Umoja presents a 2004 Kwanza Celebration. There will be a potluck, a speaker and a craft session. Come to CAB 110 to participate.

7-8 p.m. The Evergreen Tutoring Center presents a self-evaluation writing workshop in "The Edge" in A Dorm.

Wednesday, December 8

4:30-6 p.m. The Evergreen Tutoring Center presents a self-evaluation writing workshop in Sem II B3109.

6-8 p.m. The Evergreen Tutoring Center presents Scrabblelicious in The Evergreen Tutoring Center.

Thursday, December 9

9-10:30 p.m. Jenni Minner will present the findings of the Evergreen Student Experience Survey. Sem II A2107.

Friday, December 10

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. An opening reception commemorates the opening of a new exhibit about Governor Stevens' journey of negotiations with Northwest Indians. Visit the State Capitol Museum on 211 21st Avenue Southwest or call (360) 753-2580.

8 p.m. Backstage Benefit for Bread & Roses featuring La Push, with Justin leach, By the Way, and Black Betty. Capitol Theater. Tickets are \$6.

Facility Hours

Quantitative & Symbolic Reasoning Center

Location: Evergreen Tutoring Center, CAB 108, next to the Greenery Phone: (360) 867-5630

Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

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Writing Center Location: Evergreen Tutoring Center,

Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday: Noon-6 p.m.

Prime Time Advising

Location: A Dorm, Room 205

Sunday-Wednesday: 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

KEY Student Services

Location: Library Building, room 1407 Phone: (360) 867-6464

Email: KEY Student Services

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m-5 p.m. Special appointments can be arranged upon request.

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-10:45 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m.-6:45 p.m. Saturday: 10:30 a.m.-6:15 p.m. Sunday: Noon-10:45 p.m.

Bookstore Hours

Monday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday: CLOSED Sunday: CLOSED

CRC Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday: 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (pool opens at 8 a.m.) Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday: Noon-4 p.m.

Academic Advising

Location: Library Building, Room 1401 Phone: (360) 867-6312 Email: Advising Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday: 1 p.m.-close

Career Development Center

Location: Library Building, Room 1407 Phone: (360) 867-6193 Email: Career Development Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. **Drop In Appointment Hours:** Tuesday and Thursday: 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Wednesday: 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

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Auditions will be in Sem. II A 3105:

Dec. 6, 7-9 p.m. - Dec. 7, 8-10 p.m. - Dec. 9, 8-10 p.m. - Dec. 10, 3-5 p.m.

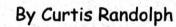
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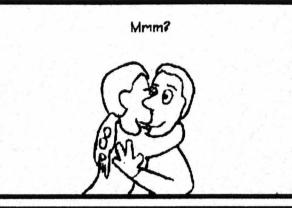
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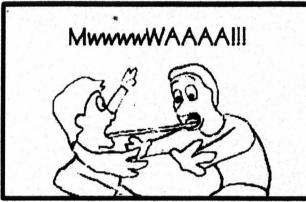
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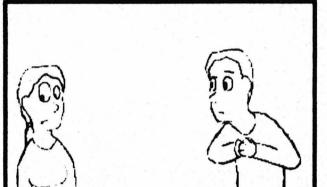




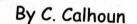


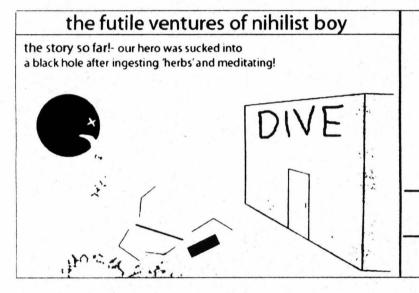


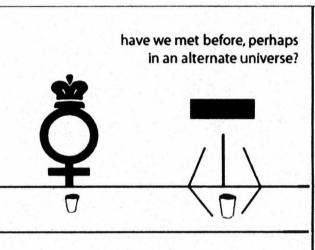


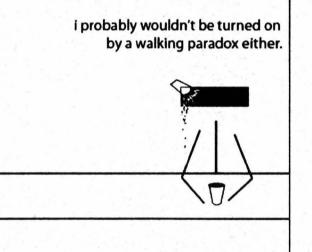


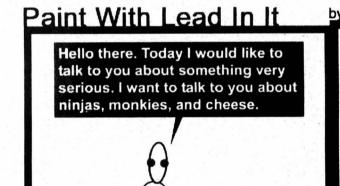


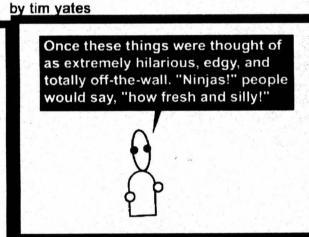


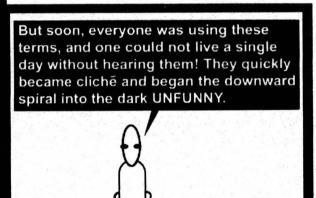


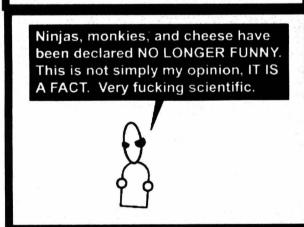




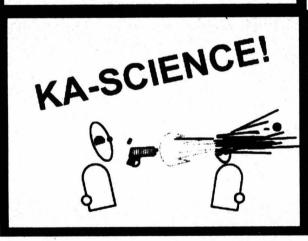


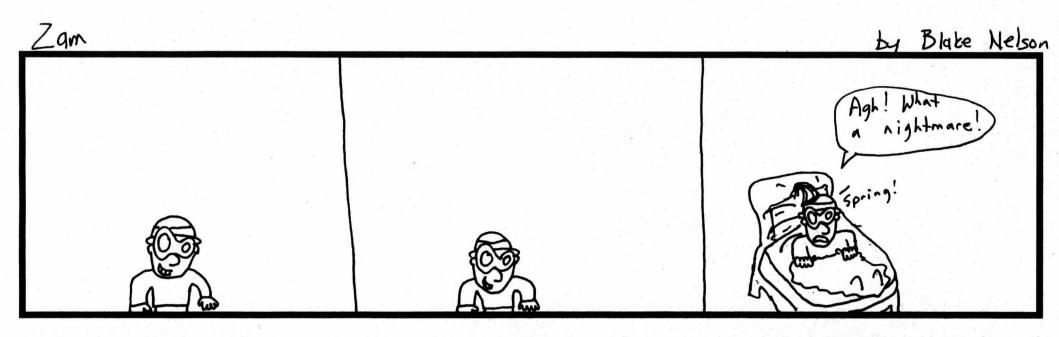










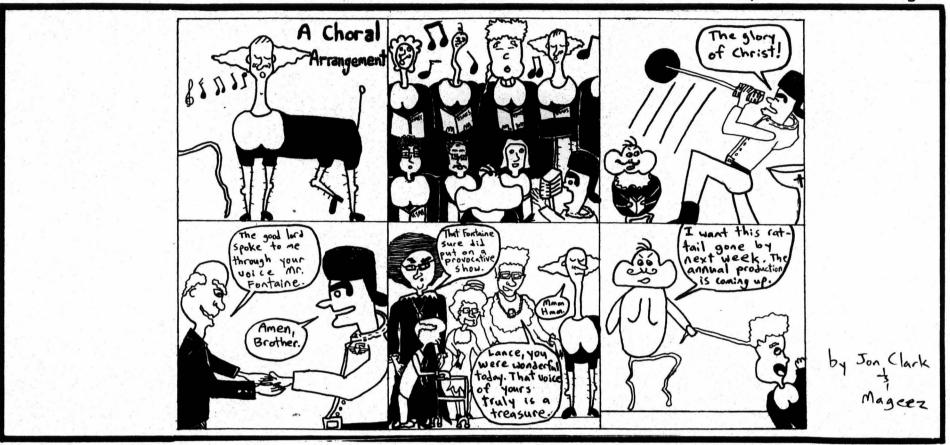


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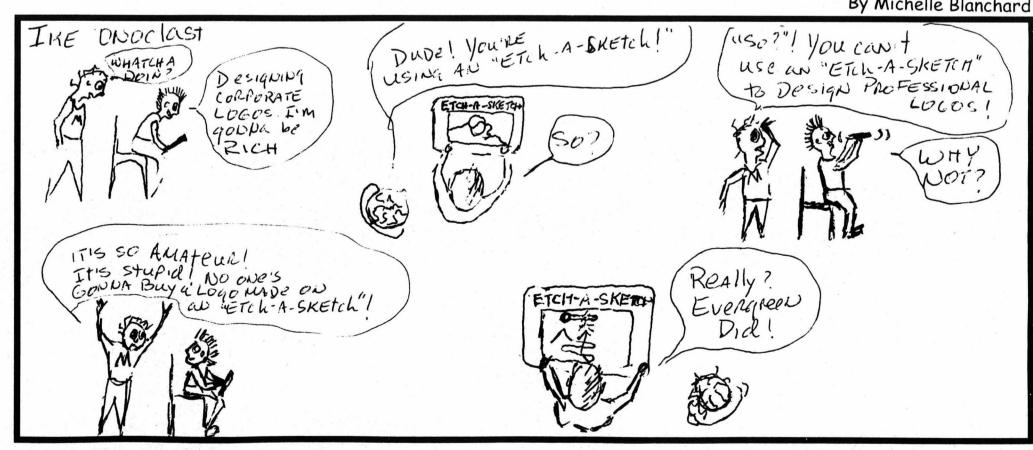
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