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Greenery relocation must wait

by JASON SLOTKIN

Like all of the other businesses and groups in the CAB, the Greenery will need a temporary space during renovation. Out of the several spaces considered, the 4300 kitchen, a kitchen on the fourth floor of the in the library, would have been ready for the Greenery the soonest. But preparing a kitchen for a food service takes time, especially considering specifications for power and health department standards.

Construction on the CAB is scheduled to begin in April and the 4300 kitchen would not be ready to house a food service by then.

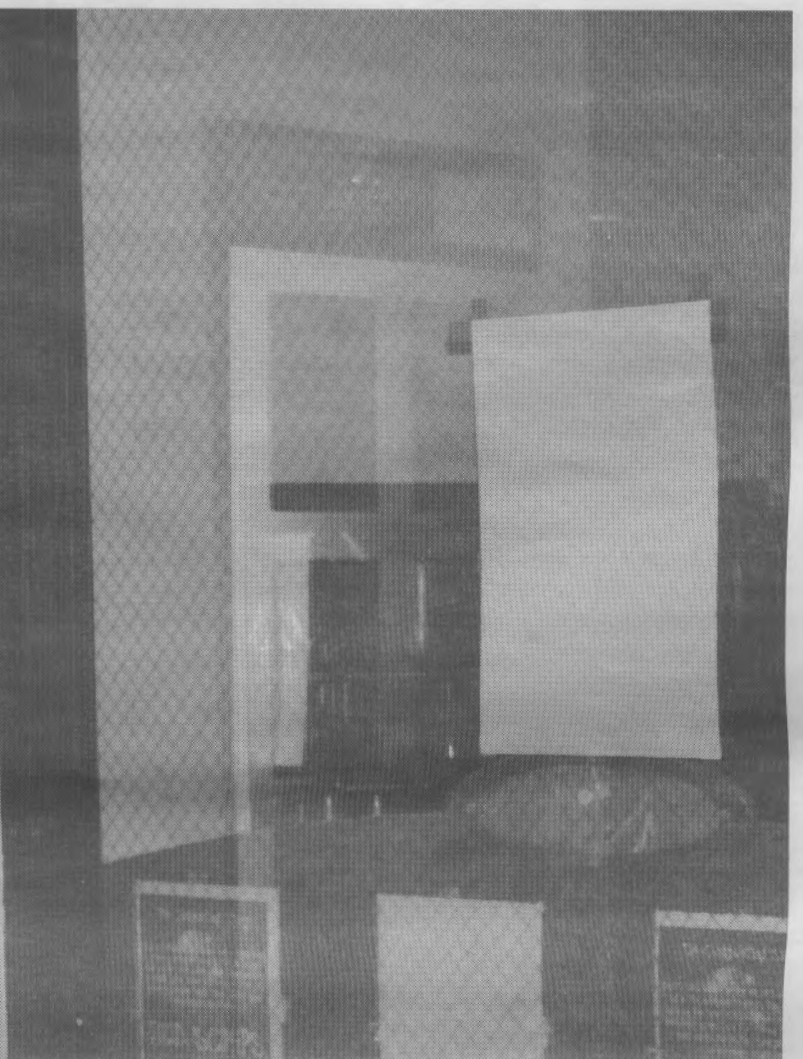
Facilities is still in the planning stages of preparing the 4300 kitchen, and according to Paul Smith, director of facilities, the kitchen would take 90 construction days to be ready after construction starts.

According to Smith, the kitchen may not be ready until graduation or the last week of summer school. The Greenery will remain in the first floor of the CAB during the renovations until the space is ready.

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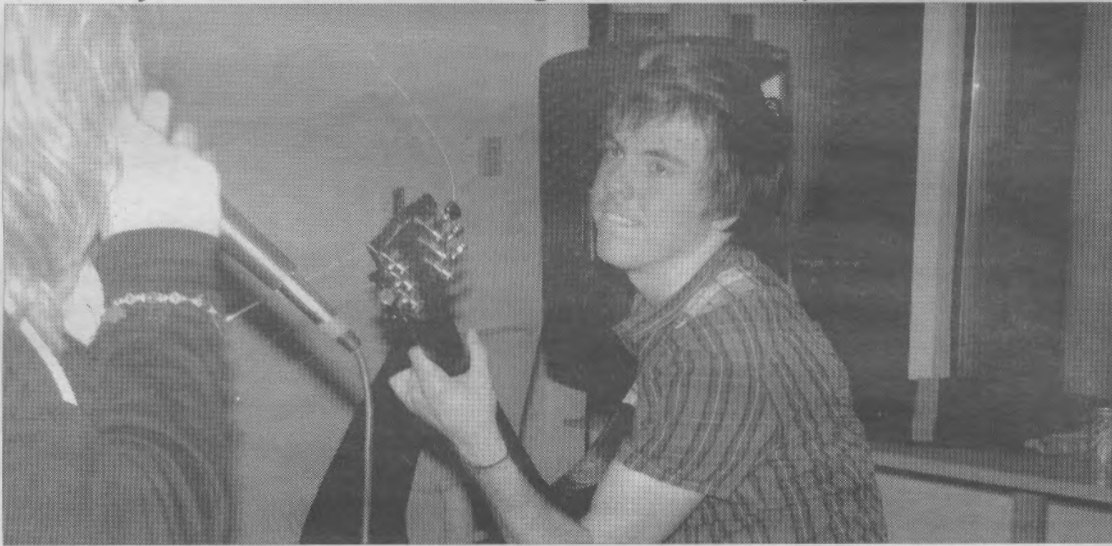


THE GREENERY IN ITS CURRENT LOCATION.



JASON SLOTKIN

4Skin, Generifus, Nature Girls, and Black Garfield jam at the Housing Community Center



JASON SLOTKIN

Ben Kapp, performing here with the Nature Girls. They were among one of four bands that played in the HCC last Friday, November 7, along with Generifus, Black Garfield, and 4skin. The HCC was packed with Evergreen students listening, and, during the Nature Girls set, dancing.

Budget cuts at TESC

Potential for tuition increase, changes in academic offerings

by MADELINE BERMAN

On October 7, Governor Chris Gregoire imposed a freeze on spending for all state institutions. Though Evergreen was already under a self-imposed freeze since August, there is now a need to further decrease spending.

This means budget cuts at Evergreen, with a long process to determine what will be cut in order to reduce the budget by \$714,000 as requested by the state.

That brings up the question of how students will be affected.

"Some support services might be

negatively impacted, along with flexibility in academic offerings and cost of tuition," said Wendy Endress, executive associate to the vice president of student affairs, when asked what is most likely to be cut. "Right now it is hard to predict, but we expect cuts to be pretty severe."

"It's hard to say what will be cut since we don't know the size [of the budget]," said Holly Joseph, executive associate to vice president for finance and administration.

The college has a centralized model budget, with a budget coordinator in each division. Trotter works with the budget

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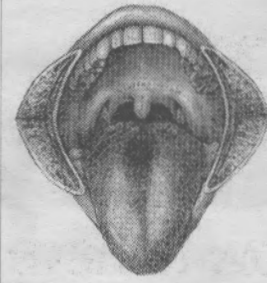
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Describe your last dream.

by RAINBOE SIMS-JONES & KRISTINA WILLIAMS



"I dreamt that I was awake, sitting on the edge of the bed, and then my girlfriend came in and asked why I wasn't awake, and I said 'I am,' and then I woke up and was sadly horizontal."

Jen Chaney

Year One

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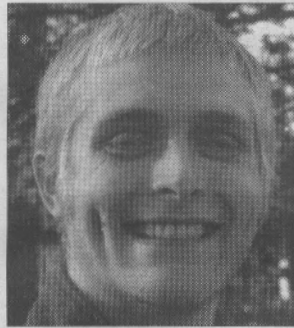


"I had the craziest dream and I can't even remember it."

Alec Desmond

Sophomore

Native American Studies



"There was this iced-over valley with animals in it; then I woke up."

Jordan Warmack

Senior

Methods of Math



"An incomplete math equation was on the board and I was trying to figure out the end."

Sophie Choe

Senior

Methods of Math



"I was trying to play football on a boys' football team."

Amber Holley

Senior

Foundations of Health



"I saw this guy and then I had a dream about him and now I can't look at him the same."

Estella Villarreal

Sophomore

Native Studies

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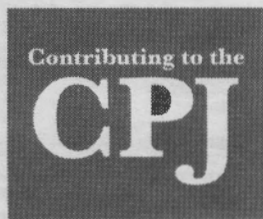
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CP Gay

How to have a super-cooler-than-me queer life

by LARRY MILTON

A common theme among queer people I know, is that we don't know where to find each other or make connections (I mean, besides Facebook). Most of us know that Oly is chock-full of homos, which makes it all the more confusing to us. We ask ourselves, "Isn't every other queer going on dates and having a super-cooler-than-me queer life?" A few do. However, super-cooler-than-me queer lives don't just happen. People need to put themselves out there and learn a little about queer culture. These are just a few suggestions of how to get that hella-fab queer life going for you.

Don't assume that just because someone is talking to you, they want to date/screw you. I think we tend to make this assumption because we generally didn't get the chance to do all that crap dating in middle and high school that straight kids got to do. As a result, up until we're around 25, when we're around people we're interested in, we act like we're members of the cast of one of those rich-white-people teen shows. Not everyone is into you. I know that's hard to believe for some of us. But casual conversation with one queer who might not be interested could only open doors to another queer who could be interested.

An obvious place to meet queer kids on campus would be to go to the Evergreen Queer Alliance (EQA) or the Society for Trans Action and Resources (STAR) meetings. These meetings are at kinda wonky hours if you don't live on campus, but they both have night events on occasion. EQA has an office up in CAB 320 and the coordinators and intern have office hours—they're helpful kids. It's okay to come just to hang out there, too. They have a library of queer books and mags for anyone to read.

Get out of the house. There are so many queer/queer-friendly restaurants downtown. A few places off the top of my head are Darby's, The New Moon Cafe, and Oldschool Pizza. Grab your fag hag, tranny nanny, or whoever, and make yourselves

visible. You don't have to go out to eat for that, though. Just wandering around window-shopping or street-smoking can work. If people have seen you around town, they'll be more likely to talk to you on the bus or at a party. Plus, if you're downtown, you'll probably have a better chance of running into a flier for something queer than you would if you were eating at home.

Volunteer for one of the queer-friendly nonprofits in the area, like United Community AIDS Network (UCAN) or Bread and Roses. The folks who work there know a

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lot of people and can be great connections. Plus, you'd be giving back to the community and you'd have something to talk about in social situations other than your program. If you

haven't noticed, Oly queers especially love kids who volunteer.

Have a party! Give it some sort of theme, like flannel or Alice in Wonderland. Queers love to give themselves an excuse to dress up. Have some sort of prize for costumes. Invite only queers or not—a diverse crowd is best to meet new folks, though. There are a lot of folks I know, in our community who have problems with substance use, so don't push drugs on anyone, either.

These are just some suggestions. Don't freak out if they don't work out quickly; it'll take time. The queer is always more rainbow-y on the other side of the new shoes. Assuming that everyone else has it better off with the homos will only make your experience less than theirs. You're fabulous; even if you don't know it yet!

Larry Milton is a senior enrolled in Gender and Sexuality: History, Culture, and Politics. He may be contacted at (509) 845-0581.

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INTERCITY TRANSIT

What's going on with the Women's Resource Center

by CALLIE MARTIN

Hey y'all—we're partway through fall quarter and the Women's Resource Center (WRC) is alive and kickin'! We thought we'd give everyone an update so y'all knew what we're about, what we were up to, and how you can get involved!

The WRC's mission is to actively combat all forms of oppression that affect all women, female-identified people of all orientations, and the greater campus community. Our office is a safe space where you can hang out and get the resources you need. We offer free tampons, pads, and pregnancy tests to anyone who needs them.

Our weekly meetings are Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in CAB 320 at the couches right outside of our office. If you are even a little bit curious, please come and hang out with us! We love new people! Everyone is always welcome to attend.

Publishing a once-a-quarter zine is one of our big projects starting this fall. We are asking for submissions of all kinds from female and trans-identified folks. These submissions could include art, photography, stories, poetry, recipes...anything you want to put out there. The envelope for submissions is located on our bulletin board outside of our office in CAB 320.

We have several events coming up during the second half of fall quarter, which we hope you all can attend:

Wednesday, November 12, 1:30 p.m. CAB 108 (same floor as the Greenery)—MEN CAN STOP RAPE TOO. This is a discussion group sponsored with the Coalition Against Sexual Violence and the Kicking Rape's Ass Working Group. We are living in a violent society that normalizes sexism (as well as racism, classism, and many other forms of oppression). We become desensitized to real violence as a consequence. When violence

does occur, we see it as an isolated incident rather than a manifestation of a constant and seemingly-inescapable culture of rape. Join other people socialized as men to discuss how to find new ways to combat rape culture. Our goal is to move beyond guilt and towards education and truth. The discussion will be facilitated by a male-identified person and targeted towards male-identified people. However, all are welcome.

Thursday, November 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Main floor of the CAB—BAKE SALE BENEFITING THE WRC. This is how we raise funds to pay for pregnancy tests, tampons, and pads, so come and buy a baked good from us, or make some to sell!

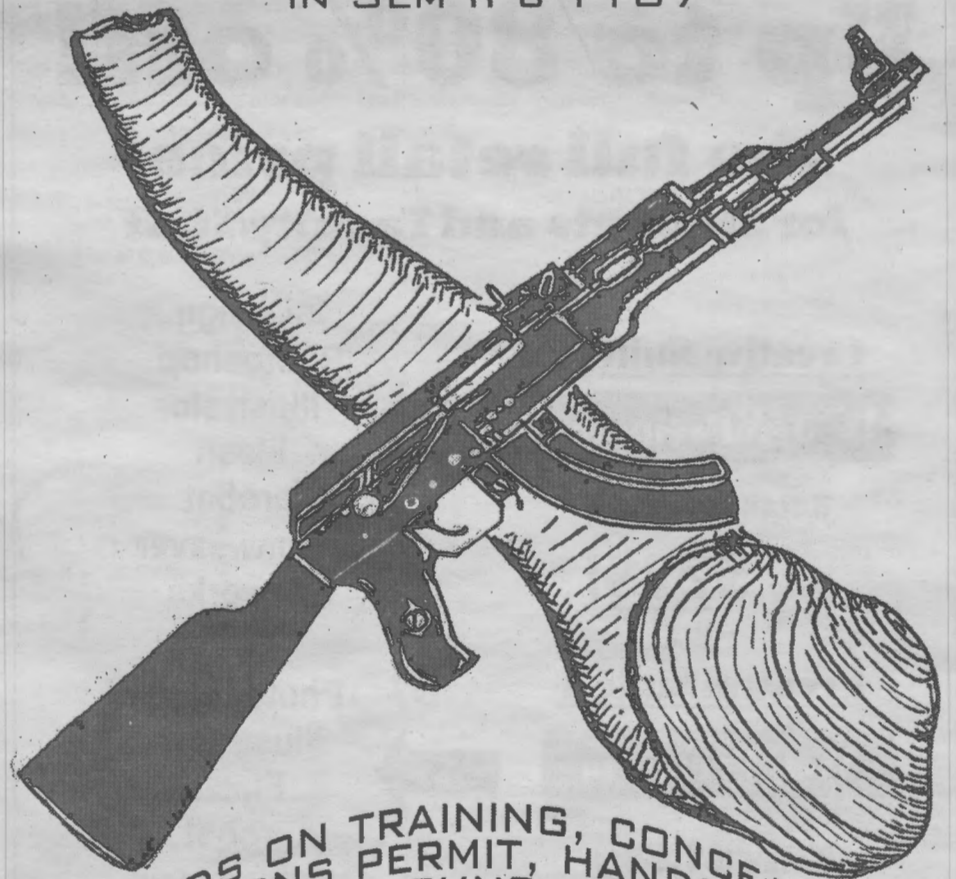
Sunday, November 23, 3 p.m. CAB 320—MOON-PAD-MAKING WORKSHOP. The feminine hygiene industry is really messed up and is destroying our bodies. Come join us for a fun afternoon of crafting and making eco-friendly, non-toxic, reusable DIY menstrual pads with a group of really rad women. Bring any extra fabric you've got laying around (especially flannel and fleece), some extra friends, and some treats to share. Or just you is awesome too!

Wednesday, December 3, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. SEM II C1107—NORTHWEST NETWORK WORKSHOPS: ANTI-OPPRESSION (2 p.m.) and BASIC LGBTQ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING (6 p.m.). The first workshop is a basic anti-oppression training that is open to the entire Evergreen community, and is encouraged for both allies and staff. The second workshop is all about LGBTQ domestic violence and what you can do to stop it. It is also open to the entire Evergreen community.

Callie Martin is a sophomore enrolled in Conceptualizing Native Place.

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BUDGET, from cover

heads, the president, and vice president. All acknowledge the limitations of resources. The board of trustees and the legislature decide on the school's budget based on the information and budget outline they are given by the coordinators.

According to Steve Trotter, executive director of operational planning and budget, Evergreen has faced this dilemma before.

"It cycles every five years, and now we're on the downside of the equation. The difference this time is the dynamic and the global economy. In the fiscal year of 1993-95, we went through 20% reduction plans. We know how to do it, but we'd prefer not to do it."

A group of budget coordinators is in charge of deciding what is superfluous and what is necessary for the school to continue to live up to its mission statement of educating its students. This team of people includes Walter Niemic, vice president for academic budget and financial planning, as well as Endress, Trotter and Joseph.

"A lot of things are taken into account when deciding on a budget," said Endress. "A major thing is forecasting the degree of legislative funding, tuition, enrollment

and what we want to provide."

"You assume that with a good economy, last year's budget will work," said Joseph.

At the last biannual budget review, Evergreen was asked to look at safety on campus and to improve cell service. "[They tell you] here's an issue you need to address, [then we say] we need money to make it happen. Then we're just asking for new money in addition to what we have allocated."

At this point, coordinators are still in the preliminary stages of the process. According to Niemic, there are weekly meetings to discuss emerging budget issues. There is also a biweekly meeting with the faculty advisory panel in order to educate them about the academic budget.

"There will be college forums and updates as information is received," said Niemic.

For more information on the budget please visit www.evergreen.edu/president and click on the link for "office of budget operations" and then "budget 101."

Madeline Berman is a sophomore enrolled in Health and Human Development.

GSU meeting 11/12/08

This week the Geoduck Student Union (GSU) made the decision to walk away from creating a new contract with the WashPIRG organization. It is now the seventh week of the quarter and WashPIRG has yet to send Evergreen a representative. The GSU will work with the business office to refund the collected money to graduating students and turn the collected fees into credit for students returning next year.

Another item on the agenda was getting applications from students who want to be on disappearing task force committees. The list of possible committees to join include, among others, bookstore, space management, and food services.

There was also more discussion about lack of representative involvement and attendance to the weekly meetings. Many GSU members are beginning to feel frustrated with the inability to take action due to lack of quorum. All GSU members present at the meeting expressed a wish to try to resolve these ongoing problems.

Lastly, GSU representative Courtney Witcher has resigned. Shannon Thompson is the newest representative.

~ MADELINE BERMAN

Kitchen causes construction dilemma

REDESIGN, from cover

According to Dick Clintworth of Facilities, there are several things that need to be done before construction of the kitchen can begin: a plan has to be laid, bids need to be put out, and the Board of Trustees need to approve it.

The college is working with the DLR group, the architecture firm responsible for the CAB redesign, to determine what needs to be done to keep the Greenery in the CAB during reconstruction.

According to Judy Whittaker of Thurston County Environmental Health, a food service like the Greenery requires special conditions to operate in a building undergoing major construction. The areas undergoing construction need to be sealed off with something such as plastic sheeting,

and the area undergoing renovation needs to be well-ventilated.

"We haven't even gotten to that part, but it will be walled off," said Clintworth about separating the Greenery from the rest of the building.

For the Greenery to remain open during the CAB construction, that construction must not interfere with the kitchen's everyday operations. This will mean keeping electric power to the kitchen consistent in order for food storage and cooking to be safe, as well as clean water sources that can produce hot water and other resources required by the health code.

Jason Slotkin is a senior enrolled in an independent learning contract.



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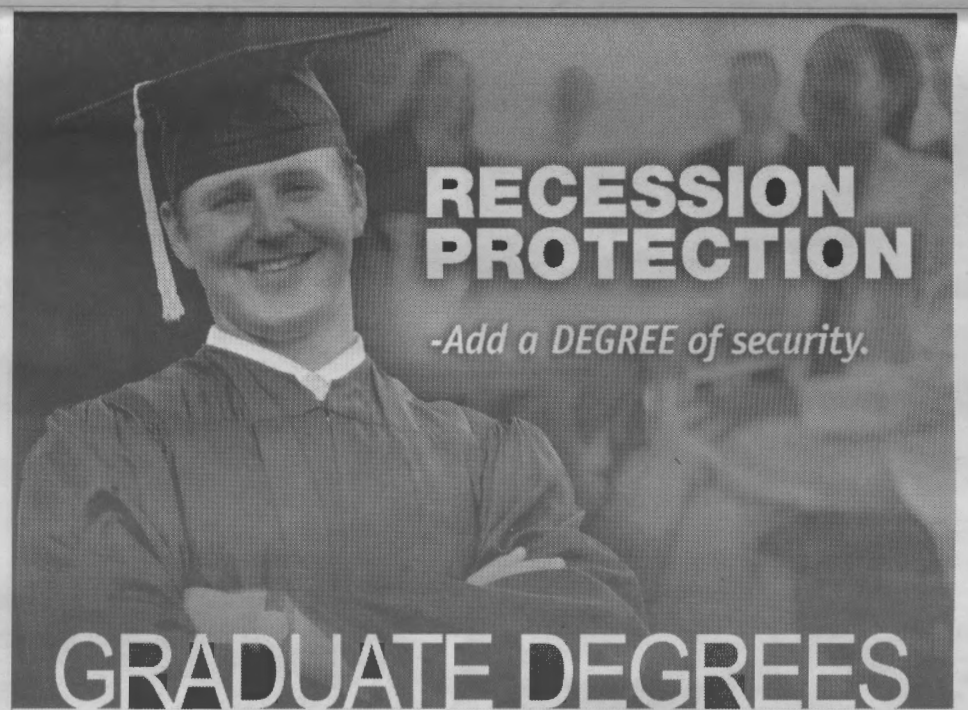
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Amnesty International joins the Justice League

by HANNAH ETENGOFF

In the spirit of Halloween and justice, Amnesty International decided to put on some costumes and take to the CAB in an effort to close the Guantanamo Bay detention camp.

For six years and running, Guantanamo Bay has been the epitome of abuses by the United States in the war on terror. This U.S.-controlled detention center has been a dark hole where detainees are often held indefinitely, without charges or trial, lacking access to lawyers or even to the courts.

Allegations of torture have been widespread, and inhumane conditions have been reported. The Bush administration has continued to reject these allegations, and despite widespread international protest, has continued to operate this center of human rights violations.

Amnesty International is calling for the closure of Guantanamo Bay. It is a stain on the moral fabric of America's standing abroad. We cannot expect our international allies to consider our opinions of human rights when we in fact are one of the biggest human rights violators.

Sudanese representatives, when engaged in a discussion with Amnesty International about the atrocities committed in Darfur, justified their government's policies by simply stating, "Look what the United States does in Guantanamo."

Amnesty International is committed to human rights not only internationally, but also within our own country. Before we begin to stand up to other countries' human rights violations we must end our own. We must call for our government to immediately close Guantanamo, and to either charge and fairly try the detainees, or to release them. The U.S. government should establish an independent commission to publicly investigate reports of abuse.

This commission must ensure that those responsible for abuse are held accountable, regardless of their rank or stature.

We cannot let our government get away with gross human rights violations. Amnesty International calls upon all members of the community to make their voices heard. There are many ways to get involved. You can write your representatives, or better yet, attend Amnesty International's weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the student activities center.

Hannah Etengoff is a sophomore enrolled in Olympic Peninsula.



Lost and found (The language of emotion)

by RODGER BROWN

Have you ever lost your mind? How about your temper? Have you found unexpected beauty or meaning in a song? Chances are you have felt some sort of related emotion, and we are interested. Not only in your specific situation, but also in how we, as humans, express these sometimes-intense feelings.

We are a group of students working on a project which we have titled "The Language of Emotion." This project breaks into two parts, the first of which we invite you to be a part of. We have set up a blog (l-and-f.blogspot.com) where there are six prompts that urge you to tell your story of loss or finding. In order to get the real "juicy" stuff, or maybe more like, to get complete honest stories, we have set this up to be completely anonymous.

The second part is a bit more research-orientated. In our class, Computational Linguistics, we have been working with programs that are able to break down text, revealing certain qualities about them. We are going to examine the (potentially

your) anonymous posts. Our goal is to make certain discoveries and possible determinations about the language that people use when talking, or in this case writing, about emotion. We will make our findings available to anyone interested. So along with telling your story, you also advance our basic understanding of how we convey emotion.

Even though we are coming up on the end of the quarter, there is no intention of ditching this blog once we have fulfilled our project requirements. One of the reasons I personally joined this group, is because this project is bigger than a class. It's more than four weeks of work and a final paper.

Our hope is that the site will grow, we'll add new topics, people from all over the world will share their stories, we will continue to make new discoveries, and that you will come back again and again ([to l-and-f.blogspot.com](http://l-and-f.blogspot.com)).

Rodger Brown is a junior enrolled in Data and Information: Computational Linguistics.

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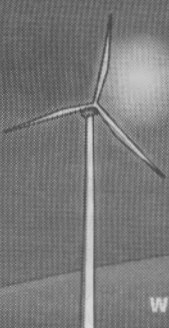
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As we look to the future we need to start making smart choices about our energy needs, that's why Evergreen has been working towards carbon neutrality through clean energy technology to increase energy efficiency on campus. Come check out what the Clean Energy Committee has been up to! There will be student projects on display and community groups promoting important clean energy technologies. Our new TESC electric vehicles will be on display in Red Square. Learn how you can get involved and receive funding for your own clean energy project ideas!

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ASHES: the seed of smoking/non-smoking alliance

by NATHAN BROCKETT

Amidst the grisly scene of scorched lungs and parched lips—smoke wafting, cigs blazing, the very air going gray with the pallor of terror—the foes of



old at last are taking deep breaths and shaking hands instead of fists. Yes, finally, with smokers hoarding their precious fumes, and nonsmokers fleeing them, an alliance is precipitating from these most unlikely gasses. A seedling, young and tender in an inhospitable landscape, is indeed winding its feathery roots around cigarette butts, steel poles and plastic tarps of smoking areas and public spaces, around the hearts and minds of nonsmokers and smokers, who at last, unified with this verdant vision, can smoke, or not, in peace.

Indeed, the very water that caused this alliance to germinate rains down (almost every day now), thereby extinguishing the smoldering remains of animosity clutched still in the yellowing fingers of stray smokers. Extinguishing, it should be noted, only

AS A UNITED BODY OF SMOKERS,
EX-SMOKERS, AND NONSMOKERS,
WE CAN FINALLY CONFRONT
THESE ANCIENT ISSUES

those erroneous cigs not sheltered within the designated areas.

In memory of the flames of fury that fueled the conflict that wracked the student body with its bitter battle, this alliance is to be called ASHES (Allied Students Helping Evergreen Smokers). Its purpose is to represent and advocate for the smokers of Evergreen, to empower individuals to create positive change within themselves and within their communities. For too long has the tobacco industry pushed smokers around; for too long the addiction itself has robbed students of free will, and for too long irate nonsmokers have been unnecessarily rude to meandering smokers.

If people smoke it should not be because they chose to take a first drag sometime in high school and do so evermore for addiction's sake, but because they choose to consciously, regardless of biochemical or psychological fiendishness. Similarly, if smokers use designated areas, it should be because they care about other people, not because someone made them stay under the tents.

These beginnings of order are truly at a delicate stage of development, however. During this month of November (ironically, National Cancer Awareness Month), many smokers do their best to forget cancer, taking drag after drag with desperate ignorance so that smoking can keep its full joy. Alas, Evergreen

should be the home of conscious smokers who say, "I'm not afraid of smoking, and I'm not afraid of dying for it." The rarity of this proud variety of smoker demonstrates the true distance we have yet to come as a burgeoning body of forward-thinking allies.

Furthermore, how can we hope to face the smokeless day of November 20, the Great American Smokeout, with such disunity and self-delusion? This is a national holiday for lungs everywhere, and I daresay the poor lungs of many Greeners will still have to deal with smoke while all the other little lungs go on vacation to frisk and frolic in the fresh air. Our only real hope is to embrace unity and support each other in our efforts to go an entire day without our cig fixes.

As a united body of smokers, ex-smokers, and nonsmokers, we can finally confront these ancient issues and create the changes we wish to see. Finally, rather than facing a smokescreen of silence and oppression, smokers will be given an opportunity to be heard and be granted the voice they deserve. As ashes serve to fertilize fallow fields, so too will ASHES fertilize fallow minds with the shared experiences of smokers and nonsmokers blending in a rich medium of collaboration, blooming with ideas and insight, seeding change where there once was only dirt, brick, or ignorance.

If you want to see this seedling of an alliance grow, email me at liberatedponderer@gmail.com

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Be the change you wanna see

by ERIN GRAY

A new president will take office in 2009, and whether or not you voted for Barack Obama, I hope that we can all agree that January 20 will be a great



day for the United States of America. This country needs change and Obama can be the vehicle for it. No president can change the country with a stroke of a pen, because the president's power is checked and balanced by other branches of government, something we hopefully all learned in our civics classes.

If you believe it is the time for change, then become the change you want to see. I saw Obama when he came to Seattle during the primary, and I stood outside Key Arena with many others to hear him speak. There was something he said that resonated with me: "Change starts from the bottom up." Change does start from the bottom: the president doesn't just decide things for the nation on a whim. If he did he would no longer be a president but instead a monarch or an emperor.

What I think is so brilliant about Obama is his ability to inspire people.

As an Evergreen student, I know how important it is to be environmentally-friendly, but like most of us, there are little things that I miss or forget. Recently, though, when I leave a light on in a room, my boyfriend will yell, "Barack Obama says we need to conserve energy," and I ashamedly turn off the light. It isn't like I don't know that I should turn off the light—I just forgot. But my boyfriend, like many others, now is much more environmentally-conscious. This may not be only because of Obama, but that increased awareness on a national scale is influential.

Help Obama be the change you want to see. Make your voice heard not in anger or violence but throughout our political system.

I recently watched the "School House Rock" clip about how a bill becomes a law, and I was amazed at how simple it was. I know that in practice "simple" is not a word that would be a word used to describe the transformation from idea to bill to law, but when the little bill said it starts with an idea, something clicked. Laws do start with an idea—an idea that you or I could have. I had forgotten my civics lesson on what a representative does, but it is in the title: they represent the people in their district. So if other people and I see a chance to improve, we could bring that to our representative and be one step closer to making change.

I want to end with Obama's wise words from November 4: "This victory alone is not the change we seek. It is only the chance for us to make that change. And that cannot happen if we go back to the way things were. It can't happen without you, without a new spirit of service, a new spirit of sacrifice." He went on to say, "That's the true genius of America: that America can change. Our union can be perfected. What we've already achieved gives us hope for what we can and must achieve tomorrow." Help bring a new chapter to the story of the United States.

Help make the changes that this country needs. All it takes is a little thing like turning off a light.

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Don't vote, don't complain

Pointing the blame away for the vote you made

by AARON LEE

Every four years the people of the United States elect new people to represent them...Well, someone elects them. This nation has a long and wonderful history of voter disenfranchisement. From having to be a white land-owning male to literacy requirements, the electoral system of the U.S. has always been one of exclusion and elitism.



On Election Day in Red Square I saw something that bothered me more than I expected it to. It was a sign from people trying to get other students to vote that said something to

the effect of "If you don't vote then don't complain." I was deeply offended. Such a privileged statement came from a group of people who spend their time trying to get others to vote. What if I was a former felon? What if my ballot had been purged? What if I had moved and was unable to cast an absentee ballot? All are cases in which I would be unable to vote. Does that mean that I cannot complain about a system in which, though no fault of my own, I was unable to participate?

Electoral politics by their very nature are exclusive and exclusionary. The way the electoral system works, in a very basic way, is that he who collects the most votes wins. What about those people who voted for the other guy? Don't their voices matter? They are now told that their opinions, their concerns, were wrong. Regardless of who you voted for on Election Day, you did not exercise your right to make your own choices; you

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HIM TO DO THAT!" BUT YOU DID

passed the buck off to someone else; in the process, you purposefully excluded another person with a voice, a mind, and a right to make their own choices and to be heard.

Back to that lovely sign I saw. When you say something like that, you are showing just how exclusive you really are. You didn't take into account those who have been purposefully barred from expressing their rights to speak politically. I live here, do I not? I am a member of this

community, am I not? Why, then, if I was barred from voting, are you saying that I do not have a right to express my feelings, ideas, and concerns about a system that has purposefully excluded me from participating on such a basic and fundamental level in the political life of this nation?

I made the purposeful choice not to vote on election day for many reasons; the least among them is the fact that I refuse to pass off my right to choose to another person. That is what you do when you vote; you pass off your responsibility to the rest of the people in your community to another person. If the person you voted for does not get elected you can say, "it wasn't me, I didn't elect him." Or if that

person was elected, "I didn't elect him to do that!" But you did; if you cast your vote you are accepting responsibility for every elected official by justifying the system. So to those who thought it a good idea to make that sign I would say, don't complain about those that are in office not making the "right choices." You voted for them.

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I'm gonna eat your brains (WITH A SPOON)

by MIKEY BADGER

You think I'm kidding? I really, honestly, like brains; they happen to be a part of this balanced breakfast (which balanced breakfast?). No seriously—think about this for a second: brains are good, kind of like a gooey plate of Jell-O in a way. You disagree with me? You think I could possibly be a brain-eating zombie? Well, believe me, I am not a brain-eating zombie, I just enjoy eating brains—particularly yours (whose?). Okay, maybe think about it in this way: brains are good for the brain, or even, minds are good for the mind.



a man, and a woman is yelling at *you*, telling *you* that since *you* were born with a penis *you* are a sexist pig, a chauvinistic bastard, that *you* hold yourself higher than women, all because throughout history, *men* have discriminated against women. Is this true? Well, if *you* are constantly bashing on women and being sexist, then yes. But chances are that you aren't, and if you personally haven't, then only the history of *men* remains true, not the history of *you*. You can't take blame for something you didn't do. (Of course we can take this situation visa-versa as well, or apply it to any of the millions of other conflicting arguments.)

what you believe in. You are not eating brains if you are letting others influence your beliefs; you are not eating brains if you take whatever someone says and incorporate it into your own moral code. Maybe, though, someone says something to you—like a teacher—that really gets you thinking; study that fact, that story, that whatever-it-was, and let your brain absorb it because *you* have learned it, not simply because a teacher has said it. That is the beauty of the school that we attend: we are not being *told* how to think, we are being *asked* to think for ourselves.

TO EAT BRAINS IS TO LISTEN TO WHAT EVERYONE HAS TO SAY, BUT WHILE KNOWING WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN

Do you understand what I am saying now? Are you picking up what I'm putting down? Catch my drift? For those of you who don't, let me spell it out: I enjoy learning from other people. I don't mean learning from people in that I take in whatever they say and use that as my own means of value and judgment. I mean that I learn from people by hearing what they say, and since I usually disagree with them I can listen and therefore learn what I don't value and I can learn what I don't hold high on my moral pedestal. Confusing? No come on, it's not that hard to grasp. Let's say you happen to be

So what would you have to learn from someone yelling at you, blaming you for something you didn't do? The answer is that you learned what not to believe. You learned what is right and wrong, and there you go—you just happened to learn the basic fundamentals of life. Impressive, no? By listening to others yell and complain, you have learned that you do not want to live that way and that you do not believe in their cause. It's beautiful, I tell you.

Take advantage of the fact that you are asked to learn, because once you get out of college your brain will be depleted of all remaining energy and people like me will be able to eat it... whenever we damn well please.

But don't worry that's not for a few more years, unless you're a senior.

But that's enough rambling about beliefs and morals for now...which I don't even think should be incorporated into newspapers, but oh well. What I really want to say is simply: brains are good in the right dosage, when taken the right way, and they are healthy when you don't substitute "theirs" for "yours."

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SDS, state government: both hypocritical?

by JEFFREY LUXMORE

Oh, the irony of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS): while advocating for the eradication of our government, the group simultaneously holds its hand outstretched for government funding. On November 5, I watched the SDS make their case to the S&A board for funding. I still haven't determined who is the butt of this joke. On one side, a group is using government funding to "resist" the government. On the other, a government funds groups that use the money in attempts to undermine it. And in the middle are all the students who pay S&A fees.



The unintended results of the SDS "resistance" only serve to contradict their message and further legitimize the government and the Evergreen administration. Aside from the funding example, look at the SDS's illegal habitation last spring on the third floor of the Seminar I building. While the SDS continually demonized the administration as "oppressive" and claimed that the SDS was "targeted," the administration didn't try to forcibly evict the students, despite its legal capacity to do so (WAC 174-136-042).

wearing clothes that were purchased—all parts of "capitalist infrastructure." Again, this is just another example of the SDS speaking against something while simultaneously using it to their advantage.

The SDS certainly is a "fringe" group and I can't imagine this group existing and functioning at a meaningful level outside the socially-lenient bounds of a college or university. Interestingly, the history of the original 1960s SDS ends in a particularly amusing fashion. Different factions of the SDS fell into disagreement at the 1969 convention. Ultimately, one group was expelled by a vote, and the SDS's existence petered out in the period afterwards. Undoubtedly, consensus was not met.

Does the SDS's use of government funding to further their anti-government cause undermine their existence? I think that question answers itself, but what about the reverse question: what does it mean that the government willingly funds groups that advocate against it?

While the SDS can easily be seen as hypocritical in the area of funding, the government actually appears almost saintly by comparison. Washington state law has stipulations about the dispersal of money for student activities, and these laws guarantee that funding to the SDS cannot be denied because of their social and political agenda.

This immense restraint and toleration by the Evergreen administration is quite impressive, especially given that they were supposedly the oppressive establishment. Further, my respect for the administration increased substantially after the SDS repeatedly advertised and held gatherings. While SDS effectively exploited campus resources for their personal agenda, the administration tolerated their taunts.

The seven items agreed upon by Student Affairs and the SDS on June 12, 2008 was nothing impressive. Most of the items could've been avoided if the SDS had simply behaved thoughtfully; instead, they immediately accused the administration of oppression. Then, in an attempt to prove this oppression, the Evergreen administration demonstrated the opposite by dealing with the SDS in ways that proved that the administration is made up of understanding, tolerant, and reasonable people.

Despite the fact that I see the SDS as a particularly harmless group, I still speak up against their attempts at government eradication for one reason: I pay S&A fees. If I'm going to be required to fund this group, then I will certainly offer my opinion along with my dollars. Yes, *you* fund the SDS, and every other Registered Student Organization on campus, whether you like it or not.

I do not advocate, however, for the eradication of the SDS. While I generally find their message and actions irrelevant, they do occasionally provide some much needed excitement on campus. I just wish they could have their fun without making the rest of us students look misguided and useless to the population outside of the campus community. I also wish that they wouldn't take our dollars under false pretenses.

Ultimately, the SDS cares so much about the free money that their anti-government message is sacrificed. The government is concerned so much with the free exploration of ideas that funding an anti-government group is not of concern.

I recently learned the phrase "capitalist infrastructure." The SDS is clearly against capitalism, and, given the current economic climate, it is particularly easy to join this bandwagon. But when the SDS is deriding this "capitalist infrastructure," they're doing it on computers, using the internet, cars, buses, roads, phones, and often while

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Let's bury the E.L.F.

Part 1: Analyzing and Refining Our Tactics

by DANIEL SHELLEY

The United States government has been among the most formidable obstacles to effectively combating global warming. Stonewalling climate change talks, censoring outspoken scientists, blocking state efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions: the Bush administration (and various administrations preceding it) has made it abundantly clear that the health of this planet and its inhabitants is not a pressing issue.

At what point does underground direct action stop sounding irrational and (when carried out responsibly and effectively) start sounding logical and even necessary? Is it when the federal government impedes efforts to combat a global crisis? Isn't that when the threshold has been breached and it becomes prudent to support any and all means of effective resistance?

Desperate people employ these methods during these desperate times. Some of these people fight back under the banner of the Earth Liberation Front (E.L.F.), but many more resist autonomously. It's a two-part article, with part one covering tactics in the field, and part two covering the law and courtroom strategy. I hope it helps spark discussion (in hushed voices perhaps) on a taboo, yet always relevant, topic.

I cannot critique the E.L.F. without critiquing arson as a tactic. If one's intent



is to destroy an object, then burning it is probably the way to go. However, confusion can arise when the people doing the burning profess to be acting on behalf of ecosystems.

Setting fire to a housing development (or any development) that is insured by the developer is senseless and ineffective because the structure will probably be rebuilt. Homebuilders in Washington state need something called "builder's risk" insurance in order to get a loan from the bank to finance the construction. And with this insurance, the developer can sleep soundly knowing the insurance company will cover the costs if something pernicious happens to his project. He may not be totally unscathed by the damage, but he won't be financially ruined either. In almost all of these instances of arson, the developer makes the decision to rebuild, because he still has the means. To illustrate my point, let's examine some high-profile E.L.F. actions of the past: the 1998 arson of a ski resort in Vail, Colorado (rebuilt); the 2003 arson of a condominium complex in San Diego (rebuilt); and the arsons of the "McMansions" here in Washington this year (being rebuilt).

In a tragic twist of irony, torching housing developments has proven to be more harmful to the environment. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to see why: the reconstruction process entails the slaughter of more trees for lumber, and all those commutes by dirty diesel trucks hauling the lumber to the construction site are repeated. An action intended to curtail urban sprawl

and protect the wild is having the opposite effect.

The problem with igniting suburbia: it's a myopic action that does little-to-nothing to curb sprawl. By fixating on the offending development, saboteurs have overlooked more valuable and strategically important property: the developer's company headquarters, as well as expensive and essential earth-moving machinery such as bulldozers and excavators.

Setting fire to carbon-belching trucks and SUVs is another misguided tactic favored by eco-warriors. It's a tactic that, like burning subdivisions, has unintended results: automobile tires contain up to 17 different heavy metals, including lead, arsenic and chromium. When a tire burns, these highly toxic elements are released into the atmosphere for us all to breathe.

Let me clarify my point: the effects of these trucks and SUVs cannot be ignored: they are, after all, the source of significant CO2 emissions in the U.S. But any action must be executed rationally, after carefully weighing the pros and cons of each tactic. If a byproduct of a tactic is air pollution, then that tactic should probably be abandoned.

Also, we need to be more conscious of who it is we are hurting with our actions. Are we crippling a wealthy auto dealer, or a low-income student who just happens to drive an SUV? Those who profit from ecological destruction should be the primary recipients of our rage.

Leaving a calling card at the crime scene (usually graffiti) is a trend that seems

to have replaced the more traditional communiqué. This trend is remarkably stupid because there is no guarantee the action will go as planned. Fire is unpredictable, and we don't want the environmental movement discredited if something goes horribly wrong. Please, if you feel compelled to take credit, do so only after the smoke clears and the damage is assessed.

And speaking of taking credit, if winning the hearts and minds of the American people is one of our goals (and it should be), then I'm afraid we have a lot of work to do. The transition from sensational-yet-alienating-actions (torching SUVs parked in private driveways) to effective actions (disabling SUVs in an auto park by deflating tires and then releasing a cogent and compelling communiqué)* is what will get people off the fence to support this underground resistance movement. We cannot win by coming across as deranged terrorists. But by prudently planning and carrying out our actions, I sincerely believe we can inspire and build solidarity with a discontented populace.

*this, by the way, is perfectly legal as long as the tires are not damaged. All one needs is a pebble.

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No, we couldn't

A RIGHTFUL ACCUSATION TO THE NATION

by COLIN BARTLETT

I have cried twice since last Tuesday. The first time was watching President-elect Barack Hussein Obama give his moving victory speech.

We have the most pro-science president since Thomas Jefferson, a man who said that he is "down with Margaret Mead," who made a point to include not only queers, but the First Nations and (god forbid) Republicans among the citizens of the nation he was elected to represent.

I will never forget where I was and who I was with when Obama said, "As Lincoln said to a nation far more divided than ours, we are not enemies but friends. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection."

"And to those Americans whose support I have yet to earn, I may not have won your vote tonight, but I hear your voices. I need your help. And I will be your president, too."

"And to all those watching tonight from beyond our shores, from parliaments and palaces, to those who are huddled around radios in the forgotten corners of the world, our stories are singular, but our destiny is shared..."

We worked hard in assisting this victory



for our nation. Like so many of you, I hosted voter-registration parties, and knocked on doors trying to get people to vote. I was so thrilled by the unprecedented number of Americans of color, youth, and lower-income who voted this year. This election would come one small step closer to being an accurate depiction of the opinion of American society.

I guess that is what made the sting of the losses to come so great.

The second time I cried came the next day.

I was elated this summer when California, the nation's most populous state and the world's fifth largest economy, followed Canada, Massachusetts and Connecticut in relaying a beacon of hope for the Queer

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people of the Americas. Then, last Tuesday, one half of that state smothered that beacon by denying the desire of the other half of their state to acknowledge my humanity, and the humanity of my fellow queer Americans. This denial was echoed in Arizona, Florida, and Arkansas. These states joined the nineteen others that have brought institutionalized homophobia into their state constitutions since 2004. I was crushed.

What hurt the most was that this vote really did represent, to a large degree, the will of the people of California. Half of the

state genuinely believes that my desire to raise a family with my husband is somehow tainted. They don't want to be associated with it; they don't want their children to think that it's normal. They took from us a fundamental human right.

To the 70% of African-Americans who voted in favor of Proposition 8, to the 53% of the Latino community who supported it, to the 49% of European-Americans who didn't support their gay friends and family, to the communities of faith who couldn't look past their own religion to strive for a more representative democracy, to Barack Obama who failed to show his leadership when he told reporters that while he opposes Prop 8, (he believes that Marriage is a sacred act between a man and a woman), I say *fuck you*. Fuck you, for denying me something you acknowledge as precious when it would cost you nothing to allow me to have it. Fuck you for damaging the lives of your friends and relatives for short-term political gain. Fuck you for forcing the rest of your state into the shape of your specific brand of ignorance.

Most importantly, fuck you for hurting your own. All of these communities intersect, and when you try to remake the rest of your people in your image, you do damage to yourself along with the rest of us.

Just as I hold all queers responsible for policing against latent racism, sexism, classism, xenophobia, and ignorance within our community; I hold African-American, Latino, European-American, and religious communities responsible for keeping their homophobia in check. Log Cabin Republicans and ethnocentrists are held in disdain by every respected leader in the QBLGT

community. Queer culture and media strive toward multiculturalism not just because prejudice does violence to our own community by claiming to be a part of it, but because it's the right thing to do. If one of our leaders strays from this path, they cease to be a leader to us. I'm still waiting for a similar commitment from the rest of you.

We need to keep this in mind as we move ahead: we have not won the hearts and minds of the American people. This was a mandate for populism. It was a vote against something, not a vote for it. Our job, over the next two years, is to prove to them that stewardship of biological and cultural diversity, pushing religious bias out of government, and supporting the myriad ways there are to build a healthy family will benefit all of us directly, and benefit us more than wasting these resources out of fear and selling out for short-term gain.

A decade ago, a Republican-controlled congress jammed the Defense of Marriage Act down the throat of an unwilling president. What can we accomplish now, with willing partners collaborating in the House, the Senate, and the White House? Once more, I look with hope to President-elect Obama's speech in Grant Park:

"That's the true genius of America: that America can change. Our union can be perfected. What we've already achieved gives us hope for what we can and must achieve tomorrow."

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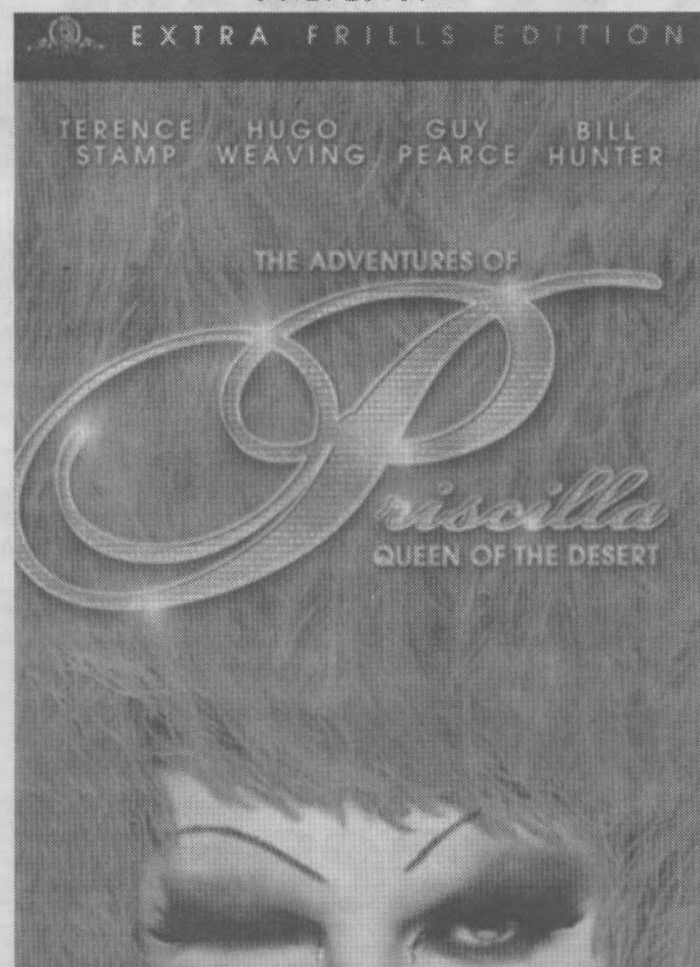
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1. **Taj Mahal** – Maestro
2. **Various Artists** – Rich Man's War
3. **Holly Golightly and the Brokeoffs** – Dirt Don't Hurt
4. **Mavis Staples** – Hope at the Hideout
5. **Gaye Adegbalola** – Gaye without Shame
6. **LAKE** – Oh, the Places We'll Go
7. **Dark Dark Dark** – The Snow Magic
8. **Eleanor Murray** – For Cedar
9. **Gang Gang Dance** – Saint Dymphna
10. **Guitar Red** – Lightnin' In A Bottle
11. **Senior Coconut** – Around the World
12. **Wallpaper** – On the Chewing Gum Ground
13. **Common Market** – Tobacco Road
14. **Hot Buttered Rum** – Live in the Northeast
15. **Lee "Scratch" Perry** – Scratch Came, Scratch Saw, Scratch Conquered
16. **Desolation Wilderness** – White Light Strobing
17. **Past Lives** – Strange Symmetry
18. **Various Artists** – Putumayo Presents: Acoustic Arabia
19. **Still on the Hill** – Ozark
20. **Michael Falzarano** – We Are All One
21. **Melissa Ferrick** – Goodbye Youth
22. **Lucky Dube** – Retrospective
23. **Trio Romen** – The Russian Gypsy Queen
24. **Byther Smith** – Blues on the Moon
25. **Grampall Jookabox** – Ropéchain
26. **Other Lives** – S/T E.P.
27. **Danielson** – Trying Hartz
28. **Rathbone** – A Life Transparent
29. **Younger Sister Band** – The Lady Wins Again
30. **Vic Chesnutt, Elf Power, and the Amorphous Strums** – Dark Developments

~ NICKI SABALU

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Hodgepodge of reviews

by DIMITRI ANTONELIS-LAPP

A lot happened this past week: turned in a six-page rough draft, went to Enum-scratch for the weekend, made Bass-Ackwards Mushroom soup, and realized it was Fragile Wednesday (which consisted of me crying into my beef stroganoff at The Place). Instead of picking one topic to drone on about, I picked several to belabor, but you should be able to get through all of them. Enjoy—"a spoonful of sugar helps the newspaper go down!"

MUSIC: My newfound Olympia friends gave me a local album on a temporary Halloween loan, and it's my new favorite CD. I'm going to have you guess the name, instead of me be like, "Oh my God, that local band blank-in-the-blank-blank are like, so epic! Blllecccchhhh, listen to me word-vomit about the local scene!"

Seriously though, the album art is a collage of activities that can literally only be done in the shadows. If you scooped the album up when it was new, you probably saw them play it live about a year ago (when they still played the clubs).

Their songs are as if someone banged a hammer against a crane tower, scratched a harmonica against a washboard, and screamed like the seventh level of hell was chewing on someone's neck. Pummeling, brutal, dark, and neck-breaking: these are some words people might use to describe this band. They are able to drive back the forces of evil with their epic hands vigorously grasping the air, but...might they actually be evil themselves? If a defibrillator could be a band, this is who they would be: completely unforgiving, life changing, battery-boosting, face-melting, drooling, power-charged metal. This album alternates its songs between making me want to kill something inside a black hole, and wanting to pick flowers with angels on a cloudy day (not the gray-fog clouds, but dark-blue probably going to rain clouds). All in all, this album is so astounding that it makes me want to fly towards the sun just so I can burn up in a huge cacophony of sound. Pick it up.

FOOD: Dutch Taco. It sounds like one of those dirty sex legend-myth-rumors you hear thirteen-year-old boys giggle about—something their friend's babysitter's lawyer did to his girlfriend last week. (Think of them in your head)...Dutch Taco, oh wait, it fits better on this sort of list: mushroom quiche, Denver omelet, eggs Benedict, Dutch Taco. Not so down-and-out, recuperating at a

waffle cart in Portland, I came across this new food phenomenon. My Portland associates and I were loudly playing a word game, and waiting for our tacos to arrive. Oh did they. I ordered the THB, and got Thrown Hard Back against the proverbial, "I'm a food-head" wall. The Dutch Taco consisted of: TURKEY, HAVARTI, BACON, and MAPLE BUTTER, all wrapped up in a WAFFLE. Quiver, thy mortal taste buds, quiver. After devouring the first one, (and laughing maniacally), I turned to my friend Ryan Barnaby III (fake last name).

"Hey Ryan, what kind of taco should we go bite-for-bite for?" I pondered.

"I'm thinking savory," Ryan Barnaby III replied.

I made the order. After we destroyed a Black Forest Ham and Havarti taco, Portland had convinced me that Saturday was going to be as if this weekend got a specialty of two Sundays. Super-chill, with no rushing or math involved (especially Calculus II: The Redux). Thanks, Dutch Taco.

MOVIES: Head explosions, crowbar fights, blood puking, eyeball gouging, slow motion flashbacks, 12-year-old boys, Code Red, "fire at will"...

I'm not talking about what would have happened if McCain had won the election. WARNING: BOLD STATEMENT COMETH. I'm talking about the greatest horror movie of all time: "28 Weeks Later". You guessed it folks; I was blown away by blood-soaked Britain, this time for good. I plugged in the movie, and watched the first 30 seconds. "Wow, this is really intense." I watched it again. And again. "Oh boy, how did they know to repeat this scene over and over?" I thought, completely melted into the futon. "Oh wait, I should probably hit the 'play' button." Any movie that's DVD intro turns you into stone (à la Medusa) needs to be thrown into the spotlight. Begbie decides to have the decency to clean up his act, stop drinking pints with Spud and glassing dames, and makes a large appearance in the flick. His coup de grace is making out with his infected wife, and turning all of Great Britain into a bloody, mess (and FAST). "Begbie doesn't do drugs, he does people."

Stars baby, I'm seeing the first stars on the night of Shabbat, and giving them all to this movie. Congratulations "28 Weeks Later", you've been made. You made it to the big times: My Opinion, (and that counts the last time I checked. Oh hey-y, Obama!)

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Kayaking proves a peaceful meditation

An aquatic escape provides serene respite from ordinary worries, no experience needed

by ARISA NOGLER

It was a Saturday in late October, and I had pounds of homework ready to ambush me back at home, and another day of work waiting for me in the morning. All the pressures of everyday life were putting on their football helmets and readying the cheerleaders for another victory over my peace of mind. You know those days when your head hurts for no reason, you stub your toe on everything, and nothing sounds better than setting all your possessions on fire (homework included), and just watching them burn while thinking, *take that, real world*. During times like these I just want to spend a moment with George Castanza from "Seinfeld", ferociously yelling, "serenity now!"

At least I'm smart enough to know that it won't help me in the long run to rip every carefully-lined page out of every school-related notebook I own and adding them to a smoldering pile along with all my past evals and any semblance

of obligation I have to any entity, school, or person. But on days this bad, you have to do something. I do, anyway, because I don't have any desire to be stressed out, ever.

Enter kayaking. That Saturday in late October, I wasn't burning books and decorating my face with war paint, because instead of letting life drive me crazy, I went kayaking. And I learned something my schooling thus far has neglected to mention: kayaking is the best way to escape all the pretend stress and other mind-strangling artifices of the world as we know it. In a kayak, paddling leisurely along in no particular direction, in circles if I wanted to, with nothing but water, birds, seals, and the occasional island, I discovered what the world looks like when it's worry-free.

And it was awesome. It was that supreme "Aha!" moment, the light bulb of serenity, the ultimate discovery of pure Zen being. I was in the middle of Boston Harbor, far enough away from the marina that I could barely see the boats bobbing reluctantly against the docks, and far enough away from the shore that I couldn't see into anyone's front yard. The air was freezing and wonderful, my skin was rapidly turning deeper and deeper shades of pink, and I could finally *breathe*. I was untouchable. No teachers, no neighbors, no friends, no family,

no appointments, no commitments, just me, the water, the sky, and of course no beer stashed inside my kayak.

It was pretty easy, too. All I had to do was drive out to Boston Harbor Marina and I got two hours in my very own kayak for fifteen dollars. Included were the paddles, life jacket, and a crash course in How to Get Back In When You've Flipped Your Kayak In The Middle Of The Bay And No One Is Around.

The man doing the demonstrating made it sound pretty easy. Flip kayak over, balance paddle on kayak, use paddle as leverage to get back in—I had the instructions on a frenzied repeat in my head, trying to commit them word-for-word to memory. I'm an extremely cautious person. But once I'd stepped—very, very gingerly—into the kayak, my fears were assuaged. The kayak held my body so tightly and sturdily I couldn't help but trust it. And, really, I'm definitely no kayak

expert, but I don't see how you could flip a kayak over in the water unless you decided to suddenly stand upright in it or otherwise used it as an impromptu surfboard.


So that was it. I was off, I paddled aimlessly for two hours, thinking about nothing but the water, the sky, and making it to that tree-covered island which looked awesome but turned out to be a little too far away for my liking. I didn't get wet or stub any toes, and I found out what it feels like to be completely free. I found out nothing is really worth stressing about. Instead of stressing, just escape. It's much better for your overall health. And to anyone who thinks you can't go kayaking

in November, just put on some gloves. Being cold is half the fun anyway.

And when you're out there, alone in the middle of the water, you can yell "serenity now!" as loud as you want, and maybe you'll find it.

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Thursday, November 13

Bake sale to benefit the Women's Resource Center (WRC)!

Help support women and fund the WRC's free pregnancy tests, tampons, and pads. Main floor of the CAB, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Free lecture Krishnamai Jagganath, Disciple of Gandhi

Hosted by Common Bread. COM Recital Hall, 5 p.m.

Open mic night

Sign-up starts at 6 p.m. HCC 7 p.m.

The Angry Arab speaks on "President Obama and the Future of the Middle East"

Abu Khalil, freelance Middle East ABC and NBC News consultant and a disdainer of mainstream U.S. media, will lecture and discuss president-elect Obama and the future of the Middle East (angryarab.blogspot.com). Hosted by Students Educating Students About the Middle East (SESAME). Lecture Hall 5, 7 p.m.

Harmony Hill Cancer Program and Retreat Center concert

Fundraiser, donations encouraged! Traditions Café (300 5th Ave SW), 7 p.m.

Friday, November 14

Re-Energize the Northwest, A Regional Youth Climate Summit

Hosted by the Sierra Club of Seattle. To register and for more info: <http://cascade.sierraclub.org/node/1884>

Rain or Shine Student Walkout Against the War

Students, activists, and many guest speakers "will gather at the State Capitol to protest continued U.S. continued involvement in foreign occupation and to deliver the message to the newly elected president that we demand an end to the loss of life and wasted money overseas." Meet at SPSCC at 10 a.m. March to the Capitol at 11 a.m. Rally at the Capitol at noon. For more information: Walkout2008.blogspot.com

Hatha yoga practice

Free community yoga! CRC 314, 3 p.m. Contact Shon Murphy for more info: mursho29@evergreen.edu

Tibetan philosophical lecture

Tibetan Buddhist Lama, Anam Thupten Rinpoche. Hosted by Common Bread. Longhouse, 7 p.m.

Seattle Capoeira Angola workshop and roda

Rainier Beach Community Center (8825 Rainier Ave. S), 7 p.m. For more info: olycapoeira@riseup.net

Olympia all-ages benefit

Tender Forever, The Lovers, Explode into Colors, Romantek 508 Legion Way, 8 p.m. \$6

Saturday, November 15

Re-Energize the Northwest, A Regional Youth Climate Summit

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Afro-Brazilian Arts Festival and Mestre Pastinha Weekend

Honoring Mestre Pastinha, an Afro-Brazilian Capoeira Angola master, this festival will include Capoeira Angola, Samba Dance, Brazilian Percussion, and West African Dance workshops (all levels!) and films. One day \$20, 2 days \$30, and TESC student price for one workshop \$10. Sem II C4107: Capoeira Angola Workshop 10:30 a.m.-noon; Discussion/Film w/ Mestre Jurandir 1-2 p.m.; West African Dance w/ Awal Alhassen 2-3:30 p.m.; Capoeira Angola Workshop 4-5:30 p.m.; Closing Roda 6 p.m.

National Protest of Proposition 8

Featuring various speakers, rain or shine (bring umbrellas). Olympia City Hall (8th and Plum) 10:30 a.m. For more info: <http://jointheimpact.wetpaint.com>

Olympia Icarus Project

Explore community alternatives to mental health care and other solutions to mental illnesses. Media Island International (816 Adams St), 5 p.m.

Viking Moses at the Finger Complex

It's a show—you should show. Eleanor Murray, Golden Ghost, Ben Kamen, and Annah. The Finger Complex (203 Rogers St. NW, Harrison and Rogers), 7 p.m. \$3-\$5

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Facilitation and skills workshop

Open to the entire community, w/ speaker Grace Cox. Longhouse, Cedar Room, noon-3 p.m.

Monday, November 17

Careers in psychology and social work ;workshop and panel presentation

Open forum, question-and-answer, and presentations from various psychological and social workers. Sem II B1105, noon-2 p.m.

Hatha yoga practice

Monday yogic philosophy discussion and subsequent community yoga! CRC 314, discussion at 2 p.m. and yoga at 3 p.m.

Poetry SLAM!

A Gateways for Incarcerated Youth benefit. \$5 student, \$7 general admission, donations at door. Cedar Room (Longhouse), 6-10 p.m.

35 Years of Queer!

Gay bingo, cake, and good times with the Evergreen Queer Alliance (EQA) founder and fellow grads. Hosted by the EQA. Longhouse, 7 p.m.

FREE 2nd Annual Anti-Sweatshop Film Festival

Every Monday this November—this week is "Made in L.A." w/ Alameda Carrecedo and Robert Bahar. Sponsored by South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign. Traditions Café (300 5th Ave SW), 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18

"Tuesday is Blues Day"

Music of love and melancholy. KAOS Radio 89.3 FM 3-5 p.m.

Free bike class: hubs

Weekly bike maintenance classes and workshops. Evergreen Bike Shop, the basement of the CAB, 5-7 p.m.

Citizens' Initiative for Peace in Columbia

"An educational evening w/ short films. 'Resistencia: Hip-Hop in Colombia' about the Colombian youth movement, 'U'Wa V. Oxy' about the struggle of the indigenous population, and a Q&A session w/ a former Colombian resident. What role is the U.S. Government playing in Colombia? What can we do to support nonviolent struggle in Colombia?" Sem II A1105, 6-8 p.m. For more info: olyamnesty@riseup.net

Wednesday, November 19

Bi-monthly clean energy meeting

Deadline for clean energy grant applications is at noon. Lab II 1250, 3 p.m.

Geoduck Student Union meeting

Sem II E 1105, 1-4 p.m.

Information. Inspiration. Action.

The struggle for democracy in El Salvador. Hosted by Olympia CISPES. 1-3 p.m. Lecture Hall 1

Hatha yoga practice

Free community yoga! CRC 314, 3 p.m.

Study abroad workshop: The Jackson School at the UW

Sem II A2107, 4-5 p.m.

"Cobra"

Film screening brought to you by Mindscreen. Lecture hall 1, 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 20

"The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert"


"It's friggin' fantastic!" says Brian Fullerton. Bring two non-perishable food items for admission. Lecture hall 1, 7 p.m.

Open mic night


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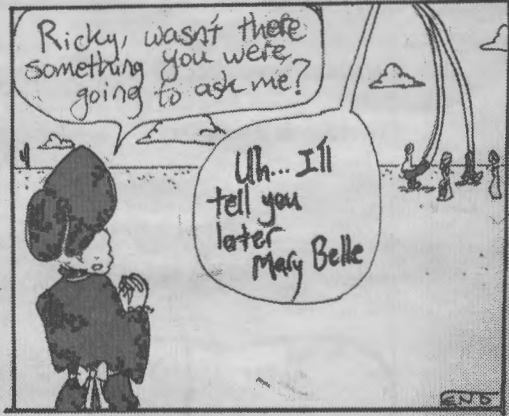
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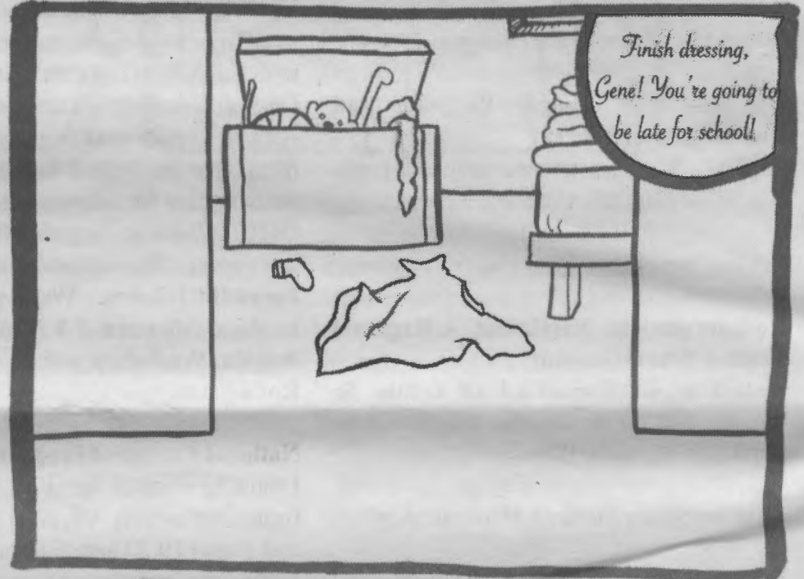


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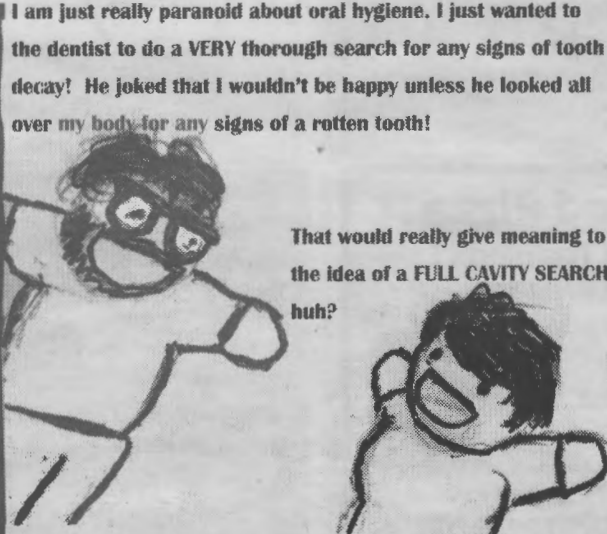
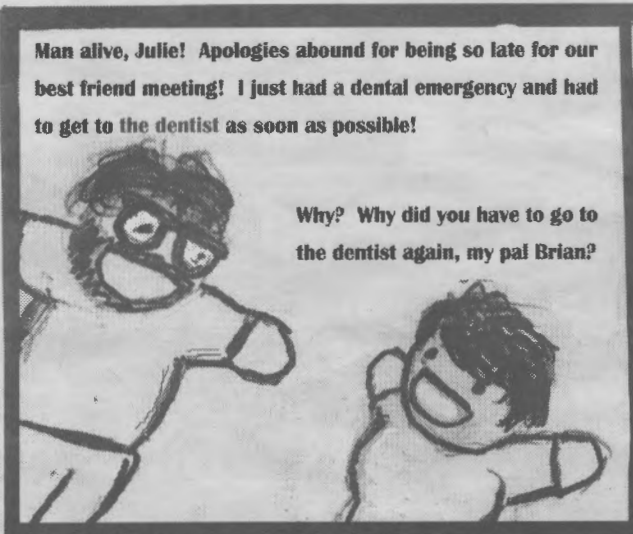


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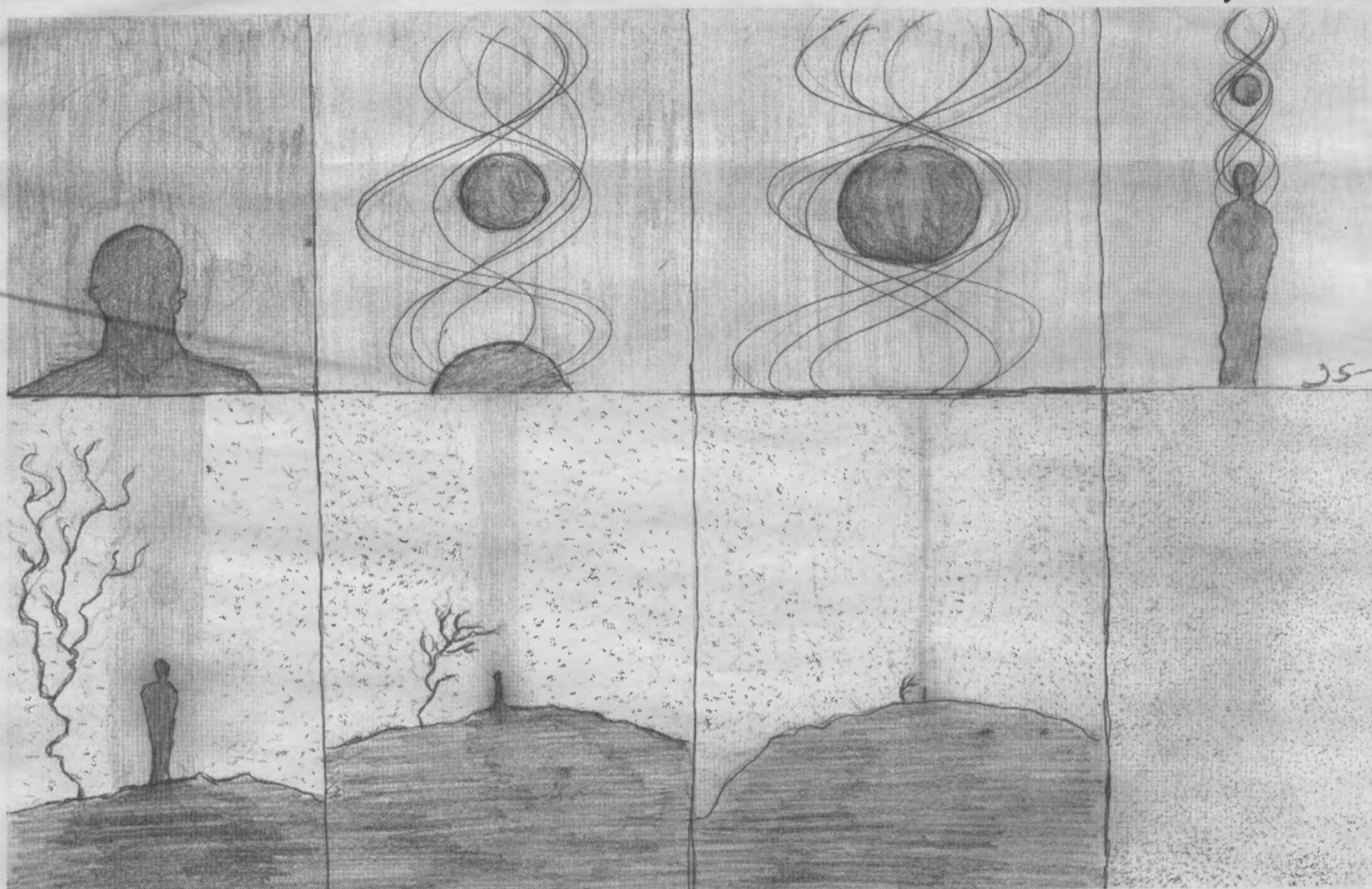
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Island Nature

The salt-water waves
Love my legs,
They love the
Millions of grains
Of sand
That gradually move
Up and down
With them.

And my legs love
The salty waves,

The water doesn't judge
Or ask questions,
It never rushes
My legs
Pressuring them
To move in
Certain ways,
The water

Calmly licks my legs
Wrapping them

In the warm salty
Sensation.
The nature here
Is humble,
Surprisingly enough
Since the compliments
Flood it daily.
The nature here

Doesn't seem
To need

Much care,
Much attention.
The different components
Live together peacefully.
But of everything,
Of all the
Nature here,
I missed the

Clouds
The most.

They're free
But in a
Unique way.
Some huddle together,
But mostly they
Just look relaxed.
They provide shade
When they feel

Like it,
But the clouds here
Are layered,
Vast light fluffy clouds
Are spread about
The sky,
All of them
Agreeing

How beautiful
The islands are.

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