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## HCC OCCUPIED!

### Students take over

by EMILY WEISBERG

On the evening of Fri., Feb. 19, a group of students took over the HCC. The goal of this action was to voice their criticisms of the Evergreen administration, and what they felt was a system into which they funneled money with little to no room for voicing their opinions.

A communiqué was written on the occupation of the HCC explaining their objectives, which was posted in various places around campus. It stated the discontentment with the authority figures at Evergreen, including the president of the college. The communiqué stated, "if any of us ever hope to create spaces in which we are no longer ruled, we have to not only have no rulers, but also do a better job than our current administrators."

Though the occupation was started by a small group of self-proclaimed autonomous individuals, it expanded into a much larger event. Many students uninformed with the original organiz-

ing showed up throughout the weekend. Saturday afternoon, students gathered outside the HCC in the sun with food and information pamphlets, and inside the HCC for workshops and speakers.

Friday and Saturday nights, the HCC was relatively crowded, with one room being employed for the abundance of sleeping bags.

Sharon Goodman, the director of Residential and Dining Services, declared the space "uncertain, and potentially dangerous," according to a campus wide email she sent out on Saturday. She decided to close the Corner Store in the HCC for the duration of the occupation, therefore withholding food services for the students that shop



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there. A sign posted on the door said the decision to close the store was unilateral and that the occupiers wished it to remain open. Due to the closure, occupiers supplied ample quantities of dumpster-dived granola bars, fresh pizza from Vic's and coffee and tea to students to keep it a welcoming and open atmosphere. Commandeering the sound system in the building, students

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### RAD Director comments

Concern for the safety of employees was the main reason the Corner Store was closed during the occupation of the HCC this past weekend. According to Sharon Goodman, director of residential

and dining services, she was worried about fire code violations from the barring of doors, as well as the potential for a hostile atmosphere for employees at the store.

"Aramark employees have been threatened before," says Goodman. Since she and other staff were not allowed in, she couldn't confirm that the employees would be safe, so she chose to close the store during the occupation.

"We were very willing to talk to students but they didn't want to talk."

Goodman also spoke about the effect that closing the Corner Store would have on students living in housing. "We still need to provide food for students. There are over 400 students on a meal plan." Goodman is aware that food was provided by those occupying the HCC, but has concerns about hygiene and student health. "Are they making sure it's safe? They're getting this stuff from dumpsters."

Nothing was vandalized in the HCC during the occupation, though one of the blockaded doors was found to be damaged. Clamps were used to hold a couch in front of the door. This broke the door because of repeated stress from people pushing on it while the clamps were in place. "There was about \$50 in damages."

Other than the door, Goodman said the occupants left the HCC intact and cleaned it up before exiting on Sunday. "They did bring their own vacuums."

~ MADELINE BERMAN

### Prospects for peace in Israel-Palestine

by EMILY WEISBERG

The Evergreen campus was in for a treat on Feb. 18 as Neve Gordon took center stage in the Lecture Hall. Neve Gordon is in the department of politics and government at Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba, Israel, and is a fierce advocate and activist for a peaceful Middle East solution. During the First Intifada in 1987, he was the leader of a human rights organization. He has also edited and authored several books on the occupation.

This talk was an important one for the Evergreen community, where the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is often seen as black-and-white: There are those (a minority of students) who are pro-Israel, and those (the majority of students) who are pro-Palestine. Gordon's talk was a refreshing reminder that both parties have good and bad people, and positive and negative aspects to their struggles. Making this point very clear, Gordon set the tone for his lecture by saying, "If we want to live a moral life, we need doubt." Doubt as to whether or not your "side" is always right, doubt as to

the claims of every solution and compromise, and doubt that any situation has a fair solution at all

In America, and especially on our campus where people tend to be very polarized, we often don't realize there are more options than simply an Israeli state and an equal two-state solution. Gordon outlined four different possible outcomes to the war between Israel and Palestine: the supremacy of the "status quo," a one-state solution where the state is Israel, a two-state solution that gives land to both states, and a one-state solution of bi-nationalism.

With so many groups weighing in with whatever powers they hold, the region is in constant conflict: Israel and the United States want one thing, other foreign powers want another, Hamas (the elected Palestinian government) wants their own thing, as does Fatah (another Palestinian government group). Most often overlooked, however, is the voice of the Palestinian and Israeli citizens, not all of whom are suicide bombers or government supporters, respectively. "The majority of Israeli citizens want a two-state

solution," Gordon said. "But the government is right-wing." Sound familiar? Seems a lot like of governments we've had in our own country, that do not represent all, or even most, of the people residing in the United States. An important distinction must be made between Israeli citizens and the Israeli government.

Gordon explained each of the four possible solutions, and talked about which groups gained and lost as a result of each outcome.

• What Gordon called the "status quo" is what we have right now, which will keep worsening the situation and result in a deep-set apartheid.

• A one-state solution with Israel as the state will require the eviction of Palestinians who are currently in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, through physical force or false "incentives," such as restricting access to water, roads, and other survival needs until the civilians simply have to leave in order to survive.

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### HCC Occupation Postscript: Some Reflections and Explanations

*This article was sent anonymously to the CPJ email on the night of Feb. 23. The CPJ's guiding documents Operations and Ethics specify the circumstances that anonymity is allowed in the CPJ, which is generally frowned upon because we believe that people should stand by their words and be accountable for their thoughts and actions. Martina Vivas, junior, who has stated that she was in attendance at the HCC occupation this past weekend, has read this letter and has verified that this is a truthful account of what happened. By having Vivas' name with this article, we are not claiming that she wrote it, but that the letter is an account from someone who was in attendance at the occupation and has firsthand knowledge of the events that occurred. The intent of publishing this article is to provide information about the events of this past weekend so members of the Evergreen community can be exposed to a number of different perspectives so that they might form their own opinions and make their own choices.*

Madeline Berman, Editor-in-Chief

[This is an excerpt of the full letter, which can be seen online at [cooperpointjournal.com](http://cooperpointjournal.com).]

From the 19 to the 21st of February, the Housing Community Center (HCC) was occupied by several dozen anonymous individuals. Two doors leading outside, the door to the Corner Store, and the door to the mail room were barricaded to prevent the police from entering. A short list of rules was posted on the wall: No drugs or alcohol, no non-consensual activity, no property destruction. Free food was brought inside, along with an array of literature and information regarding occupation and the budget cuts. When the police arrived, the occupiers told them that they would not be leaving until Sunday the 21. The police never attempted to shut down the occupation. On the night of the 19 there was a masquerade dance party, complete with a mask-making craft table and plenty of glitter, that lasted until 3 AM. On the 20th, three meals were served and several workshops took place, including one

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# Participate in Challenge Week with the Hunger and Homelessness Campaign

Challenge Week for the Hunger and Homelessness Campaign begins on Monday, March 1, and continues to Sunday, March 7. To raise awareness about the struggles homeless and unemployed people face economically, students can pledge to take the food stamp challenge on Thursday or Friday, which states that they will do their best to live off only \$30 a week, the way someone might if they were on food stamps. On Thursday, March 4, the campaign will be merging with the 7 p.m. Open Mic event in the HCC and will be bringing in guest speakers who either are currently or have been homeless. It will be a potluck,

and people are highly encouraged to bring canned foods, clothing, or hygiene products which will be donated to local charity organizations such as Camp Quixote.

Check back for more information about the Hunger and Homelessness Campaign's Spring Cleaning Week, March 8 to 12, when there will be donation boxes placed around campus. Specific location information to come at a later date.

~ EMILY WEISBERG



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# Chibi Chibi Con

Feb. 20, 2010. Haley Brown helps take down the decorations that filled the library lobby during Chibi Chibi Con, a Japanese animation festival sponsored every year by the Giant Robot Appreciation Society, a club on campus. Many attendants wore elaborate costumes.

~ EMILY WEISBERG



# The Evergreen Singers celebrate International Women's Day

by CANDICE CULLITAN

If you wander by COM 117 on a Thursday evening, you're likely to hear a roomful of voices rising and falling like a siren wail, or melding in intricate four-part harmony. Open the door, and you'll find yourself in the presence of the Evergreen Singers, a choir open to all Evergreen community members. Directed by Marla Beth Elliott and accompanied by pianist Stephanie Claire, each quarter, the Singers tackle a new repertoire to be performed in a free recital at the end of the quarter. In past quarters, the Singers have performed highlights from the musical "Hair," songs around the theme "Creative Complaints," and experimental music.

This quarter, the Evergreen Singers will be teaming up with the Seattle Labor Chorus to perform songs in celebration of International Women's Day, as well as the centennial of women's suffrage in Washington. We will be singing a wide variety of songs about women's rights and female empowerment, ranging from "That Ragtime Suffragette," a comic song from the 1913 Ziegfeld Follies, to "Wathinta Bafazi," a South African protest song. Frankly, our songs kick extra ass this quarter, and as a longtime member of the Evergreen Singers, I am stoked about our recital. Want to catch a spirited choral performance, or just find out how gender is like Astro turf? Catch us next Sunday, March 7, at 4 p.m. in the recital hall.

Curious about International Women's Day? Visit [www.internationalwomensday.com](http://www.internationalwomensday.com)! You can learn about the Seattle Labor Chorus at [www.seattlelaborchorus.org](http://www.seattlelaborchorus.org), and if you want to know more about the Evergreen Singers, check out [blogs.evergreen.edu/evergreensingers](http://blogs.evergreen.edu/evergreensingers) - or just ask one of us!

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# Warhol photographs added to Evergreen collection

by JASON TRENT AND HANNAH LETINICH

The Andy Warhol Foundation has presented Evergreen with a gift of 150 Warhol photographs through the Warhol Foundation's Photographic Legacy Program. The Evergreen Gallery was among 183 college and university art museums across the United States that received such a gift.

The Evergreen art collection was mostly collected in the 1970s "when photography was still struggling to emerge as a recognized form of 'fine art,'" according to Anne Friedman, Evergreen's gallery director. Due to some forward-thinking faculty, Evergreen acquired photographs from a number of prominent artists such as Diane Arbus, Michael Lavine, Jerry Uelsmann, and Edward Weston. The Warhol photos are mostly small Polaroids. Warhol was famously obsessive about recording things around him. He often carried a tape recorder to help him remember ideas. The photos donated are not finished works but are "more like items from his creative thinking process," said Friedman. Among other institutions in the region that were selected to receive photographs were the Henry Gallery at the University of Washington and Reed College in Portland.

At present Evergreen is trying to get the photography collection, including the Warhols, digitally scanned, but the process is time consuming due to the size of the collection. The collection is not in a state that makes it easy to enjoy for the casually interested student. "We aren't staffed for public viewing right now," Friedman said. Part of the condition for receiving the photographs was that Evergreen Photo Services would scan and catalog the Polaroids, according to Steve Davis. "We received the photos about a year ago and began scanning them last summer. It is a great job for Photo Services."

According to a press release from Evergreen's media and community relations manager, Jason Wettstein, "The Warhol photographs will be displayed in Evergreen Gallery in future exhibitions."

The collection has been posted online at <http://photo.evergreen.edu/portal/slideshows/warhol/>

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# The Dorkumentarian hates America

by JASON TRENT

In the spirit of John Howard Griffin's social experiment "Black Like Me" and Morgan Spurlock's "Supersize Me," I am going to try an experiment where I don't get any information or entertainment from my usual liberal, elitist sources: no New Yorker or Jon Stewart. No "Last Days" or Savage Love. As I have settled into middle age, I listen to Ira Glass on NPR with the same gusto that I once held for the Dead Kennedys and Slayer. I have arranged an elaborate "treat" system for myself based on tiny incentives to propel me through the day. Soy lattes and Salon.com. Expensive cheese and "This American Life" once a week. I wondered how I would cope if I had to do without my little crutch behaviors and if it would change my world view. It began when I tried to watch clips of the (now defunct) Fox "comedy" show "The Half-Hour Comedy Hour." It was painfully not funny. Is this how liberal humorists seem to teabaggers? If I was out of my comfort zone, would Larry the Cable Guy and Jeff Dunham (that guy with all the puppets) start to seem funny?

The first part of my experiment was to watch the 2004 Michael Wilson documentary "Michael Moore Hates America." Moore exaggerates and distorts to make his points. Knew that. He is a blowhard and melodramatic and his stunts often come across as sanctimonious and smug. Knew that. But I watch his movies because I learn things and they are usually entertaining. He uses the tactic of lying to his own side and calling it art. He can hide behind the façade of the satirist even when he is presenting facts as a journalist. Yep. I know all that. And this is Wilson's point, and I can see how frustrating it is for him. Even when Moore goes too far, many forgive him because ultimately, he is saying what they want to hear. Wilson, who is a straight white guy, makes the point that anyone can make it in America if they really try. Just look at him, a straight white guy who made it. He thinks Moore does not share this outlook and misses all the good things that make America great. Moore's a big downer. Wilson went to great pains not commit the same sins as Moore as a filmmaker even as

he apes Moore's technique in an attempt to parody them. It is pretty funny to see this shlubby guy, Wilson, trying to get in touch with the shlubby Moore in the exact way that Moore once tried to get the president of GM to talk to him in Moore's 1989 film "Roger and Me."

Moore is a deserving target of satire, but Wilson's movie is really most entertaining when he lets other people talk. Libertarian and enemy of "bullshit" in every form Penn Gillette has some very insightful and informed wisdom and almost seems to mentor the filmmaker in tone and direction. Probably the most damning sequence is when the pioneering documentarian and avowed liberal Albert Maysles ("Grey Gardens," 1975) condemns Moore and says that Moore "probably does" hate America. Maysles comes across as a little bit out of touch (in more ways than one) but it gives Wilson his money shot. Overall, Wilson's doc is fair and balanced (I went there) even if I disagree with his thesis that Moore is unpatriotic.

I like Moore but I don't drink all of his Kool-Aid. Let me tell you a story. I was in the Navy for five years, from 1999 to 2004. Really. I was in Turkey on the Iraq border enforcing the "No-Fly Zone," which was how we used to police Saddam Hussein before Bush II invaded. A friend sent me a signed copy of "Stupid White Men" because Moore had just spoken at her college. A few days later, Moore was on the Oscars, getting his statue and making his famous acceptance speech.

This is an excerpt of the full article. See the complete version online at [www.cooperpointjournal.com/arts](http://www.cooperpointjournal.com/arts)

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## PROSPECTS FOR PEACE, *continued from cover*

• The two-state solution, the most popular solution among Evergreen students and probably most of the world, calls for the 1967 borders and a division of Jerusalem. Unfortunately, this solution calls for coalitions and cooperation between all the opposing groups, which Gordon believes make it nearly impossible.

• A one-state solution of bi-nationalism, of which Gordon is currently in favor. This solution would require a Jewish-Palestinian democracy and a strong preservation of each side's identity and culture. "Bi-nationalism requires definite international borders and internal, soft borders," Gordon explained. "Soft borders are like counties, or cities, within the United States. Each region elects their own local officials to represent the demographics of each particular place."

Gordon, who used to be completely in favor of a two-state solution, explains why he no longer sees that as a viable option. In June 2009, Benjamin Netanyahu, the prime minister of Israel, spoke for the first

time in favor of the two-state solution. Neve Gordon was horrified. "I woke up in bed one morning with Netanyahu – and I do not want to be in bed with him." The problem Gordon sees with the conservative governmental party claiming support for a two-state solution is that it is a radically different two-state solution than the one that citizens want, and it is much harder to have leverage when the government is pretending to agree with you. "Netanyahu has co-opted the two-state solution. We need a compromise that is harder to co-opt," Gordon said.

Politics are messy, which Gordon illustrates as he explains how they're trying to keep the government from co-opting what the people want. They use Arabic words to define their position, such as the Arabic word for "living together." "We could have used shalom [peace, in Hebrew] but the government will say 'I'm for shalom'... they'll never say 'I'm for [an Arabic word, with the same meaning].'"

What was the overall message of the lecture? "You have to think strategically about politics. Reclaiming [ideas] would

be great, but I cannot be politically naïve," Gordon said at the end of his talk. And it's a good point, too. The time has come for people to stop waving a two-state solution flag, because nothing will ever get done when all that's happening is flag waving. Meanwhile, the situation is only getting worse for the Palestinians. It's time for strategic thinking, it's time to learn more about politics and political compromise, and how to not let the government's size control the power of the civilians and their ideologies – and Neve Gordon is leading the way to do so.

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lead by an Evergreen professor. That night, a few bands played and people socialized long into the morning.

This occupation was organized and carried out by a diverse collection of students, alumni, and community members. Nope, sorry, we're not just a bunch of rich kids. Nor are we all white. Nor are we all male. We come from all kinds of families and live all kinds of lives. While some of us share

from entering the HCC during the occupation. These people were on-duty Resident Directors, Resident Assistants, and known snitches. (One RD, once off-duty, freely entered the HCC to bring us a lovely tea service. We were very thankful for the support.)

In planning this soft, permeable occupation, we took the Corner Store into consideration and intended to allow it to open and operate as usual. We didn't want workers to lose hours, nor did we wish to stop

anybody from eating or buying other things they might have needed or wanted. We wished for the Corner Store to remain open so that students would be circulating in and out of the HCC and would get the chance to experience an autonomous space they might not have dared enter otherwise.

The door to the Corner Store was barricaded with a couch after it closed on Friday night to make sure that police would be unable to enter the building from behind once the occupation commenced. For this same reason, the mail door was also barricaded. We intended to remove the barricade from the Corner Store door in the morning. Unfortunately, things didn't quite go as planned.

Saturday morning, we spoke with a campus food service manager when he arrived at the HCC. He wished us well (even suggesting that we could get coffee from the Seminar II Cafe if we wanted), but told us that the barricades on two of the HCC doors presented a potential fire hazard and that he wished for the Corner Store to remain closed. We also spoke with an opening employee who said he didn't really care whether he could work or not. One occupier told him that she would be willing to figure out how to cover any wages lost and that he should pass this message along to his coworkers. According to what we were told on Sunday morning, this individual did end up getting paid for the day, but he might have been the only one. Thus, the offer still stands. Any employee who lost wages due to the closing of the Corner Store during the occupation is invited to contact [getyerloot@gmail.com](mailto:getyerloot@gmail.com).



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friendships, some of us didn't really know each other before this weekend. What brought us together was not a particular tendency towards tantrums, as some critics seem to assume. Instead, what we share is a strong feeling that decisions that affect Evergreen should be made by the students, student-workers, workers, and faculty members who run it! The occupation of the HCC was our attempt to create a space where students could come together to discuss how to make this temporary dream a permanent reality. In the process we've learned a lot.

One of the chief complaints circulating about the occupation of the HCC was that the Corner Store closed and that many students were inconvenienced by a perceived lack of access to mail and laundry. In reality, mailboxes and laundry were there and open the entire weekend. The mailroom is never open on the weekend. Heeding the message on a banner hung from the front of the HCC, many students felt free to come and go during the occupation and did what they needed to do. Some intending to simply wash a load or grab their mail even ended up with a free snack or some information as an added bonus. However, we certainly could have been a bit more welcoming and explicit about our intentions for the occupation.

It is true that some students were banned

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shared music and announcements with one another, and handed out brochures on subjects such as anarchism, knowing your rights as a student and as a citizen, health advice and DIY guides.

The majority of the occupation transpired in a cooperative and collaborative way, causing students who participated in the occupation to question why the administration acted as they did. One student emailed Goodman to ask why she thought that the situation was potentially dangerous. Goodman responded, "It wouldn't have been reasonable to require Corner Store employees to work and fend for themselves in whatever situations might come up over the weekend."

Though almost the entire situation was peaceful, there were a number of students who were blocked from entering the building, including on duty Residential Advi-

sors, Residential Directors and one student determined to be a police collaborator by the students occupying the building. In a public statement at this Wednesday's Geoduck Union meeting, two students criticized the occupation saying they were pushed when they attempted to remove the blockade from the door.

A walk-through on Sunday morning after the occupation had ended showed a clean and usable HCC. Reactions post-occupation were mixed, with some students feeling the entire event was a waste of time and others feeling inspired by what students can do to express their dissatisfaction with hierarchical power structure.

According to pamphlets around campus, more occupations are being planned for the future.

Visit [www.cooperpointjournal.com](http://www.cooperpointjournal.com) for more articles about the occupation

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## Tampon dispensers removed after thefts

by SARAH WHITE

A sizable increase in damage to on-campus feminine product dispensers has prompted the college's decision to remove most of the machines. According to an email sent Feb. 22 to the campus community from Director of Facilities Services Paul Smith, 20 dispensers have been damaged or even completely removed from the wall this school year, including two this past weekend. About five dispensers are damaged in a typical school year.

There will be only one dispenser in most buildings, usually on the main floor, and several in the library. The restrooms with the dispensers removed will have signs with the location of the nearest machine.

New dispensers cost \$250 to \$300 and there is sometimes damage to the walls to be repaired as well.

About 15 of the approximately 35 dispensers on campus are currently out of commission, many stacked in the Building Services office awaiting replacements. Building Services Manager Gaylon Finley says at least half of the damages have occurred within the last month. "I haven't seen anything like this in my time at Evergreen," Finley said. "It's just been crazy here the past few weeks."

The significant increase in damage this year, coupled with the type of damage inflicted, has led Smith to believe the main motive behind increased vandalism may be tough economic times. "Rarely do people take the actual product," Smith said. "In most cases, they pry the coin box open and take the money. The recession was the first thing that popped into my mind."

Another part of Facilities Services' plan is to have staff empty the machines' coin boxes every day and place stickers on the remaining machines indicating that there is no money left in them overnight.

"Usually there's not more than \$10 or \$15 in a machine," said Smith. "We hope that emptying them every day will help."

In addition to more routine emptying of the dispensers, Finley is also looking into upgrading to more secure machines. However, Finley says, extra security usually comes at an extra price. "I just don't know how I can justify getting 18 \$1,000 dispensers during a budget crunch," Finley said.

Smith is unsure what Facilities Services' strategy will be should the damage continue. "I wish I had a better plan," Smith said.

Any information on the vandalism should be directed to Police Services.

When a machine is broken into, the products inside must be removed so they will not be stolen before the damaged machine is removed.

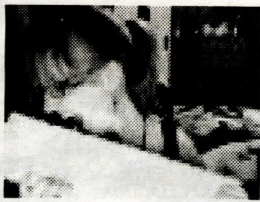
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## Intercity Transit Rider Readers or: the Books on the Bus



by CLAIRE WEBBER

I have considered making myself a book cover that says, "I'm Reading. SHHHH!" to slip on my book when I step on a bus. An open book is a shield against unwanted conversation, or people sitting next to you, or even making eye contact. It's also an unspoken rule that the reader is the last person you sit next to on a crowded bus. Who knows why this is? Watch a 4 o'clock after-class special fill up sometime. If there's an open book, it's like bad body odor or a hypnostare. No one wants to occupy the same space as the latest Murakami or McEwan novel.

That being said, there is another genre of bus reader – the LOOK AT WHAT I'M READING rider. If you're reading the first chapter of "Kafka on the Shore" and I catch you reading the same chapter a week later, I will assume you keep that book in the back pocket of your satchel to pull out in case a chick in heart-shaped sunglasses or a coon-skin cap sees that you have excellent taste in reading material and oh my gosh, is that your stop, too? Why don't we walk each other home and talk about bands we've heard of but haven't heard and you're so funny, wow I'm glad you were reading that book so I had a reason to talk to you and now we should screw.

Maybe that's not what you're thinking. Sorry.

But it's what I think you're thinking.

This is why I'm actually always in a panic when I start a new book on the 41 bus line. I read books like some people go through dub sacks, so there's a good chance that I finished up my latest craptacular Stephen King tome while waiting for the bus to pull up and yoink out the stupidly specific collection of essays published by Oxford Press as I sit down. And I look around at all the people as I open up to page one, and I immediately fret about if they have christened me a "bus reader," a LOOK AT WHAT I'M READING rider.

This is why I need my book cover.

This way I can hide behind it and sit alone in a bus bench and watch you make eyes over the cover of "The Road" at the young lady rereading the first chapter of "House of Leaves" for the umpteenth time.

Good luck, champ. Just make sure to read the Amazon reviews in case she's actually read it.

Claire Webber is a sophomore enrolled in Writing the New Journalism

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## HCC occupation lacked accountability, legitimacy



by BOB BLASDEL

Saturday, February 20, I was witness to the events surrounding the occupation of the HCC. What I saw was a group of masked individuals seizing control of the

building and giving themselves the power to barricade and police the doors of what was previously a commonly held space. In addition to preventing students from accessing the only available place to buy food on campus by making the Corner Store too dangerous to operate, they barred access to staff and police, obstructed the only ADA-accessible entrance, created a fire hazard to their own health and safety as well as that of the building, threatened dissenting students with violence, refused to be personally accountable to the college for the safety of the space by providing identification and hiding their faces, and selectively barred access to a student and Washington state taxpayer who simply wanted to ask questions and find a friend inside.

Without student A numbers or at least the names of those involved, we as a community do not have proof that any of them were even students as claimed. I certainly recognized many of the ringleaders to be not, or no longer, affiliated with the college in any way. We do, however, know that this action by its very nature removed power from a student body that does actually have a say in how long the HCC stays open and

who should have access.

I'm also sure I'm not the only one upset that anyone "from a band of individuals unaffiliated with any organization or student group..." was able to co-opt the email address of our student government to break the neutrality required by TescCrier policy, much less the Evergreen Social Contract (quoted in part to the right).

Anonymous statements are both unproductive and destructive to the mission and goals of this college as stated by our Social Contract. They do not carry the weight that comes from an open legitimate stakeholder in our community and detract from the real conversations, which ought to be happening. Evergreen has stood by its commitment to free speech by its students through the years and indeed in this instance bent over backwards to ensure that this occupation went smoothly and involved the most limited possible risk to its participants. To claim that anonymity was necessary to protect participants from institutional backlash is to demonstrate a fundamental ignorance of what this college is and what it stands for.

It is shameful that our student government or a few representatives thereof have found themselves willing to break established college policy and our Social Contract in order to aid and abet the appropriation of our HCC from students by individuals unwilling to do something so basic as identify themselves to their targets.

Evergreen Social Contract:

"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."

Bob Blasdel is a senior enrolled in Undergraduate Research in Scientific Inquiry

## Harbor seals



by JACK NOE

Harbor seals have, for years, been getting an abundance of good press. These adorable aquatic mammals are loved for their furry pups and social tendencies that we see reflected in our own family groups. Charlie Also, my beloved semi-invisible girlfriend's former pet harbor seal, used to follow her around through Commencement Bay when she would spend her days rowing near Tacoma. Charlie Also's endless curiosity would drive him to follow her as she enjoyed the sun and storms of Tacoma's temperate climate. Although harbor seals are largely considered a docile and tame creature, and Charlie Also was a good example of that, they are capable of great harm and have a seldom-seen dark side.

Harbor seals' primary source of sustenance is Chinook salmon. The yearly devastation of salmon population is not caused by humans, as is widely hypothesized, but is in fact due to the age-old war between predator and prey. Harbor seals have, for centuries, been the archenemies of the Chinook families, preying on them whenever they get the chance. Everything we humans have done to control the world, as is our manifest destiny, hasn't stopped the war between these two groups of marine life. The solution to this problem, to bring the Chinook back from the brink of extinction, is to shed ourselves of the veil we've put over our own eyes. It is time for us to reconsider our stance on harbor seals. Although they were once considered too cute to club, I believe that the time has come for us to take a harder edge with these maritime murderers. Harbor seals are no better than stingrays, and as such, should be treated no better. Let us shed our preconceived notions of cute and cuddly carnivores, and lend a hand to a new predatorily constructed order. And so, in my closing statement, I propose that harbor seals become the next big thing. In food and fashion, that is.

Jack Noe is a sophomore enrolled in Literature and Cultural Politics of Democracy in Chile and Brazil

## Geoduck Union Statement



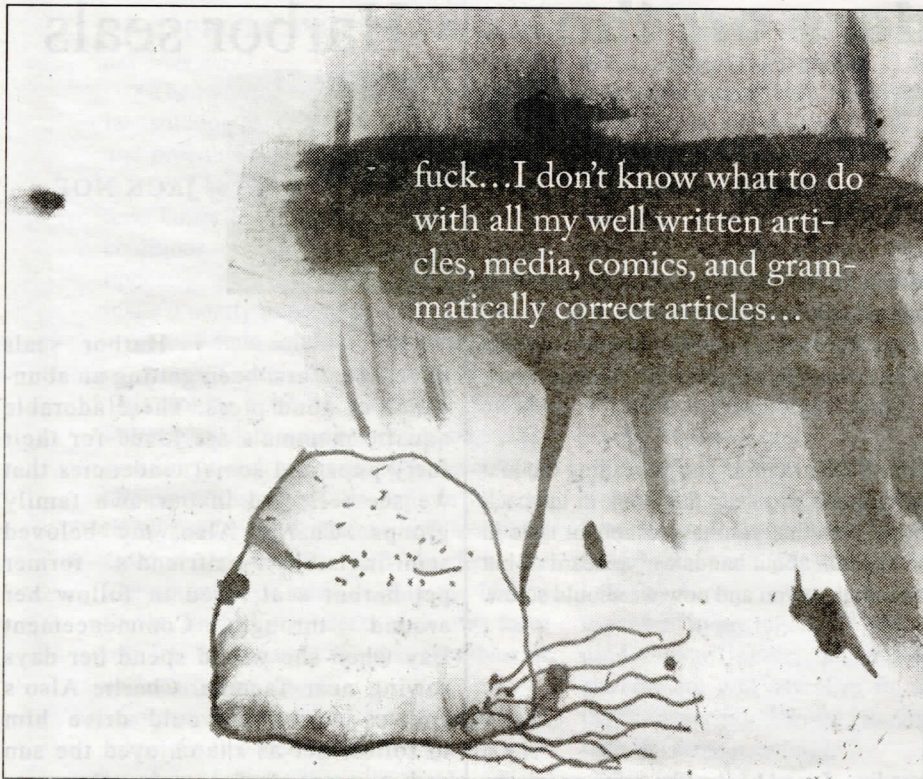
Occupation of the HCC 2/19/2010 - 2/21/2010

Several students maintained a community in the Housing Community Center over the weekend of 2/19/2010.

We support the right of students to air grievances through civil disobedience. Although some students find access to decision making adequate, we honor creative critique of existing governance and decisions at the federal, state or campus level.

The GSU will continue to serve all students, regardless of their involvement or opinions regarding any student action.





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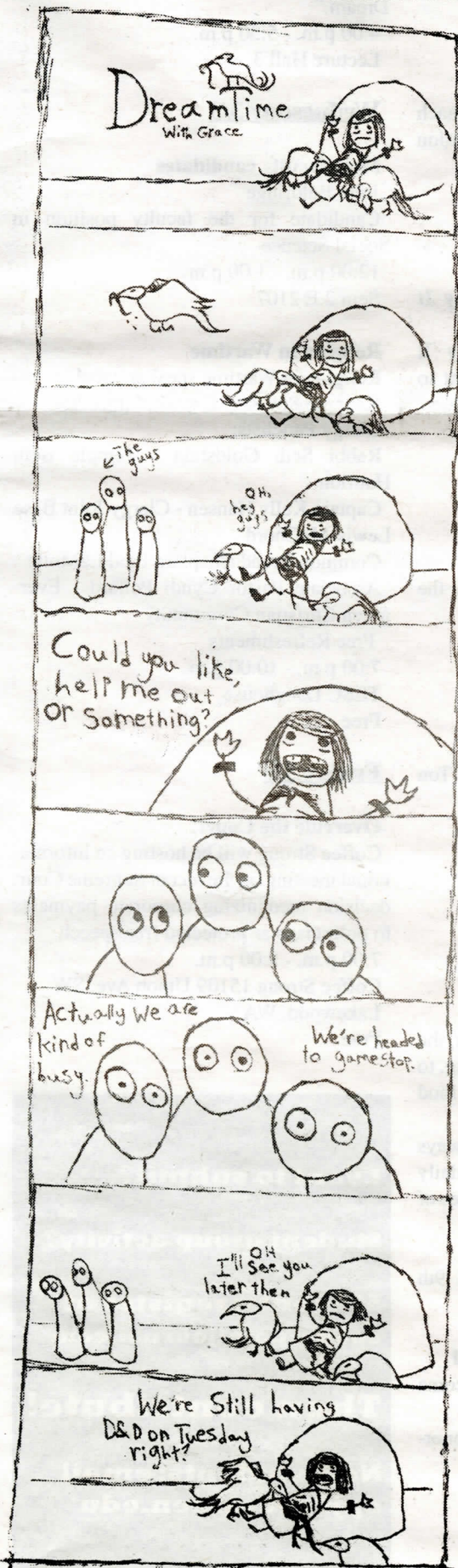


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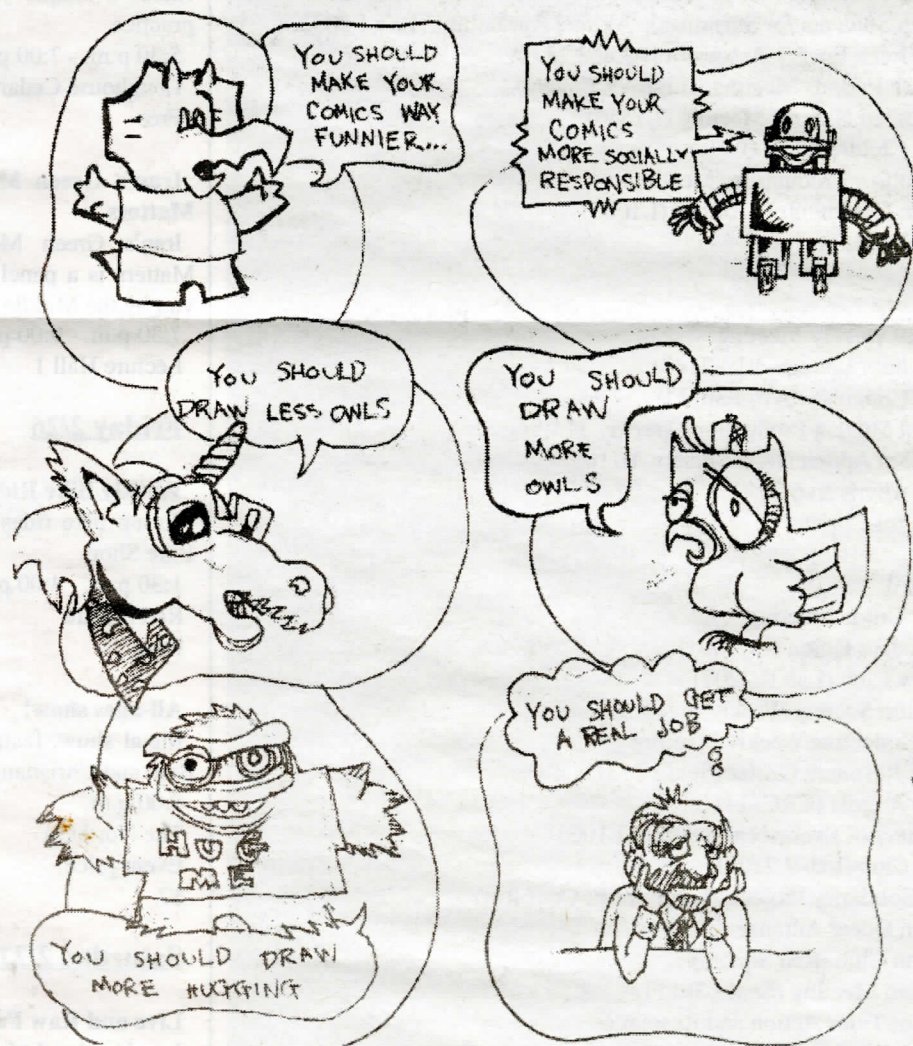
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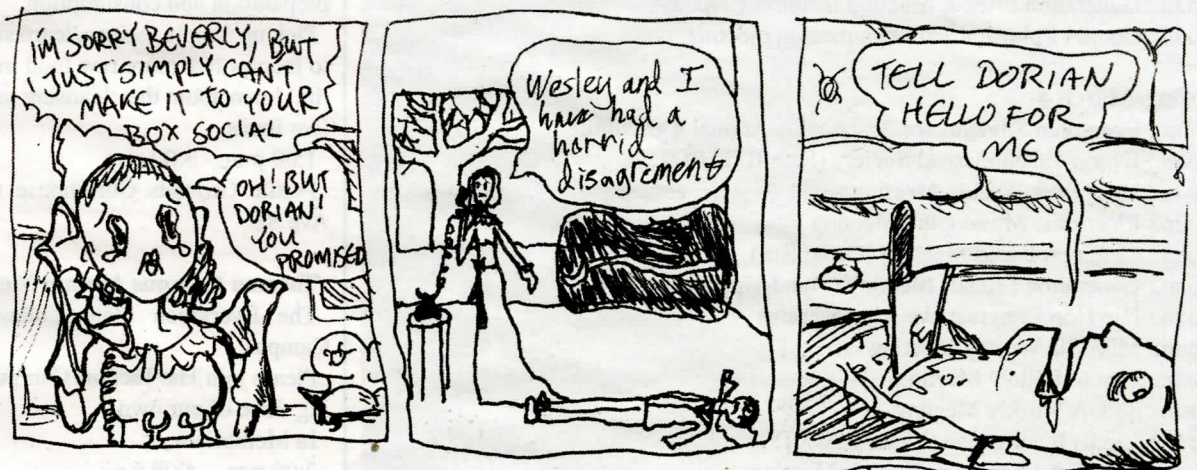


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## DRAWING COMICS IS FUN AND EASY



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# STUDENT GROUP MEETING TIMES

## Thursday, February 25

- 7:00 a.m.: Evergreen Students for Sustainable Animal Agriculture
- 3:00 p.m.: Evergreen Numerical Society (Sem II C2107)
- 3:00 p.m.: Yoga Club Weekly Meeting
- 4:00 p.m.: Electronic Music Club Meeting
- 5:00 p.m.: Common Bread Meeting (Cedar Rm)
- 5:00 p.m.: Generation Friends Meeting (Stand-Up Comedy)
- 5:00 p.m.: Hip Hop Congress Weekly Meetings
- 5:00 p.m.: MPA SU Weekly Meeting
- 5:30 p.m.: Riot to Follow Meeting
- 5:30 p.m.: SVGA Weekly Meeting
- 6:00 p.m.: Circus Resurgence (Library 3000)
- 6:00 p.m.: Socialist Alternative Weekly Meetings
- 6:00 p.m.: Students for a Democratic Society, Sem I 3rd Floor

## Friday, February 26

- 3:00 p.m.: Yoga Club Weekly Meeting
- 5:00 p.m.: Pep Band (Org Farmhouse)

## Saturday, February 27

- 12:30 p.m.: Capoeira Angola (CRC117)
- 2:00 p.m.: GRAS Anime Club (HCC)
- 3:30 p.m.: Riot To Follow

## Sunday, February 28

- 3:00 p.m.: Hillel Weekly Meetings

## Monday, March 1

- 10:00 a.m.: Society for Trans Action and Resources Weekly meeting
- 2:30 p.m.: Geology Club (Lab 2 2207)
- 3:00 p.m.: Geoduck Union Meeting
- 3:00 p.m.: S&A Board Meeting (Sem I 3rd Fl)
- 3:30 p.m.: Evergreen Students for Sustainable Animal Agriculture, Lab 1 3033
- 4:00 p.m.: Student Green Energy Association (Lab2 2211)
- 5:00 p.m.: Generation Friends Meeting (Improv Comedy)
- 5:00 p.m.: Model United Nations Meeting (L1540)
- 5:15 p.m.: Invisible Children, Lib 1003
- 5:30 p.m.: Riot to Follow Productions Meetings
- 5:30 p.m.: Evergreen Community Gardens (L1005)
- 9:00 p.m.: Riot To Follow Meetings

## Tuesday, March 2

- 3:00 p.m.: Yoga Club Weekly Meeting
- 4:00 p.m.: Haboo (Unity Lounge, LIB 2147)
- 5:00 p.m.: Hip Hop Congress (Sem I 3rd Fl)
- 5:00 p.m.: Evergreen Student Productions Weekly Meeting
- 6:00 p.m.: Giant Robot Appreciation Society, B1105
- 6:00 p.m.: Socialist Alternative
- 7:00 p.m.: Greeners for Christ

## Wednesday, March 3

- 1:00 p.m.: Geoduck Union Meeting
- 1:00 p.m.: Black Student Union (LC1001)
- 1:00 p.m.: Chemistry Club (Lab II 2207)
- 1:00 p.m.: What if film Society Weekly Meeting
- 1:30 p.m.: Wonder Collective Weekly Meeting
- 1:30 p.m.: Women's Resource Center (Sem I 3131)
- 2:00 p.m.: Capoeira Angola (CRC114)
- 2:00 p.m.: Law Society of Evergreen Meeting (L1003)
- 2:30 p.m.: Geology Club (Lab 2 2207)
- 2:30 p.m.: Mideast Solidarity Project (Sem I 3rd Fl Conf Rm)
- 3:00 p.m.: Evergreen Queer Alliance
- 3:00 p.m.: Percussion Club (Red Square)
- 3:00 p.m.: S&A Board Meeting (Sem I 3rd Fl)
- 3:00 p.m.: Society for Trans Action and Resources
- 3:00 p.m.: Yoga Club Weekly Meeting
- 3:00 p.m.: Coalition Against Sexual Violence Meeting (L2207)
- 3:00 p.m.: Health Society, Lab I 3033
- 5:00 p.m.: Generation Friends Meeting (Improv Comedy)
- 5:00 p.m.: Cooper Point Journal Organization meeting

## Thursday, March 4

- 7:00 a.m.: Evergreen Students for Sustainable Animal Agriculture
- 3:00 p.m.: Evergreen Numerical Society (Sem II C2107)
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# CALENDAR

## Thursday 2/25

### "Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin" (documentary film)

BRICK and PFLAG Olympia present...  
Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin (documentary film)  
12:00 p.m.  
Building 35, Room 252, SPSCC

### Anti-Racism, Allyship and White Privilege: A Weekly Discussion

Open to all community members  
Each Thursday, 4 to 5 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.  
LIB 2708

### Cynthia McKinney Speaks!

Lecture by Cynthia McKinney followed by a q&a session, hosted by the Black Student Union. For more information, contact coordinator Oscar at extension 6724 or the front desk at 6220!  
\$5 for non-students.  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Longhouse 1007 A/B  
Free

### Centering prayer

Chanting, meditation  
Mary Solberg of Contemplative Outreach shares a simple yet profound meditation practice  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Longhouse Cedar Room  
Free

### Iran's Green Movement and Why It Matters

Iran's Green Movement and Why It Matters is a panel discussion. Brought to you by the Middle East Solidarity Project.  
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Lecture Hall 1

## Friday 2/26

### Weekly Bike Ride

Group bike rides brought to you by the Bike Shop.  
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Red Square  
Free

### All-ages show!

Metal show, featuring Thones, Two Ton Boa, and Christian Mistress.  
9:00 p.m.  
The Northern  
Event price:  
\$7

## Saturday 2/27

### Live and Raw Food Workshop

Join Heather Isobel and Michael Barr, the raw food chefs of Indigo Live Catering, to learn some of the basics about raw food preparation and consumption.  
Pick up simple recipes, learn simple ways to incorporate more raw food in your daily life, learn about the cleansing properties of live foods  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Fertile Grounds Guesthouse @ 311 9th Ave SE

### Tacoma Campus Alumni Memorial

The Evergreen State College Tacoma Campus  
Please join The Tacoma Campus in honoring three of our own.  
In Memoriam  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
1210 6th Ave  
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### Mpowerment Bar Outreach (Bar Zap!)

Come carpool then bar crawl!  
Sat, 02/27/2010 - 10:00 p.m.  
Mpowerment QRC (147 Rogers St. NW)

## Monday 3/1

### Evergreen Roundtable Discussion on the Budget

Sent in a campus-wide email from Todd Sprague  
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Lecture Hall 1

## Tuesday 3/2

### Meet faculty candidates

Jeannine Love  
Candidate for the faculty position in Public Administration  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
SEM II E2105

### Alumni Speaker Series

Speakers presented by: "Money's Value, Soul's Worth" and "Living the Greener Dream."  
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Lecture Hall 3

## Wednesday 3/3

### Meet faculty candidates

John Baldrige  
Candidate for the faculty position in Social Science  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Sem 2 E 2107

### Religion in Wartime

Religion in Wartime speaker panel  
Keynote Speaker: Captain James Yee  
Clergy Panelists:  
Rabbi Seth Goldstein - Temple Beth Hatfiloh  
Captain Kelly Hansen - Clergy Joint Base Lewis-McChord  
Common Bread Chaplain Fred LaMotte  
Associate Pastor Cyndi Pollard - Evergreen Christian Community  
Free Refreshments  
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
TESC Longhouse  
Free

## Friday 3/5

### Overrule the Court!

Coffee Strong will be hosting an informational meeting on the recent Supreme Court decision recognizing corporate payments to politicians as protected free speech.  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
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### Event to submit?

### Student group activity?

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