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## Divestment dominates discussion

Erin Finch

CPJ Staff

The Evergreen State College Board of Trustees' May 11 meeting was mobbed with students and community members full of opinions on the campus divestment movement. The Library boardroom was at capacity, with students and faculty standing along the walls, spilling out of the room to outside of the doors, straining to hear the comments.

The public comment section of the board meeting was not designated as a discussion of college divestment. However, all but two of the comments voiced during the hour-and-a-half related to this issue.

Those who signed up to make a public comment were given roughly two minutes to speak their piece, while the board remained silent for the duration.

The overwhelming majority of speakers voiced varying levels of support for the divestment resolution passed in 2010 by campus-wide election. While some gave tentative support, calling upon the board to take the vote seriously and debate it openly, others took a more radical position.

Evergreen alum Anna-Marie Murano vehemently demanded that the Trustees obey the student election supporting divestment. "So far, the board of trustees has failed us. The president [of the college] has failed us," she said.

"I ask you, as people in power, to follow our lead. You don't need to lead, just follow us. There are plenty of us that will stand in front of you. Look at all the people here today," continued Murano.

"This is the beginning. This is not the end, this is the beginning, and we will push you until you divest. We will divest. I will tell you: Red Square will start looking like Tahrir Square unless you start doing something," said Murano, wrapping up her comment dramatically.

Some voiced concerns about divestment and the possible effect it could have upon the academic atmosphere at Evergreen.

Senior Josh Levine said that he did not think divestment would serve Evergreen's goals. "The end goal of the college is the educational opportunities it provides its students," said Levine.

"I'm afraid that if Boycott Divest Sanction has its way with this campus, it will curtail the faculty. It will curtail the students," said Levine. "It will not allow them the full



Photo: Nick Strite

Anna-Marie Murano, alumna, speaks in support of TESC Divest at the May 11 Board of Trustees meeting. Speakers were given two minutes to talk.

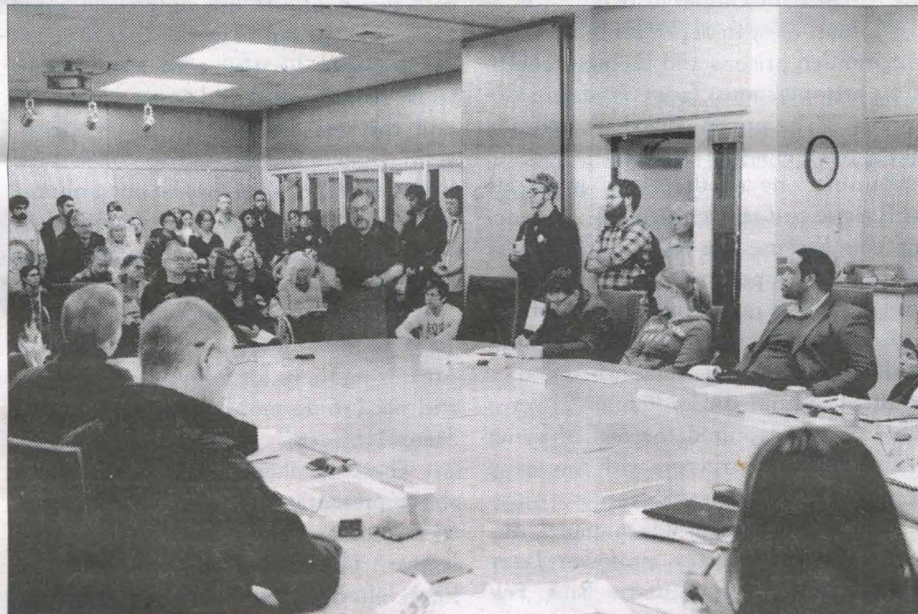


Photo: Nick Strite

Students, faculty, and community members packed into the Board of Trustees' public comment meeting to express their opinions focused around divestment and contract negotiations.

variety of studies that might otherwise be permitted. If a student is going off into the middle east to do a contract, or a faculty person chooses to invite an Israeli philosopher or scientist to campus, would we have to go through an approval process because we're putting money into the Israeli economy?"

The only other issue brought to the board related to the ongoing classified staff contract negotiations. Evergreen employee Lin Crowley, who is on the union negotia-

tion team, expressed her frustration with the process, which she described as "at an impasse." She then reiterated the union's demand that administrators agree to the same level of pay cut endured by classified staff.

At end of the comment section, Nathan Brockett, the student member of the Board of Trustees, expressed his desire to take some kind of action even if divestment is not an option.

## S&A Board hiring for 2011-2012

Kayla Mahnke

On behalf of S&A Board

The S&A Board is currently hiring for next year's board members! Do you want to gain valuable experience and have a voice in deciding how to spend student fee money? Do you want to sit in a conference room and have it look great on a resume? Apply to become an S&A Board member next year!

What is the S&A Board? The S&A Board is a board of nine student that allocates roughly 2.5 million dollars of student fee money for campus events, student groups, and campus services.

The applications and more information are available now in at the front desk of Student Activities on the 3rd Floor of the CAB. (Due Friday, May 13!)

### Board Member Responsibilities:

Attend Monday and Wednesday afternoon meetings held during governance hours.

Attend a training retreat November 3 - November 5, 2011.

Arrive promptly and prepared for each meeting, actively engaging in all deliberations.

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Must be able to attend board meetings every Monday and Wednesday during governance hours.

Application deadline: Friday, May 13 at 5:00 pm.

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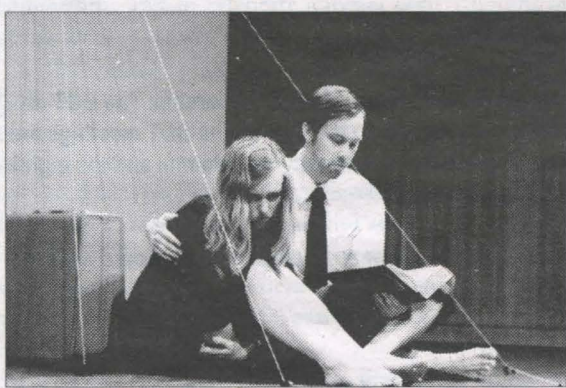


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Didn't get a chance to go see *Eurydice*? Go online to [cooperpointjournal.com](http://cooperpointjournal.com) to read reviews, view more photos to see what you missed.

Coming soon!  
Anna Simonton's video recording of the Board of Trustees Meeting for Public Comment will be available online at [cooperpointjournal.com](http://cooperpointjournal.com) by May 16.



Photo: Nick Strite

To see more photographs of the Synergy Conference, go online to [cooperpointjournal.com](http://cooperpointjournal.com) and browse Nick Strite's photo essay.

# Campus Life

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### Geoduck Student Union

Geoduck Student Union (GSU) Mission Statement:

The Geoduck Union is the official representation of the student body at The Evergreen State College. The union is committed to unifying students across all Evergreen campuses, serving their interests at the local, state, and national levels, and empowering all students to participate in positive social and political change while fostering a fair and diverse community. The union works to improve students' quality of life by advocating for students' rights and needs, facilitating communication among students, and ensuring a fair balance of power among faculty, staff, administration, and students.



Photo: Andrew Jacobsen

The Geoduck Student Union and friends with Dennis Kucinich

We need students to participate in the process to implement the mission statement. This could be by being a candidate for a GSU position, by attending GSU meetings (Held Wednesdays from 1:00 pm

to 2:45 pm in the Student Activities conference room on the 3rd floor of the CAB), or by participating in student committees whose members are recruited and then approved by the GSU.

## LASO holds annual conference

### Sabra Chandiwalla

CPJ Staff

This past Saturday, May 7, the Latin American Solidarity Organization (LASO), held their third annual Northwest Latin American Solidarity Conference. The event went from 11 am to 5 pm and began with a talk on Colombian prisons by James Jordan, a member of the Alliance for Global Justice.

Jordan went in-depth on the current U.S.-funded prisons and the poor conditions prisoners must face everyday in Colombia. "[The prison cooks] are basically giving prisoners shit to eat," said Jordan, explaining one of the many problems with these prison facilities, "They're doing this because the food is made in a kitchen with open, raw sewage running past it. This is in a modern prison built with U.S.funding." Along with the talk, Jordan showed the audience pictures of the U.S.-funded Colombian prisons; these images captured the feel of living in a poorly built structure with too many occupants and little sanitation.

Following Jordan was a panel discussion with Evergreen professor Peter Bohmer, Evergreen Alumni Rick Fellows, and Maribel Gomez, an immigrant from Honduras. Bohmer gave a brief but informative lecture on Venezuela and its alternative system to capitalism. "In

terms of the Americas," said Bohmer, "Venezuela is trying really hard to fight the colonization of Latin America by the U.S...[in part, with] fair trade and their own dollar system."

Fellows talked briefly about the World Trade Organization protest in Seattle in 1999, some of the effects the Free Trade Agreement has on third-world countries, and how, in extension, corporate power affects not only the United States but the entire world. Last to speak in the panel discussion, Maribel Gomez spoke briefly of her life in Honduras and the worsening of political oppression. Gomez immigrated to the United States in 1984 and applied for Political Refugee status but was never granted it. "On May Day, two million people went to the streets in Honduras," said Gomez, "We have this strong movement because we've been doing political education and organizing there for a long time. But we still need to do more in the here United States."

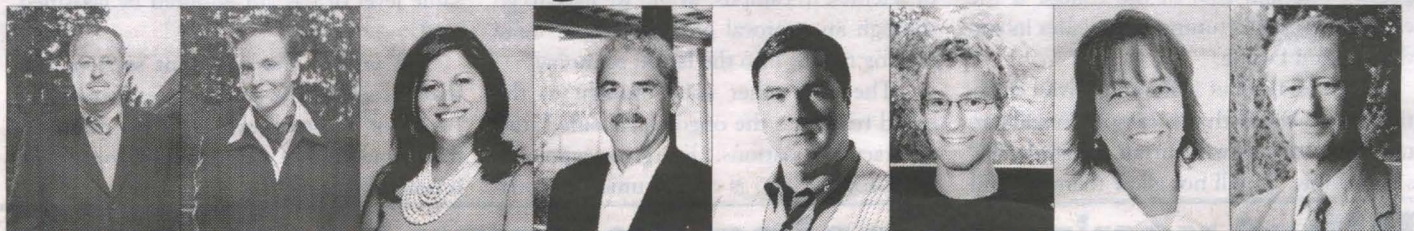
These speakers were followed by a short presentation by Portland's grassroots media organization, B Media Collective. This presentation focused on how effective grassroots community media can be, using Venezuela as an example. First, they showed a clip tying all the pieces of the 2002 political coup that removed Hugo Chavez from office

for two days, and then they talked about how the community-run and -owned media in Venezuela played a major role, and continues to play a major role in keeping the public an informed, educated, and involved society.

The event came to a close with special guest Eva Golinger, author of the Chavez Code and Foreign Policy Advisor to the Chavez administration. Golinger gave a long and informative lecture on the history between the United States and Venezuela, particularly after Chavez took office. Golinger says she's been giving lectures on this issue for seven years now, because "U.S. intervention and aggression towards Venezuela keeps getting worse. And with the Obama administration, it's gotten even worse, to people's surprise...in 2005, Chavez first talks about socialism. That same moment, the United States government decides it needs to change its strategy [in dealing with Venezuela]. That's when the demonizing of Venezuela begins."

LASO has put on a number of different events just this quarter ranging from the U.S. drug war policy in Latin America with guest speaker Sanho Tree to an eye-witness account of repression in Honduras by Gerardo Torres. If you're interested in the group and want to know more, LASO meets every Wednesday at 3 pm in the Student Activities room.

## Who are your trustees?



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### From the Board of Trustees website:

The Board of Trustees is an eight member governing board that provides Evergreen with its long-term strategic leadership. The BOT directs Evergreen into the future, initiates policy and delegates authority to the president, who reports to the Board. The BOT meetings are open to the public. The Governor of Washington appoints seven of the members from the external community and alumni, and the eighth member is a student chosen by the governor from a group of nominees selected by campus peers.

Board meeting schedules, agendas, and meeting minutes, along with full bios for each board member are available in the Board of Trustees section of the Evergreen main website.

Hit up the URL below to learn more.

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## Riot To Follow's *Eurydice*: spectacular

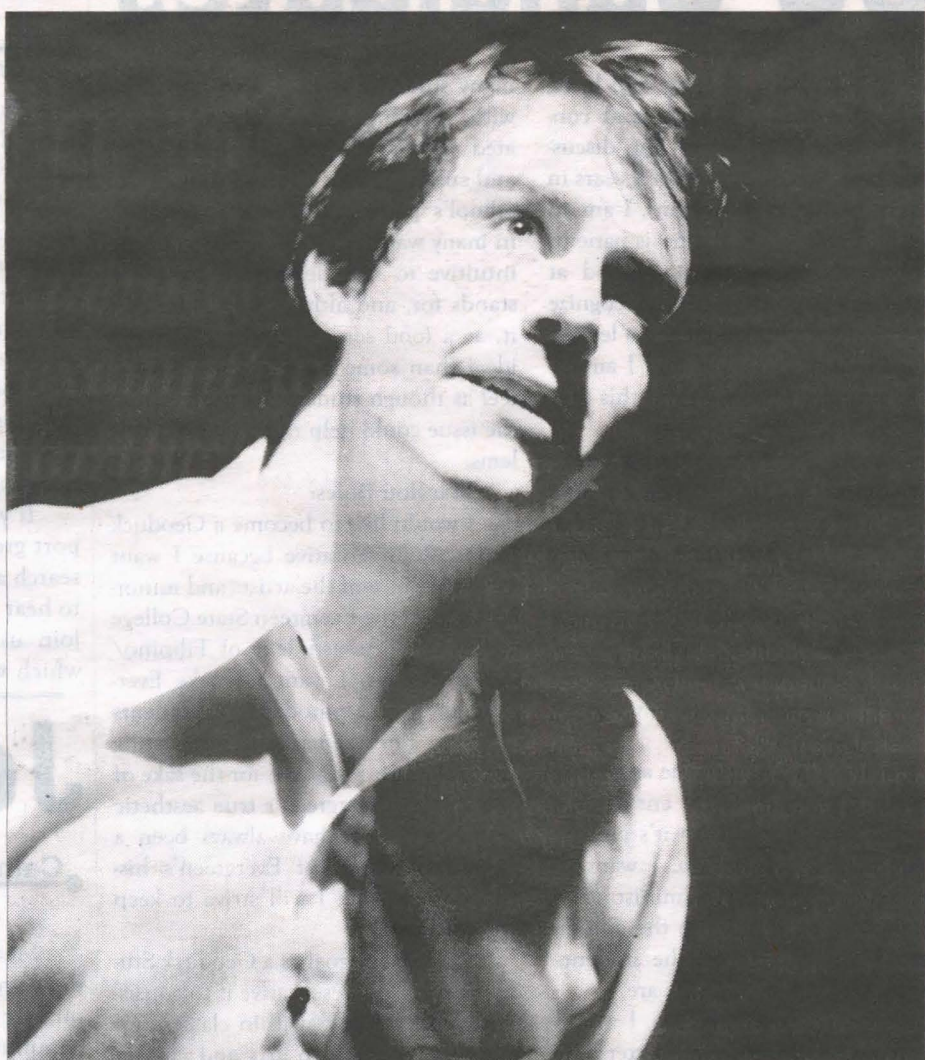


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Scott Anderson, as Orpheus, searches through the Underworld. He uses his music, the most beautiful in the world, to find Eurydice.

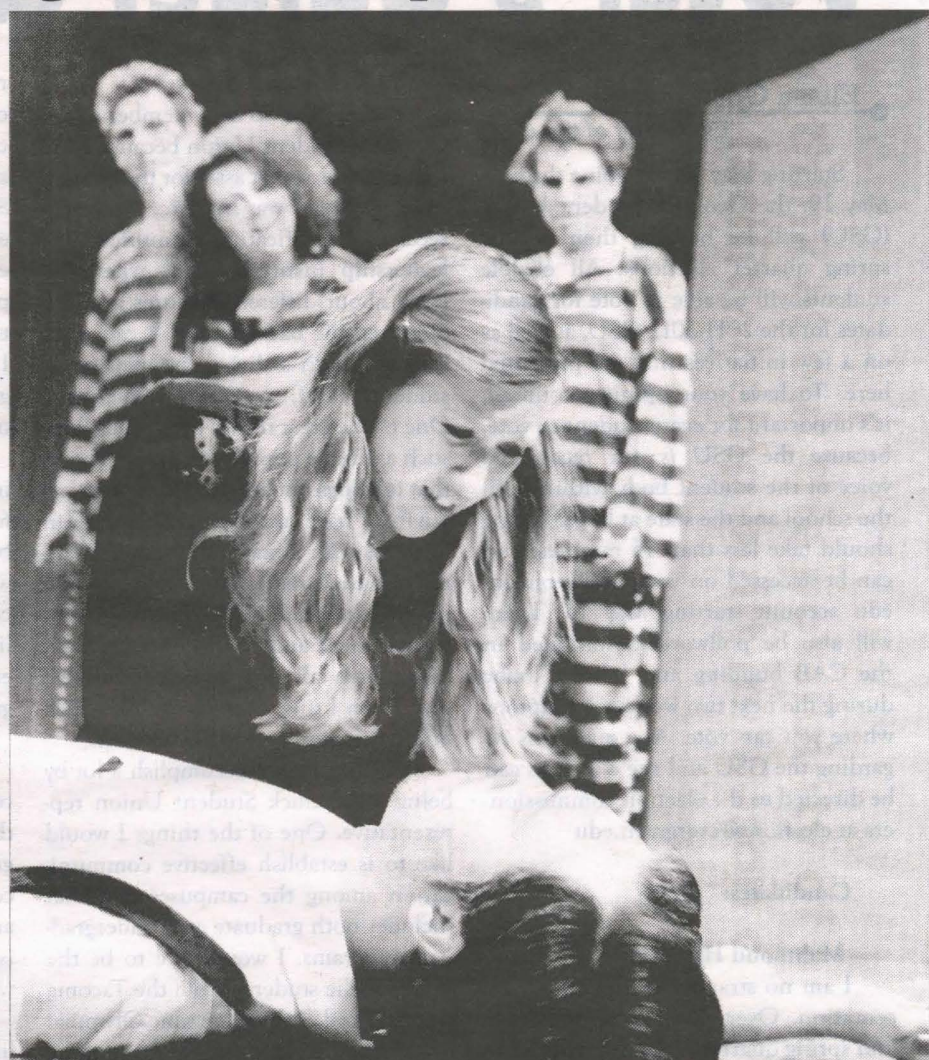


Photo: Nick Strite

Jenna Vershen, as Eurydice, leans over her dead father, played by Chad Law, and attempts to make him remember her and their "life" together in the Underworld.

### Jake Rabeck

Student Contributor

Originally, I hadn't planned on reviewing this weekend's Riot to Follow production of *Eurydice* but the show was so spectacular, I had to.

*Eurydice* was the first in a three-part Greek theater festival, which will include productions of *The Trojan Women* and *Lysistrata* from June 2-5.

Evergreen band "Camp Wisdom" warmed up the audience with a rousing half hour set, including my request of Seed Song as well as an energetic finale of their single *Hallelujah*. Band member Stephen Smith later joked that they might have enjoyed dancing to that a little too much for a Greek tragedy.

Director Miller Pyke chose Sarah Ruhl's (a big shot American playwright with whom Pyke actually held conference) *Eurydice*: an accessible, relevant, clever, and true-to-legend adaptation of the ancient Greek tragedy. Ruhl's drama comes from the "dynamic between the characters," said front woman Jenna Vershen.

Pyke demonstrated a strong command over the time and space of a stage, blocking her scenes subtly and pacing them skillfully, often with drawn out scenes of discomfort and abrupt mood shifts. One of the lighter scenes was especially well done, spaced and lit in such a way as to include Eurydice's husband Orpheus (Scott Anderson) playing guitar for his deceased lover, Eurydice exploring the underworld, and her father (Chad Law) making her new home there,

totally cohesively.

For Pyke, *Eurydice* was about "figuring out what I wanted the emotion behind, how I wanted people to feel after a certain scene or after the entire show."

Indeed, the tone and mood of the scenes were made possible by the artful and clearly careful work of the lighting and sound designers (Mary McCormick, Victor Hamilton) as well as the technicians. Creepy, unsettling music put me on the edge of my seat, and grave lighting brought out the lines in Eurydice's father's face. When Eurydice dies at the apartment of "interesting" and nasty Lord of the Underworld (Lazlo Steele, whose acting style Vershen described as an "expelling of energy"), darkness and off-key music erupted so abruptly, I almost wanted to jump on stage and save her myself.

The ambiance was so effective, I found myself begging for comic relief from a chain gang chorus of cackling stones (Zoe Shields, Baylie Freeman, Sean Neagle) who shouted their lines in bone-chilling harmony and stingily portioned out bits of comfort. I think the funny one might have smirked at me.

But stealing the show (not an easy task) was enthralling front woman Jenna Vershen as Eurydice. Freely and readily running the gamut of emotion from young lover to frolicking child, to tortured soul, to lamenting wife, Vershen gave a performance that pushed me to the brink of tears on multiple occasions.

Great work, Riot to Follow! *Eurydice* was a huge success! I can't wait for your next production!

## Producing energy the clean way

### Erin Finch

CPJ Staff

Eco-conscious Greeners and community members descended upon Red Square May 9 for the annual Clean Energy Fair, put on as part of the Synergy Conference.

According to event organizer Dani Madrone, the event was organized by the Clean Energy Committee to "share the renewable energy and resource projects on campus, connect the campus the broader community, and to celebrate another year of research, outreach, and success."

The highlight of the Clean Energy Fair was the entertainment. Two bands played at the event, demonstrating their pedal-powered amplification systems. A row of four power-generating bicycles fed electricity to a simple but powerful soundboard and PA system. The artists encouraged members of the audience to hop on a bike and "turn your PB&J's into musical energy."

Heather Normandale of San Francisco-based folk band *Stitchcraft* opened up the set, playing guitar with soulful vocals,

amplified by student-generated power.

Normandale was followed by the eclectic, energetic musical antics of *The Ginger Ninjas*. The Ninjas tour almost entirely by bicycle, and have taken their eco-conscious music across Mexico, Europe, and the west and east coasts of the United States.

The sound system used at the fair was the system currently on tour with the Ninjas in what they call the 'Pleasant Revolution.'

Students manned tables and small booths opposite the performers, presenting work funded by the Clean Energy Committee. The groups made presentations on various topics, including research into bio-inspired molecular solar power and microbial fuel cells. They also demonstrated projects for compost heat recovery and rainwater catchment.

Senior Haddy Yosef brought his school bus to the square, which he had converted to run on biodiesel. He has big plans for the bus, which he intends to turn into a closed micro-ecosystem.

His plan involves using algae to process the biodiesel exhaust into nutrient rich soil.



Photo: Nick Strite

Heather Normandale performs using energy generated by *The Ginger Ninjas'* bikes.

He hopes to receive funding at some point to complete the project. Once finished, Yosef hopes to use the bus to tour the country promoting bioremediation, a field of study devoted to using biological organisms to process waste into benign, potentially useful materials.

Present at the fair were a variety of other organizations, including Sustainable South Sound, The Ecobuilders Guild, Intercity Transit, 3Degrees Renewable Energy, The Global Green Energy Group, The Masters of Environmental Studies Program, Zero Waste Washington, and WashPIRG.

# Voter's Guide: GSU Candidates

## The I

### Elissa Goss

On behalf of the GSU

Starting May 16 and going through May 29, the Geoduck Student Union (GSU) will be holding their annual spring quarter elections. All eligible students will be able to vote for candidates for the 2011-2012 GSU, as well as on a few initiatives that are presented here. To have your opinion counted, it's important for every student to vote, because the GSU is our recognized voice of the student body within both the school and the state at large. Voting should take less than 15 minutes, and can be accessed on your my.evergreen.edu account starting May 16. There will also be pollworkers stationed in the CAB building and Library lobby during the next two weeks with laptops where you can vote. Any questions regarding the GSU and the elections can be directed to the election commissioners at elections@evergreen.edu

### Candidates:

#### Mahmoud Hammad:

I am no stranger to student representation. Over the course of winter and spring quarter of 2011, I worked as the first full-time legislative liaison for the Geoduck Student Union. I spent the two quarters evaluating and compiling the very serious issues that threaten to disenfranchise the student body. Students must be the most outspoken, critical and active members of society. As an Evergreen student and political observer, I find the lack of Geoducks raging on the hill disturbing. It's time for us to take the lead.

I would like to pursue the will of the students, inform the students about the dangerous budget cuts and tuition hikes, further efforts for divestment, and give the student body the power to lead the struggle against the threats to Evergreen and Olympia.

#### Nathan Schuur:

I want to be a GSU rep next year to continue the work I've been doing this year. I've been working to get the college to honor our votes from the last spring and I think they will eventually realize they need to respect our voice.

I want the college to divest now.

#### Kent Reister:

Appointing students to committees, questioning the powers that be, supporting student involvement, and amplifying student voice are all critically important responsibilities. I am prepared to continue fulfilling these responsibilities if I am elected for a third term as a Geoduck Student Union representative.

Next year I plan to bring the voice of graduate students to the Geoduck Student Union, something that we have been gravely lacking these last few years.

#### Jordan Conway:

I would like to become a GSU representative because I am not afraid to speak out and get to know everyone at Evergreen. I am very outgoing and organized. Living on a Native American reservation has taught me about different cultures. I believe I can represent all people.

I wish to help the upcoming students have a strong voice and try to get others involved in Evergreen activities.

#### Wilbert Pina:

I would like to be a member of the Geoduck Student Union because I feel that I can be a great asset for the student union. When I was in Pierce College, I received a certification in multicultural leadership institute (MLI) where we learn about different cultures and different ethnic backgrounds. I can work very well with a diverse population of students, staff, and faculty members. One of the great things of working with such a diverse population of students is that it brings out amazing ideas and creativity. I have an associate's degree in business with a major in management, plus I have three certifications that are in sales, another one in supervision and management and one in entrepreneurship. With all this knowledge, I feel that I can bring a lot to the Geoduck Student Union and future projects.

I would like to accomplish a lot by being a Geoduck Student Union representative. One of the things I would like to is establish effective communication among the campuses and that includes both graduate and undergraduate programs. I would like to be the voice for the students from the Tacoma Campus and at the same time Olympia. I also wish to establish better communication among all the students from all various campuses. One of my main goals is to help out all of the students that are looking up to us as their union representative and to make sure the greater good is for them. I have no personal agendas. I will represent the student body as their union representative with humility, humbleness, and with great honor if given the opportunity.

#### Sean Logan:

I will empower all students to participate in positive social and political change by forcing the Evergreen Board of Trustees to act upon our student initiative, passed last year by a 79% majority, to divest from all corporations which profit from war crimes.

#### Andrew Nepstad:

I would like to continue my work on the GSU because I enjoy the agency of working on student issues. After two years on the GSU, I have a better understanding of what we've accomplished and what we can do in the coming years.

Next year, I want to do everything I can to fight Evergreen's shift to the high-tuition, high-aid funding model. As a public school, Evergreen has a duty to accessibility. Also, there is more to be done to empower the voice of the students during school decisions.

#### Chelsea Brous:

I would like to be part of the Geoduck Student Union for the 2011-2012 school year because I believe it is important for the students to have their voices heard, and I would like to be a part of that voice. I have been involved in student government all through high school, and I have been a GSU representative for winter and spring quarter of the 2010-2011 school year.

Next year, I will continue to represent the students the best I can. I will work on issues brought to us by the student body, and I will work to make sure the voice of the students continues to be heard.

#### Eli Taylor West:

As a leader, it takes more than just speaking one's personal opinions. It

requires the ability to listen and bring community members' ideas and concerns to the forefront of any discussion; I have that ability. With 9 years in Student Union organizations, I am an effective public speaker who is patient, enthusiastic, organized, and good at prioritizing responsibilities. I recognize that as both an individual and a leader, I am constantly growing, and I am eager to cultivate this growth in this type of setting.

I would like to accomplish creating a stronger communication channel for student organizations, along with building a stronger sense of community with students, faculty, and the Olympia community. I want every student to feel like their voice is being heard. As stated earlier, I would also use this chance to grow both as a leader and individual.

#### Kelsy Meltion:

I would like to continue as a GSU representative next year to ensure that the GSU can continue on its path to greater student leadership. I want to continue working with administration and students, making sure the administration knows what we the students want and what our concerns are.

Next year, as a GSU rep, I would like to accomplish an even better connection between us and our student population. I want to ensure that we hear every voice and opinion that shapes this school. I want to make sure the administration takes the GSU and the students it represents seriously.

#### Alice Wynne:

I've got charisma, I've got compassion, I want to help out. I will make this school a better place for everyone I can!

#### Danielle Beagle:

I want to be a representative for the Geoduck Student Union as a voice for the Evergreen student body. I am an active member in the community, and I want to help fix issues students, staff, or faculty may have. Being a GSU representative is a fantastic way to stay active and up-to-date on concerns that are important to Evergreen. My focus is on uniting student groups.

I attend Evergreen, I belong at Evergreen, and I have an expression for Evergreen. I want to help the people of Evergreen become more involved in social and political issues by working together. I want to unite us as a community. I will strive to get the people involved in their school by planning events and raising awareness, among other ideas. I want to network between the student groups and bring us together as one sound student body.

#### Joseph Barresi:

I would like to represent my fellow students at Evergreen and have a more pivotal role in the workings of the student body and its involvement with the administration of the school. I appreciate the presence of a student organization that gets things done based on student participation and involvement with one another. I have also admired the events and occurrences put on by the GSU this year and in the past, including organization of a divestment vote, support of alternatives to biomass gasification, and invitations to our campus of speakers like Dennis Kucinich.

If at all possible, I would hypothetically like to work with the Geoduck Student Union for some reform of the meal system/Greenery, which I feel

many students at Evergreen take issue with, notably with problems associated with food, hours of availability, and sustainability. I feel as though the school's partnership with Aramark is in many ways hypocritical and counter-intuitive to the ideals that Evergreen stands for, and although I realize that it, as a food service provider, is more ideal than some other corporations, I feel as though student involvement on the issue could help right a lot of problems.

#### Marylou Boles:

I would like to become a Geoduck Union Representative because I want to be the voice of the artists and minorities within the Evergreen State College community. As a student of Filipino/Polish descent, I would like to make Evergreen more accommodating to students of color. I'm adamant on supporting arts and music programs for the sake of maintaining Evergreen's true aesthetic nature. The arts have always been a prominent aspect of Evergreen's historical roots, and I will strive to keep it that way.

My primary goal as a Geoduck Student Union Representative is to consistently visit students within classes and clubs that pertain to arts and culture studies. By doing this, I will be able to gather opinions from students in order to assess their needs. I want to figure out how students think the money within our school's budget should be allocated to better suit the needs of our artists and minorities. My main responsibility is to prevent the various art departments from taking the axe due to severe budget reductions. Hundreds of students attend Evergreen each year in hopes of pursuing an art-related degree. I want to make sure that those students not only have the supplies they need, but that they remain a respected and valuable facet within the Evergreen community.

#### Josh Sowers:

I wish to broaden my horizons and gain experience in regions that I have not had the opportunity to participate in. Furthermore, I wish to involve myself in the affairs of such a fine college in the hopes of helping guide it through these times of budget cuts and tuition hikes. Lastly, it is my greatest wish to improve this college for the benefit of those attending it.

I intend to do my absolute best to meet the needs of both the college and the students, to act fairly and justly, and to stand as an example of the ideals of both Geoduck Union and The Evergreen State College.

#### Initiatives:

Should the Geoduck Student Union pursue the implementation of a Technology Fee? The fee would be dedicated to technology, including, but not limited to, internet bandwidth expansion, computers, printers, and printing supplies for student use on the academic campus.

Would you feel safer and more comfortable knowing that the campus police are equipped with tasers?

Should the GSU pursue the implementation of a student fee to finance an annual anti-oppression workshop?

### Eli Westberg

On behalf of TH

The Icarus Project is a mental health support network with a chartered green State College campus. We serve as an organizing force to plan events, speakers, and bring to the Evergreen community. The themes of work included: self-care, crisis, anti-oppression, grassroots organizing, and more. We have support groups.

If you would like to join support groups, we can search and network to hear how it goes. Join us for Mad Pr which will be May 1

## Join

### Catherine Nola

Meals with Friends is a student group that just quarter with a mission to address community in discussion, hunger, and the Olympia area. Through meetings, the group potlucks, often inviting student groups.

On May 4, Meals with Friends partnered with Green to host the reproductive rights hosting dinner and a "ner was tacos; the movie towners," a film made by students in 2005 about youth in Olympia. The number of attendees was delicious food, most either Meals with Friends or Choice.

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### Meaghan Tom

On behalf of Amne

Evergreen's Amnesty works to abolish the use of torture and protect, free prisoners, and justice the rights to make insure other fundamental throughout the globe. Cating, and other meetings are held every Wednesday in Student Activities.

Did you know? In the world, one woman dies related complications every 15 seconds? The vast majority are preventable and access to health care education. Come by the side, based on weather write Mother's Day event domestic and international makers urging them to maternal health in

# Icarus Project Presents: Mad Pride Week

The Icarus Project is a radical support and activist chapter at The Evergreen. Our meetings are a safe space where we meet, and workshops are held on the Evergreen campus. Our workshops have included crisis intervention, boundary setting, organizing, queer liberation. We currently do not plan to organize support for you with reworking, and we'd love to see you. Otherwise, please join Mad Pride Week 2011, May 16 - May 22, and

include many exciting workshops and learning opportunities. For more information on The Icarus Project, visit [www.theicarusproject.net/](http://www.theicarusproject.net/) or look up "TESC Icarus Project" on Facebook.

Mad Pride Week is a celebration of dangerous gifts commonly labeled as "mental illness." We are choosing to reject the shame, silence, and alienation we receive from society. We are reclaiming our identities, our power, and our creativity with a week of events, workshops, community organizing, and more. We will also discuss what The Icarus Project should do for next year. If we strive to take better care of ourselves and each other, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

Some highlights of Mad Pride Week will be:

**Monday, May 16:** "What is Rad-

ical Mental Health Organizing?" with The Icarus Project.

Also, an opportunity to make "madness first aid kits" with The Icarus Project. Many supplies and goodies will be provided.

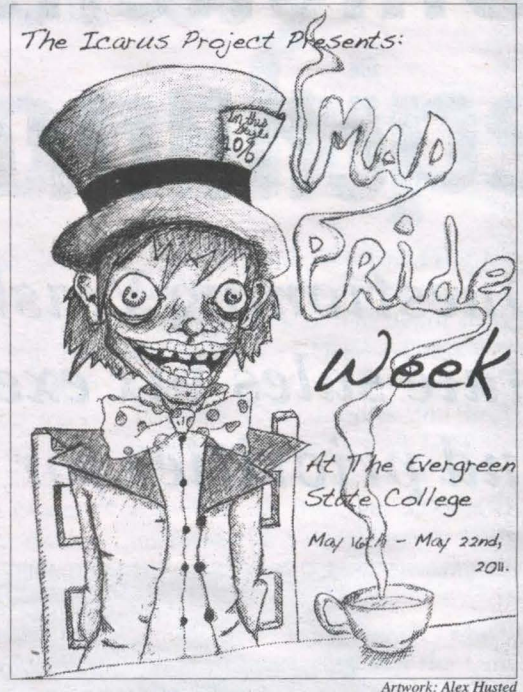
**Tuesday, May 17:** Olympia Men's and Friend's Group (OMFG) will present two workshops. "The Importance of Starting a Men's Group," and "Masculinity and You."

**Thursday, May 19:** Cristien Storm, author of *Living in Liberation: Boundary Setting, Self Care, and Social Change*, will join us for a workshop based on the themes of her book as well as her experience with Home Alive in Seattle, and as a radical mental health professional.

**Friday, May 20:** Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) presents "Counterinsurgency and Policing"

with Kristian Williams, author of *Our Enemies in Blue: Police and Power in America* and volunteer with Rose City Copwatch in Portland, OR.

**Saturday, May 21:** The Icarus Project will have a workshop about queer and trans mental health, as well as an LGBTQ community organizing potluck. These two events are safe spaces for queer, trans, and questioning people only. Then, starting at 8:00 pm, we will have an open mic and gallery that will be open to anyone who would like to share their writing, performance, or visual art that was inspired or influenced by experiences of madness.



Artwork: Alex Husted

## Meals with Friends

Catherine Nolan  
CPJ Staff

Meals with Friends is a new student organization that just began in spring. Its mission is to provide a space for discussion about poverty and homelessness in the Olympia area. To facilitate these discussions, the group organizes weekly meals with friends, often involving other student organizations like Greeners for Choice, the Human Rights group, and the Downside movie. The dinner movie was "Downside" made by Evergreen students about homelessness. There were a good number of students, some for the first time, showing interest in the organization. Meals with Friends or Greeners for Choice wishes to focus on raising awareness of homelessness and often works closely with Camp Quixote, the self-governed community of homeless

adults; inviting members to talk about their experiences and discuss solutions to the problems of homelessness. This was the goal of this week's meeting on May 11: as part of the weeklong Synergy Conference, Meals with Friends



Photo: Catherine Nolan

Meals with Friends discuss issues of poverty, hunger, and homelessness in the Olympia area.

hosted an indoor hot dog picnic and invited Camp Quixote residents to be part of the dialogue.

The discussion was partially based on the results of the recent homeless student survey, which found that many students have been homeless for more than one quarter. Currently and previously homeless students were encouraged to contribute their experiences and suggestions for what can be done to help those in such a situation. Another main topic

was the plans and progress of the permanent residence of Camp Quixote, which is still facing difficulties from the city despite great community support.

Student group Food Not Bombs was in attendance as well, providing their perspective along with some delicious chili. The organization of Meals with Friends allows for an excellent and necessary forum for the all-important topic of homelessness in Olympia.

## Amnesty International

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Amnesty International is a global human rights organization that works to end the death penalty, oppose combat terror with respect for conscience, promote maternal health, and protect mental human rights. We work to achieve these goals by lobbying, educating, and organizing. Our meetings are held on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. We focus on issues that around the world cause the most deaths from pregnancy-related causes every ninety seconds. The majority of these deaths are preventable and caused by a lack of access to reproductive health care or a lack of health care by the CAB (or other) on May 12th to send cards to six different international decision makers to protect the right to life in the United States



Photo: David Jackman

Evergreen's chapter of Amnesty International fight for basic human rights.

and around the world as a part of Amnesty's Demand Dignity campaign. These preventable deaths often represent violations of essential human rights, including

the right to the highest attainable standard of health and the right to freedom from discrimination based on gender, ethnicity, language, or income.

## Science Clubs at Evergreen

Hattie Osborne and Floral Reynolds

On behalf of Evergreen Science Clubs

This year has been a big year for Evergreen's science students! Students have participated in conferences, science clubs are in full swing, and the Science Carnival is just around the corner! If you want to learn more and get involved, keep reading to see what you can do and learn from these clubs!

Chemistry Club may tote chemistry as its focus in the name, but in practice, we love all science! This year, students participated in trips to Seattle to hear lectures, went to local elementary science fairs, and attended the American Chemical Society's spring national meeting, where the club received the Outstanding Chapter Award. We have big plans for the future, including a trip to the University of Oregon for the Linus Pauling Symposium and more "Science on Tap" lectures in Seattle. If you would like more information about Chemistry Club, please e-mail us at [chemclub@evergreen.edu](mailto:chemclub@evergreen.edu).

If you love the outdoors and learning about how our Earth was made, come visit Geology Club! Geology Club is one of very few science clubs on campus. This year the club went on several trips, such as a caving trip to Ape Caves and a geological hike at the Mima Mounds. There is also an upcoming trip in week 10 that is featuring a hike and agate hunting! If you are interested in Geology Club, feel free to contact us at [geologyclub@evergreen.edu](mailto:geologyclub@evergreen.edu) or stop by our cubicle in Student Activities.

Are you ready for this year's annual Science Carnival on May 27 and May 28? This year is sure to be one of the best, with tons of presentations, hands-on kid's activities, raffles, bake sales, and explosions! There are many ways to get involved with Science Carnival activities. Chemistry Club is offering volunteer activities working with children, welcoming visitors, and setting up demonstrations. Geology Club has volunteer activities to those that want to make science exciting for children. If you are interested in volunteering at the Science Carnival on May 27 or May 28 between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, please email [chemclub@evergreen.edu](mailto:chemclub@evergreen.edu) or [geologyclub@evergreen.edu](mailto:geologyclub@evergreen.edu), or stop by our joint cubicle in Student Activities!

## WashPIRG gets political

Jazmin Garcia  
Student Contributor

WashPIRG is a student directed, student funded organization that works on issues that matter to students. With so many special interests throwing money at our political system, it's important that students work together and organize to have our voices heard. This quarter, one of the campaigns we are running is "Clean Air, Healthy Families." We're working to protect the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from devastating budget cuts that would cripple its ability to protect our air and water. We're also working to keep coal out of Washington. Specifically, we want to prevent the construction of the Millennium coal export terminal in Bellingham, WA.

On April 22, 2011 (Earth Day), WashPIRG partnered with the Rainforest Action Network and the Cascade Climate Network to deliver over

7,000 petition signatures to Christine Gregoire's office. These petitions called for Governor Gregoire to keep Washington clean and beautiful by shutting down current coal export terminals and preventing any new terminals from being built.

On Monday, May 9, 2011 we hosted an Evergreen litter pick-up and gathered six trash bags full of litter that had been left behind in our forest.

"Clean Air, Healthy Families" meets every Monday at 4 pm in the WashPIRG office (Sem I 4126). All are welcome to attend and encouraged to get involved. Clean Air plans to organize a few films, speakers, and perhaps a discussion panel before the end of the quarter.

In addition to environmental issues, WashPIRG is working to challenge corporate power run amok in our Citizens United campaign. Meetings for Citizens United are Mondays at 5:30 on the 3rd floor of the CAB.

# Chickens over The Wider World: children? He's gone... Now comes the hard part

*Questioning Washington state sales tax exemptions and priorities for the budget.*



Mark Ciccone  
Student Contributor

Like many people on campus, and no doubt millions more across the US and the world, I felt both pleasure and satisfaction when I heard on May 1st that Osama bin Laden had been located and killed. Though I had privately wished that he be taken alive and tried, I knew that given his fanaticism and that of his followers, this was unlikely. Nonetheless, that same night, even while watching President Obama's sobering yet encouraging speech detailing the raid and offering closure to the victims and heroes of 9/11, the main thought running through my head was: "What now?"

The same question is no doubt occurring to countless other people right now. After ten years, trillions of dollars, and thousands of deaths, we've finally cornered and brought down the man behind 9/11, and now we have to deal with both the long- and short-term consequences. The ease and luxury with which bin Laden was able to hide just outside the very capital of Pakistan, our most prominent ally in the Afghan war/occupation, underscores the corruption and instability permeating this country, particularly in its northern regions (See AP News, 5/2/11). And the death of the Al-Qaeda leader likely means that retaliatory attacks, whether next week or next year, may very well take place, making us even more paranoid on the home front while our troops remain mired in "the graveyard of empires", in some respects possibly even beyond the official final withdrawal phase in 2014.

Most of all, regardless of whatever level of satisfaction we as a nation may get



from bin Laden's discovery and demise, the fact remains that we are still mired in two multi-trillion dollar wars—instigated to find and bring down either him or his cohorts and supporters—a stagnant economy, a broken two-party system, and mind-boggling disconnect on the part of the DC "experts" while we everyday citizens must deal with the effects of all these afflictions: rising gas and food prices, a trickle of jobs every month, and ever-increasing cuts in desperately needed services in the name of promoting "recovery" and "growth".

If we are to have any hope of addressing, let alone remedying, these concerns, we must keep our celebrations over bin Laden's demise brief, and refocus our efforts and passions both on ending the war(s) begun to eliminate him and his network, and on saving and protecting our rights, services and checkbooks from the criminally idiotic GOP/TP coalition. Only once both of these goals are achieved can we truly enjoy the fruits of victory.

Rachel Cermak

Student Contributor

Were you aware that Washington state provides a sales tax exemption for chicken bedding and bull semen used in artificial insemination? That our government provides preferential tax rates to thousands of businesses? That corporate out-of-state banks receive tax breaks on first mortgages?

Three bills have recently been introduced into the Washington state legislature that seek to end such tax breaks and make it easier to do so in the future. Senate Bill 5947, sponsored by Democratic Senator Tracey Eide, would eliminate the tax exemption received by agricultural producers for chicken bedding, bull semen for artificial insemination, and propane for heating chicken houses. Senate Bill 5945, sponsored by Democratic Senator Phil Rockefeller, would incrementally adjust preferential business and occupation tax rates paid by Washington state businesses.

However, Initiative 1053, sponsored by Tim Eyman and passed in November 2010, makes repealing these tax subsidies nearly impossible. Repealing tax subsidies, under I-1053, is categorized the same as raising taxes, and thus requires a two-thirds majority vote in the legislature. That means that raising Washington's sales tax and eliminating tax exemptions for chicken bedding require the same supermajority to be approved.

Now, Senate budget Chair Ed Murray wants to put this question on the ballot this fall: should ending tax loopholes really require a two-thirds majority vote? This question comes in the form of Senate Bill 5944, which seeks to clarify I-1053 by asking the voters if repealing tax breaks should require such a high standard. If passed through the legislature, a referendum would be put to a popular vote this fall.

Senate Bills 5945 and 5947 would produce a combined \$347 million in the 2011-

2013 biennium to fund essential government services which have been reduced or cut entirely in this budget session. Families receiving the temporary assistance for needy families have had their grant cut by 15%, the Disability Lifeline program has been cut entirely, our K-12 teachers' salaries have been reduced, and higher education tuitions have spiked. It is unconscionable to spend millions on tax breaks for heating chicken coops while thousands of Washington state children are shivering with lack of proper clothing and blankets. It is incomprehensible that our government chooses to fund bull insemination while cutting family planning.

We must prioritize the needs of Washington's most vulnerable. Although our legislators talk of "shared sacrifice," an all-cuts budget which slashes welfare and education places the heaviest burden on the working class is contradictory to their aims. We are all paying more for the preferential treatment of the few, and it must stop. We must raise our voices and tell our legislators and our communities that corporations and businesses, too, must bear their share of these budget cuts.

Please take the time to call your legislator today. The legislative hotline number is 1-800-562-6000. Below is a sample script of what you could say:

"Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am calling from (CITY and COUNTY) regarding Senate Bills: 5944, 5945, and 5947. Each of these bills takes into account the basic and moral values of putting our state's citizens before corporations. As a voting and serving person in Washington state, I know these bills are crucial to maintaining and supporting a working and ethical society. Therefore I urge you to support these bills. Thank you for your time."

It takes two minutes. Tell your friends, your family, and strangers. These bills are a crucial first step towards creating a more just and balanced budget.

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# Geoduck track ready for CCC championships



Photo: Chris Thompson

Karissa Carlson will attempt to qualify for the NAIA Championships in the 1,500m run

## Darren Woods

CPJ Staff

The Evergreen track team travels to Gresham, Ore., this weekend for the premiere meet of the season as they embark on Mt. Hood Community College for the Cascade Collegiate Conference Track and Field Championships.

Geoduck track and field has made history this season as Evergreen athletes improved school records both on the field and on the track.

Karissa Carlson, an athlete who is no stranger to making Evergreen history, has set or broken a record every time she raced this outdoor season. Carlson came off her first national appearance this indoor season and hasn't looked back. Evergreen's middle-distance gem, qualified for both the 800m and 1,500m races at the CCC championships this weekend. Carlson is still hoping to qualify in the 1,500m for Nationals; meanwhile, she

has already achieved the national B-Standard in the 800m.

Another double qualifier for the conference championships is sophomore hurdler Connor Abdelnoor. In his second season, Abdelnoor has improved his own school record in the 400m hurdles while qualifying for CCC's the 110m hurdles and 400m hurdles. Abdelnoor took sixth place in the 400m hurdles last year at the championships and looks to improve upon that placing this weekend.

While both Carlson and Abdelnoor have been to the championships as Geoducks, there are a handful of Greeners who will experience the championship meet for the first time.

Freshman Kailene Rollins made her name known early in the season when she cleared 1.49 meters in the high jump, eclipsing the school record from

a year ago set by Geoduck volleyball star Jasmine Horton. Rollins record mark was good enough to qualify her for the CCC championships this weekend. The freshman high jump standout hasn't been the only freshman making tracks for the Geoducks.

Zephyr Forest, a product of Sir Francis Drake High School in Marin County, Calif., qualified for two events at the upcoming championships, making an immediate impact on the as an Evergreen hurdler. The Californian posted times of 17.10 in the 110m hurdles and 61.10 in the 400m hurdles, respectively.

Olympia native and former Capital High School athlete Jared Clarke showed his range this season, leading the team in three events. Clarke was the only Evergreen athlete to break the 10-minute barrier in the 3,000m. The Geoduck harrier also leads the team in the 800m with a 2:05.05 and 1,500m in 4:16.32.

Evelyn Coleman and Tyler Luce are the only seniors on the Evergreen track team and look to add depth to the roster traveling to Gresham this weekend. Coleman set the school record in the women's 100m hurdles and broke her own school record a week later.

Luce broke a record of his own this season in his first ever 3,000m steeplechase at the Saint Martin's University Invitational in Lacey, crossing the line in 11:32.78.

Meagan Tomasiewicz, who transferred to Evergreen from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, has struggled with injuries throughout the 2011 season but not before setting the bar in the women's pole vault record books in her first year as a Geoduck. Tomasiewicz cleared 2.90m at the Lewis and Clark Invitational on April 16, qualifying her for this weekend's championships as well as making her the first Geoduck in history to record a mark in the pole vault.

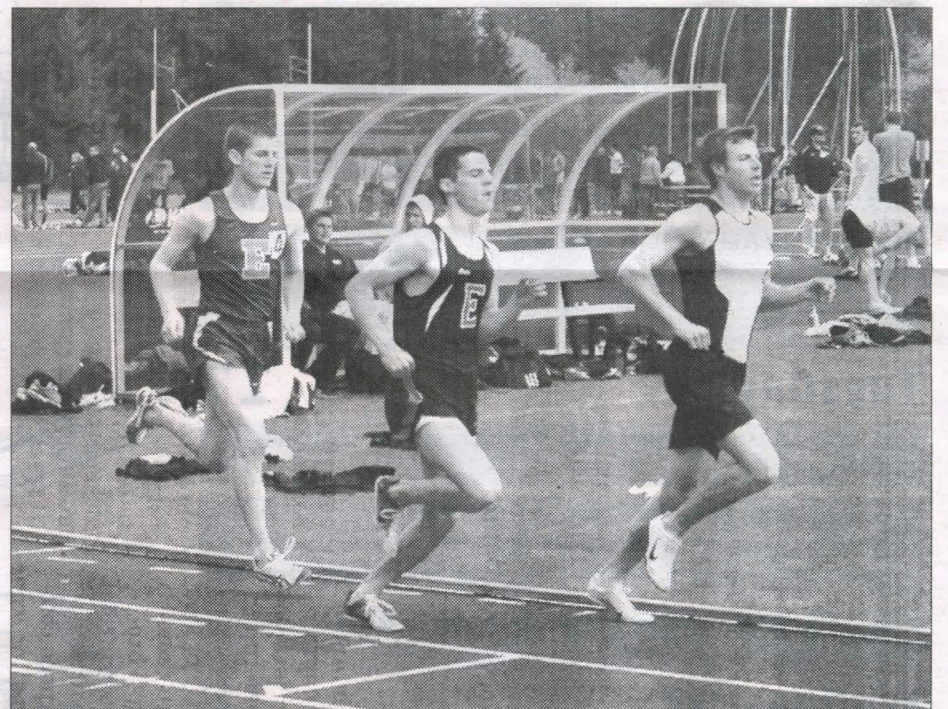


Photo: Chris Thompson

Jared Clarke (left) competes at the SMU Invitational

# SAAC making progress in second year at TESC

## Darren Woods

CPJ Staff

The Evergreen Student Athlete Advisory Committee, also known as SAAC, is a campus student group comprised of nine representatives from Evergreen's seven intercollegiate sports teams. Led by co-chairs Emma Loftis (women's soccer) and Jazzmin Garcia (volleyball), representatives discuss issues surrounding the student-athlete experience on campus. SAAC is in its second year at Evergreen after former Director of Athletics and Recreation Dave Weber instituted the committee to model the National Collegiate Association of Athletics (NCAA). While TESC is not a member of the NCAA, its governing body the NAIA adopts many rules and regulations from the NCAA. All members of the NCAA must have a SAAC to be in compliance. As interim Director of Athletics and Recreation, Wendy Endress has kept SAAC intact even

though as a member of the NAIA it is not a requirement for its institutions.

In its first year, the Evergreen SAAC was unsuccessful in amending an agreement with faculty and administration to help prevent penalization such as loss of credit, due to competition schedules. Presently, student-athletes can be and have been penalized for missing class as a result of having to travel to national tournaments and out of state competitions too many times during the academic year.

The committee, overseen by women's basketball coach Monica Heuer, has had recent achievements. On May 4, SAAC successfully put on a pool party in the CRC to bring student athletes and staff together. SAAC member Patrick Lewis of the men's basketball team saw the event as a great success. "It was a success. About 20 athletes and staff showed up." Lewis added, "This quarter, we had goals to unite staff with

athletes and get unity between teams." Currently, the committee is making efforts to provide tutors for student athletes to help students who need additional help with their schoolwork.

Heuer mentions that current goals for SAAC include presenting bigger initiatives in the future and to get full representation from all the sports. Currently, the Evergreen SAAC does not have representation from men's track and field, women's track and field or men's cross country. Ultimately, SAAC would like to have two representatives from each sport to get full representation from all of its teams. Additionally, SAAC continues to look for ways, as the mission statement reads, "to promote camaraderie among intercollegiate teams and the student body." To see the full list of committee members and the SAAC mission statement, visit [http://www.evergreen.edu/athletics/advisory\\_committee.htm](http://www.evergreen.edu/athletics/advisory_committee.htm).

Evergreen Track and Field athletes in the Top Ten in the Conference (As of 5-11-11)

## Women

- \*Karissa Carlson- 800m (6th)
- \*Karissa Carlson- 1500m (8th)
- \*Kailene Rollins- HJ (6th)
- \*Meaghan Tomasiewicz- PV (T-4th)

## Thursday 12

**Oppose and Propose: Lessons from Movement for a New Society Library Lobby 12pm**

Andrew Cornell, author of Oppose and Propose, discusses Movement for a New Society, a radical formation in the '70s and '80s that brought together many of the ideas and practices that are now commonplace among radical activists.

**Conversation on the Campus Food System LH 5 1pm**

**FoodCorps Lecture Flaming Eggplant 5pm**

Cecily Upton, Co-Founder of FoodCorps, will address how the FoodCorps' model sits at the intersection of food systems, public health, community empowerment, and education and how their program aims to utilize public service for local and national change.

**Common Bread presents Mary Baker Eddy Longhouse 6pm**

**Film Screening: Fresh LH 3 7pm**

## Friday 13

**Wonderful Wool Working Workshop Longhouse 9am**

**Basket Weaving with English Ivy Library Bus Loop 2pm**

## Saturday 14

**Mental Health First Aid Training SEM II E2109 10am**

This award-winning training by the Capital Clubhouse of Olympia has been developed for participants to develop and strengthen skills and knowledge of how to support someone in a mental health crisis situation or who is developing a mental disorder.

## Sunday 15

**Demeter's Garden Work Party and Potluck Organic Farm 10am**

## Monday 16

**S&A Fee Increase Public Forum CAB 301 2pm**

Join the S&A Board in discussing the recommended student fee increase. Voice your opinions and concerns.

**Radical Mental Health Workshop LIB 4300 3pm**

The Icarus Project will discuss mental health organizing within an anti-oppression framework. Part of Mad Pride Week.

**Madness First Aid Kits LIB 4300 6pm**

Decorate & stock personal boxes with supplies to aid in times of mental crisis. Hosted by the Icarus Project as a part of Mad Pride Week.

## Tuesday 17

**OMFG presents: The Importance of Starting a Men's Group LIB 4300 3pm**

**OMFG presents: Masculinity and You LIB 4300 6pm**

The Olympia Men's and Friend's Group presents a workshop examining male privilege. This is open to people of all gender identities.

**Riki Ott Speech and Panel: Democracy Hijacked & How to Fix It Longhouse 7pm**

## Wednesday 18

**Forum: Toward a Culture of Inspiration, Reflection, and Collaboration at Evergreen LIB 3301 1pm**

This student, faculty, and staff forum will address students' experiences with main features of Evergreen's unique pedagogy, such as seminar, narrative evaluations, interdisciplinary curriculum, and team teaching. The forum will reflect on the history of these innovations at Evergreen, and ask what can be done to ensure that they serve students in the future - focusing on building a culture on campus that supports the education made possible by the college's alternative structure.

**Mad Tea Party! with the Icarus Project Organic Farm House 3pm**

**Facilitation and Consensus Decision Making Organic Farm House 6pm**

A workshop about how to come to a decision in anti-authoritarian organizing. Presented as part of Mad Pride Week.

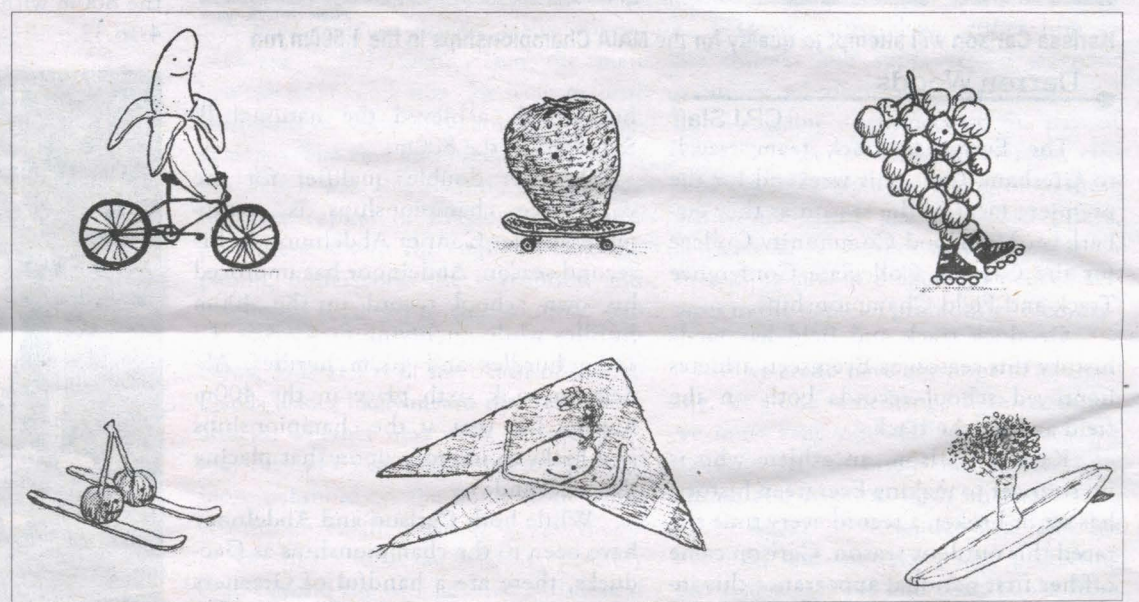


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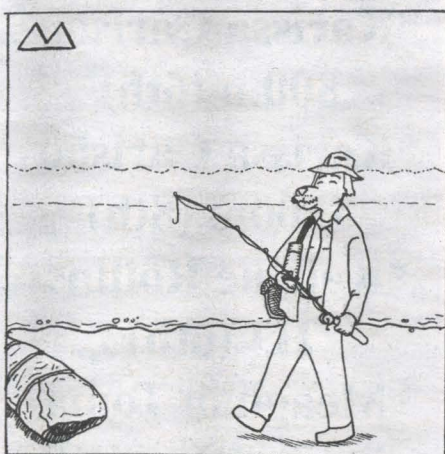
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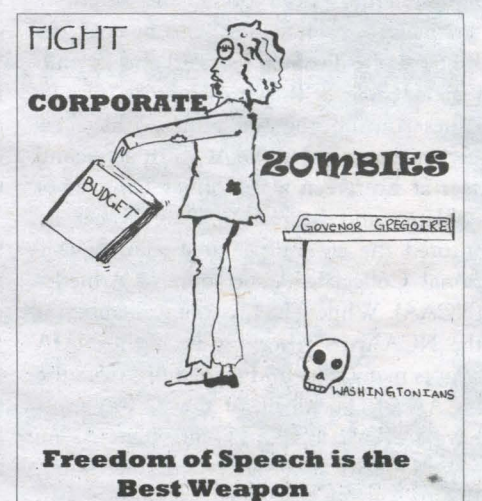


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