

THE SOCIAL CONTRACT - COLLEGE PHILOSOPHY

(WAC 174-121-010)

(1) GENERAL:

Evergreen is an institution that continues to organize itself so that it can clear away obstacles to its mission. The institution can be focused on education, and so the campus community can best reflect the goals and of governance and can be consonant with these goals and

(2) PURPOSE:

- (a) Evergreen can thrive only if the rights of others while pursuing their own rights. Students, faculty, administrators, and members may differ with specific interests, in the degree and kind of interests, in which they have agreed to participate in the community. It is important to bring to Evergreen those interests which they have obtained through the community. It is important to take in prizing accuracy and honesty, in responsibly obtaining and accurate information. It is important to recognize differences through dialogue and accurate information. It is important to bring to Evergreen those interests which they have obtained through the community. It is important to take in prizing accuracy and honesty, in responsibly obtaining and accurate information. It is important to recognize differences through dialogue and accurate information.
- (b) The community should support the development of new and better ways to achieve its purposes. Specifically, it must attempt to create the sense of community and require members of the campus community to play mutual, reciprocal, and reinforcing roles in both the teaching/learning process and in the governance process.

(3) FREEDOM AND CIVILITY:

The individual members of the Evergreen community are responsible for protecting each other and visitors on campus from physical harm, from personal threats, and from uncivil abuse. Civility is not just a word; it must be present in all our interactions. Similarly, the institution is obligated, both by principle and by the general law, to protect its property from damage and unauthorized use and its operating processes from interruption. Members of the community must exercise the rights accorded them to voice their opinions with respect to basic matters of policy and other issues. The Evergreen community will support the right of its members, individually or in groups, to express ideas, judgments, and opinions in speech or writing. The members of the community, however, are obligated to make statements in their own names and not as expressions on behalf of the college. The board of trustees or the president speaks on behalf of the college and may at times share or delegate the responsibility to others within the college. Among the basic rights of individuals are freedom of speech, freedom of peaceful assembly and association, freedom of belief, and freedom from intimidation, violence, and abuse.

(4) INDIVIDUAL AND INSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Each member of the community must protect:

- The fundamental rights of others in the community
- The right of each member in the community to pursue different learning objectives within the limits defined by Evergreen's curriculum or resources of people, materials, equipment, and money;
- The rights and obligations of Evergreen as an institution established by the state of Washington; and
- Individual rights to fair and equitable procedures when the institution acts to protect the safety of its members.

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DISORIENTATION

MANUAL

DIS-INTRODUCTION:

What you have in your hands is the third annual Evergreen disorientation manual, inspired by similar manuals distributed at Reed College, UW-Madison, UC-Berkeley, and MIT. Many, many people contributed their time, energy, thoughts, writings, and resources to this manual. Many thanks to all of them: this manual would not have been possible without the energies of countless individuals.

To those of you who are looking for a college free from the larger political, economic, and social hierarchies of our culture, we have disappointing news: EVERGREEN IS NOT AS "OPEN" AND "RADICAL" AS YOU MAY HAVE BEEN LEAD TO BELIEVE. This manual is an attempt by students, student organizations, and community members to present a more accurate and balanced portrayal of what Evergreen is all about.

Our intent is to disorient you with respect to the traditional ways of viewing and using the college. Too often, the glossy, sanitized materials assembled by the Admissions Office fail to provide a realistic, balanced picture. We want to show you a side to Evergreen that the administration and the folks who put together orientation materials will not show you. Our intent is not to orient you to a particular perspective, but to encourage curiosity and critical analysis of Evergreen and of the greater Olympia community.

We are also trying to help you move out of what could otherwise be a very confining position as a student at Evergreen. The college and university system is a reflection of society in both structure and function: a tremendous hierarchy that perpetuates the larger political, economic, and social hierarchies of our culture.

However, your experience at Evergreen does not have to be confining: by taking a critical attitude to everything you encounter here (your education, your social interactions, where you buy your food, the administration, this manual, and so on) you can take control of your experience at Evergreen and turn it into a tool of empowerment.

"The university will be able to make its contribution to a free society only to the extent that it overcomes the temptation to conform unthinkingly to the prevailing patterns of power and privilege."

-Noam Chomsky



You're here, now what?

Where does the money in your bank account go?

In information that you get from the Evergreen Admissions Office and representatives of SeaFirst Bank, who often table in the CAB, SeaFirst may seem like the best choice for where to put your money. Indeed, SeaFirst has two cash machines in the CAB and one at the Housing Community Center. SeaFirst, however, like all commercial banks, can do whatever it wants with your money.

Political contributions to the Republican Party are one way that SeaFirst uses your money. As a subsidiary of Bank of America, one of the world's largest financial institutions, active in 38 countries, another way SeaFirst uses your money is by investing and giving loans to governments like that of Indonesia, until recently known for its human rights abuses and military dictatorship.

Perhaps worst of all, Bank of America is linked to the World Bank - an institution that poses as "humanitarian," but whose "conditional" loans to "Third World" countries lead to poverty and exploitation. As the economic watchdog Global Exchange wrote in their recent report *Why the World*

Bank Must Be Reformed and How We Can Do It:

"Evidence from many countries shows that the policies promoted by the World Bank are disastrous.

Whether you look at poor countries such as Somalia, Rwanda,

and Mozambique, or well-endowed countries such as Ghana, Brazil, and the Philippines, the policies pushed by the World Bank have worsened conditions for the majority."

The Evergreen State college has an exclusive contract with SeaFirst Bank. That's why

there are *only* SeaFirst ATMs on campus. Employee pensions are saved in SeaFirst accounts, and the funds for student worker paychecks (as they sit around for a month at a time) provide usable capital for Bank of America projects.

In 1997, Evergreen students began finding out the *reality* about SeaFirst Bank. Some began discussing the possibility of pressuring the college to end its contract - a campaign yet to be seriously started. In the winter of 1998, the Olympia-Chiapas Solidarity Organization initiated a Mexico divestment campaign to pressure the government of Mexico to respect the rights of indigenous citizens in Chiapas, Mexico. Bank of America is one of the largest investors in the Mexican economy. In response to this, some Evergreen students began closing their accounts at SeaFirst. In the fall of 1998, encouraged by the 2nd Annual Disorientation Manual, countless students avoided SeaFirst altogether. We hope the trend continues -and grows.

Financial institutions are *not* created equally. Some are much better than others. In Olympia, there *is* an alternative to SeaFirst available for all Evergreen students and employees of the State: the Washington State Employees Credit Union (WSECU), located downtown at 400 E. Union Avenue. Call them at 943-7911, or stop by to set up an account. Once you are a member, you can always be a member- even after you graduate. And you can use the SeaFirst ATMs on campus to access your funds in WSECU for free!

How do you get your books cheap?

As a new student, one of the first priorities is where to buy your schoolbooks. Naturally, you turn to the TESC bookstore for help: you know they will have all the books for your class, and they are close. Think more carefully, though. As a student you need the cheapest books possible.

TESC classes tend to use original texts and not very many anthologies or textbooks (unless you



are in the sciences or advanced arts). Therefore, it is quite easy to go to a used bookstore to find class readings -and it is much, much cheaper.

Olympia has several used bookstores. Two of these are Browsers Book Shop (357-7462; 107 Capitol Way) and Orca Books (352--123, 509 4th Ave).

Orca Books is best for several reasons. First, Orca receives a listing of all the current quarter required books for Evergreen classes, and the ones they don't have on hand, they'll special order. Generally speaking, as long as it is not a macrobiology textbook, or a rare Orissi dance technique book from India, Orca will have it in stock for you. Second, even if it is a new book which they have special ordered for you, as a student you get 10% off the cover price -that's 10% off what you would have paid at the TESC bookstore.

Lastly, at Orca you can trade your books in, getting trade credit equal to half the price they will sell the book for. At the TESC bookstore, because books are not generally re-used by different classes as they are at other colleges, they can only offer you a mere 10-15% of the original cost of the book if it is not being used again (if it is being used again, they will give you one half the original price). And, if you want cold hard cash at Orca, you can trade in your credit at any time for one half its amount-giving you one quarter the original price of the book. Better yet is to save your Orca credit and use it the next time classes roll 'round, and the dilemma of where to buy your schoolbooks again rears its costly head.

Where can you get your bike fixed?

Check out the Evergreen Bike Shop, a student-run cooperative (this means you get to work on your bike yourself). It also means that the super-friendly folks helping you aren't paid -they're there because they like bikes. The volunteers run from bicycle geniuses to people who just want to see the shop stay open.

The shop is located in the basement of the CAB (get in the elevator and press "B") and is equipped with mechanic's bike stands, basic repair

parts (tubes, patches, cables, bearings, grease, and repair manuals) and a comprehensive array of tools at your mercy. All of this is made available to you for one easy installment of \$5 per quarter or \$2 per visit. This helps fund the magical bottomless vat of grease, and buy new and confusing tools.

The bike shop is a do-it-yourself place, but if you don't feel confident, or are unsure how to do a repair, the volunteers are always ready to help you, or smile, shrug, and direct you to a manual. One important caveat: Its a volunteer-shop so the posted hours aren't always accurate (try calling 866-6000 x6399).

What are Sound Hours?

Does the ubiquitous commercialism and corporate profiteering today make you dream of a different economic system? Does the disgusting amount of personal wealth generated by software moguls and currency traders make you want to subvert the capitalist paradigm? Well, there is an alternative economy at work here in Olympia that you can take part in.

The Sound Exchange, based on the Local Exchange Trading System, or LETS, has been up and running now since December 1996. There are currently 500 members who offer their services in a myriad of categories from haircuts and babysitting to webpage design and Permaculture workshops. Some local businesses participate in the system as well, accepting either all or a portion of your bill in Sound Hours, the local currency.

The system works by allotting a specific dollar amount (\$10) per hour for all services, putting everyone on equal footing (although some professionals charge more). There is a newsletter and member/services offered listing to keep everyone aware of what is offered and by whom. You can contact Sound Exchange at 120 State Ave. NE #1444; Olympia, WA 98501 or stop by Traditions Cafe at the corner of 5th and Water on Mondays between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Become a member now and start changing our economic system to a locally based and person oriented economy today. Their website is www.olywa.net/vision/

Dissection at Evergreen?

The issue of dissection is a highly debatable one in educational institutions everywhere. Many have chosen, due to student and public pressure, to adopt alternative methods to the use of animals. These have often proven to be equally or more conducive to learning, as well as more ethically and economically sound. Arguing against claims that the exploitation of animals is necessary for scientific study, organizations such as the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine are leading the battle to gain rights for all students to pursue alternatives to killing for science. California, Florida, Pennsylvania, and New York all have laws protecting the student's right to chose alternative methods. These may include anatomical models, videos, slides, charts, books, computer programs, and non-animal projects. Although many faculty at Evergreen do approve these types of alternative study, some require dissection or other exploitative practices for credit or even admission into the program. There is currently

no policy protecting the students' right to choose alternatives here at the "liberal" Evergreen State College. If you or anyone you know are affected by this situation and are in danger of losing credit or compromising your beliefs, EARN (the Evergreen Animal Rights Network) can help! Please contact us at 866-6000 x6555 for more information.

Because the facts are not always stated in the Evergreen catalog, we are providing a list of 1999-2000 programs that **do** involve some type of animal use. This information may be limited due to communication problems with some faculty, so please consult your faculty for more details. Please note that although EARN is ethically opposed to all animal exploitation, including dissection, the issue we are mainly concerned with at this time is the adoption of a policy at TESC that would ensure the student's ability to pursue faculty-approved alternatives. If you would like to be involved in this campaign, feel free to contact EARN or come to our weekly meetings starting the first week of fall quarter.

Program Title	Type of Animal Use	Alternatives?	Faculty
Entomology	Killing insects. Shrews or salamanders may get caught in traps and starve to death.	None	John Longino
Herpetology	Dissection of reptiles and amphibians; mostly roadkill	Possibly; consult faculty	Steve Herman
Marine Life: Marine Organisms and Their Environments	Collection of marine specimens, possible dissection of crayfish, mussels, etc.	Possible plant study option	Dave Milne, Erik Thuesen
Intro to Natural Science	Possible dissection for biology credit	Plant study option	Burt Guttman, TBA

WHAT YOUR MONEY BUYS IN OLYMPIA: This guide is an attempt to help you spend your dollars wisely in Olympia. As consumers we must realize that one of the realities open to us is to vote with our money

MONEY!
HELL IT MAY BE
SPLATTERED RED WITH
THE BLOOD OF THE
EXPLOITED. BUT IT STILL
LOOKS GREEN TO ME.

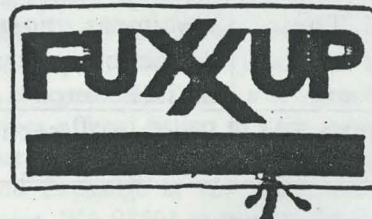


and let companies know what you are/are not buying and why. We don't just buy a product with a purchase; we not only support an economic system with it, but we also support the working conditions and the political environment of the company as well. This guide is meant to help connect you with the history of activism that has gone on here and continues to go on throughout the world. Not everything in the world is covered here, and nothing was intentionally left out even though much is left out. There are no easy answers and this is not meant as a substitute for grassroots organizing on behalf of the environment, workers, and other facets of our world and society.

CHAIN STORES SUCK. This guide presumes your familiarity with the problems associated with chain stores, such as money leaving the community, having bad environmental practices, and they are generally anti-union and pay low wages. You know then as McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Olive Garden, Target, Sears, 7-11, Home Depot, Top Foods, Safeway, Hollywood Video, SeaFirst Bank, etc.

A LITTLE ABOUT THRIFT STORES: Value Village gathers its items for sale through citizen donations made through telemarketing on behalf of non-profits groups, such as the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC). Value Village, as a for-profit business, buys the donations with some money trickling back to the non-profits. Goodwill industries gathers its items directly from citizen donations and uses the money it raises as a non-profit to train the disadvantaged. Salvation Army gathers its items directly from citizen donations and uses the money as a non-profit to rehabilitate alcoholics on the condition that they accept God as the solution, among other things. Both Goodwill and Salvation Army "employ" community service workers, which through referral by the courts, work without payment for a certain number of hours.

GASOLINE IS BAD. There is really no such thing as a "PC" gas station, so pick your evil wisely. Shell continues to destroy the African nation of Nigeria and Shell never divested from Apartheid South Africa. Texaco continues to plunder the Ecuadorian and Burmese tropical rainforests and recently was sued for racial discrimination. Arco continues to do business in Burma. UNOCAL continues to do business in Burma. BP is the largest producer of toxic waste in Ohio with the single most polluting plant in the Northeastern US and BP is leading the charge to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Chevron is a major funder of the "wise-use" movement, which promotes mining, drilling, logging, and other destructive practices in environmentally sensitive areas and continues to destroy the African nation of Nigeria. Exxon is responsible for the largest oil spill and pushed most of the cost of the clean-up on tax-payers.



THE SMALL BUSINESSES: Local stores keep money local. However, they also promote certain agendas and have taken sides on social issues. The Olympia Food Co-Op is fairly consistent in their positions of

supporting social justice, perhaps because it is in their mission. Another source to look at is the Sound Exchange to see which businesses support a local economy and currency.

Some downtown businesses have formed the Olympia Downtown Association and have initiated and lobbied the city to enact certain targeted laws:

- 1986- Criminalization of Skateboarding downtown.
- 1987- Outlawing of Teen Dance Clubs.
- 1990- Criminalization of Loud Car Stereos.
- 1991- Outlawing of Cruising.
- 1003- Criminalization of "Aggressive Panhandling".
- 1994/5- Attempted Stop of Transitional Housing for Homeless.
- 1995- Proposed Criminalization of Car Camping.
- 1995- Proposed Outlawing of Fortified Wine.
- 1996- Outlawing of OAPP Needle Exchange.
- 1996/7- Attempted Banning of Sitting on the Sidewalk.
- 1999- Ongoing Criminalization of Graffiti.

Below the good news (+) comes first in each category, followed by the names of businesses that have taken bad social justice positions on particular issues (-).

Businesses in Support of Graffiti Walls:

(+) Chris' New Moon Cafe, Dumpster Values, Midnight Sun, Old School Pizzeria, Olympia Film Society, Otto's Bagels, Thekla.

No Sitting on the Sidewalk Ordinance:

(+) Opponents: Always Safe and Lock, Brown and Balsley Sign, Bulldog News, Cascadia Research, Childhood's End, Danger Room Comics, Earth Magic, Five Corners, Fuji Teriyaki, Haut Hats, Jamie Lee and Co., K Records, Kill Rock Stars, Kundalini Coffee, M&M Second Hand, Midnight Sun, Mini Saigon, Old School Pizzeria, Tee's Me, MIXX 96, Whole Earth Imports, Working Systems Inc., Yo Yo Productions.

(-) Supporters: The Spar, Washington Center, Dean Witter's, King Solomons, Gold's Gym, Jo Mama's, Coast Office Supplies.

OAPP Needle Exchange:

(+) The conspicuous supporter was Proffitt's Cafe (under former ownership who is now Chris' New Moon Cafe).

Low Income Housing Project:

(+) Supporters: Traditions Cafe, David Stein & Associates, Thekla, Danger Room Comics, Electric Rose Tattoo, Five Corners, Positively 4th Street, Popinjay, Bulldog News, Fish Brewing, Budd Bay Realty, Radiance, Archibald, Jamie Lee & Co., Looks Hair Design.

(-) Opponents: Applebaum Violin Shop, Audio Northwest, B&B Auto, Bartels, Castle Enterprises, CD Connection, Chatterry Down, Coast Office Supplies, Cuda Construction, Deskoba Inc., Especially Made Designs, Hodges Inc., Jinjor, JR Roofing, Key Bank, Koehler's Furniture, Little Richards, Lynch Paint, Olympia Printing, Panowicz, Pizzazz, Purely Physical, Salvation Army, Storman's (Bayview and Ralph's Thriftway), Urban Onion, US Marine Sales, Walt's Radiator, Washington Center, Washington Travel, Wind Up Here.

Farmworker Boycott (WA Winery):

(+) Supporters: Ben Moore, Chatterry Down, Gardners, Henry C's, Jo Mama's, Patrick's, Urban Onion.
(-) Particularly nasty opponents include Budd Bay, Genoas, St. Martin's, Coast Office Supply, Olive Garden.

Farmworker Boycott (OR's PCUN Gardenburger):

(+) Supporters: Olympia Food Co-Op, TESC, Budd Bay, Darby's, Sara's Kitchen, Piper's Lady.
(-) Opponents: Urban Onion, Falls Terrace.

(-) **Anti-Union Establishments:** Urban Onion, The Spar, Capital Coachman, Henry C's, Elysse's Potpourri, Burrito Heaven.

(+) **Carpool/Pedestrian Incentive:** Jo Mama's

(+) **Boycott China Products:** Traditions Cafe.

Question Everything.

LITTLE JESUS FISHES SHOULD BE "DISAPPEARED": A number of local self-employed types advertise with a Jesus fish in the yellow pages. Check there before you give them a call. They are involved in home and chimney cleaning, electricians, plumbers, auto sales, nurseries, computers, and more (there are about 50 total).

The following businesses helped fund Luis Palau's visit to Olympia, a man associated with the Promise Keepers: Paul McLain of RE/MAX, Tumwater Automotive, Capital Communications Industries, Cornerstone Surveying, Vision Health, Brazel's Plum Street Chevron, B-J Fishers Plumbing Inc., Mills & Mills, The Barn, Cambridge Financial Services, Crains Office Supply, The Place, KC Soward, People's Choice, Black Hills Spas, Affordable Pest Management, Eagle Quest/PAC Golf, Olympia Outfitters, Falcone Schwinn, Gold's Gym, Heath's Flowerland, Pacific Floral, Fox's Limited, Amy's Attic, Family Memories, Capital City Automotive, Fast Track Chevron, Chapel of Grace.

IF YOU ARE, OR EVER WILL BE A STUDENT WORKER, READ THIS!

Warning: The Evergreen administration has a history of dismissing student worker concerns, condoning wrongful firing, and failing to follow their own policies. Contact the Union of Student Workers to help you wade through the bureaucracy and inconsistency of the Evergreen administration.

Student workers are an essential part of the daily operation of the school. Without the 850 student workers, the school simply could not function. Collectively, we are very powerful!

For the past five years, we have been actively organizing the Union of Student Workers into an independent, democratic, and collective union to advocate for all student workers on campus. While USW is made up of individual workers, it strives to address problems that all student workers have in common.

In the past, student workers have had to deal with issues of late pay increases, mistreatment by supervisors, and wrongful termination. **THIS TREATMENT IS NOT OKAY!** If you experience this, know that the Union will advocate for you and support you in the assertion of your rights.

Students have very little say in how the employment system is run, despite the lip service Evergreen gives to collective decision making and the fostering of an experimental community.

Bi-Monthly Paychecks: A Brief History

During the 1997-98 academic year, the union had two meetings with the administration to present issues vital to many student workers, including: pay increases, twice monthly paychecks, treatment, and the recognition of the union. After we got no response we decided to focus on the bi-monthly paycheck issue because it is important to many workers and it also addresses the issue of accessibility to education. Student workers felt that we deserved to be paid twice monthly, like all other Evergreen employees and all student workers in the

state of Washington. The paycheck issue was large enough that it affected many people and was tangible enough that the victory could be used to gain strength and build networks of communication to help us address many of the other very important issues.

1999: The Big Meeting

In the fall of 1998, USW organized a mass meeting between student workers and the administration to address the paycheck issue. The union requested that the administration let each student worker off work to attend the meeting. USW saw one of its first victories when this request was granted. The meeting turned out an overwhelming 400 people (video tape of meeting available in USW office). At the meeting, USW presented its proposal for a manageable and affordable way to change the pay schedule. Despite the well-researched proposal, overwhelming support by student workers, the community, and a series of written agreements with descending levels of commitment, the administration would agree to nothing. Immediately after the meeting a group of 100 students gathered on Red Square to debrief about the meeting. Angered by the lack of response, 75 of them piled into VP of Student Affairs, Art Constantino's office and demanded that he sign a statement with them. He agreed to meet again in the weeks following (all events recorded in USW scrapbook).

The Back Lash

Some student workers felt that USW put the administration "on the spot", were too

aggressive, or did not give them sufficient time to speak at the meeting. When these concerns are raised, it is important to understand the administration had dismissed student worker issues for many years and that other tactics had been exhausted. It is also important to know that USW submitted the proposal to every administrator attending, four days prior to the meeting, giving them sufficient time to review it. Lastly, VP of Student Affairs Art Constantino complained that they were not given enough time to speak, but as can be seen in the film, they did not use all their allotted time and were even asked to elaborate by the facilitator.

Negotiations

In the following meeting both the administration and USW made concessions. USW agreed to be a part of a Disappearing Task force (DTF) to research student employment. In return the USW made amendments to the DTF agenda, and union representatives to be placed on the DTF. USW has been wary of the DTF because we feel it could be used to stall and dilute organizing momentum. In addition, the recommendation of the DTF is only a recommendation, and may or may not be recognized. USW decided not to stand in the way of the DTF, but to continue organizing, believing strongly that if this change is made it is because of the organizing efforts and not because of a benevolent administration.

The Victory

During seventh week of spring quarter 1999, as agreed upon between the USW and the Evergreen administration, the student employment DTF had a public forum to release their recommendations. As USW had pressured for, the DTF recommended an installation of a student employment office and twice monthly paychecks. Because of student worker organizing, this recommendation will not remain merely a recommendation. This office will be in place for fall of 1999, once the office staff have settled in they will begin bi-monthly paychecks. **This is the first**

MAJOR victory for ALL student workers!!!
Without constant pressure in numbers, the administration would never have felt inclined to make this change happen. They may contend that it would have happened either way, but the organizers who began trying to make change years ago know that this is not the case.

The Bigger Picture

USW believes that one of the largest barriers in society is inaccessibility to education. The issue of access is central to the current labor struggle on campus. The administration maintains that working conditions are sufficient because many students receive money from parents to help sustain themselves during school. While some students do receive assistance from their parents, assuming that all students receive such assistance excludes working class students, students with children, and keeps college and student jobs out of the hands of the people who need them. By organizing around these issues in our community we can challenge the current economic systems which make rich people richer and keep poor people out of college and poorer.

Connections

The Union of Student Workers stands firmly against all forms of oppression, recognizing that racism, classism, sexism, heterosexism, and ableism are at work systematically in our society. USW works to recognize and undo these systems, and in doing so, hopes to be a part of an evolving labor movement and make unifying connections across communities and issues.

The union has regular organizing efforts. Look for them standing in the payday line, every payday, singing up new members, join their e-mail list, come to weekly meetings, sign a union card, or talk to your work station liaison! Or, give them a call at 866-6000 x6098.

ADVICE FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR

Brothas! Sistas! Feel lost in a sea of White?

Evergreen boasts of its diversity, but as one staff member observed, "Evergreen is alternative, not diverse". The percentage of students of color presented by the school included students on the Tacoma campus and students who are enrolled in study-abroad programs. So, many misled students of color find themselves feeling isolated and under-represented.

One of the educational tools we have at Evergreen is seminar. We are supposed to gain insight on our studies by listening to our peers' interpretations. Yet, an overwhelming majority of Greeners are from white upper middle class liberal families. Your typical Greener misses out on many perspectives. Students of color often face tokenism and are labeled race-obsessed. Students of color who are listened to when they share often feel like their points are quickly abandoned. This is because Greeners generally lack experience with people from other ethnicities, cultures, and classes, so they don't know how to further the discussion.

Many students of color entering Evergreen find that Greeners are highly interested in "ethnic" ideologies and, more commonly, "ethnic" products. We also find that these people are entirely unaware of these objects' historical and spiritual context and are separated from the people whose culture these products come from (sometimes, they even have prejudices against them). This often leads to cultural appropriations,

stealing someone else's culture, which is especially fucked up when it is used for artistic recognition or for profit. Students of color have also expressed disappointment because they feel many of the other students of color are disconnected from their ethnic communities and often lack pride.

Students of color often feel as if there are absolutely no traces of our heritage in Olympia. We cannot find people that look like us, movie theaters that play our movies, bookstores that sell ethnocentric material, barbers and hairstylists that know how to work with our hair, religious establishments that reflect our heritage, grocery stores that sell our foods, and environments (clubs/malls) that are geared towards and accepting of our social habits. Students of color soon find that Lacey and Tacoma, which are both city bus accessible, provide them with some of the physical, social, and spiritual necessities that Olympia lacks.

However, Evergreen does provide services for students of color. **First People's Advising** (in Library 1400 or call 866-6000 x6467) provides personal and academic counseling. They have materials available and are an excellent resource for connecting students to other services. First People's also plans cultural events on and off campus, they welcome ideas and assistance from all students.



OLYMPIA'S VEGETARIAN FOOD CULTURE:

WHERE TO BUY FOOD:

Olympia Food Co-Op (westside)

Organic produce, deli, health & bulk foods. You can volunteer a few hours a week to get a discount.

921 N. Rogers/754-7666

open 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Olympia Food Co-Op (eastside)

The larger of the two Co-Ops. No deli, but it does have a salad bar.

3111 Pacific Ave/956-3870

Open 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

The Farmer's Market

Buy it from the people who grow it!

700 Capitol Way N/352-9096

Open Seasonally

Blue Heron Bakery

Vegan baked goods. On campus, the Branch sells some of their pastries.

4935 Mud Bay Road W./866-2253

Bayview Thriftway

Independently owned supermarket that has a good variety of natural foods as well as a bulk section and an organic produce section.

516 4th Ave W/352-4897

Bagel Brothers (& the dumpster outside)

Westside- 400 Cooper Point Road

352-3676

Eastside- 2302 E. 4th Ave

943-1726

PLACES TO EAT:

Mini Saigon: Vietnamese food with a

full vegetarian menu of tofu and fake meat, although the soups are made with chicken stock. Great appetizers.

111 Columbia St NW/709-0854

Food Not Bombs: Anti-militarism

organization that serves free vegan food.

To help cook: Sundays, 10:30 a.m. at

Bread & Roses (114 Cherry Street). To

eat: 12:30 in Sylvester Park (Capitol Way and Legion).

Otto's Bagels: Vegan friendly with tofu

spreads and scrambles. Overpriced, but at least they're spreading bagel culture in Oly, right?

111 Washington St NE/362-8640

Dancing Goats Espresso Co.

Cafe which often has vegan baked goods.

124 4th Ave E/754-8187

Maharaja Cuisine Inc.

20 minutes outside of Oly in Rochester, but its worth the distance.

19712 Old Highway 99 SW-Rochester

273-2442

Santosh Restaurant

Northern Indian cuisine

116 4th Ave W/943-3442

Sweet Oasis

Mediterranean food.

507 Capitol Way S/956-0470

Profitt's Cafe

Lots of vegetarian/vegan options for typical diner food.

406 4th Ave E/357-8187

Rambling Jack's

"Regional American Cuisine" with
vegetarian entrees.

4th Ave and Cherry

Open M-Th 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

F-Sat 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Sun 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sizzler

Just kidding.

Burrito Heaven

2103 Harrison Ave NW/956-3661

Red Apple Natural Foods

Mostly just an herbs/vitamins store, but it
does have a small sandwich, juice, and
smoothie bar.

400 Cooper Point Rd SW/357-8779

Bulldog News and Fast Espresso

Newspaper and magazine distributor with
a small cafe that sometimes has vegan
baked goods and is always supporting
local non-profits.

116 4th Ave/357-6397

Urban Onion

Self-proclaimed "natural food" vegetarian
friendly, but lacks vegan variety.

116 Legion Way/943-9242

Saigon Rendez-Vous

"Exotic Vietnamese Food" with a
vegetarian menu, fake-meat style.

117 5th Ave SW/352-1989

Open M-Sat 10:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Sun 12 - 9 p.m.

Secret Cafes

Some people run restaurants out of their
homes to make extra cash. Try to keep
your ears open for them because they are
usually vegetarian and vegan friendly.

Chris' New Moon Cafe

New restaurant in a string of them taking
over the old Pleasant Pheasant spot, none
of them have come close to being as
awesome as the Peasant, but this one does
have yummy tofu scramble and other
veggie options.

Across from Santosh on 4th and Columbia

Clancy's Columbia St. Pub

Mainly pub food, veggie burgers, etc, but
awesome Celtic music on Wednesday
night!

4th and Columbia/943-5575

What about waste management at Evergreen?

Waste Disposal: Evergreen has two forms of
waste disposal, recycling & landfilling. The
materials that go to the landfills include
trash, food scraps, excess food from Food
Services, and other miscellaneous debris.
Currently (Spring '99), the college landfills
approximately 17,140 lbs. per week of these
materials. Many materials included in this
category of "waste" are not useless items as
the definition of their title may suggest. The
food scraps and other organic matter sent to
be buried in the landfill have the potential to

be valuable
resources.
T h e s e
materials can
be recycled
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buried in the landfill they are contaminated
and the subsequently useless product is truly

← EAST

LEGION WAY

CHERRY ST

ADAMS ST

DOWNTOWN OLYMPIA

JEFFERSON ST

INTERNET

ORCA

CLUB
LIQUID

4th AVE →

BREAD
ROSS

CHERRY ST

JEFFERSON ST

PLANNED
PARENT-
HOOD

ADAMS ST

OLD
SCHOOL
PIZZERIA

← STATE AVE

WEST →

SYLVESTER
PARK

LEGION WAY

LEGION WAY

PERFORMANCE
ARTS
CENTER

WASHINGTON ST

CAPITOL WAY

Columbia St

5th AVE

5th AVE

CAPITAL
THEATER

THE KRA
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ENTER
HERE
(soon to move next
to Capital Theater)

METRO

4th AVE →

4th AVE →

THE STATE
THEATER

DANCING
GOAT
Bull
Dog

WASHINGTON ST

Capitol Way

COLUMBIA St

← STATE AVE

← STATE AVE

BUS TRANSIT
CENTER

otto's
Dumpster
Valves
Phantom
City
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is upstairs

TRINACRIA

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Midnight
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FARMERS
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waste.

The Evergreen Compost Project: To address this issue we can limit the materials we render as waste by landfilling them. Recovering resources such as food scraps from the "waste" stream is an economic benefit that confronts the problems with landfills and the closure of our county landfill. The Evergreen Compost Project began as a student effort and has now grown into a collaboration including administrators and staff who want to broaden the college's recycling program to include food scraps. The Compost Project has worked to develop an on-campus facility and program to handle all of Evergreen's food residuals, which is anticipated to be in operation by the Fall of

'99. The product that the facility would generate, by processing food scraps, would replace the manures, potting soils, and mulches bought by the Organic Farm, the Community Gardens, and

Grounds. For further information about composting on campus or how you can volunteer for the Evergreen Compost Project, contact the Environmental Resource Center at 866-6000 x6784.

Recycling: The recycling program began less than a decade ago and has evolved over the years into the system that serves us today, recycling about 50% of Evergreen's refuse, and continues to expand. A collection service has recently been arranged for Laser toner cartridges, which can be left next to any of the "S.M.A.R.T." recycling stations. You can buy recycled cartridges from the same company and can arrange a purchase through Cliff Hepburn

at x5048. Rechargeable Nickel Cadmium batteries, used in lap top computers, radios, and other electronics will soon be able to be recycled.

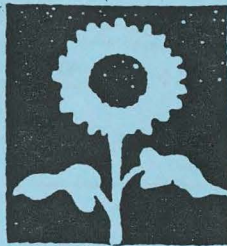
The college cannot recycle your car oil or oil filters, and these most definitely must be recycled, but Al's Auto and Schuck's Auto supply will recycle it for free; Al's also sells re-refined (recycled) oil that works well and is *way* cheaper. You can also buy and get rid of used building materials at "Second Use Building Materials" at 210 Thurston Ave (a great resource for student construction, art, and activism projects!).

Use of Non-Disposables: As anyone will notice within the first five minutes of their time in any of the food service locations (excluding the Greenery for the most part) there is an excessive use of disposable, chlorine-bleached paper products and likewise a complete array of plasticware. These products are not recycled. For example, the cups cannot be recycled due to the coating that lines them to retain heat and liquid. The production of these disposable, convenience-oriented paper containers demands the continued destruction of the forests around us. Chemicals and dioxins like chlorine, used in the bleaching process, are released into the environment,

compromising not only air and water quality, but immediate and latent health. The disposal of these containers, accompanied by their complementary plasticware, increases yet another problem:

overflowing landfills. These products of convenience have major consequences. We can eliminate our role in this process of environmental destruction by not participating in it. Bring your own cup, bowl,

**SUBVERT THE
DOMINANT
PARADIGM**



silverware, and plate. Frisbees work great, too. For many of the foods that are served in these paper containers, the containers are not even needed, like a sandwich that you can buy uncut, hold it in your hand, and thus you don't even need a plate. Sheet paper is also another material of excess on the campus. To eliminate wasted paper you can avoid printing short Internet findings and book searches that you can just as easily take notes on. The wasted paper generated by those who are not so considerate provides great notebook paper: it is clean, flat, often has space on both sides, and both the library and computer center have 3-hole punchers.

What can you do? There are several things we can do that will greatly improve the ecological stewardship and lessen the environmental impact of The Evergreen State College. You can:

- * not use disposable food containers and plasticware.
- * compost your food scraps and organic materials.
- * reuse your one-sided paper.
- * make notebooks, message pads, sketch pads, etc, from the discarded one-sided paper.
- * take class notes on both sides of your paper.
- * recycle all of your paper, corrugated cardboard, glass, plastic products, and soy/rice milk containers.
- * buy products with less packaging, like fresh or bulk foods.
- * recycle your car oil and buy recycled oil.

Why Do Campus Security Officers Carry Guns?

In the late 1980's, upper level Evergreen administrative folks began

discussing arming what was then called "Public Safety." It wasn't until the beginning of the 1995-96 academic year, however, that the arming of campus security was formally proposed by Thurston County Undersheriff Neil McClanahan, who was, at the time, also acting as Interim Director for Public Safety (eerie coincidence?). Art Constantino, Vice President for Student Affairs, then made his own formal recommendation for arming during Winter Quarter of that same year. Following Art's recommendation, there were several community forums to discuss the implications of arming.

During the first set of forums, growing anti-arming sentiment came to a head and the Community Action Group at Evergreen (CAGE), composed of students, parents, and other community members, was formed in response. CAGE was able to put together a petition composed of an unprecedented 1200 signatures of Evergreen community members opposed to arming Public Safety. There was also a large protest against arming on Red Square. It became clear that whether or not the administration believed Evergreen to be a dangerous environment requiring guns, the community largely did not.

After the first set of community forums, President Jane Jervis made her recommendation on to the



Board of Trustees supporting the arming of Public Safety. The Board of Trustees had a second set of community forums during Spring Quarter before making its decision. CAGE's organizing around these forums was some of the most effective and unified

in recent Evergreen History. Countless individuals turned out to express their opposition to giving Public Safety guns. Meanwhile, "NO GUNS" signs turned up everywhere. Despite widespread opposition, the Board of Trustees voted to recommend "limited arming" of Public Safety. Evergreen community members responded with a mass sit-in, blocking the entrance to the Library Loop. But they were ignored. Campus security officers now have access to guns in lockboxes and are allowed to carry them on their persons from 6 PM to 8 AM, and when "patrolling areas distant from their vehicles" at any time during the day.

The arming of campus security is not an isolated issue; it is part of a larger trend towards "professionalization" or, more accurately, militarization. The shift of the name "Public Safety" to "Police Services" as well as the refurbished and new cars (more similar to police cars) at the beginning of the 1996-97 academic year epitomize the evolution of campus security. What were once generally helpful "safety" officers attired in polo shirts and shorts are now intimidating "police" officers attired in SWAT style uniforms. With a more authoritarian appearance has come the ability to cite moving violations, make arrests, and so on. Police Services is a veritable police force on our own campus.



During the 1996-97 academic year, complaints of the use of excessive force and allegations of sexual harassment of Police Services secretaries by Police Services officers arose, lending further credence to continued opposition to arming. **And during the 1998-99 academic year, one officer was**

accused of unholstering and jokingly pointing his pistol at a person on two different occasions -once at a student and another time at a custodian. While an investigation was in progress, that particular officer resigned (only to be rehired in a



nearby police department). Both the investigation and the officer's resignation failed to address the central issue, though:

POLICE WITH GUNS. Instead, the question was of *professional misconduct*, not *institutional misconduct*. The focus was on one officer's individual behavior rather than the behavior of the Evergreen administration in arming Police Services in the first place.

Throughout the 1998-99 academic year, rumors circulated (confirmed by one Police Service Officer's account the year before) that the Evergreen Administration is just waiting for students to forget about the struggles around guns before moving to full time arming for all officers. Whether that is true or not, students managed to show that they have not forgotten. The debate over arming kept raging through the pages of the CPJ and on Red Square. And it continues.

Question Authority

KANSAS IS BIGGER. .A.K.A. FUN THINGS TO DO IN OLY

Somehow in your transient, millennium breaching life, you have found yourself in the cultural Mecca known as Olympia, Washington. You are a few years late to jump aboard the legendary (as in the past) riot-grrl scene and Sleater Kinney has more importance as a road than as an MTV icon of counterculture. The Oly beer factory has been bought out, public tours have ceased, and you've just missed the Yo Yo a Go Go music festival, not to be put on again for a few more years. But there is still hope. You too can live the amazing, high-paced life of an Oly-rockers, or at least get off campus a few times a week for some fresh, pachouli-free air.

Clothing:

To start off with is your new, high style, low budget wardrobe which will inevitably increase as you realize it is easier to buy new clothing than deal with laundry. Located downtown at 117 Washington Street is **Dumpster Values**, the source of the inexpensive used clothing frequented by both hippies and hipsters and the best alternative to spending hours at the thrift store looking for the Devo shirt with the perfect fit. If you do decide to dare the thrift stores your best bet is **Goodwill**, located on Harrison by Safeway. Both the 44 and the 48 (those are buses) can take you there, just tell the bus driver that you are new in town and need them to let you off at Goodwill. There is also **Value Village** located where Harrison and Division meet, next to Rainy Day Records. The 41 can take you there. Value Village is more expensive than Goodwill, but still a pretty good place to find clothing. Also located downtown is **Metro**, the token rave outlet, shop at your own discretion.

Music:

Note: there is no commercial music store outside of the mall. Your two options for buying music are **Phantom City** located downtown, and **Rainy Day Records** located on the Westside at the

intersection of Harrison and Division. Phantom City is good for vinyl and used records/CDs. The people are nice and will give you higher returns for the stuff you sell to them. It shares building space with **Dumpster Values**. **Rainy Day** also has a large CD selection and is where you can get your hook-up for **Converse All-stars**. **Rainy Day** also rents independent and foreign videos. You must have an in-state drivers license to get a video-membership.

Clubs:

It won't take long for you to notice that in Oly, people like to do things community-based. There are two community spaces that various people (could be you) rent out and put on shows at. **Arrowspace** is located in the alleyway between **Otto's** and **Dumpster Values**. It houses music performances of all types, infrequent theatrical events, and serves as a community art gallery. The space is available for 5 day art exhibits Sunday through Thursday for \$40, and bands performances Thursday through Saturday for \$65. Their phone number is 352-2876. The **Midnight Sun** is slightly more expensive, but provides staff for events (unlike **Arrowspace**). What it lacks in art, the **Midnight Sun** makes up in performances other than bands (plays, comedy, drag shows, spoken word). Neither of these spaces have a PA, but you can rent one for between \$24-\$75 at **Capital City Guitars** on 4th Ave.

The Capital Theater Backstage usually has shows a few weekends of the month for larger acts, sometimes there are full stage shows when huge acts come through town (like **Fugazi**). The entrance to the Backstage is the back/side door of the **Capital Theater** on 5th Ave. A little bit further down the street is **Club Liquid**, which has, in its brief existence, hosted acts such as **Digital Underground** and **Sleater-Kinney's** CD release. In addition to the above, various bars in the area have local bands playing on weeknights.

Bars:

Oly is a bar town, so practice your pool, pull out that fake ID, and head downtown for your nightly dosage of bland substitution for human interaction. Sunday night is 80's night at **Thekla**, the resident dance/hipster/queer friendly club in town, and you are bound to run into everyone's ex, and see the kid you yelled at in seminar rocking out to the newest Madonna released, being played simply due to the fact that she recorded other songs during the 80's. Other options are the 4th Ave. **Tavern** and King Solomon's Reef, better known as **The Reef**, and the place everyone loves to hate. When you are desperate and down, may as well go to the Reef and end it all.

Other Things to Do:

Join the Olympia Film Society (\$10 for students) and see many great independent films at **The Capital Theater** for \$3.50 (\$6 for non-members). Hold on to your ticket stub, because there is usually a raffle before the film. OFS sometimes has directors/producers come speak along with their films. You can join the Film Ranch and make films with other people of that sort. Or you can be like most of us inactive OFS members, and just show up, watch the movie, and leave discretely.

Go bowling at **West Side Lanes** next to Value Village. Wear neat shoes, drink cocktails, and be home by 11 p.m. (It closes 10-10:30ish).

Go roller-skating in Lacey at **Skateland**. You are downtown, you head East on 4th Ave, roads split, you get lost, have someone who knows how to get there with you.

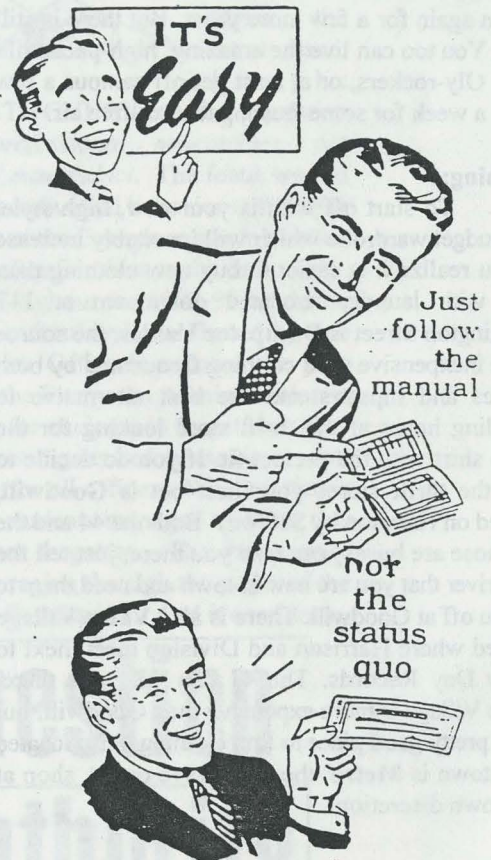
The Farmer's Market. People are nice, there are balloon animals, cheap stuff, good apples. Open Thursday through Sunday nearly every week, except for during the winter. When you are downtown walk on Capital towards the water into the "industrial district" and you will be stopped by a big building that is (pause) the Farmer's Market.

Twice a year there is **Artswalk**, the streets of Oly become crowded, really crowded, and every store, shop, care, etc, has art of local artists displayed. Streets are closed off, music is

everywhere, it is Olympia's ultimate social event. If you get there early you might find free food. In the spring edition there is **Procession of the Species**, a parade of sorts where hundreds of people dress up as animals and march through town for no apparent reason.

Super Saturday. . . you're at Evergreen, you'll figure that one out later.

Sylvester Park- If Oly has a town square, this is it. One of the few uncommodified spaces downtown, it serves as a hangout space for many homeless folks, Oly youth, and Greenerers.



and you'll be rewarded!

(some restrictions apply).

FREE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY PROJECT



Contrary to popular belief there is a majority of students at TESC, that aren't "rich" or supported via Mom&Dad Inc. At the same time, despite the efforts of the Thurston County Food Bank, thousands of pounds of

bread, produce, and food are thrown away every week in this county. This Food Pantry Expansion Project started because of these two reasons.

The Evergreen Free Community Food Pantry's main purpose is to provide food to the financially challenged persons who work at and attend The Evergreen State College. The group's purpose is to provide volunteers, education, and work experience by running the on-campus food bank. Through weekly distributions and community food drives, and potlucks, cooking classes, and community gardening, we want to encourage a new sense of community, nutritional knowledge, and create a close web of support for a population that is usually marked with shame and alienation.

Our Community Activities Include:

1. Family and Volunteer Potlucks- once per quarter.
2. Community Food Drives and Canned Food Discounts for Student Activity Events.
3. "Greener Gleaner's"- a harvest-time extension of the Food Pantry, offering free pickers for unwanted food and vegetables to the Olympia Community.
4. Cooking and Canning Classes- classes teaching how to gain better nutrition and how to preserve fresh produce.
5. Community Gardening- encourage and educate community to use the community garden to grow foods for the Food Pantry.

troubleshooters, being able to extend invitations to people who need services, or finding folks who are in a crisis situation. Our services are extended to the homeless population, and anyone who is in an emergency as well. Many folks start their careers at TESC living in the forest, and surviving hand to mouth. We can help. We can give students and staff a permanent referral to the main Thurston County Food Bank in downtown Oly. We ask that volunteers, work-study students, staff, faculty, and low-income students will spend at least two hours a month working for the benefit of the Food Pantry. This can be picking up food, working at benefits, helping distribute the bread, cleaning up, and soliciting donations from the community.

CAB-014 is the new Pantry location (in the basement next to the Bike Shop). Our hours are posted outside the door on the signs (one at the elevator and one at the door). At the same time we help keep the food shelf stocked in the Health Center (in Fall, Winter, and Spring) and the Counseling Center (in Summer). Anyone who needs food is welcome to come and talk with us and anyone is welcome to donate. Call x6636 for more information.



Student volunteers serve as

SOME STUDENT ACTIVIST GROUPS

Getting Started:

The best strategy for becoming involved politically on campus is to visit the third floor of the college activities building (the CAB). One whole side of the floor is taken up by the Services and Activities (S&A) office. This is where most campus student groups have their offices. There is a directory listing all their names and locations as you walk in.

Although it can be intimidating to go into the S&A area, it is worth persevering because you will find this is the core of student activity at Evergreen. You often can find coordinators of the various student groups in or around their offices (or, at least, find out when they should be there). If all else fails, you can always ask questions of the staff members at the front desk. They generally know have a good idea of what is going on. They can also tell you when a student group is scheduled to meet.

Attending student group meetings is the best way to find out what is happening and get involved. At meetings, there is always a broad range of new and returning students, as well as those who have been involved in the past and those new to activism. Everyone is always welcome and encouraged to get involved. Be patient if things seem to start off slowly in the beginning weeks of the year -they always do. However, don't be afraid to assert ideas of what you would like to do or how you would like to help. Most student groups welcome new ideas and individual initiative.

Working with campus student groups can be some of the most rewarding and meaningful experiences that you have at college. It is empowering to work collectively with others for social change. Not only is it fulfilling in that sense,

but also student groups provide a good social center for meeting like-minded folks and making friends for a lifetime.



Amnesty International

Amnesty International is an impartial, worldwide human rights organization working to free prisoners of conscience, end torture and executions in all cases and ensure prompt and fair trials for all political prisoners. At Evergreen, Amnesty International helps educate and inform the campus community about international human rights issues. They take nonviolent action against human rights abuses in the U.S. and abroad. Contact them at 866-6000 x6098..

Asian Solidarity in Action (ASIA)

ASIA works to provide a space where the community can further their understanding of Asian cultures. They also desire to support an open forum of ideas that might not be otherwise reached. Contact them at 866-6000 x6033.

Evergreen Animal Rights Network (EARN)

EARN is fundamentally opposed to the exploitation of non-human animals. We strongly promote a vegan lifestyle (i.e. striving to consume no product which contributes to animal suffering). We are involved in activism both on and off campus, and seek to contribute to the animal rights struggle on a local, state, and national level. On campus, we strive to educate and involve students in the animal rights movement by sponsoring annual events such as Animal Rights Awareness Week, Evergreen Meatout Day, and a musical event to raise awareness and funds for grassroots organizations like the Olympic Wildlife Rescue. We also offer a wealth of



information in our lending library, which is comprised of books, videos, and publications containing a wide variety of topics connected to the movement. Our vegan potlucks are especially yummy and open to all. Although our ultimate goal is animal liberation, we recognize that all forms of oppression must be combated. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us (you don't have to be vegan!). Please feel free to visit our office or call us at 866-6000 x6555.

Evergreen Political Information Center (EPIC)

The Evergreen Political Information Center (EPIC) is not a club with a membership but a radical resource center and action network. As a funded student group, EPIC seeks to understand and respond to relevant social and political issues. People that participate in the weekly meetings, organizing events and actions, decide the issues that the group will focus on. No one has more or less power than another in decision making. The consensus process is a tool to value all voices present, and EPIC strives to include a diverse representation of the student body and community members.

EPIC consists of a number of subgroups that work collectively on specific issues. Examples are supporting farm-workers struggling for contracts in Oregon; or attending a counter-conference against economic agreements and negotiations like those taking place when the World Trade Organization (WTO) meets in November of 1999 in Seattle. The subgroups generate actions and events that EPIC

supports financially or with energy. Many subgroups become separate organizations with autonomous budgets after working through EPIC.

People working with EPIC are learning how to create active responses to the convictions they share about the world. Creating a community of support and a nucleus of information is integral to making radical social change. EPIC works to provide Evergreen with avenues for both education and social action. Location: CAB 320. Phone number: 866-6000 x6144.

Evergreen Queer Alliance (EQA)

The Evergreen Queer Alliance is dedicated to serving the needs of the Lesbian, Bi, Trans, and Gay people at The Evergreen State College and the surrounding Olympia and Thurston County community. We hope to educate ourselves and

others on issues facing queers: homophobia, heterosexism, racism, and sexism. We encourage queer activism, pride, and expression of diversity. Since 1973, the EQA has been a safe place for queers on campus and has led the fight for recognition and respect both within the school system and in Olympia. This is our center - where we organize and mobilize to make change happen, bring speakers, films, workshops, and entertainment to TESC and work together to support one another in pursuing our own projects and interests to express and strengthen our community. We're friendly people who would love to see all queers participate, whether you're just questioning, just coming out, or have been out for years. Stop

by our office, be a constituent, a volunteer, or an intern! We're here to serve you. Keep your eyes



open for upcoming EQA events. Visit us in CAB 314 or call us at 866-6000 x6544.

The Environmental Resource Center (ERC)

The Environmental Resource Center is Evergreen's own homegrown activist and resource center. We serve a dual purpose in the TESC and Oly community. Not only do we run campaigns for justice and environmental sanity, we also have a growing resource center -both are open to all! Our resource center is full of books, periodicals, files, contact information, etc, on a full array of environmental issues. It is very useful for academic projects, personal exploration, and internships. Our activist groups work on a variety of campaigns. One of our main focuses is the very campus we live on - making Evergreen live up to its green reputation. Two years ago the Evergreen Compost Project was created, in an effort to have a campus composting system for all of housing and moving on to the rest of campus, reducing what is considered "waste" and using it for the organic matter that it is and can be. Another on-campus project that has been going on for many years is the paper policy, and finally in October of 1998 TESC's paper policy was changed to purchase 100% post-consumer waste recycled, non-chlorine bleached paper with a goal to switch to tree-free paper as soon as it is financially viable. Currently the school's paper is only 35% post consumer waste because there is not a better option available yet, financially speaking. There is a Paper Policy Committee that will be forming to further pursue our paper goals and examine this project.

The ERC also has a bioregional focus - working on local forestry issues, such as the Land Exchange in the Gifford-Pinchot National Forest, as well as national campaigns such as Zero-Out, Buffalo Field Campaign, Environmental Justice, working against genetic engineering, and much more. The ERC strives for balance in working on campus and local issues, as well as reaching out into our bioregion and participation in national and international campaigns. We also build coalitions with local groups, and other student groups. This past year we worked with and had events with EPIC,

NSA, EARN, JCC, WOCC, and SEED. We are always open to ideas and inspiration -give us a call or stop by our office. 866-6000 x6784.

The Jewish Cultural Center (JCC)

The JCC acts as a resource for learning more about Jewish history and culture, Judaism, contemporary contemporary problems and political issues facing Jews, as well as providing a Jewish community on campus. The JCC is an open organization and does not affiliate with any one sect of Judaism. Students of all religious and ethnic backgrounds are welcome in all activities that the JCC sponsors. The JCC organizes celebrations for Jewish holidays or provides information on the celebrations of local communities. During the 1998- 99 school year, the JCC sponsored such activities as Challah baking workshops, Jewish women's poetry reading, Jewish mysticism workshop, Tu B'shvat seder, speaker Abe Asheroff (social justice activist), a wonderful Passover seder, Jewish Identity workshop, and a video presentation on the Israeli- Palestine Compassionate Learning Project. During the 1999-2000 school year, the JCC hopes to continue such activities, as well as open the door for new activities. You can contact them at 866-6000 x6493.

The Latin American Student/Solidarity Organization (LASO)

LASO works to support Latin American students and to promote awareness of the culture, language, politics, and social conditions of Latin America through cultural activities, forums, lectures, films, Spanish conversation groups, and open discussions. We work with our membership, community groups and other student organizations (like MEChA) to host events like an altar for *El Dia de los Muertos*, salsa dances, workshops, Central American speakers, seminars, and a community-wide *Cinco de Mayo* celebration.

MEChA

MEChA is the *Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán*, which translates as The Chicano

cohesive community of Chicana/o students. Give them a call at 866-6000 x6143.

The Men's Center

The mission of the Men's Center is to bring men together to explore our roles in society. Er hope to create community for men in a place of safety and acceptance. The Men's Center is focused on educating all people for the sake of liberation and freedom through support groups and educational activities. We are a pro-feminist group that exists on the Evergreen campus because we accept that Evergreen is not a utopia in any way and is not free of racial and sexual violence and sexist discrimination. We are here because we want to do something positive to counteract this violence and help create safety and growth in our community. Contact us at 866-6000 x6092.

The Middle East Resource Center (MERC)

So, you may have already noticed the admissions application which categorizes people of Middle Eastern descent as Caucasian. If you missed this, you might notice the very, very small number of Middle Eastern faculty and programs at Evergreen. Or you may not have noticed anything about Middle Easterners at all.

Well, welcome to Evergreen, the place that, for students of Middle Eastern descent, ignores the Middle East and people of Middle Eastern descent. We do have one Middle Eastern studies faculty and a Middle East Resource Center. . . but beyond that, you aren't going to find much. And we don't know how many students of Middle Eastern descent are at Evergreen because admissions and the census consider us white.

The MERC is open for students of Middle Eastern descent and our supporters and allies work together to make space for other Middle Eastern students and issues on campus. This space is one of the only things we have here. MERC has made and will continue to make space for Middle Eastern people on this campus, regardless of and in opposition to what Evergreen portrays of us. Contact us at 866-6000 x6749.

The Native Student Alliance

NSA exists to serve and enhance the Native student population at Evergreen. They achieve this purpose through retention, recruitment, and counseling of students, event organization and public speakers. Contact them at 866-6000 x6105.

The Prison Action Committee (PAC)

PAC is a group of people dedicated to creating fundamental changes in the existing prison system. The criminal justice system in the U.S. is an unacceptable waste of human life and public resources. Myths of fairness and propriety, however, surround the prison system disempowering people from coming to their own conclusions. Prisons are an issue that people tend to find unpleasant, but the problems of prisons in this country reflect the institutionalized racism, classism, and sexism. The goals of this group include exploding myths by raising awareness on campus about the many issues within prison work and providing a space for active student participation.

As students and members of a higher education institution, we see a responsibility to utilize our resources and knowledge to create solutions. Providing educational opportunities is a major goal of this group for ourselves, the prisoners in our area, and the Evergreen community. Evergreen was once available to prisoners, and through cuts and changes is less accessible to inmates. This group mobilizes around



local issues and collaborates to create change.

PCUN (Farmworker) Solidarity Group

In April of 1985, eighty farmworkers held a meeting in Salem and said “¡Ya basta!” (That’s enough!), and voted in the farmworker’s union, PCUN, forming Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste, or Treeplanters and Farmworkers United, known by its Spanish acronym of PCUN.

PCUN has registered over 5,300 union members, runs a service center for farmworkers to assist and advocate in immigration cases, workers compensation, wage claims, and many other matters. PCUN has helped build low-income farmworker housing, has a woman’s project, and holds ESL and Citizenship classes.

In the U.S., farmworkers everywhere are denied countless basic workplace rights. This must stop! In Olympia, students and community members have formed a solidarity group with PCUN to help the union in any way that we can. We see this as a local issue, with Oregon only five hours away, and apple pickers in Yakima and all over being exploited in much the same way.

PCUN has called a boycott on NORPAC Co., which includes *Flav-v-pac* products and *Gardenburger* brand veggie burgers, so we have lots of work to keep us busy! Our work in the past has been very exciting. We got *Gardenburgers* off the Evergreen campus by using petitions and meetings. We also initiated *Gardenburger*-drops in six other Olympia establishments and restaurants in a similar way. And we’ve just begun!

We are proud that so many Olympia businesses choose to support the farmworkers in Oregon by participating in the boycott, but the fight is not over. There are still many Norpac products

around town, including in restaurants and in the major grocery stores. Let’s make this a Norpac free town!

Sexual Harassment & Assault Prevention & Education (SHAPE)

SHAPE (formerly the Rape Response Coalition) provides education, resources, and advocacy for sexual assault for the campus community. They provide student and faculty advocates, sponsor various campus events, bring outside community organizations for presentations, films, and discussions. Contact them at 866-6000 x6724.

Students of Color Anthology

The Anthology is one of the resources that TESC artists have used to vent, promote understanding, tell their side of the story, and so much more. There are many contradictory ideas out there and the public is not getting informed of that. The Anthology is a way to publish the deeper part of your life. The part of your life you have to yell at the top of your lungs because it is so important, and it is the moment you realizes you were different. The poetry, prose and pictures bound together in the anthology has given strength to many. Call them at 866-6000 x6143.

“Which neighborhood will I chose to be an outsider in?” -Barni Quasim

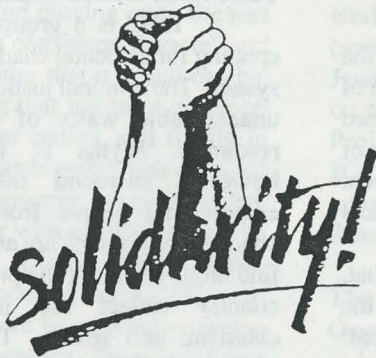
“How grace flows upon me. . .” -Sonny Krishnamurti

“They still call me their Indian princess” -Janelle Beston.

“Our faces pale as death, our lips bright as blood, we close our eyes to te terror of modern man” -Hazel Wong.

Talking About Race

Talking About Race is an organization that is dedicated towards opening dialogue within and across cultural barriers. On a surface level we want to facilitate a safe environment for unspoken sentiments and even hostilities, so as to deal with



what is real as opposed to what is perceived in our present day world. Contact them at 866-6000 x6781.

Umoja (Students of African Descent)

Umoja attempts to capture the interest of those members of the Evergreen community who are of African descent. Their purpose is to create a place in the TESC community which teaches and provides activities for African-American students. Contact them at 866-6000 x6781.

The Union of Students with Disabilities (USWD)

The Union of Students with Disabilities has resources as well as groups and activities pertaining to students and faculty with disabilities. Their primary goal is to assist in the matriculation of students with disabilities. Give them a call at 866-6000 x6092.

Washington Student Public Interest Research Group (WashPIRG)

WashPIRG is a student-directed, student funded, non-partisan consumer and environmental watchdog group active at Evergreen and the University of Washington. WashPIRGs funding works toward hiring organizers who organize on issues at the local level. But what, you may ask, do they do here at Evergreen? Each year, PIRG students work on a wide variety of issues, like hunger and homelessness, stream and waterway restoration, and rights for students. For students looking for an internship, WashPIRG offers a wide variety of internships working on service projects and political issues. Students will learn how to run press events,

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petition gathering skills, lobbying, coalition building, meeting facilitation, and a lot more. Give them a call at 866-6000 x6058.

Women of Color Coalition (WOCC)

"If black women were free, it would mean that everyone else would have to be free since our freedom would necessitate the destruction of all the systems of oppression" -statement from the Combahee River Collective.

The Women of Color Coalition student group tries to ensure equality, diversity, justice, and freedom for women of color in the Evergreen community as well as aiding in the attention of these students. They encourage multi-ethnic, nonsexist perspectives of diversity, beliefs, and values at Evergreen. Call them at 866-6000 x6006.

Women's Resource Center (WRC)

The WRC strives to provide a library of books, periodicals, videos, and referrals to local service agencies. They also attempt to facilitate political action related to the concerns of women. They attempt to work towards the goal of college-funded, professionally staffed women's center to meet all the needs of the Evergreen women. Call them at 866-6000 x6162 or visit them at CAB 206.

