



Welcome to the 11th Annual Disorientation Manual

Undoubtedly, as a new student, you have received countless mailings and glossy handouts from The Evergreen State College admissions office and administration. They are attempting to "orient" you. We are attempting to "disorient" you. We want to give you some idea of what's been happening at Evergreen and in Olympia, and some ideas about how to get involved and make the most of your time here. Every year, we work all summer to publish the "DisMan" so that you don't have to start your Olympia experience from scratch. Hopefully you can use this manual to inspire your own projects and feel more comfortable with Olympia as your new home! Enjoy!

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WHAT'S UP WITH THE ADMINISTRATION? WHO MAKES THE RULES AT THIS PLACE?

For most people familiar with it, Evergreen is viewed as a radical place. Go hang out in a bar in Lacey if you're not sure about the college's reputation. However, underneath this revolutionary reputation lies a hierarchical institution that often resembles the fucked up shit in society that we are considered radical for opposing.

One of the reasons there was no functioning student union or separate form of governance for students at Evergreen for so long was that the college was formed with the idea that students, staff, faculty and administrators were supposed to write policy and make decisions together. To this end students are supposed to be represented on the dozens of committees, boards, and Disappearing Task Forces (DTFs). DTFs are committees that come together to research specific issues, make a recommendation to the board of trustees, and then disband. The first ever DTF wrote the colleges leashed dog policy. There are dozens of DTFs, boards and committees although often the discussions and decisions that come out of them are simply viewed by the administration as recommendations. Despite the existence of these more or less democratic decision making bodies most decisions that affect the college are made unilaterally by the administration.

DTFs are generally run on a loose form of consensus based decision making. On paper they seem very democratic. Representatives of staff, facility, and students are supposedly having open discussions about issues affecting the college. Unfortunately, in practice faculty, staff, and most often students are kept from having a voice. Your typical DTF or board meets once a month and the time/place is rarely advertised publicly. It will most likely have a representative of the administration their along with at least two staff and a faculty and maybe one student. Students are the only people for whom being on the committee isn't a part of their job; we're expected to participate in a process that has rarely been proven effective out of the goodness of our hearts. Maybe students too, should be paid to be a part of a DTF. Furthermore, when decisions need to be made that are controversial (i.e. changes to housing, foodservice, cops etc) they are often made in the summer when very few students are around or involved in campus politics. Evergreen is a bureaucratic maze that keeps many students, from engaging in policy discussions. What can we do?

How to join a board or DTF:

1. Visit the Vice President for Student Affairs' office in Library 3236 and ask for a list of existing boards/DTFs.

2. Pick one that you are interested in. They cover issues on anything from hiring faculty and staff to campus sustainability.

- 3. Contact the Chair of that board/DTF and find out when and where they meet.
- 4. Show up, and keep showing up. Making a presence and, raising a stink has proven effective.

Evergreen's Corporate Bosses: The role of the Board of Trustees Many students suspect that corporate interests dominate our college, but few realize how bad it is. The eight people serving as the Board of Trustees are at the top of Evergreen's hierarchy, and are responsible for everything from hiring and firing TESCs' President, to determining the cost of on-campus living, to setting policies for the entire institution. The Trustees serve a term of six years, and are appointed by the Governor. They are generally prominent business and community "leaders" and political supporters of the Governor. Knowing anything about Evergreen is not a requirement. The Board of Trustees is also responsible for how the college uses its multimillion dollar endowment fund. The Board has always kept a tight lid on what companies it owns shares in. Although some of that information in the past was recovered from the library's paper recycling, the endowment is now administered as a part of the much larger University of Washington endowment; effectively removing the possibility of socially conscience investing & boycotts like those that helped bring down the apartheid regime in South Africa.

Student Trustee:

There is a single student trustee, that position rotates every year and is also appointed by the Governor. It was a huge battle to get this position and can serve as a huge student voice. You can apply for this position up in CAB 320.

Admin vs. Students?

There are certain powerful figures in the administration that view Evergreen as dangerously radical and these people would like nothing better than to move the college in a more mainstream direction. However, you should not assume that all of the administration is bent on undermining the radical edge of Evergreen. In the past, students have found many allies within the faculty and staff. Just make sure you use your discretion when dealing with the school's bureaucratic process and don't let their actions discourage you and your efforts at making the college a better place.

The President

TESC's prez is responsible for implementing the Board of Trustees' policies and shapes the entire landscape of the college's administration. However, the Vice President team has most of the decision making power. Les is great, and nice, and will talk with anyone, but his job is to be the "Yes Man." He is paid the bucks to make everyone happy and be a figure head of the college.

I once participated in a sit-in of the President's office in March of 2003. Students and faculty had strong concerns about the beginning of the current war in Iraq and the safety of radical faculty following a recent firing of a professor in Florida. After hours of discussion that went nowhere, Les pulled out his guitar and played "The band played Waltzing Matilda" an old protest song about a vet from WWI. Les Purce: 1 Rowdy Greeners: 0.





Who Controls Student Activities?

For being such a small college, Evergreen has a huge number of student groups and a very visible activist population—hence the school's rowdy reputation. The Services and Activities Fee Allocation Board, or the "S&A Board," consists of nine students, a board coordinator, two staff advisors and an office manager. The board has traditionally been underpaid and overworked, yet it serves a very important role. They allocate and over see all funds for student groups and initiatives. The board's mission is to distribute their million dollars worth of fees to student groups who prove they have lots of students behind them and that what they propose benefits the student body's desires.

Board members are hired at the beginning of the school year. Normally, not more than a dozen people apply for the nine open positions, so your chances are good if you're looking to get involved in the administration side of student activities. The membership of the board is determined by the student union. Decisions regarding funding levels of the next year's student groups, the bulk of what the board does, have to receive final approval by the Board of Trustees.

Student Activities funds most things around campus that are not specifically academic. KAOS radio, The Child Care Center, Cooper Point Journal, The Bike Shop, and The Women of Color Coalition are all granted funds through the S&A board along with many other student groups.

Beating the Man

The Board, like any other administrative organ, operates like a hive-mind. The very fact that the Board has to operate in this way is a weakness that can be exploited. To make decisions easier the board uses the idea of "precedent" to aid in allocating funds for a particular event or speaker or other types of funding. Be very careful when challenging these precedents: think of them as the ancestral traditions that the Board is indoctrinated with during its two day retreat in November. A challenge may incite a revolution or a reactionary retreat into narrow-minded thinking. If one succeeds in creating a new precedent, though, it clears the ground for other groups to spend money in similar ways. This hive-mind has good days and bad days. Straightforward, simple answers that reflect actual planning of a project and good documentation that the group is active are all they really ask for. The board operates quite differently depending on the make up of the board. The best way to feel them out and know what to expect is to sit in on other peoples hearings, so you know what kind of questions they'll be throwing at you. The worst thing you can do is to show up to your student group hearing alone. Then it really looks like not many students support the initiative. So, bring vour friends.



Tips for Applying for funding.

Attach only relevant, well marked, and easy to understand documentation to your request. While it may seem at first like a good idea to down the Board in paper, pages and pages of all the available flight options for your groups trip to Boise, Idaho really don't help anything. Besides, everything that you hand the board's office manager gets photocopied 12 times—save trees. So, be concise.

Enter the room!

As a former Board member, nothing was more frustrating than watching a group gather outside the glass prison where the board meets, while the board, inside, was discussing said group. Board meetings are open to the public. This lesson applies to life, too: no power structure is going to invite you to the table if you have demands for its change—you have to make your demands heard.

Preparation

This is the most important tip. If you know what you are doing, it is very unlikely the Board will deny your request for funding. Having a clear idea of why you need money and what you are going to spend it on makes the Board very happy. And a happy Board is a spendy Board.

Foundation Activity Grants:

Foundation Activity Grants are offered by The Evergreen State College Foundation Board of Governors and administered by the Academic Grants office. This program supports the projects of individual students, student teams and student-faculty teams. Activity Grant projects are usually carried out in conjunction with academic programs and all projects must have at least one faculty sponsor. In the past, the program has supported a variety of efforts, including theatrical productions, art projects and exhibitions, scientific research, video and film productions, student literary magazines, and expenses for students to attend professional conferences and present their work. Demand is high for these grants. The Foundation can award about 7 to 10 students each fall, winter and spring quarter, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per student. To apply, submit an application packet by 5pm on the second Friday of fall, winter or spring quarter.

Email: <u>actgrant@evergreen.edu</u> //Website: <u>http://www.evergreen.edu/sponsoredresearch/foundati</u> <u>onactivitygrants.htm</u>

Clean Energy Grants:

History of the Clean Energy Committee: In the winter of 2005, Evergreen students voted in favor (91% of those who voted, voted ves) of a self-imposed clean energy fee. As a result, every student currently pays \$1.00 per credit. every quarter, in order to purchase Green Tags from Evergreen's energy providers (Puget Sound Energy and Tacoma Public Utilities). Because of this student vote. Evergreen now offsets 100% of our electricity purchases with green, renewable sources. In fact, according to the EPA, The Evergreen State College is the 8th. largest purchaser of green energy in the country. The sole purpose of the Clean Energy Fund is to provide financial support for on campus renewable energy projects. Projects eligible for funding must fall into one of the following categories: 1) research into renewable energy and conservation technologies; 2) clean energy projects intended to save energy or produce electricity; or 3) demonstration projects which educate the community about sustainable technologies. Phone: 360-867-6220, Website:

http://www.evergreen.edu/committee/cleane nergy/home.htm



I'm having an Out-of-Money Experience!

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(Cont...) Diversity Fund:

The President's Diversity Fund was established by Evergreen's Long range Planning Committee to provide funding for activities, generated by the Evergreen community, that educate the community and advance our efforts to become more effectively multicultural. Challenging speakers, national discourse and skill-building workshops are all examples of educational activities the fund is intended to support. In order to qualify for Diversity funds, proposed activities must aim to promote constructive community discourse about issues of culture and life-style differences faced by the Evergreen community, including but not limited to: issues of race, ethnicity, color, sex, class, sexual orientation, religion, disability, and veteran status.

The Greener Organization (The GO) The Greener Organization, or GO, is a group dedicated to giving the students a voice in Residential and Dining Services. GO seeks to have a broad representation of student residential life; one of its goals is to have a representative from every building in housing. Unfortunately, very few people actually stick with the group all year (or even all quarter), so the reality is that it tends to be made up of one or two people's extended friends groups who rubber stamp each other's proposals.

Most of these proposals involve the GO's best publicized and most often used function, which is to fund events for Housing residents. GO is given a very substantial pot of money every year (literally thousands of dollars a quarter) to use as it sees fit, to throw substance-free parties, bring in guest speakers, throw concerts, fund plays or workshops, host a campus-wide pillow fight, whatever events the board comes up with or are brought to it that benefit Housing Residents as a whole. If one has an idea for an event but needs funding and/or logistical help to pull it off, present it to GO during one of their weekly meetings and convince them that it's an event that benefits the whole of housing (instead of a certain age group or dorm) and that the event has some sort of following that will attract people to it. Obviously, GO would benefit immensely in these activities if as many people from as many different backgrounds and housing styles joined it and gave their input.

That representation is much more vital for GO's other main function, which is to act as a sounding board for Residential and Dining Policies, and proposed Housing improvements and projects (for example, GO approves murals or their removal if old ones have been damaged beyond recognition). While it can't generate or veto policy, it can send the policymakers back to the drawing board until they have a policy that the GO Board feels gets Housing's intent across without disenfranchising any group of Housing residents.

So, if you feel that some housing policy is unfair or that housing events suck, instead of complaining to your friends, join GO and do something about it! All that you have to do to gain full Board membership is to be a current Housing Resident (and not an RA) who shows up to three consecutive meetings. There's really no excuse not to join.

Do It Yourself:

If none of these schmucks will give you money, talk to the Student Government. They can approve a vote for a new student fee. The Bus Passes, The Flaming Eggplant Café, The CAB redesign, The Clean Energy Fee, and the Future "drunk bus" were all student initiatives voted on by students and subsequently self imposed fees. It makes for a pile of fees, but some pretty cool projects. Or do your own fundraising and grant writing. Go raise hell at the evergreen foundation office.



SHIT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HOUSING:

Food Service: Mandatory Meal Plan for Freshman: (TIP: you can bypass this mandatory requirement by talking to your RA or RD and saying that you have special dietary needs that cannot be met by the food service.) The best thing to do to avoid a meal plan is not live in housing as a freshman. If your folks are paying for it, savor the corporate food while you got it. You can also change things about the food service by visiting them at their biweekly food committee meetings.

RAs: Sometimes it is hit or miss. For the most part, they are good people, but they do work for the state, and they have to act accordingly to maintain their jobs, the free room and board plus stipend that they receive from it. It is easy to avoid them, but you could also get to know them first, then gauge how much you want to interact with them. They can be your best friend, but they have a job to do, so know your boundaries.

Tenant Rights: According to Washington Title 59, RCW 59.18.040, you as a student living on state property are exempt from the Washington State Landlord and Tenants Law; you have no renter's rights to privacy. So essentially, if the police see fit, they are within the law to access every room of your house without a warrant.

Contract: Evergreen does not require students to live oncampus, regardless of class standing. As it stands, you are signing up for the full-year, it's not done by quarters. You'll have to forfeit several hundred dollars to get out of it early **Cost**: Depending on one's consumption, Housing can be either awesome or terrible. The rate is a package deal that includes unlimited utilities (heating, water, waste, and electricity) plus cable TV and internet. Housing will pay for certain costs (replacing things that need constant upkeep, such as light bulbs) but larger damages will be charged to the students. Cleaning fees, when you move out are also something to watch for but whatever you do, DO NOT stay to clean past the move-out date; the fee for moving out late is exorbitant. Also, if a roommate moves out of your dorm, you may be charged hundreds of dollars for "Reduced Occupancy" unless you can find another roommate or move to another dorm.

Theme: These have changed considerably over the last few years. First Year Experience, which is now called Freshman Housing, is currently dorms **A** through **F**. There are also Community Action and Sustainability houses which are **K & N** dorms respectively. Quiet housing is in **P & Q** dorms, while **G & H** are substance-free dorms.

Substances: Recently, residents have seen a serious rise in MIP's (minor in possession: a misdemeanor) and police involvement. As a recommendation, HIDE YOUR SHIT. Don't leave paraphernalia sitting out on the table or smoke weed in public places.



BEWARE: BED BUGS

These little flat red bugs have been a real headache for housing and its residents in recent years. Last year the whole fifth floor of A-Dorm was shut down because of a nasty Bed Bug Infestation.



STUDENT PUBLICATIONS AT EVERGREEN

The Cooper Point Journal

The Cooper Point Journal (CPJ) is written, edited, distributed, operated, and mostly funded by students enrolled The Evergreen State College. It has a student staff of about twenty-five, including editor-in-chief, managing editor and business manager. The paper's editorial policy, essentially, is that any student is welcome to submit any article on any subject at any time (the priorities, in order, are: Evergreen, Olympia, Washington, United States, Earth, outer space). The CPJ is fairly lax on what it will publish and often lack enough content submissions to weed much of anything out. So if you have a special event, idea, or piece of Olympia news they will find a place for it. They are always seeking regular columnist, and good material can make any paper good.

The CPJ also has a business side of the operation, which is responsible for soliciting advertisers has had some history in publishing controversial ads from champions of unethical business. This is a debate worth having. Do students want to pay more money in student fees to have an advertisement free paper, or would they rather have half the paper be beer and car ads and save a hundred thousand bucks in fees per year?

The CPJ's editorial policy is based on the belief that you don't need trained and professional experts to tell you what's going on in your community, in your planet, in your life. You don't need to be interested in journalism, or an exceptionally gifted writer – hell, you don't even need to understand the rudiments of English grammar. So if you are caught complaining about terrible comics, soulless articles, and corporate advertisements then it is your responsibility to submit some work that is worth reading. Apathy in the student body has provided some bad papers. You can even get paid to work on the paper. They have 4 weekly meetings open to everyone. Decisions are made by those who show up. To find out more take a visit to CAB 320 or call 867-6213 or email them at <u>cpj@evergreen.edu</u>.



The Disorientation Manual

The Evergreen Political Information Center, Carnival The Evergreen Radical Arts Collective, and the Sabot Infosquat publish this manual every year. It can take whatever form you want it to. There are some traditions that don't have to be followed. Only three people are publishing the DisMan this summer. We'd love to have you. You can start sending in submissions for the next issue anytime, but it will not be assembled until next Spring. But if you are motivated the group can get a budget to put out a quarterly newspaper of zine if there is enough content and organizing help. Contact them at 867-6144 or stop by CAB320

Slightly West

This annual literary publication is student directed and includes student and community member work. Material for Slightly West includes anything from poetry to black and white photos of your hairy big toe. You can pick up a copy of last years addition in CAB 320. Contact them at 867-6098, email-<u>mcnmeg13@evergreen.edu</u> or go to their outdated website at <u>http://academic.evergreen.edu/groups/slightlywest/</u>

The Sabot Infosquat

This new incarnation of an old student group has radical resources the library doesn't carry, from movies, to books, and zines. They publish anything and everything. You can make your own zine with their materials or use their space for meetings! Call them at 867-6574; email them at evergreeninfoshoppe@riseup.net or stop by rm. 3303 on the second floor of the library.



Various Student Group Zines/ Independent Learning Contracts If you are a self motivated student, you have ample resources to

publish anything you want for free. Many other various student groups put out periodic publications that you can contribute to. You could also do an independent learning contract to publish your own work. If you need funds to publish, it only takes time. Active student groups can request money, and you yourself can get money as a Foundation Activity Learning Grant. **The Evergreen CD Project**

Submit a demo tape in the fall, they professionally record you in the winter, and mix it in the spring, and your CD is ready by summer. That's the way its gone for the past 25 years. To contact them 867-5848.

The Ovarian

The Women's Resource Center publishes an annual zine of various topics. Contact them at 867-6162 or stop by CAB 320 and check out their outdated website http://academic.evergreen.edu/groups/wrc/

Works In Progress

Works In Progress is a free, volunteer-operated progressive community newspaper based in Olympia, Washington that has been publishing for 15 years. W.I.P.s' mission is to confront injustice and encourage a participatory democracy based on economic, social, and environmental justice. Works In Progress is dedicated to providing a voice for those most affected by the exclusionary and unfair practices that seek to silence the oppressed. Send submissions to <u>submissions@olywip.org</u> or mail to Works In Progress, PO Box 295, Olympia WA 98507

The Sitting Duck

The Sitting Duck is another local paper. They get so much money from advertising that they can write just about anything they want and keep cranking out free papers. <u>info@thesittingduck.net</u> 1919 Evergreen Park Drive SW #10, Olympia, WA 98502, 360.753.3836

The Greener Review

The Greener Review is a student group on campus at TESC working towards creating an educational network on campus. They want to develop a radical journal and a series of pamphlets that address the root causes of societal problems. The group is just getting started and definitely welcomes your contributions and participation. Contact:

theevergreenreview@gmail.com

How To Throw A Party On Campus

Even though the dorms are state property, they can be a great place to throw crazy parties and are a great way to let off some stress and help sustain the campus nightlife. However, there are some important things to remember when you are planning on hosting a party. First of all, you have to decide whether to notify the authorities. In most cases it does not hurt to fill out a party application provided by Housing (ask your RA for one). Housing will notify the police about the party and they may swing by before it starts just to check in with you. Even if you decide not to fill out an application, Housing and the Police may find out about it on their walkthroughs and they will respond in a much more negative and confrontational way if they were not informed.

Second, quiet hours now start at 11:00 pm on weekdays and midnight on weekends. A good rule of thumb when RAs or police show up is to send a representative outside to meet the RAs and the Police since, this displays maturity, and will keep the authorities outside of the party. If your parties spilling outside, there is drinking in front of the party or it gets louder than 50 decibels after quiet hours, then RAs will measure the decibel levels with a digital sound level meter and shut it down. Under this new policy, Sunday-Thursday until 11:00 the permitted sound level is 60 decibels, and from Friday to Saturday its 70 decibels. As part of this policy, musical instruments, including drums are prohibited unless permission is granted in writing for performances. Bullshit right? If you don't like it... raise a ruckus! Nothing will change unless you organize and make your demands heard.

Third, in 2002 the campus implemented a no-keg policy and they were not afraid to enforce it. The general rule for alcohol is that it must be kept inside. Lastly, the advertising of parties on upper campus is strictly forbidden, and if they find flyers there, they will rip them down and un-register your party. An important thing to keep in mind is that host of a party can be held completely responsible for the activities of the guests, invited or not. Don't let any of this scare you, just act professional when dealing with the authorities and it should all work out fine. In addition, there's a fair amount of money available for students wanting to host events through Housing, and this can be especially useful if you want to use the HCC, the gym, or the field for performances. Your RA is given a certain amount of money per month to spend on residents, so be sure to use that too. In addition if you are planning something bigger, ask your RA to put you in contact with the programming RD through the housing office or contact the Greener Organization for further funding.



(Remember to recycle those bottles!)

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EVERGREEN & PRISON LABOR

A few years ago, Evergreen hired Correctional Industries (CI) to provide asbestos abatement in D Dorm. The value of this work was \$49,900. When a student housing custodian found out about the plans for this and confronted some of his supervisors, he was told that Housing/Evergreen always contracts out to the lowest bidder, which in this case "just happened" to be the prison industry. He was also informed that the prisoners would be paid \$2.00/hr for their labor.

Evergreen has contracted out to CI "several times" in the past. They do so under the provisions of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 6489, which passed the legislature and was signed by the governor in 2004. Section 10, paragraph 3 of that law (RCW 28B.10.029) states that "higher education and correctional industries shall develop a plan to build higher education business

with correctional industries to increase higher education purchases of correctional industries products..." Paragraph 4 states that "institutions of higher education shall set as a target to contract, beginning not later than June 30, 2006, to purchase one percent of the total goods and services required by the institutions each year produced or provided in whole or in part from class II inmate work programs, operated by the department of corrections." This will be 2% each year beginning June 30, 2008.

Any money they make while incarcerated can theoretically be used to start paying their restitution or saved to help them transition when they are released. Jobs allow prisoners to learn skills and not have to sit in their cells for as much time. However, CI, as a business, takes advantage of the fact that taxpayers are paying for their necessities, and uses cheap labor for their own profit. Essentially, they get paid for prisoners doing work. Also, the Laborer's Union, the union whose members do asbestos abatement work, isn't happy about CI doing asbestos work, as it potentially competes with union crews.

Evergreen has used CI for cheap labor in many other instances as well; the furniture in CAB 320 (the student activities office) was made by prisoners 30 years ago, and there are currently plans for them to restore it. With a law requiring the college to purchase some of its goods and services from inmate work programs, Evergreen's use of cheap prison labor will continue.

A few ways to get involved in prison activism around Olympia:

- Books to Prisoners—BtP Olympia is an all-volunteer effort to provide reading material free of charge to inmates in prisons and jails across the country. It is a support organization for Left Bank Books in Seattle. They are always in need of good books, stamps, volunteers, donations and operational funds—find donation boxes around Olympia and TESC campus. <u>http://www.bookstoprisoners.net</u> Contact: btopoly@resist.ca; P.O. Box 912, Olympia, WA 98507; (360) 352-5460
- Gateways for Incarcerated Youth—Gateways aims to bridge the gap between incarceration and education. It is a program held in a maximum security juvenile institution with Evergreen students being peer learners with incarcerated youth. This can be a really amazing learning and growing experience and a space that fosters a real and concrete understanding of a lot of stuff you might learn about in the classroom. Check out www.evergreen.edu/youthinaction for more information and how to get involved.



- Revive the Prison Action Committee!—The Prison Action Committee is a student group that has existed on and off, depending on student energy and commitment. It is not currently funded, but can easily be if there is student interest.
- Demand that Evergreen includes labor and wage standards in RFP's (Request for Proposal) when searching for the

lowest bidder to work for the school.

GRADUATION SPEAKERS AT EVERGREEN

You may have heard about the controversy created at Evergreen when former MOVE activist Mumia Abu-Jamal spoke at its graduation ceremony in 1999. Abu-Jamal has been on death row since 1982 for allegedly killing a police officer in Philadelphia in 1981. His trial was a case study in the corruption of the US Criminal Justice system, and nearly every human rights organization in the world has demanded a retrial. Abu-Jamal is considered one of the world's foremost political prisoners.

Students worked hard throughout the year to raise awareness about Mumia's plight and the problems of the criminal justice system, encouraging students to write-in Mumia for the graduation speaker vote. When Evergreen's first choice for graduation keynote speaker (Governor Gary Locke) fell through, Mumia was chosen as the replacement. Following significant media attention and pressure from the state government, the administration overruled the graduation committee and selected another keynote speaker, reducing Abu-Jamal's role in the ceremonies. Before graduation, rumors circulated that during Mumia's speech discontented seniors & opponents of Mumia would be playing horns or screaming to make his words inaudible, but the speech went on with no disruption. Instead, the majority of the crowd (students and guests alike) rose to a standing ovation.

Other notable graduation speakers in recent years have been Vandana Shiva and Derrick Jensen. Looking at the past list of Evergreen's graduation speakers, Governor Christine Gregoire, who was the keynote speaker at Evergreen's 2006 graduation ceremony, sticks out like a sore thumb. Graduation speakers are voted on by graduating students, but there are questions as to how or if Gregoire was selected. While Gregoire was spewing out bullshit rhetoric about how globalization just means "we're all more connected", four banners were dropped, reading things such as "Gov. Gregoire Please Stop Your Racist Welfare Policies" and "Work First = Kids Last", children were wearing buttons asking the Governor if they needed to get a job, graduates and attendees wore patches stating "I oppose Governor Gregoire's presence today," the Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition (WROC) had a giant mailbox set up where you could mail postcards to the Governor, and graduates and the people in the larger audience held up bright yellow signs that clearly said, "I OPPOSE WELFARE CUTS TO CHILDREN." Midway through her speech, many of the graduates stood in silent opposition throughout her speech, turned their back to the Governor and held their signs toward the audience. Some graduates handed postcards to her asking her to implement full family support as opposed to full family sanction when they walked across stage for their diploma. These actions let Gregoire know she isn't welcome by many at Evergreen and shows that we are not fooled by her "liberal" image.





GEODUCK STUDENT UNION!

The Geoduck Union worked diligently this first year to establish a durable infrastructure by creating a Mission Statement and Bylaws that govern the Union's internal operations, and Elections Policies that govern the Union and the Evergreen Community. The Union's unofficial motto was "We get shit done." The Union recommends that future Representatives strive, without reservation, to get shit done as well.

The Union kicked off the 2006-2007 school year with a Town Hall Forum, inviting students to gather and discuss their concerns. Many of this year's Union committees worked to solve the problems addressed at the Forum. The Union met weekly to report on work that individual Representatives and committees were doing, including: establishing a relationship with the Board of Trustees, working with the Washington Student Lobby (WSL), creating late-night transportation for students, improving Aramark's food service policy, promoting student involvement in the CAB Redesign, overseeing the college's finances, working against oppression, improving technology, and supporting the appointment of contingent faculty to term positions.

The Union cautions future Representatives not to make symbolic committees, or committees that sound important but don't win concrete victories for students. Committees should be created to produce practical, tangible results. The Transportation Committee, for example, worked to set up a late-night transportation system at Evergreen and brought an initiative to students this spring that will implement a late-night shuttle system in spring 2008. The Take Back the CAB! Committee found eleven students to serve on the CAB Redesign Committee. And the Elections Committee drafted Evergreen's first-ever Elections and Voting Policies so that student votes and elections are fair and fun, so that students can govern themselves efficiently.

While the Union created a durable infrastructure and won some concrete victories for students, the Union might have won more victories if interpersonal conflicts did not slow down much of the Union's work. The Union works by consensus. This means we don't marginalize any voices, but this can slow the decision-making process.

EVERGREEN FOOD SERVICE TIMELINE

1980 Judith, founder of the student run "The Corner" café picks up after Saga/Marriott attempts a late night sandwich gig under the governance of housing.

1988 "The Corner" moves to the new Housing Community Center. Much of upper campus and Cooper's Glen residents are patrons of the café. Fine Host had poor quality traditional foods so "The Corner" made bank on being the only simple vegetarian option.

1998-2000 "The Corner Coup" charismatic vegans took over. Vegans at the time only made up six percent of the housing population and could not be sustained with their business. Clicky kids and exclusive food options brought the demise of the corner.

1990-2001 Fine Host as food service provider.

2001 Students wrote a business plan for a coffee/pastry shop and a pizza place, they eventually became the Subterranean. They did pizza delivery, but also lost money.

2001 Food Service Disappearing Task Force committee decides it would be in Evergreen's best interest to make preparation for transition to Self-Op. They also recognized the first priority of getting Evergreen's Food Program to be healthy. At the time of the DTF there was not enough time or money to make the transition to self-op(college run food service) before the end of Fine Hosts contract.

2001 Masked students with a declaration to keep Sodexho off campus because of its human right abuses, attend an open meeting between TESC and Sodexho. The corporate executives were intimidated and retracted bid due to an anti-corporate climate on campus.

2001-2004 Bon Appetit loses an average of \$1,500,000 a year for TESC.

2003- Subterranean reformed as a sub shop. They lost \$7000 in a year and then the Student run café closed permanently. In 23 years "The Corner" etc. lost \$134,000. One year losing around \$25,000.

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Fall 2004-2013 Aramark is the only bidder on food service contract, so they win the contract, despite not meeting Evergreen's specifications for the bid on the contract.

Winter 2005 SOFA organizes weekly potlucks with all of its members to show support for food service change on campus. Hundreds of members join and attend potlucks. Potlucks happened consistently for almost 2 years despite Evergreen's attempts at crack downs.

Fall 2006 Aramark's local purchasing intern helps them achieve 17% local or organic purchasing. (Based upon their definitions of local and organic)

Winter 2006 SOFA members were convinced to put their energy into a side operation student run/owned café and told to stop wasting energy on advocacy for the large scale food service transition to self-op.

Winter – Spring 2006 Evergreen students complete 44 credits worth of academic work on food service issues.

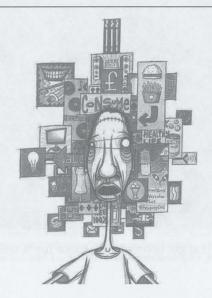
Spring 2006 Using the selling point of a student run café, the CAB redesign is approved by students. This is a self imposed fee of 16 million dollars, only \$300,000 of which goes to the student run café. It will be paid for by students over 20 years at hundreds of dollars a year for every full time student.

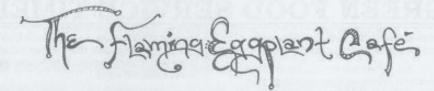
Summer 2006 The Flaming Eggplant Café is an official student group and has completed their first business plan.

2007 Academic year Students advocate for funding, Evergreen approval, and fundraising ideas. Letters of support and approval from practically every department are obtained. Survey of students shows 98% support for a student run food option. \$10,000 fundraiser proposal denied by the Super Saturday committee. Budget hearing to the S&A board attracts potentially the largest show of student support for a proposal in its history. Budget is denied due to lack of funds. Appeal submitted and denied. Student vote for a one time fee of \$2 per credit passes.

Summer 2007 Students do further business planning and obtain approval from County agencies. Ordering of equipment. New student involvement.

2010 CAB building redesign will be completed. On the 3rd floor, there is a new space, the new home of the Flaming Eggplant, complete with rooftop greenhouse and dining.





The Flaming Eggplant is student-initiated and exists to provide ethical food on campus. The café will source its food from as many local suppliers and use high quality organic ingredients. Consensus decision making model and a direct accountability for the student body's needs and desires make The Flaming Eggplant one of a kind. The Café is funded in-full by students and will continue to thrive based upon student support and involvement.

The Café will be run out of a trailer on Red Square, serving take-out fare such as sandwiches, sausage, soup, salad, falafel and fries. It will provide a diverse menu to satisfy as many tastes as possible given the constraints of an 8'x18' box. With students help, it will open during Winter Ouarter.

As you've seen from the food service timeline (pg. 16) students have been organizing for better food since every every of when this coming fall marks the 2 year anniversary of when this was just an idea on paper. A group of kids, unfamiliar with business, wrote a business plan and tried to find a suitable kitchen on campus to open a café. Space was hard to find. After many months of persistence and "the run around," a small kitchen suitable for food preparation was given to the kids for their first mini-victory, and the idea for a mobile kitchen was born. They scurried around for a few months gaining administrative support and faculty help to make it a reality. Hundreds of students joined in support for the funding of student-run food service. Despite monumental levels of support the S&A board was not able to fund the café due to financial constraints. The momentum was so great that what would normally have been a disastrous setback barely fazed them. They set



out to request funding directly from the entire student body. And thanks to their generosity a one-time fee of \$2 per credit was passed by an 87% majority. Over the summer, hundreds of volunteer hours have been spent planning the café. This includes a rigorous Health Code application, purchasing equipment, pricing out food, outreach coordination, lots of fun, and business and financial planning. The planning will continue through Fall Ouarter, so if this sounds interesting to you, jump on board the grizzle wagon and meet the team. They are welcoming to new students and old alike. Creditearning contracts and internships are available, as well as meaningful employment upon opening. There are all sorts of projects to do, and the more

people that get involved, the more fun it will be! For more info, email the Volunteer Coordinator: Jay Standish 17



Food is important. No, seriously. We may think about the comparative taste of foods, but we are not encouraged to think about where and how what we eat is grown, the effects on the environment, and on ourselves. Everything we eat carries an invisible history of its creation - where and how it was grown, how much the workers who harvest it were paid, the chemicals used, etc. Most importantly, we're not encouraged to think about how food ties with economic class, in determining both who eats and how much, and what quality of food they can get. More than half of the food produced in the US doesn't make it into anyone's mouth, and a lot of that food ends up rotting in the fields. Because of our capitalist food distribution system, beautiful organic produce is left in the fields because of slight imperfections and market saturation, while what *is* sold is priced beyond reach for most people. Meanwhile, low-income folks are expected to take "charity" and eat shit out of cans.

The Gleaners Coalition is a community organization that works to break some of this cycle by harvesting non-saleable organic produce and distributing it to low income people through organizations such as the Thurston County Food Bank, Safe Place, Bread and Roses, and Food Not Bombs. The Gleaners partner with local farms and gardens to harvest crops that are left behind, otherwise known as gleaning, and get them to folks in need.

The Evergleaners are the campus chapter of this organization. We, as an on-campus student group, started in late September of 2005. We volunteer to help the Gleaners Coalition at benefit events, and with gleaning trips. We love to go out to the farms, get our hands dirty, and do some direct-action vegetable harvesting. Our volunteers take what they need and share the rest, so we both help others and help ourselves. And guess what? We'd love to have you!



Letters From The Lorax



All right people, it's time we talk about our beautiful piece of woods in terms of some fucking respect. Many of you have already figured out that the woods is a good place to go do things you wouldn't want to be caught doing elsewhere. You go there to toke up, to sit around a fire with a drink and some fine company... but you MUST REMEMBER Evergreen's woods are a wildlife preserve. You need to take out everything you brought in with you. Better yet, take more out. And that doesn't mean taking home all the pretty shiny rocks you find down at the beach that won't be nearly as cool when you get home and they dry off. It means pick up trash that you find. There are inconsiderate jerks everywhere who just are too lazy to carry out their empties at the end of the night and its all of our responsibility to pick up the slack when they leave.

It used to be that "the meadow" was "the place to go." Now bits of melted plastic, corroded aluminum and broken glass lie scattered around a charred bit of land as a reminder of all the parties that took place there. Now, "the bluff" is the "happenin' spot" because *who really wants to kick it at that ugly old meadow?* Now I find trash at the bluff every time I go to look out over the sound. So I ask you, as the next generation of greeners, *please* don't let this pattern continue

throughout our enchanting woods. By all means, toke, trip, drank, and run amuck in general, but TAKE ONLY PICTURES, LEAVE ONLY FOOT PRINTS. Now, unfortunately I feel I need to address the issue of the growing amount of graffiti in the woods. Don't get me wrong, I love a good piece of street art, proudly put up on some random piece of public property. But all you writers who think its cool to tag up our woods are worse than the advertisers who fill every bit of our urban existence. The woods are our escape from that barrage of propaganda, and the boardwalk isn't the proper forum to scrawl slogans. Save those for our urban wasteland environment. You have got to have a lot of nerve to use harmful inks that are going to run off into the soil just to tag "B Nature" on a wooden bridge. Does no one else see the glaring hypocrisy? I leave you with the words of our beloved Lorax: "**Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.**"

Cell Center for Ecological Living and Learning

The Evergreen Center for Ecological Living and Learning is attempting (with help from interested students!) to demonstrate local food systems based on ecological, social and economic sustainability and justice.Wholesome, local, farm-fresh food brings to mind colorful arrays of crispy vegetables, sweet-smelling fruit, and savory foods. Sustainable food production on a small scale encourages biodiversity on the farm, healthy food, and less dependency on the flux of global markets.

Unfortunately, the "organic" label implies no techniques of sustainable agriculture. It implies nothing, of good jobs, healthy land, and yummy foods. It is simply a list of chemicals not to be used and an expensive application process. Agribusinesses have co-opted the name to raise profit margins, systematically watering down USDA and international organic standards to lower costs and raise the price. Monoculture is not organic. But somehow *Fruit Loops* can be. Since the US government subsidizes commodity crops such as corn, wheat, and soy by bushel per acre, with taxpayer money, small farms with a wide range of crops struggle to compete.

Rather than considering food a basic human right, the wealthiest nations and corporations in the world view it as an economic commodity. Neoliberal policies and free trade agreements have spread industrial agriculture worldwide in the name of efficiency and more food for everyone. However, people are not usually nourished as a result of these policies. Monsters of free trade have convinced governments in the global south and east to replace systems of traditional, sustainable and subsistence farming with cash cropping. This limits access to food for marginalized populations. Abuses on the broad scale play out in the fields, factories, and home kitchens – farm laborers in the United States and elsewhere are often paid minimum wages (or below), rarely given health benefits, and exposed to high levels of toxins in pesticides. This occurs while more and more families are fed less nutritious food, grown farther away, that increasingly they can't afford.

Farmers, activists, students and educators around the world are mobilizing for a revolution in agriculture and local economies which are bridging the gaps between the farmer and the eater!

The Organic Farm

The TESC Organic Farm successfully integrates elements of a subsistence-oriented economy into campus life, while simultaneously providing students with an opportunity for hands-on. experience-based learning in an agricultural environment. Through the Organic Farm market, students and faculty are offered a chance to indulge in an array of locally grown, freshly picked goodies. Unfortunately the farm is too small to provide, Aramark, Evergreen's food service provider, less then two percent of its produce. The Organic Farm Market Stand is open from 11am to 5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in front of the library building on Red Square. Currently, the Organic Farm offers 20 CSA boxes each week. Website: http://www.evergreen.edu/cell

Contact: The Farm (360) 867-6145; Melissa Barker, Organic Farm Manager (360) 867-6160; <u>barkerm@evergreen.edu</u>

Compost Facility

The Compost Facility is a demonstration site and learning center for the design of medium-scale composting systems. It helps close the nutrient cycle on campus by recycling pre-consumer food refuse and farm by-products (weeds and manure) into compost and worm castings. It provides students with a real-world learning environment and research opportunity. All compost produced is used to increase soil fertility on the Organic Farm and the Gardens. The Compost Facility is critically under funded, so you may need to, instead, build a worm bin for your floor or apartment! Or you can advocate for more funding from Aramark, TESC, or the Clean Energy Committee. For more info about the compost facility, call (360) 867-6145 or visit the CELL website.

The Community Gardens

The Community Gardens is a place for students, alumni, and community members to grow their own organic vegetables and herbs. The Community Gardens is a beautiful community gathering spot where you can learn and teach others about growing food and share the bountiful harvest. A minimal fee gets you a 10x10ft plot, but hurry as they fill up early each spring. To find out how to reserve a plot or for ther related questions, call the Community Gardens Coordinator at (360) 867-6145.

The Farmhouse

This rustic student-built structure integrates a classroom-style atmosphere into the CELL. It is a meeting place in which students, faculty, and other community members can teach, learn, cook, and share experiences. With a cozy woodstove and picture windows facing the woods, the farmhouse provides a more comfortable alternative to the cement buildings on campus. Its full-size kitchen is certified to produce canned jams and salsas with a Food Processor's License.

To reserve the farmhouse, call Space Scheduling at (360) 867-6143.

Demeter's Garden

Demeter's Garden is a low maintenance, forage style food system based on the design principles of permaculture. Demeter's Garden is a work in progress and it's always in need of some willing hands to help grow food, learn, and eat good produce. To learn more or get involved in this project, contact DEAP (Developing Ecological Agricultural Practices – check the student group directory) or talk to people at the farm.

The CELL is located on the far west side of campus and is accessible by a trail behind the Art Annex and Lab Buildings as well as by road. Please feel free to stop by the farm anytime to visit.



GRAFFITI AT EVERGREEN

A little known secret that most new Greeners will not hear about is the amazing graffiti wall that used to exist behind the COM building. During the 2002-2003 school year, graffiti artists and the Evergreen administration brokered a deal to allow graffiti on the large blank wall on the back of the COM. Sadly, the wall was shut down before the 2004-2005 school year started. Rumors have circulated that it was due to fumes from spray cans entering the ventilation system from the back of the building that irritated people and made them sick. I was unable to find out the true reason for ending the progressive art piece known as The Wall since there was no documented evidence.

As a final insult to creativity and free speech, the administration not only shut down the wall, but painted over all the huge freehand pieces. As a remedy to this loss, the administration brought a large corrugated cargo container, located behind the tennis courts along the path to Overhulse Rd. and the Childcare Center. The only problem to this seemingly fair deal is the container itself. The corrugated metal sides are, well, let's just say much less ideal for freehand than a concrete wall, and the container makes stencil work utterly impossible. One idea is that it may be possible to line the sides of these containers with plywood in the future (if you like this idea, RAISE A RUCKUS to housing and they will eventually do it. If you do nothing, nothing will happen).

For the time being, however, the only solution that many artists have come to accept is that we can no longer restrict our artwork to the sanctioned areas if the administration cannot provide us with something better than a fucking shipping container. Creative people feel stifled and marginalized; they lack control and input over the environment they're a part of everyday, and they're not afraid to take matters into their own hands. This is evident especially after this last year, when Evergreen and much of Olympia witnessed an explosion of numerous different street artists.

First, pick your spot carefully. Hitting places like the front of soup dorms, or the entryway to the SEM II cluster would be considered...bad. These well-lit areas will get you spotted and busted by Perez and Co. faster than you can drop your cans. Next, make sure you bomb places at the right time. Sunday through Thursday nights after 11 pm walkthroughs (from about midnight to daybreak is the best window to ensure your stealthy mission is successful), Friday and Saturday nights are pretty much bad because even though walkthroughs are done by 1:30, people still wander around getting fucked up till early morning. Well, that's about all the info you are going to get out of me. Have fun, keep the art real and wear your respirators!



LEGACY OF THE MURALS



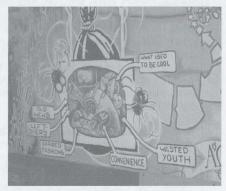
Got somethin' for ya that not every merry Greener-to-be knows, a juicy little artful secret that no one's told you yet. Scattered over Evergreen's campus, lodged way back in nooks and crannies and stairwells, buried on basement walls, Evergreen has a voice all its own; a voice that has been gathering strength for many years now. Tucked away are the murals and artwork of students, the images, words and wisdom imparted to other generations.

So as not to give away all the details of all the murals on campus and ruin their majestic character, I'll just clue you into their whereabouts. Check out the A Building Lobby and bottom floor plus all the stairwells of A, B, C and D buildings (there's a ton in here kiddies!).

Update: Last year, the murals in C and D were painted over and the walls returned to white. This was due to the difficulty and cost involved in maintaining them. At the time the murals were painted, housing was unaware of the level of

fumes from the paintings that residents were exposed too. Their new awareness has lead to a new policy of only allowing murals to be built in the fire towers of these buildings.

It's comforting to live in a place with art on the walls. It



gives the place a calm feeling and gives the eyes many wonders to peruse. Providing an outlet for the student artwork is one of the most important things a school can do, and even though Evergreen's administration still has a few things to figure out concerning the nature of art, freedom, and expression they do a decent job. Take the completely random mural tour next time you find yourself blundering about campus and enjoy the sights.



A Call to Artists!

Every wall in the "fire towers" (well ventilated, nearly-outdoor staircases) can be painted on. All you have to do design a proposal for the Greener organization and they might even buy you the paints, or you can not ask and use your own paint but you risk losing your design and facing graffiti charges. Besides, there's some kind of paintrestricting building code, and I'm sure they wouldn't want to allow free speech that's too free.

HOW THE COPS GOT THEIR GUNS A HISTORY OF THE ARMING CONTROVERSY

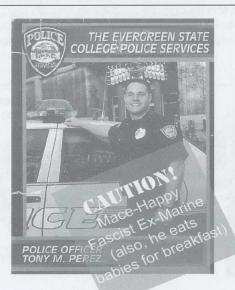
IN THE BEGINNING: Evergreen was patrolled by unarmed, polo shirt wearing "Public Safety" personnel.

Late 80's: Rumors circle that administration was discussing arming our polo-clad pals.

1995-96: Arming the safety personnel was formally proposed by acting interim director for public safety, Under-sheriff Neil McClanahan. This sparked public outcry, protests, sit-ins and petitions.

1996-97: "Public Safety" personnel replaced by newly ordained "Police Services." Polos and shorts replaced by police uniforms. So-called "limited arming" meant they could carry their guns from 6pm to 8 am while patrolling on foot away from their vehicles. They could now also give traffic tickets and make arrests.

During the 1996-97 school year, complaints about the use of excessive force and allegations of sexual harassment of Police Services secretaries by campus officers arose, and the officers involved are still patrolling your campus. By the end of the



1997-98 school year, rumors began circulating (and were confirmed by one Police Services Officer's account) that the Evergreen Administration was just waiting around for students to forget about the struggle to prevent campus arming before moving to full-time arming for all officers.

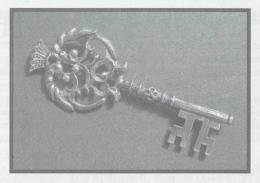
2002: Sure enough, during September of 2002, Evergreen cops began carrying guns with them at all times of the day. At first, the excuse given for the 24 hour arming was that there had been specific threats made against students and faculty and the police had to respond by increasing their threat preparedness level. On November of that year, former Army Ranger and Evergreen sophomore Andy Mickel killed a police officer in Red Bluff, California with three gunshots to the back of the head. After this, it became clear that members of the administration, the police, and the Washington Federation of State Employees (which is the cop's union), were intent on keeping the Evergreen police's full time arming status permanently.

The cop's union claimed that they were concerned about the officers' safety and by not allowing the Police to have guns at all times, the officers were being forced to work in unsafe conditions. Vicky Peltzer, the chief of police for the University of Washington was brought in as an outside consultant on the issue and she too recommended that Evergreen police be armed 24/7. The Police Services Community Review Board held several forums around campus to discuss full time arming and in the end they also recommended that campus police be allowed to carry guns 24/7.

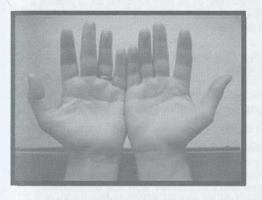
2003: Art Costantino recommends to President Les Purce that campus police be allowed to carry guns at all times. Finally, in May of 2003, Les Purce made his final decision to authorize a rewriting of campus police procedure to allow for 24/7 arming. He was quoted as saying, "the safety of both the campus and our officers will be enhanced by allowing our officers more consistent access to firearms." And that is how the cops got their beloved guns 24 hours a day and seven days a week!

KEY Student Services

Having trouble figuring out your schedule and all of those letters you keep receiving from financial aid? Are you wondering if you registered for the right class? Are you staying awake at night worrying about how you are going to pay for school? Bring all your questions and concerns to



KEY Student Services and we will help you find the answers. KEY is a federally funded TRIO grant program that serves students who are the first in their family to go to college, low income, or have a documented disability and have a need for academic support. We are located in SEM I Annex F100. Our phone number is (360)867-6464. Come by for more info and an application!



Access Services for Students with Disabilities

It is our goal to invite and celebrate diversity within our campus community. Our approach is designed to be holistic and to empower students with disabilities by promoting self-reliance, effective problem solving skills, enhanced

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academic and personal development, and equal access to all aspects of college life. Services available: pre-admission counseling, academic adjustments, including alternate testing arrangements, scribes, peer note takers, alternative format books, auxiliary aids, such as sign language/oral interpreters, closed captioning, assistive listening devices, adaptive software and computers, etc., referral to on and off-campus resources. You can contact us at: (360) 867-6348.

Public Service Centers at Evergreen

Evergreen has seven Public Service Centers, many of them useful but underutilized resources. The collective mission statement for the service centers addresses the desire to build relationships and form networks that promote and enhance Evergreen's integrative and collaborative approach to learning, in a variety of settings among a variety of groups.

The Center for Community-Based Learning and Action

The CCBLA helps to link students and faculty at Evergreen with organizations working on a wide range of community issues. There are lots of resources here to learn about some projects happening around town. They can help you out if you want to get involved with something but don't know where to start. SEM II E2123. Phone: (360) 867-6137

The Evergreen Center for Educational Improvement

The ECEI works to create partnerships with educational communities to improve teaching and learning in K-12 classrooms. Check it out if you are interested in education. Office - SEM. II E3120

Labor Education and Research Center

Provides a safe forum for workers, community members and Evergreen students to look at their lives and work through the lenses of labor history and political economics. They develop educational programs in collaboration with organized labor and labor support groups to address relevant issues to worker's unions and work lives. To that end, the Labor Center works with an advisory committee to develop credit and non-credit educational programs for union and community members. Center sponsored programs examine the causes, consequences, and solutions to economic injustice, racism, sexism, and homophobia. Location: SEM II E2126 Phone: (360) 867-6055

The Longhouse Education and Cultural Center

The Longhouse exists to provide service and hospitality to students, the college, and the surrounding Native communities. With a design based in the Northwest Indigenous Nations' philosophy of hospitality, its primary functions are to provide a gathering place for hosting cultural ceremonies, classes, conferences, performances, art exhibits and community events. The longhouse is located past the library and lab buildings. Phone: (360) 867-6413



Northwest Indian Applied Research Institute

The NIARA expands the services which the college can offer the tribes, enabling Evergreen to assist local tribes to meet their economic, governance and resource goals. At the same time, the Institute provides additional, real-life learning opportunities for Evergreen students. Located in SEM 3122. Phone: 360-867-6614

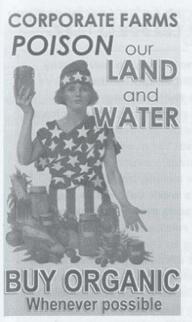
Washington Center for Improving the Quality of Undergraduate Education

WCIQUE emphasizes collaborative, low-cost, highly effective approaches to educational reform. The Center works with faculty, staff, and administrators at regional and national levels to support student engagement and academic achievement, particularly for students underrepresented in higher education. Location: SEM II E 2115. Phone: (360)867-6611.

Washington State Institute for Public Policy

The Institute's mission is to carry out practical, non-partisan research—at legislative direction—on issues of importance to Washington State. The Institute conducts research using its own policy analysts and economists, specialists from universities, and consultants. Institute staff work closely with legislators, legislative and state agency staff, and experts in the field to ensure

that studies answer relevant policy questions. If you're into the bureaucratic side of things, go for it. 110 Fifth Avenue SE, Suite 214 • P.O. Box 40999 • Olympia, WA 98504 Telephone: (360) 586-2677.



FOOD POLITICS

Every bite of food consumed can be viewed as a political, social, and environmental issue. Although advertisements and corporate grocery store shelves entice you with convenient food selections, a lot of the heavily marketed "food" is full of horrible shit. It's hard to make it in this economy by producing high quality, organic (no artificial chemicals), non-exploitative, sustainablygrown food. So, good products are often hard to find or expensive. The cost-cutters do one thing well, and that is not keeping you healthy and happy.

The impact to your body is probably first and foremost and important issue. Obesity and cancer are recent phenomenon. They became an epidemic after the second agricultural revolution. Hydrogenated oils and genetically modified crops have unknown, barely studied effects on human bodies. A survey of scientific studies of Aspartame (aka NutraSweet, an artificial sweetener) showed that 92% of independent researchers identified it as

dangerous, linked to headaches, seizures, and *brain-damage*. (Curiously, none of the studies funded by NutraSweet were "able" to identify any health concerns.)

The food industry is also replete with worker exploitation. In the U.S., migrant workers make

up a large percentage of the agricultural work force. For them, safety on the job is a joke. Most modern farms spray toxic chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers...) that slowly and effectively poison workers. Slaughterhouse work is listed as the most dangerous job by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Coffee farmers throughout the Americas work in sweatshop-like conditions, earning less than \$1 (US) per pound of "gourmet" coffee.

The environment is impacted in more ways than can be discussed in this article. Through monoculture, chemicals, transportation of from far away, and heavy processing of foods make a huge ecological impact, not to mention the stark decrease in their nourishing qualities. Depending on your own food politics, you may be interested to learn about these yummy resources that Olympia has to offer.



A Discussion of Polyamory

Polyamory is a term used to refer to the practice of having or being open to having multiple lovers. Poly's (as practicers of polyamory are sometimes called), are not just concerned with sex, but also with developing multiple supportive and mutually beneficial relationships. The word comes from the Greek word Poly which means 'many' and the Latin word Amor which means 'love.' Monogamy derives its suffix from the Greek word Gamos which means 'marriage.' While polyamory is more common at Evergreen and in the Olympia than other places in the U.S., it is still poorly understood and often misused.

Polyamory is not synonymous with 'sleeping around' or the practice of having multiple casual sex partners, although they aren't mutually exclusive by any means.

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Polyamory is not a way to have many lovers and avoid deep emotional investment; to the contrary, it is a belief that we should more deeply love our partners without constraints. Polyamory is not for everyone.

The dominant culture of 'serial monogamy', or having multiple loves, doesn't always work out with everyone having their needs met. It establishes a hierarchy of relationships with all attention going to the latest prospect of 'the one.' It discourages deep loving connections with friends, since love comes loaded with expectations and commitments. Keeping to one lover can feel very stifling to queer people that have to reconcile their attraction to different genders. Polyamory does not imply dysfunctional relationships. It requires respect, communication, trust, emotional maturity, and lots of talking with all people involved. With multiple partners, special attention to safe sex and sexual health is a very important part of expressing love for those you sleep with. Poly's go through a lot of the same struggles that monogamous folks go through in their relationships. While polyamory seeks to grow our relationships beyond possessiveness, it's still ok to feel jealous when your partner spends all their time with their new flame; hopefully you can understand and love them for their passion and still have your needs met. Honest communication of your feelings, as in any relationship, is the key.

THE GREENER REVIEW

We are a student group forming an educational network that will provide a space to collectively build and share knowledge through mediums like a website, pamphlets, a regular journal, and community events.

WHAT IS OUR PHILOSOPHY?

We are committed to peer education as a means to promote social justice, diversity, ecological sustainability, and combat all forms of oppression. We approach these goals within a participatory, non-hierarchical structure.

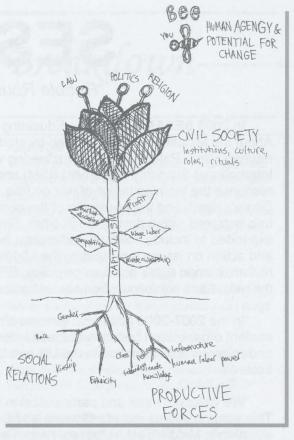
WHO ARE WE?

We are a group of students

committed to critical analysis of the root causes of oppression and injustice. In particular we are dedicated to investigating issues of race, gender, class, ecological sustainability, sexual identity, and the power structures of our society. We understand these issues as comprising the foundation of studies in political economy.

YOU CAN DO IT TOO!

Empowering knowledge can only be achieved through solidarity. At the Greener Review we want to include everyone. That means faculty, community members, other student groups, and the student body at large. We encourage direct participation from people of all different backgrounds in an honest and open dialogue. This is an invitation for your participation and a call to action. Educate, organize, and mobilize! You can contact us at: theevergreenreview@gmail.com



SESAME

"Rabble Rousing Since 2003"

In 2003 **SESAME** (Students Educating Students About the Middle East) was created by students returning from Palestine after volunteering with the International Solidarity Movement (ISM) and in response the looming threat of war on Iraq. Rachel Corrie's death and the beginning of the occupation of Iraq occurred within days of each other. Since then we expanded to include solidarity, advocacy, education and action on issues surrounding the Middle East, racism, human rights and foreign policy. SESAME is



the oldest anti-war/occupation student group on campus focusing on the Middle East.

In the 2007-2008 academic year we strive to become a more inclusive, anti-racist student organization because of the ties between imperialism in the Middle East, racism and religious discrimination in the US and the privileges many Evergreen students benefit from.

We welcome input and participation in the planning of upcoming events and actions. This autumn events include Olympia and Evergreen community forums on the current situation in Middle East, refugees, racism and academic freedom. We are hosting the



Israeli Coalition Against House Demolition (ICAHD) photo exhibit on the Jerusalem Dispossessed in mid-October at Evergreen's Library and co-sponsoring Dahr Jamal and Suheir Hammad at the 24th annual Olympia Film Festival in the beginning of November. The 5th Annual Middle East Film Festival is planned for Winter Quarter the 3rd and 4th weeks of winter quarter. Throughout the year we will continue our work to publicizing The Evergreen State College Foundation's lack of a socially responsible investment policy, which includes investing in companies that profit from war and occupation in the Middle East.

To get involved check out <u>www.evergreen.edu/sesame</u> or <u>sesame-evergreen.blogspot.com</u>. You can contact us at (360)867-6724 or sesame@evergreen.edu.

--Student Fees Breakdown-

Why do students Vote yes on every Fee?

CAB Redesign Fee

Did you know the average full time student is paying about \$276 annually to support the renovation of our CAB building? The College Activities Building is in need of significant updates and new energy efficient systems. Two years ago, the student body voted to impose a \$5.75 per credit fee upon itself to finance these improvements. Now there is a student committee working in cooperation with a larger CAB Redesign Committee to oversee the renovation. Members of the student committee will serve as liaisons between students, administration and DLR Group; the Architectural and Engineering firm selected during Spring quarter 2007. Out of numerous applicants, DLR will work with Evergreen to ensure the CAB is a LEED certified building. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification is granted by the US Green Building Council. Together, DLR and the CAB Committee will incorporate more energy efficient models that exemplify Evergreen's commitment to sustainability and these emerging standards. Get involved! Contact the Student CAB Committee at: studentcab@evergreen.edu

Clean Energy Fee

This is a \$1.00 per credit fee charged to every student on a quarterly basis to provide financial support for on campus renewable energy projects. Any student at Evergreen can fill out a proposal intended to promote sustainability and submit it to the Clean Energy Committee at

http://www.evergreen.edu/committee/cleanenergy/gra nt.htm

Late Night Transit Fee

This is a new fee of \$3.00 a quarter, voted upon and approved by the student body in the 2006-2007 year. Since Inter City Transit doesn't run very late on weekends or any day of the week for that matter, this provides a safe form of transportation to and from campus.

Intercity Transit Bus Pass Fee

This fee is \$1.10 per credit and up to \$13.20 maximum per quarter. It buys you a relatively cheap ride on the bus if you use it enough since a day ticket costs \$1.50.

Student Run Café Fee

In an attempt to remove students from corporate death food, (see flaming eggplant article) students voted on this \$2.00 per credit fee, for fall quarter only.

Health Center Fee

This is a mandatory fee of \$44.00 for students attending the Olympia campus that are registered for 10 or more undergraduate credits or for 8 or more graduate credits. This is not any form of real health insurance; band aids, some condoms, a check up. WASHPIRG

The Washington Public Interest Research Group is a nonprofit, politically unaligned corporation directed by students, the fee is \$8.00 a quarter but can be wavered by filling out a form which you can pick up at the Student Accounts office..

Student Activities Fees

This fee is included in tuition, but it equals \$160 per quarter. This is the money the SLA board distributes. **Over half a million dollars a year.** This is why it is sad that we can't access that money and have to create additional fees for stuff we need.





INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK

For the past 17 years, Evergreen students have joined millions of people around the world to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th. IWW attempts to recognize and celebrate the complex lives and issues of women around the world through programming that includes speakers, music, films and workshops. International Women's Day is meant not to homogenize the experiences or efforts of women, but rather to provide a space for sisterhood and solidarity across differences and commonalities. It's not possible or productive to seek to give voice to every aspect of women's experiences in one day, or even one week, but by women worldwide owning a calendar day, the hope is that it will increase visibility and respect for their lives and concerns. Too often dominant culture's attempt to celebrate women ends in the patriarchal and often racist construction of what a woman looks like and how and by what standard she is valued. Even feminist constructions of women and the women's struggle have failed in many ways to respond to or include the needs and values of women of color, working class, and queer women. In the last three years, the organizers of

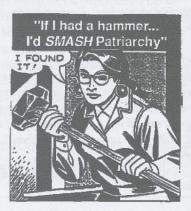


IWW have sought to incorporate a range of issues and experiences, particularly queer and trans issues, women's health, and experiences of Women of Color in the United States and abroad.

Three years ago International Women's Week at Evergreen began a significant shift in leadership. The Women of Color Coalition wrote an article in the Cooper Point Journal outlining the lack of cultural and racial awareness represented in the events' programming as well as its organizing. The week was boycotted by women of color at Evergreen because the events and the spirit of the week were not culturally conscious or inclusive of the different issues and experiences that women of color face in their everyday lives. At the time, the

Women's Resource Center organized events addressing gender and sexuality, women's health, self defense and feminist organizing. Not only was the Women of Color Coalition omitted from the planning process, but to many, this reflected the overarching reality that women of color are marginalized, and their needs are overlooked. Through a continuing dialogue with the Women's

Resource Center, the Women of Color Coalition agreed to take on International Women's Week the following year as well as years after. This was a conscious decision that came out of meetings held between the WRC and the WOCC. It is important that this history continues to be told in order to keep an understanding of how and the reasons why we've come to have and own the privileges we take for granted. Currently, the Women of Color of Coalition occupies the office of the second floor of the CAB because of the agreement with the Women's Resource Center that Women of Color need and demand more visibility.



<u>THE QUEER</u> <u>PEOPLE OF COLOR</u> <u>PROJECT</u>

Both Evergreen and the greater Olympia area are considered, by the majority populous, to be places that are made up almost entirely of fairly liberal minded and at least queer tolerant white people. There is a lot going on in this construction of Olympia's population and its regard for underprivileged populations; the overarching issues have to do with exceptionalism-that through some virtue, our little corner of the world is exempt from the sway of racism and homophobia. Firstly, people of color communities are invisibilized by the white majority and because they are invisibilized, their needs are not being met by community organizations or social services provided within the area. Secondly, queer tolerance does not necessarily mean queer educated or gueer loving. Homophobia is something that is still very much rampant even within queer communities themselves, so to say that Olympia, or even Evergreen, has already tackled gueer acceptance is pretty ridiculous.

Queer community and acceptance in the Olympia area is something of a contention. Because there are queer people in the community who are out publicly, people automatically think that this is something of safe haven for queer folk, which is simply not true. Trans people still have a lot of difficulty finding health care practitioners that can actually serve them respectably in the Olympia area and homophobia is imbedded in every institution we have here. There are community groups in Olympia as well as one at Evergreen that have organized spaces for queer people, but these organizations are a long way from meeting the needs of all of their constituents, partially due to lack of resources, but also because there just hasn't been enough time or consideration taken to create a fixed commitment to broader issues affecting the queer community.

The problem that plagues most queer groups is a lack of political muscle and social awareness directed towards organizing efforts. There is a long standing presumption that queer folks are automatically better at understanding oppressions across the board, and that this understanding makes them immune from participating in or actively reinforcing oppression. Consequently, a lot of queer groups have not even begun to tackle the racism and cultural insensitivity of their organizations and the



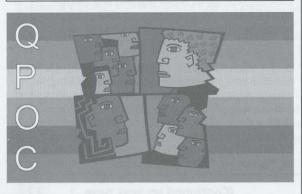
If there was much more concentration on queer groups educating themselves on white privilege and racial/cultural issues, than these communities could begin to serve queer people of color in a much more intentional way. This is not to say that it isn't necessary for there to be more building and organizing, specifically in order to cater to the concerns and desire for community of queer people of color, but this would create a greater and more concerted opportunity for coalition building and communication amongst all queer folks and their allies. A gueer group of color would also enable queer people of color to work through the issues that are specific to them without worrying about how it may be construed or misunderstood by those who do not understand racism and racialized experiences. For gueer people of color, race is deeply intertwined to their experience as queer people, and though an all white queer group may be able to relate to confronting homophobia, transphobia and heterosexist thinking, they are not able to fully connect to the ways in which these issues have been treated and have affected people of color communities. Homophobia and sexism is a big issue in a lot of people of color communities, and in many of them, gueer identities aren't dealt with at all, but are instead uncomfortably relegated to silence, or even discussions about the affects of assimilation on people of color, as if gueer identities were a product of white

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Oppressions are interlocking. Race oppression is closely tied to gender oppression and class oppression. The people of color community at Evergreen and in Olympia does not function, even in its most radical manifestations, as a wholly unsexist and unhomophobic entity because the racism that we deal with on a day to day basis is also one that is shaded with sexist and homophobic thinking. The Queer People of Color Project arose out of discussion on the need for safe space to discuss and tackle the issues we as queer people of color face, as well as to provide a forum for organizing and activities that can help us build our community.

<u>A Few Resources For Queer Folks</u> Gender Variant Health Project (GVHP) -Community advocacy and support group and an advisory board dedicated to improving health care for all gender variant peoples. Located 120 State Ave. 302 Olympia, WA 98501. Email them at g_v_h_p@yahoo.com or get on their mailing list at to GVHP-

subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Gender Smash - Monthly open mic/drag show/concert/performance put on at Manium sponsored by GVHP, OMP and Stonewall Youth. Third Thursday of every month.



Olympia Men's Project (OMP) - group for male identified queer people that provides teach-ins, outreach projects, workshops and weekly meetings. Meetings are every Thursday at UCAN at 7pm. For more information, please call at: 360-352-2375 or e-mail: mpowermentoly@yahoo.com. Olympia Q Patrol (Oly Q Patrol) -Collective group born as a response to hate-motivated violence targeting queer people in Olympia. Contact them at olyqpatrol@riseup.net.

Queer People of Color Unite (QPOCU) - A queer people of color support and advocacy group in the south sound area. QPOCU seek to provide a safe space for discussion and support of Queer People of Color and do outreach and organize programming with local community Queer and People of Color groups. They have a weekly meeting on Monday evenings. Join the mailing list at gpocu@lists.riseup.net . A calendar of events and meetings will be available at the Women of Color Coalition office in CAB 206 and First Peoples' Advising Services at Evergreen as well as through OMP and Stonewall Youth. Stonewall Youth - LGBTQ support group for people under 21 years old. Stonewall Youth has a weekly support group on Wednesday evenings and a trans group meeting on Thursday nights. For more information (360)-705-2738 or email us at

stonewallyouth@qwest.net. United Communities AIDS Network (UCAN) -Located 147 Rogers St. NW. UCAN provides AIDS awareness education and advocacy as well as prevention and care services such as a support group, a buddy system and a drop-in care program. They have a volunteer program. Contact them 360-352-2374. For

more information go to: http://www.ucan-

wa.org/. Evergreen Queer Alliance(EQA)—Student group located in CAB 314, dedicated to serving the needs of all queer people through education, outreach, support and action. 867-6544.

TRANSPHOBIA AT EVERGREEN

Evergreen State College is known in part for it's liberal students and faculty, however when it comes to gender identity, it is still learning. To help promote understanding in the administration, faculty, and student body about transgender and genderqueer issues and how to support them, there is the student group on campus STAR or Society for Trans Action and Resources. STAR looks to provide support for all gender variant students, educate allies within the community, and work towards gender neutral campus policies.

One of the great things about Evergreen is the history we have of activism for transgender, genderqueer, and intersex people. Such activism has been going on ever since the opening of the school and continues even today. In 2000 Leslie Feinberg, a multi-issue trans activist came to speak to a large crowd in Red Square. Many authors such as Caitlin Sullivan, Kate Bornstein, and Aaron Link have come to speak on campus over the years. For two years Evergreen had a Trans, Genderqueer, and Intersex film festival. The film festival was one of only 3 of its kind at the time in the United States. Programs have begun including gender identity in their seminar discussions, helping bring a greater awareness of the subject to students.

Transphobia is sadly a matter of fact anywhere you go and Evergreen is not exempt to from this though it may be taking greater steps then other places in combating this. Thankfully there has not been a history of violence against trans people on campus. Faculty and students on campus are often allies of the trans community though ignorance and hatred persist. The Administration has made strides to better meet the needs of transgender students. In 2006 Evergreen included gender identity to its nondiscrimination policy to better protect students. The Recreation Center is installing two new single occupancy gender neutral locker rooms for use. There have been more gender neutral restrooms included on campus including in the library, as well as the conversion of all single stall restrooms in Seminar II from gender specific to gender neutral as a test



during the Fall quarter to ensure the feasibility. Housing is working to develop a gender neutral housing policy for campus though there is no word as to when it may be instated. Students are able to change their officially on campus with a court ordered name change and can change their gender on official forms with a letter from a doctor stating they are making irreversible changes (such as hormone replacement therapy). Students and alumni can request for all of their evaluations to be edited to reflect the correct name and pronoun if they wish. While some forms offer another box, it is not common practice on all forms and may be disregarded at times. Evergreen offers a counseling center which staffs counselors who are knowledgeable of transgender issues and friendly to all students. The medical center on campus can be accommodating as well and can suggest off campus locations for all medical needs including trans friendly doctors.

So while Evergreen can sometimes not be as transgender and genderqueer friendly, it is still a supportive environment that offers many things that many universities across the country lack.

White Privilege & RACE



Besides the petty personal prejudice that pervades our culture, in the United States racism is also institutional. What does that mean? When Stokely Carmichael first coined the phrase 'institutional racism' he was trying to highlight the fact that governance structures had failed to meet the collective needs of some of its people "because of their color, culture or ethnic origin". In other words racism still plays an integral part in the very institutionally. Even in our enlightened 21st century society, racism still persists. Many things that we take for granted such as integrated schools, fair hiring practices, and being able to sit anywhere on the bus are things that many people have had to live without during their lives. These "rights'

that most of us take for granted were fought for tooth and nail.

"Race" may be a social construct, but it carries a lot of weight in our society today. You may be asking, if "race" has no basis in biological reality, why is it so important? To put it simply, racism matters because it is one way, among many that the powerful elite spread systems of classification which keep us divided, distracted, and conquered. Racism is perpetuated through our participation in a system which has historically treated superficial differences as excuses to treat other people like subhumans and deny them the fruits of their labor. The end result of this process was an accumulation of economic, political, and social benefits into the hands of a certain "race" which produces *white privilege*. We can see white privilege all around us, from our biased school textbooks, banks, the prison and police system (which disproportionately targets people of color) all the way to our schools and workplaces themselves. Racism and the privileges that most white people take for granted and the benefits they reep from their skin creep their way into many parts of our everyday lives. In this way, racism is also personal.

The illusion that people of color have overcome all the obstacles to true equality, flies in the face of a capitalist system that benefits from keeping us separated, unequal, and marginalized. Race has been used throughout history to make sure that working class solidarity that might threaten the status quo would not materialize.

Despite the lip-service paid to these issues, don't expect much different from Evergreen. Despite its reputation as a radical institution, Evergreen has its fair share of problems, especially when it comes to race. Evergreen is 81.6% white. That means diversity isn't too great here, and most of the time we don't live up to our progressive reputation. An example of white privilege that

you're likely to come across at Evergreen is the tendency for a white person to dominate seminar and interrogate a person of color about their culture. This isn't good for a lot of reasons on the one hand, it may alienate the person of color and secondly it puts them in the uncomfortable position of being a "delegate" for their entire "race", even though they have their own unique experiences and background. Lastly when white people dominate seminar it comes off as intensely arrogant and everyone knows that stubborn egotism rarely sparks meaningful dialogue.

Another common form of white privilege we see at Evergreen is *cultural appropriation*. Cultural appropriation happens when you borrow parts of

someone else's culture and adopt them as your own. A mohawk or dreads may seem like cool hairstyles, but these are people's cultures,

35 not just the latest trend. Be respectful. Be conscious of your privilege and be an ally.

A New MENtality: How Male Oppression Relates to Sexism and Homophobia

How can men help women fight sexist oppression? How can straight men or women help fight against homophobia?

The answers to those questions are also the answer to another question: How can men help other men (and themselves) overcome their own oppression and homophobia? As Terrence Crowly puts it: "As a man I accrue privilege simply by remaining silent." However, it should be acknowledged that men too are oppressed, consciously or not, in this patriarchal, heterosexist society. Especially men who overtly challenge our culture's gender stereotypes and socialization.

We live in a society where overt male to female physical violence is deplorable by many standards, but male to male violence is both accepted and embraced. More men have died at the hands of other men than have women. Much of this killing stems from institutions that are designed to assert male domination, or at very least a social norm of masculinity. Furthermore, we live in a society that accentuates the dominating traits of men and the submissive traits of women.

Socialization/Gender Boxes

The process by which men are taught to be tough, aggressive, and in-control and women are taught to be pleasing, passive and controlled is called socialization. Socialization is subtle. It occurs when young boys are

given toy guns and blue shirts as gifts, and their female counterparts are given Barbie dolls and pink skirts. It occurs when teen magazines, movies and music suggest girls will be feminine if they consider their body to be their best asset. Socialization occurs for men when we are taught that our masculinity is analogous to our sexuality, or that our ability to take control of a situation is a measure of our manhood. If we listen to the media, men are supposed to be aggressive leaders and/or aloof and mysterious. In fact, these myths of masculinity manifest themselves respectively through a domineering personality or an inability to communicate, both of which inhibit healthy relationships.



The socialized gender boxes of patriarchy force men and women alike to present a false image of themselves to each other. These are images that lack both humanity and spirit, images that separate us and mystify us. While women in our culture have the license to show each other affection both physically and emotionally, the same is not true for men. If men do the same, fear or suspicion often follows. For men, homophobia keeps the gender roles in place. Should a man want to divert from any sort of social standard of masculinity (wear pink, act effeminate, cry in public), he may be, at the very least, silently judged by others as weak or as less of a man.

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Homophobia

The gender boxes that are put around both men and women can be devastating. Especially when gender is confused with sexuality. When we think of gender purely in sexual terms, men and women have difficulty forming friendships that are based on an understanding of each other's struggle. Instead, these friendships may be based on sexual definitions of gender. Many young men already associate their masculinity with their sexual prowess.

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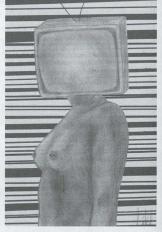
Same gender relationships, when seen through sexuality, become stigmatized and feared, especially for men. This is the essence of homophobia. Homophobia is not exclusively a queer issue. It is a straight issue. When gender is examined through sexuality, men fear each other. Men do not develop deep or lasting relationships with other men because of the fear of being labeled as gay. How often do men, in society at large, sit down and really talk to each other about their fears, passions, hopes and sorrows? Likewise, just as women get together and talk about their oppression and how to liberate themselves, so too should men.

Socialized gender boxes also dictate who we should be attracted to. How do we treat those who's sexuality doesn't fit the mold? As straight men and women we take our heterosexual privilege for granted. Besides the obvious challenges of being rejected and scorned by society at large, queer men and women face considerable obstacles in many aspects of life. As difficult as love can be, for queer couples it is even harder. Their validity as couples are constantly challenged. They rarely are allowed to live their lives outside of their sexual identity. While straight people can be congresspersons, lawyers, doctors or teachers, queer people are known most often for their sexuality, and secondly their talent or occupation. We as straight people have the right to raise children without the threat of state intervention; few queer couples have had that luxury. Queer men and women, just as straight men, do not have the social acceptance to share affection in public. Therefore, ending heterosexual privilege contributes to our own liberation as loving men.

Sexism at Evergreen

Some of you reading this article may be thinking "this may be the case in the Midwest, or in some small hick town, but here at Evergreen, we are all evolved men". I wish that were true. Many female activists often talk about how domineering some men are, how so many workshops, activities, and trainings are led by men, and how often the majority of comments in meetings are made by men. If men are not willing to look at their own sexist, competitive, and aggressive or domineering behaviors, which are rooted in their own oppressive socialization, our revolution will only go so far. We may have a kinder gentler patriarchy, but the patriarchy will remain none the less. Furthermore, every year on the Evergreen campus women are sexually harassed and even sexually assaulted.

So what can we as men do to help ourselves, and thus our female comrades as well? Many believe it starts with self-examination. Where do my notions of masculinity come from? What did my father (or mother) teach me



about being a man? Do I feel intimidated by a powerful woman? Do I feel competitive in the presence of a powerful man? Do I find myself dominating the conversation a lot at meetings, in class, or other social situations?

Examining ourselves and our actions, we will begin to see how the heterosexist, patriarchal systems we're involved in affect those around us. In our interactions with friends who are women or queer, we shouldn't feel a sense of politically correct alarm every time we try to interact. At the same time, our interactions shouldn't become interrogations of how we enact the oppresive systems of patriarchy and heterosexism. Above all, listening and seeking to truly understand, without reserve or defense, is the best way to learn how our actions affect those we love.

Furthering a commitment to a changed society, we can mentor our younger peers. We can provide them with healthier models of masculinity than what we may have received growing up. We can provide them with courage and support to stand up to derogatory comments, sexist and heterosexist stereotypes, as well as educating them about their own privilege as males and how not to abuse that privilege.

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Most of all I encourage men to talk to other men in deeper ways than you usually do, to create a new mentality behind our notions of masculinity. Equally important, I encourage men to listen more deeply to other men and to other women, queer and straight.



Diversity And Evergreen

Diversity means a lot of things at Evergreen. TESC advertises itself as actively promoting diversity. The school's administrative policy does not discuss what they mean when they say diversity and how or with what they seek to support it. **Do you define diversity as a quantitatively measurable appearance of inclusivity with statistics that depict the success of your institution because of its ability to attract and retain a broad**

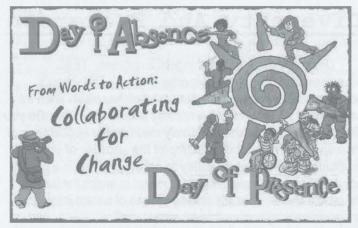
enough range of constituencies? Is diversity solely a tangible element that is meant to enrich the lives and educations of the majority populace—the white middle class—while still abiding by laws of a state institution, they cannot intentionally segregate or actively discriminate against certain constituencies?

Another thing that struck me as especially strange was that, though the school's social contract, as well as its administrative policy, does not specifically discuss or define diversity or its commitment to diversity. The Evergreen State College Admissions page does. "The community of faculty, staff and students work together to ensure an environment that embraces differences, fosters tolerance and understanding, and celebrates a commitment to cultural, ethnic and racial awareness". How does the community of faculty, staff and students work together to bring about such an environment? Does the administration, or even the faculty and staff, demonstrate on a comprehensive level a sophisticated awareness of race and racism, let alone demonstrate a perceivable concern about students' lives concerning race? The reality is that students, administrators, faculty and staff actually don't work together; in fact, there is very little in the way of communication across these lines, especially about diversity itself. Many administrators, as well as the board of trustees are separated from the lives of students. And though they may believe that they know what's best for us and for the faculty and staff, they do not actively engage them in discussions about support and awareness.

I take the meaning of diversity to mean a full spectrum of experiences and lives that encompass a range of racial, socio-economic, religious, sexuality and gender, age and ability, political and nationality identities. All oppressions are not the same and this is one of the key elements that are missing from the vague statement the institution takes on diversity. Not all oppressions are treated equally in our society, so why should we pretend that we could cater to those different experiences in the same way?

Without creating a definitive community and an experiencedriven definition of its commitment to diversity, Evergreen has failed to create what they say they already have: an open and supportive learning environment that protects and empowers underprivileged communities, particularly people of color. The problem is a farreaching and multi-faceted one. Without the critical awareness necessary to create a commitment to concerns of diverse communities and methods for responding to oppression, the institution embodies a commitment to the status quo. It's not the numbers that matter or the bottom line, it is the experiences of people.





The annual Day of Absence/Day of Presence program provides an opportunity for the entire campus to explore issues of diversity, equity, and multiculturalism. The program started at Evergreen in 1975 and comes from the play, Day of Absence, by African American playwright Douglas

Turner Ward. The play is about a town where all of the African Americans disappear one day leaving their white neighbors. The town is unable to function as usual on this day and the remaining residents realize that all members of the town are vital and integral members of the community.

At Evergreen the Day of Absence, many of the faculty, staff, and students of color are absent from campus in order to participate in an off-campus retreat. Their absence from the college serves as a tangible reminder of the diversity present at Evergreen. While away, the community of color looks at issues within their communities and strategize ways to strengthen support for each other. The day is spent enjoying each other's company and looking at administrative and community-based solutions for providing a safe and welcoming campus atmosphere. Previous themes for the Day of Absence/Day of Presence are examining racial climate in the classroom, incorporating anti-oppression values in the workplace and seminar, exploring one's own internalized oppression.

In 1992 the Day of Presence was added at the recommendation of members of the Evergreen community in order to reunite the college community and honor diversity and unity. Today, the Day of Presence occurs the day after the Day of Absence and represents the uniting of our community and consists of campuswide workshops, seminars, and performances. More faculty and administrative support is needed for students of color and white students to participate in the activities. The issues raised and the discourse undertaken on these days are things

that we should be doing constantly. Two days isn't enough.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND CONSENT



Sexual violence is nauseatingly common: 1 in 3 women are raped and 1 in 6 college-aged women reported having been victims of rape or

attempted rape in the preceding year alone. These grotesquely high rates of offense only account for rape and not other forms of sexual violence. *Question: HOW THE FUCK CAN RAPE RATES BE THIS HIGH? Answer: Because sexual violence is socially acceptable.*

Some statistics from the University of Pennsylvania website elucidate this point. 85% of rapes of college women are committed by someone they knew. 84% of men who commit rape say that what they did was definitely not rape. One third of men said they would have sex with a non-consenting person if they thought they would get away with it. Furthermore, 42% of women who are raped tell no one about the rape. That same percentage of women expects to be raped again. Among the 85% of women who are raped by an acquaintance, only 5% reported the rape to the police. It is estimated that 50 to 90% of all rapes go unreported. Again, these statistics only address rape and not other forms of sexual violence.

Before continuing to talk about sexual violence lets give a definition, "*Sexual violence is any action that makes an individual feel violated in a way that pertains to sexuality.*" Everyone has a right to determine their own sexual expression and the role they play in the sexual expression of others. The terms "sexual expression" and "sexuality" extend beyond physical actions into verbal, visual, and other nonphysical actions as well. It is important to use this definition if we want sexual violence to stop. Notice in the definition above that the determining factor in an act of sexual violence is how the survivor feels. This means that:

SURVIVORS ALONE ARE CAPABLE OF NAMING WHEN SEXUAL VIOLENCE OCCURS Sexual violence cannot be objectively defined. It is entirely circumstantial. Sexual violence is degrading, humiliating and takes power away from the survivor. It removes the survivor's ability to determine their involvement in sexual expression.

The statistic above stating that 84% of men who rape do not think they committed rape exemplifies the extent to which sexual violence is not recognized. It is not uncommon for a survivor to come forward and have others side with the perpetrator. If there is any excuse as to why a perpetrator may have been justified in the act of sexual violence, then some third parties respond by trying to mediate and explain this perspective to the survivor. This response sides with the perpetrator in invalidating the survivor's experience and right to define zir own sexual boundaries. Sometimes third parties will attempt to help by telling a survivor they need to calm down or are overreacting. Again, further invalidating them.

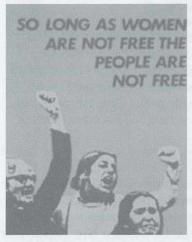
This reaction fails to recognize an act of sexual violence as being unacceptable. Instead, it displaces the responsibility onto the survivor, as though the way to deal with the situation is empathy and understanding toward the violator. As a third party, you have absolutely no business asking for any information about the incident that the survivor does not voluntarily offer.

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(Cont...) YOU DO NOT NEED TO HEAR THE WHOLE STORY to determine whether or not a violation occurred, because it is not up to you to make that call. At this point it might be good to add that only 2% of rapes reported to police are false accusations, which is the same rate that any other crime is falsely reported. Note also that the legal criteria for defining rape does not hinge on a survivor's experience as it rightfully should.

So how DO you deal with these situations? The answer is different every time. Because sexual violence takes power away from an individual, the most effective way to handle the situation is for the survivor to determine the process. Control of the process helps survivors feel empowered after having been violated. *IT IS CRITICAL TO ALLOW THE SURVIVOR FULL CONTROL OF THE RECOVERY PROCESS*.

With that said, there are some general guidelines: FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO



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ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY EVER! The most important thing you can do to prevent sexual violence is to make sure all sexual activities (or activities that can conceivably be seen as sexual) are consensual. <u>Consent</u> is "the act of willingly and verbally agreeing to involvement in any sexual contact or conduct."

Consent is an ongoing process in any relationship. The only way to know that you are not sexually violating someone is to always ensure there is consent. It is important to note that saying no, even when asked, can be very hard. People will feel pressured into sexual activity and may verbally agree, but not really want to be engaging in sexual activity. If someone says "yes", but you feel that their nonverbal communication is saying "no", then you should stop. It is important to note that this does not go the other way around. If you feel that someone's nonverbal communication

is saying "yes", but they have not verbalized consent, then you have not obtained consent. You cannot know for sure without verbal (and physical) affirmation.

While it is possible to engage in willing sexual contact without expressed verbal consent (have you verbally consented to every sexual encounter you have had?), recognize that *each and every time* you do this, it is possible that you are sexually violating your partner(s). If you did not gain consent and your partner tells you that you have violated them, then *you have*.

FOR ALLIES: If you wish to be an ally with a survivor then it is critical that you listen and provide whatever support they request and are comfortable giving. Having a domineering, even if wellmeaning, ally who tries to make decisions for the survivor or tries to impose their own views of the situation on the survivor, only acts to further disempower the survivor. Be empathetic and communicate your support. If you feel uncertain how to help, *ask the survivor* what kind of support they need. Do not talk about the incident with anyone else unless the survivor explicitly asks you to. No one needs to know. *DO NOT GOSSIP*

Professional resources for emotional and physical assistance are listed at the end of this article. While these resources are helpful, having support from friends and loved ones is essential.

You provide a different kind of support as a friend, which even the best professionals

cannot provide (although keep in mind that professionals provide resources like medical care that you cannot).

FOR PERPETRATORS: If you have sexually violated someone, then you need to be accountable to that person. It is essential to understand that even if you did not realize you were violating someone, if they tell you that you did then you are a perpetrator of sexual violence. It is only up to the survivor to decide. How you process and heal from your role as a perpetrator is different than what you need to do to be accountable to the survivor. Primarily, you have to respect the survivor's decisions in dealing with the incident. If the survivor wants an apology, then apologize (in a heartfelt manner that shows you understand the seriousness of what you have done). If the survivor does not want to see your face ever again, then be certain as hell that they never do...and so on. If the survivor wants to communicate with you, then trust and respect their ability to determine how they need you to act. YOU DO NOT HAVE A RIGHT TO APOLOGIZE TO THE SURVIVOR IF IT IS UNWANTED. Many perpetrators will want to apologize for their actions, not out of a concern for the well-being of the survivor, but their own benefit. Such apologies take the form of "I am sorry that you feel violated but I was really just meaning to have sex with you and I thought it was consensual and we've done it before so I just thought that it was okay ... "This kind of apology is illegitimate (aka fucked up) because it places the blame on the survivor. It apologizes for the fact that the survivor feels violated rather than for the violent act itself. It only serves the perpetrator. If the survivor wants to know what you were thinking, let them ask. DO NOT MAKE ANY EXCUSES FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE. There are none. Your perception/intentions are completely irrelevant to whether or not you committed violence. You do not have the right to talk about the incident to anyone else. If you need to talk about it, it must be confidentiality (professionals can help). If a perpetrator does not adequately heal and learn from their mistakes, they are liable to commit sexual violence again.

FOR COMMUNITIES: Talk about sexual violence with your friends. Think about and discuss what you can do to make sexual violence socially unacceptable in your community. This could be anything from naming names of known perpetrators to hurling bloody tampons at them. Be creative, but ALWAYS put the needs of the survivor first. Before anything happens, talk about how you might respond to an incident. Be supportive of survivors and sensitive to their needs.

RESOURCES FOR SURVIVORS:

Medical- It's important to be checked for physical injuries, sexually transmitted infections, HIV, and pregnancy after a rape. It is best to wait to bathe, douche, or change clothing until after the physical examination. If you have to change clothes put the clothes you were wearing into a brown bag and bring them with you to the hospital.

St. Peter's (439-7289, 413 Lily Road) provides legal rape exams and will call a Safeplace advocate and a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner—folks who are specifically trained to help you through the examination. The exam is paid for through Crime Victims Compensation.

Group Health (456-1700, 700 Lilly Road) provides legal rape exams but only accepts members of its health plan. The results of your medical exam will not be released to the police without your written consent if you are over 18 (if you are under 18 the hospital is legally required to do so). Remember it is always your choice to speak with police or answer questions they ask you. If you want to press charges against your attacker, it is important to go to the hospital within 72 hours after vaginal penetration, 48 hours after anal, and 12 hours after oral.

The Evergreen Health Center (866-6000 x6200, Room 2110 of Seminar Building) cannot conduct legal rape exams but can provide treatment of injuries, testing, and emergency contraception.

Emotional Support Options- Friends, family members, peer advocates, Safeplace advocates or anyone else you know and trust can provide support.

The Counseling Center (866-6800, Room 2109 of Seminar Building) has licensed and peer counselors available during the academic year. Conversations are free and confidential. Walk-in hours vary each quarter.

The Sexual Assault Prevention Coordinator (on campus 867-5221 M-F 8AM to 5PM) can help decide whether to press charges and what your options are for support and assistance. You can call **police services (867-6140)** after hours. evegreen.edu/health/sexualassult.

Safeplace Rape Relief/Women's Shelter Services (754-6300—24 crisis hotline 754-8754—business line) has advocates available 24 hours a day who are specially trained to help WOMEN survivors though all phases of recovery including medical help and the legal system. Safeplace also provides confidential shelter for women and children. While Safeplace acknowledges the need for trans/intersex survivor services and is working toward providing them, the Survivor Project (503-288-3191, survivorproject.org) in Portland currently provides better intersex/trans support.

Male identified survivors of sexual violence: resources are scarce. Start by dialing 211.

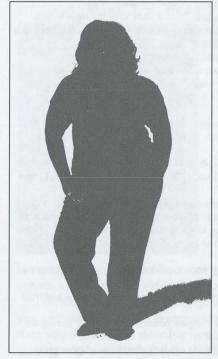
Even if someone ...

- Is your spouse or partner
- is someone you've had sex with before
- is female bodied
- is drunk or is wearing sexy clothes
- is someone you flirted with, kissed, or seems to like you
- Has not directly said "no"

... if you do not have consent, IT IS STILL RAPE.

Notes from a fatty

I'm fat. I came out of the womb at 10 pounds and have stayed a healthy, strong, and cuddly soft weight throughout my life. Until I got to college, I didn't think about fat-phobia. I thought fat-hating attitudes were just normal, scientific, even simply just right. But fat-phobia is prejudice just like any other. It's a bunch of sucky assumptions about people with no real interest in honest information. Here's a list of some assumptions



to watch out for. Do your homework, respect the fatties in your life!

Here's a list of some assumptions to watch out for:

- -fat isn't okay. it's dirty, ugly, smelly, and gross.
- -fat is a choice. fat people are too lazy and self-hating to be 'properly' thin.
- -fat isn't a choice any sane healthy human should make.
- -our cultural, biological, and medical understanding of fat is reasonable, honest, and unbiased.
- -violence against fat people isn't a hate crime.
- -fat is a flaw. "you have such a pretty face, but ... "
- -"inside every ugly fat person, a beautiful skinny person is just *dying* to get out!"
- -cultural feelings about fat are the same across all races and ethnicities. -fatties can't just BE. we should, can, and will want to change our bodies.
- -fat people (or anyone, for that matter) want to hear "oooh! did you lose weight?!?!" as anything other than an expression of concern.
- -female-socialized fatties are taught to always, if nothing else, find one person in the room fatter than they are.
- -fat people want to lie about our weights. we want you to lie for us too. -fatness is important, weight matters,
- -fatties can't be, won't be, and aren't vegetarian or vegan.
- -fat people eat differently than other people.
- -you should never ever laugh at fat in appreciation of how it moves,

feels, jiggles, looks, and is.

-fat people should never appear on television in leading roles unless they provide comic relief, or offer support as a sexless best friend.

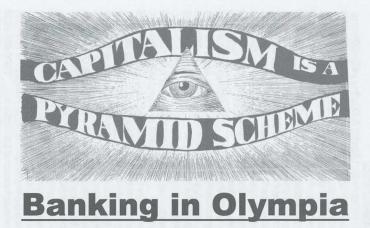
-fat people have to wear different clothes than 'normal' people because their bodies are gross, not because the clothing industry refuses to take fat bodies seriously as cute, sexy, and normal.

-fatties have to wear traditional 'sexy' clothing to BE sexy.

-images of fat-phobia are absent in "radical" movements (Adbusters, anyone?)

- fat people are anything other than -gorgeous-, -powerful-, -smart-, -radical-, and -sexy- people!

Fatties are people. We love and laugh and fuck. We have strengths and faults that have nothing to do with the size of our bodies. Heart yer fat, yer fat hearts you.



During the your first few weeks at Evergreen, you'll notice some Bank of America representatives. These people are super friendly and they talk a big talk. They'll promise you free checking and lots of convenience. With the ATMs on campus and the numerous locations around Olympia to serve you, banking with BofA can seem pretty appealing. Before you make this decision, or even decide to make a donation (that is, pay the TM surcharge), here are some things you should know.

To begin, Bank of America is the second largest bank in the US, and the 19th largest corporation in the world. Bank of America is also notorious for screwing its workers while maintaining its CEO's wealth. In addition, Bank of America's corrupting influence in government is noteworthy with four separate political action committees

donating over 1.4 million dollars in the 2002 election to candidates around the US. BofA's labor practices can now be seen in action in the Bush Administration, with Elaine Chao, an ex-executive of BofA, as his Labor Secretary.

In addition, BofA's customer service policies are abysmal. You won't find a financial institution that doesn't charge overdraft fees, but some do charge less than others and are more understanding of mistakes. If you're using your debit card and don't have enough money in your account, banks cover the cost but then bill you further into debt. This practice is essentially a very profitable and predatory line of credit with what amounts to a highly exorbitant interest rate.

The Bank of America representatives will also tell you that most people don't overdraft very often and they'll offer you a one time accidental overdraft protection program called "OOPS." The thing is most people who are charged overdraft fees get charged a lot. They're repeat users and these fees lock absent-minded people into a cycle of debt. In this way, Bank of America actually has a policy of preying on its customers weaknesses, rather than helping them.

If you're looking for a financial institution in the Olympia area, go with the Washington State Employees Credit Union. It is a non-profit institution that offers most of the same services as BofA. As a student you're eligible to access their services. Plus they don't charge nearly as



many service fees as Bank of America, their overdraft fees cost less, and they're usually willing to refund y money. 44

Thurston County Community Services List Updated 2/21/2007

24 Hours 586-2800 Created by the Crisis Clinic Resource Network & WIN 211 of the Western Counties

CHILDREN / YOUTH / TEENS

Big Brothers / Big Sisters (children matched with adult vol.)943-0409 Child Care Action Council - Resource & Referral Line 1-800-845-0956; 754-0810
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Child Protective Services-(investigates abuse-24 hrs) 725-6700, 888-822-3541
Children & Parents First (Parenting skills/child care) BHR704-7170
Children's Mental Health Program, (Tumwater Kids)754-7576
Community Action Council WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Program438-1100
Community Youth Services (employ. assist, crisis intervention, outreach)943-0780
Covenant House Nineline (crisis line for runaways & their families) 1-800-999-9999
Family Reconciliation Services, DSHS (assist families in conflict) 1-800-746-6521
Head Start / ECEAP (preschool for low income 3-5 year olds) admin753-7590
National Runaway Switchboard(24 hrs) 1-800-RUN-AWAY
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Parent Education Clearinghouse(Parent Education/family support groups) 754-2629
Youth Help Line of South Sound (CCRN)586-2777
YMCA (recreation before & after school) Olympia 357-6609/Briggs753-6576
CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY
Alcohol / Drug 24-Hour Help Line (support & information) 1-800-562-1240
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) (24 hrs) 352-7344
Alternatives Professional Counseling 357-7986
Chemical Dependency Counseling (BHR Recovery Services) 704-7170
Community Youth Services (CYS) (drug/alcohol info classes) 943-0780
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) (for any chemical dependency 24 hrs)754-4433
Nisqually Tribal Health Services (incl. substance abuse program)459-5312
Providence St. Peter Chemical Dependency Center(detox) 456-7575 or 1-800-332-0465
Sea Mar Behavioral Health (incl. Spanish-speaking services)704-7590
South Sound Clinic (counseling, Methadone program)413-6910 or 1-888-764-7243
COUNSELING / MENTAL HEALTH
Behavioral Health Resources (BHR) Counseling Services (24 hours)704-7170
Catholic Community Services - Counseling and Consultation Services586-1583
Community Youth Services (CYS) (crisis intervention & youth support)943-0780
Crisis Clinic (crisis intervention; referrals to counselors 24 hrs) 586-2800
Crisis Resolution Services (24 hours) 754-1338 or 1-800-270-0041
Family Reconciliation Services (free counseling for families in crisis) _ 1-800-746-6521
Home Mental Health (Providence SoundHomeCare) 459-8311 or 1-800-869-7062
Olympia Alano Club (AA meetings/info)753-9934
Providence St Peter Hospital Psychiatry 493-7060
Safeplace (support groups/counseling for domestic & sexual abuse) 754-6300
Tumwater Kids (BHR)754-7576
DISABILITIES - PHYSICAL / MENTAL

Adult Protective Services, DSHS (report abuse to v	ulnerable adults) 1-877-734-6277
Arc of Washington State (Association for Retarded	Citizens) 357-5596
Blind, WA State Dept of Services for the	586-1224 or 1-800-552-7103
Capital Clubhouse (rehab program by & for menta	I health consumers) 357-2582

ETHNIC SERVICES & ASSISTANCE

	ETHNIC SERVICES & ASSISTANCE	
	Korean Women's Association (Asian, Pacific Islander, & Elder)	
	Cielo Project at Radio Ranch (Hispanic/Latino services)	
	Nisqually Indian Tribal Services	456-5221
	Refugee & Immigrant Service Center (RISC) (interpreters, trans	lators,
	tutors, job search, information & referral)754-	7197 or 754-5759
	tutors, job search, information & referral)754- South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA – five tribes)	426-3990
	FOOD & NUTRITION	and and and a
	FOOD BANKS: Thurston County Food Bank, Olympia	352-8597
	South Thurston United Friends Food B	ank 273-5891
	Tenino Food Bank Plus	264-5505
	Yelm Community Center- Food Bank	458-7000
	ROOF (Rochester)	273-6375
	Food Stamps (DSHS Community Service Office) 725-6600	or TDD 586-0226
	Meals on Wheels (lunches to anyone homebound)	
	Salvation Army Meals (7AM, noon, & 6PM, daily - 824 5th Ave S	E) 352-8596
	Women, Infants & Children(WIC) Nutrition Program754-	
	HEALTH CARE / HOSPITALS / CLINICS	
		or 1-800-833-9404
	Assured Home Health & Hospice236-9204 c Capital Medical Center Switchboard754-5858 or Emerge	ancy Rm 956-2590
	Choice Regional Health Network (low-income insurance)	493-4550
	Care Net (pregnancy counseling/testing ultrasound)	753-0061
	Care Net (pregnancy counseling/testing,ultrasound) Dental Clinic, Sea Mar Community Health570-	8016 or 570-7902
	Family Practice, Providence St Peter (health care at sliding scale	493-7230
	First Steps (at-risk teens/pregnant women)	
	Health Department, Thurston County: HIV / AIDS, Family Plan	
	Immunization, Maternity, TB Clinic, Refugee Clinic, Communic	
	Program, Children's Services, First Steps, STD Clinic, SIDS, W	
	Program.Rural Healthmobile786-	5581 or 786-5583
	HIV/ADS Hotline, Washington State (info & referral)V/TD Medical Assistance (coupons),CSO (DSHS)725-6600	D 1-800-272-2437
	Medical Assistance (coupons) (SQ (DSHS) 725-6600	or TDD 586-0226
	Nisqually Tribal Health Services (Indian med/dental) 456-	5221 or 491-8543
	Paratransit Services (transportation to medical appointments)	
	Planned Parenthood (birth control, pregnancy testing/counselin	
	Poison Center, WA (info for poison/overdose 24-hrs) V/TD	
	Providence St Peter Hospital 491-9480 Emerge	ency Rm 493-7289
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	Referral & Workforce Resource Center (In home care 24 hours)	1_800_070_5456
	Sea Mar Community Health Center, Medical Senior Case Mgmt (Area Agency on Aging)664-3162 x133 c	nr 1-800-545-0010
	United Communities AIDS Network (help for people with AIDS)	252-2275
		352-1417
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	HOUSING ASSISTANCE / EMERGENCY SHELTERS	
	Bread & Roses Women's Guest House Shelter	754-4085
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Capital Clubhouse (rehab program by & for mental health consumers)	357-2582
Crisis Clinic (community resource information & referral)	586-2800
	902-8000
Dial-A-Lift (IT bus services) 754-9393 or 1-800	-244-6846
Long Term Care Program, Catholic Community Svcs (in-home assistance)	_586-2960
Morningside (vocational development/employment services)	_943-0512
Parent To Parent Support (for parents of kids who are disabled)	
Parks & Recreation, Thurston County Specialized Recreation	_786-5595
Protective Payee Services	_352-3914
Respite Care Program (through Childcare Action Council)	754-0845
Senior Case Management (Area Agency on Aging) 664-3162 x33 or 1-800)-545-0910
Social Security Information Line (SSI/Medicare) 753-9451 or 1-800 Vocational Rehabilitation, Division of (DVR) V/TDD 438-8940 or 1-800)-772-1213
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WA Talking Book & Braille Library 1-800	-542-0866
WA PAVE (support/advocacy for parents of disabled kids) -1-800-572-	7368
EDUCATION / LITERACY	
FIST (self-defense workshops for women and teen girls)	438-0288
Life Recovery Center (literacy, life skills education)	709-9725
Literacy Network (adult literacy)	754-7482
Nisqually Youth Services (tribal youth services)	456-2822
Parent Education Clearinghouse (Family Support Center)	754-2629
Work First Program, SPSCC (pre-employment training/support)	596-5403
EMERGENCY NEEDS - CLOTHING, UTILITIES:	
Adventist Community Service Center	943-1518
Baby Bank (diapers & baby clothes; referral necessary)	357-6617
Community Action Council (utilities/weatherization assistance)	438-1100
Community Service Office, Olympia (DSHS)	
(public assistance/medical coupons/food stamps) 725-6600 or TDD	586-0226
Crisis Clinic - (24 hr referral to community resources)	586-2800
Emergency Outreach Program (Sacred Heart Church)	923-0929
Other Bank, YWCA (for supplies that food stamps don't cover)	352-0593
Red Cross (assistance for natural disasters & house fires 24 hrs)	352-857
Safeplace (advocacy & shelter for domestic violence or rape 24 hrs)	754-6300
Saint Vincent De Paul Clothing Bank, Olympia	352-0782
Saint Vincent De Paul (limited utilities asst)	352-7554
Salvation Army (emergency shelter, meals, utilities assistance 24 hrs)	352-8590
Serving Hands (Olympia Gospel Mission) (Furniture, Household goods)	709-972
Veterans Assistance Fund	786-5578
Yelm Community Services (food, clothing, utilities asst, emerg shelter)	458-7000
EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE	
Employment Security (job search/unemployment compensation)	704-360
Job Corps (vocational ed & life skills, ages 16-24)754-7409 or 1-800	
Pacific Mountain Workforce Consortium (job training)704-3600 or 800-624-1	
Pathfinders Supported Employment, (jobs for mentally ill), BHR	
Washington Cooperative Support Center (non-profit temp labor)	450-076
	-439-970. 0780 x11
Vocational Rehabilitation (Thurston County Work Source) info line	0700 XII
704-3560	

Bread & Roses Women's Guest House Shelter	/54-4085
Emergency Shelter Network (overnight shelter)	528-8999
Haven House-(shelter/crisis center for teens 12-1/) _ /54-1151 c	or 888-698-1825
Housing Authority, Thurston (housing for low income, disabled, e	Iderly) 753-8292
Housing Rehabilitation, City of Olympia (rehabilitation loans)	753-8436
Safeplace (shelter for abused women - 24 hrs) 754-6300 @	or TTY 943-6703
Salvation Army (shelter for single men, women, families)	352-8596
Transitional Housing Program (Housing Authority)	753-8292
Transitional Housing Program (Housing Authority) Yelm Community Services.(rural Thurston County residents)	458-7000
SAFTEY / LEGAL / CONSUMER ASSISTANCE & SUF	PORT
Bread & Doces Advocacy Center (BBAC)	360-754-4588
Bread & Roses Advocacy Center (BRAC) Child Support Enforcement Office 664-6900 or	1-800-345-9964
Columbia Legal Services	943-6260
Consumer Protection Division (unfair business)	1-800-551-4636
Dispute Resolution Center (mediation services)	956-1155
Dispute Resolution Center (mediation services) Family Court Facilitator (Thurston Co. Juvenile and Family Court) Family Support Center (coordinated family services)	709-3274
Family Court Facilitator (mulsion co. Suverile and Family Court)	754.0207
Family Support Center (coordinated family services) Human Rights Commission, WA State753-6770 or	757-5257
Long-Term Care Ombudsman (mediation/advoc in nursing home	1-000-255-5247
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Safeplace (legal advocacy for abused women) 754-6300	OF TTY 943-6703
Tenant's Union, Thurston County (landlord / tenant legal info)	
Victim Advocate Division, Thurston County	754-2989
Victim Assistance Office, Olympia Volunteer Legal Clinic, Thurston County 705-8194 or	/53-8408
Volunteer Legal Clinic, Thurston County 705-8194 or	1-800-201-1014
Washington PAVE (parents of disabled children)	1-800-5/2-/368
WA Protection.& Advocacy System (dev disabled/mentally ill)	_1-800-562-2702
WROC (Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition) 352-9716 or	1-877-330-3063
SENIORS	
Adult Protective Service DSHS (investigates reports of abuse)	1-877-734-6277
Area Agency on Aging (info, case mgmt) 664-3162 x133 or	1-888-545-0910
Catholic Community Services	586-2960
Catholic Community Services Gatekeeper Program (senior outreach/monitoring)6	564-3162 ext 133
Older Adult Services, BHR (Counseling/case mgmt) 704-7170 or	1-800-825-4820
Home & Community Services, Div of (DSHS) 664-7575 or	1-800-462-4957
RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)	586-7787
Senior Centers Olympia 586-6181, Yelm 458-7733,	
	nwater 754-4160
Senior Information & Assistance (AAA) 664-3162, ext. 133 or	
Social Security Information Line	1-800-772-1213
South Sound Care Connection (care coordination)	596.4401
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SUPPORT GROUPS	
Support groups meet for information sharing and mutual support	
has many professionally sponsored and participant-run groups co	
range of topics. For information on a support group relating to a	
The Crisis Clinic (24	hrs) 586-2800

The Crisis Clinic Resource Network For more copies please call 360-586-2888 Access our complete resource database at www.crisis-clinic.org



MUSIC IN OLYMPIA

The Olympia music community today is a noisy, vibrant, D.I.Y. smorgasbord that follows in the giant footsteps of some visionary artists that have called this city home. And now lucky you! Here you are all ready to be a part of it yourself, and you'll be in good company.

The independent music community in Olympia has been thriving here for years. In fact, this little pebble of a city happens to be one of the best music communities in

the country. We are home to two incredible indie music labels, K Records and Kill Rock Stars, as well as a handful of other fantastic D.I.Y. labels and collectives. K Records has been around since 1982 when Evergreen grad Calvin Johnson formed it and began recording Oly bands and his own band, **Beat Happening**. **Beat Happening** went on to become a bit of a big-time thing for DIY music, doing their fair share to put Olympia on everyone's radar. Since then K has become a thriving independent record label that has done a lot of work towards getting many Oly bands out there and into people's ears. And they've put out a lot of music! **Built to Spill, Old Time Relijun, Karp, Love as Laughter, Dub Narcotic Sound System, Beck, Modest Mouse**, and so many more bands to discover!

Many people probably also know Olympia music from the fierce riot grrrl movement that came tearing out of here in the nineties. Revolutionary bands such as **Bikini Kill**, **Sleater Kinney**, and **Bratmobile** gave no-bullshit, feminist inspired punk music a name and made Olympia the epicenter of the movement/sound that would change music and many lives. Which is, of course, the point, right? From **Bikini Kill** Kathleen Hannah would go on to form **Le Tigre** and Tobi Vail would later become involved with the label Kill Rock Stars. Kill Rock Stars has been kicking ass around here since 1991 when it was formed as a spoken word label by Slim Moon. Soon enough, it became a label for punk rock that has since been enormously influential in the local and international punk/indie scene. Notable bands include (drum roll please): **Unwound, Sleater Kinney, The Gossip, Deerhoof, Bikini Kill, The Decemberists, Thrones, Hella, Gravy Train!!!, The Old Haunts, etc.**, etc. You get it right? So much good music!!!

For all you hip-hop heads thinking we forgot you, don't worry. Olympia has been a stronghold for some dope emcees and crews for quite awhile now. For anyone not privy to these local legends, Olympia natives **Hostalion** have been holding down Oly hip hop for years. **Xperience** released *Soul Tree* last fall and is featured on a Greyskul album. He is also part of the **Stepcousins** with Seattle's **Macklemore. AKA** will be releasing his album *Heart Hurt Good* in the next few months. **Q-Storm** is also releasing an album this fall, *Q&A* with **I.Q. Productions.** Expect future releases and performances from **Zhivago, Nicotine** and **Compost** around town. You'll also be hearing a lot from **Saints of Everyday Failures** whose inner circle consists of mc's **ePrhyme & D-scribe**, both of whom are dropping solo albums this year with producer **My Left Foot.**



Smoke hails from Seattle/PDX crew Oldominion. He dropped his solo album *Bleed* last fall. You'll hear a lot of Smoke beats since his resume is gargantuan. Most recently he produced both ePrhyme and AKA's solo albums. And for you turntablist-lovers, check out DJ's Slimrock and Sweet Elite who handle most of the WORD LIFE nights. Gone but not forgotten are Resident Anti-Hero (www.residentantihero.com/), who moved on to bigger and better things (such as cage fighting) in Eugene, and Glimpse, who moved to Seattle to become a professional homeless person. Anti-Hero and Glimpse will both be back to party with you, and both have dope cd's to help you through those tough times.

As for hip hop events, the granddaddy of all others has got to be WORD LIFE which happens at the Clipper, between 4th and Adams, Downtown every year. WORD LIFE is a series of shows featuring local crews and touring acts. As a result, over the last 3 yrs, Olympia has seen Immortal Technique, 2Mex, Sage Francis, Awol One, Typical Cats, Pigeon John, Lyrics Born, Vast Aire, Bigg Jus, Aceyalone, Dose One, Drunken Immortals, Grayskul, Existereo, Sleep, Labtekwon, Daddy Kev, D-Styles and the list goes on...

The only way to fully discover all of Olympia's treasures, is to get out there and put yourself into the thick of things. Meaning, you have to actively participate in this music community in order to fully appreciate it. But isn't that always the truth? If you look hard enough, you'll find Oly's best kept secrets in venues and basements all over



this city where new bands and emcees are blowing minds on the daily. So attend a show of someone you've never heard before, you may be pleasantly surprised.

There are venues downtown that host great shows as well. Of course, there are all the bars which hold shows fairly frequently. Some feature bands often, such as Le Voyeur. But let's skip these 21+ establishments in this article, shall we? We don't buy into that ageist crap anyway, right? Olympia boasts a number of great all-ages venues such as The Manium on 4th, the Eagles Hall, the Midnight Sun, and Traditions. Many are holding shows most nights of the week and have hosted some amazing local and touring bands in the past. The music

at these venues varies, too. There are always great hip-hop, punk/indie shows, dance music,

electronic, and the hardcore scene is becoming vibrant (and fun), as well. There's also bluegrass, folk, and twang music all around, so keep your ears to the ground!

A quick word to the wise and the wonderful: like many music cities of its kind, Olympia has a bit of a pest problem with hipsters. Shock! Awe! They may try and make you think that music is about points, knowledge, or insider secrets. In essence, the will try and suck the soul out of the art. Don't let them fool you! Music has always been, and always will be, about passion, desire, expressing the mind and the body through sound and energy. Please, please don't become a soul sucker. Let's make Olympia music about music again.

So in the end, it all comes down to the fact that if you want hear it, you gotta search it out or make it happen yourself. Make some noise!





Camp Quixote

We are Camp Quixote. An independent free form tent city in Olympia formed by the Poor People's Union on Feb. 01,2007. Originally set up in protest to Ordinance No. 6456n, criminalizing sidewalk sitting with a maximum fine of 90 days in jail and a \$1000 fine. This act of civil disobedience, this tent encampment, was carried out in response to growing discontentment amongst Olympia's poor people over the slow, systematic attempt at the dispossession of our city's homeless, orchestrated and supported by some city official's and business owners. The PPU believes the rights to shelter, dignity, and mental and physical health to be basic human entitlements, and that a community where all

individual members are valued and their contributions recognized must be realized.

The PPU believes that all people are entitled to these basic rights and if these rights are not provided, we believe it is essential for us to take what is necessary for survival by the means available. The State thus far has proved inadequate in addressing our needs as human beings, and the situation has grown too urgent for us to wait for either institutionalized charity or bureaucratically hampered government aid. We are thus attempting to take matters into our own hands. TO BE TREATED AS HUMAN BEINGS IS OUR GOAL. As there is a stigma attached to our being homeless, we will create homes of our own and show ourselves to be reasonable, caring members of the community, as capable of taking care of ourselves as any other group of people. In our encampment, we will keep order, prohibiting drugs, alcohol, violence, and theft. These are our only regulations.

We will work towards creating sustainable, permanent housing for all who are in need, and to create a space for those who are looked down upon to be integrated into the community, not out of charity or pity but out of acceptance, solidarity, and mutual appreciation. We run our community as a Direct Democracy, and all decisions are made by group consensus. We are NOT HOMELESS, only houseless. Our community provides safety, stability, security, and acceptance for all of us. We help each other to help ourselves by offering moral support, encouragement, respect, and community involvement. We provide each other with a positive social space where we can exchange and share resources, positive leisure activities,

help one another with emotional development and how to work within a group. Camp Quixote is a great place for finding, sharing and developing individual talents and skills. We provide a positive, progressive society for those society has rejected. We have a vision of a self-sustaining permanent encampment of ecofriendly structures and a community garden. We are trying to raise funds and work with the city council to resolve the issues confronting the homeless in Olympia, Wash. We are looking for a place for us to permanently call home. We are Family for the Forgotten and we provide progress for the poor, love for the lost, homes for the houseless, hope for the hopeless and we are connecting the community with the classless. Anyone wishing to donate funds/ and or materials to the cause of Camp Quixote is much appreciated. We can be contacted at the Oly



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Unitarian Congregation 2200 East End St. NW Olympia, Washington, 98502. Also, we can be emailed at <u>quixotecoyotes@yahoo.com</u>



OLYMPIA DOWNTOWN A\$\$OCIATION

The Olympia Downtown Association is a non-profit corporation that works tirelessly for the profit of a few and, despite their rhetoric, do not represent the community. They are a coalition of downtown business owners, with the goal of "sanitizing" downtown and turning it into a shopping-focused area.[´] Unfortunately, cleaning up the streets of Olympia to them involves passing anti-homeless legislation, banning skateboarding, panhandling, and essentially, banning poverty. Their anti-homeless and anti-youth legislative initiatives have

cost the city thousands of dollars to 'study' and have repeatedly divided an otherwise caring community. And yet the city, in their love-affair with the ODA, gives them thousands of dollars year after year to the possible detriment of other neighborhood associations that receive only partial funding or none at all from this limited resource. Perhaps the Olympia Downtown Association is not an honest corporate citizen as they claim or as the city of Olympia gives them credit for. They have been the instigators and proponents of anti-homeless and anti-youth legislation for nearly twenty years.

In November of 2005 the Olympia City Council approved a law passing a Business Improvement District proposed by the ODA. A BID is a special tax district in which businesses or property owners downtown are required to add an additional fee to their tax bill that would go towards "beautifying" downtown and building a new parking garage. Many small businesses can't afford to contribute or do not want to be a part of the ODA because of their arrogant anti-homeless tendencies. Over 60 signatures were gathered by downtown businesses opposing the BID. However, through business/asset bullying, all businesses downtown are compelled to do their bidding, putting undue strain and forced compliance on the small businesses located downtown.

The primary purpose of the district is to operate a publicly funded and constructed parking garage. Studies have shown that the majority of parkers downtown are business owners and their workers. The Downtown Neighborhood Association conducted a survey of residents. The preliminary results show that residents were more

interested in improved public transportation than a parking garage. If a parking garage is so needed, surely a private entity would have already seen the merits of building one. Their plan sounds too much like plundering public resources for private gain.

The city's Comprehensive Plan is to develop downtown as 'Mixed-Use' including residential, retail, and commercial uses. Declaring downtown a business zone is not consistent with the cities plan. Such a zone downtown might be used positively if it included *improved business* guarantees such as fair trade, living wage, mandatory recycling and waste reduction, consumer protection requirements, discounts for residents, and public accommodations including open access to restrooms and a place for non-consumers to congregate under cover from rain. These issues are not part of the Olympia Downtown Associations' Business Improvement District.

Actual crime downtown as documented by *the Olympian* and the police department has remained fairly constant—and was never really high. Fear of crime and fear of 'others' is the flames fanned for decades by the ODA. Downtown is safe – just ask those who live downtown.



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Currently, the ODA is busy focusing on improving downtown by discouraging loitering and hiring a clean-up crew to remove graffiti from the walls. It's obvious that these efforts are going to do little for stopping street art, and are only going to further harassment towards the poor and homeless community downtown. The same thing has happened to Sylvester Park (giving us increased police presence and a fence around the public gazebo) and the transit center lawn (Mozart on the loudspeakers?). Unfortunately, the ODA and the actual residents of downtown seem to have much different ideas about what an "improved" downtown is.

These are some of the ways the ODA has "improved", or attempted to improve, downtown:

1986: Criminalization of skateboarding

1987: Outlawing of teen dance clubs

1990: Criminalization of loud car stereos

1991: Outlawing of "cruising"

1993: Criminalization of "aggressive pan handling"

1994/1995: Attempted stop of transitional housing for homeless

1995: Proposed criminalization of car camping

1995: Proposed outlawing of fortified wine (against the homeless)

1996: Outlawing of OAPP Needle Exchange

1996/1997: Attempted banning of sitting on the sidewalk

1999/2000: Criminalization of graffiti and lobbying against designated "graffiti walls"

2000/2001: Proposed public financing of a massive Convention Center downtown

2001/2002: Proposed criminalization of car camping and camping, proposed outlawing of fortified wine, proposed ban on pan handling

2002/2003: Proposed public financing of a massive Convention Center downtown

2005: PBIA/BID (Parking Business Improvement Area/Business Improvement District) passed

51 2005/2006: Continued attempts to rid downtown of graffiti and loitering



-OLYMPIA COP WATCH-

Olympia's police department has the same issues that most agencies have - a few cops who like to play power games, a vast majority who merely do their jobs (but turn a blind eye to the thugs among them) and a few who complain to the brass about the situation. We call the third category "unemployed."

OPD is overwhelmingly male, white, and privileged (as are most departments). Its chief, although he has served since September of 1997, has hired no supervisors in all that time. Not one OPD officer hired since Chief Michael has risen above the rank of Detective, although one - Paul Lower – is finally supervising his fellow detectives and has some discretionary authority. But Paul's also been known to shoot videotape at protest events for intelligence purposes.



Two famous deaths in custody, and a near-fatal shooting of a mentally ill man, have marked the history of the OPD. In the late 1980's a man named Danny Spencer was killed by positional asphyxiation while handcuffed in the back of a cruiser. His family's lawsuit in Federal Court was dismissed. The officer most responsible for his death, Clifford Lee Maynard, is still on the force.

On January 11, 2002, Kent DeBoer was shot six times by Officers Jeffrey Dale Jordan and Gregory Thornton Brown while Cliff Maynard was also using his TASER on the man. Kent survived his injuries. Kent's parents' lawsuit was also dismissed in Federal Court.

On November 7, 2002 a 59-year old man named Stephen Edwards was killed in the parking lot of Bayview Thriftway when OPD Officer Jeff Jordan shot him with his TASER four times in about one minute. His family could not raise the money to sue.

Olympia has had several generations of Copwatch organizations, all of which have called for citizens' review of police. The latest incarnation of Copwatch is implementing citizens review without the participation of the City Council and has implemented audits of all use of force reports since 2002. We've also hosted radio shows on KAOS, FRO, and KOWA as well as published regular reports on local indymedia outlets and web blogs.

Olympia Copwatch as it exists now is NOT an organization, but a tactic that we will gladly teach you or your group. When we do organize, it is usually for a specific event such as the July 2006 visit by a neo-Nazi group to the state capitol building.

Call 870-3127 or visit www.olycopwatch.org for more information or to get involved.

THE ONGOING HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 1988- In-Custody-Death of Danny Spencer, who was beaten and hog-tied by Olympia officers Cliff Maynard and Aldo Fantoni.

August 1988- Inquest held in the death of Danny Spencer. Video taped for TCTV. Inquest official findings reveal "positional asphyxiation" as cause. Death Certificate says "Homicide" as cause of death but

officers are not held responsible.

1991- Citizens ask City Council to establish a Civilian Review Board to bring more public accountability to the OPD. Council rejects the idea.

1992- Olympia City Council allows citizens to file complaints against police at City Hall rather than just at the Police Department. Asst City Attorney brought into investigating process.

1996- Review of OPD ordered, resulting in finding the department is borderline dysfunctional. Plan formed to reorganize department, all but leaving out accountability issue.

March 1996- Oly Copwatch established to push for accountability -organizes public testimony on police abuses and proposes Non-Violent/De-Escalating Training for officers, an aggressive hiring and promotion of women and people of color as officers, adoption of a community oriented policing policy and establishment of independent civilian review board.

February 1997- Forum organized by City of Olympia, which brought various experts to testify on structure and organization of police departments. Accountability is a side issue. Video taped for TCTV.

May 1997- Copwatch sets up meeting with expert on law enforcement, Eileen Luna, to discuss issues with Olympia city officials. She says citizen review is good for the city and the police.

August 1997- Gary Michel (of Oregon) hired to replace Chief John Wurner after 18 years with OPD.1998- \$15,000 of Olympia's City budget earmarked to conduct police accountability study.

2000- A Police accountability study was done by John Walters with components of case review and small public sessions. Study finds accountability system lacking; technical system flaws, and recommends corrections as well as different intake system.

January 2001- Police shot and tasered Kent DeBoer, a mentally ill man who lives in Olympia, Washington. He was showing aggressive behavior due to a change in medication. Kent DeBoer lives, but experiences severe health problems as a result of his injuries. His Federal lawsuit is dismissed. 2001- Olympia City Council decides to create an Independent Auditor to oversee police complaints rather than a civilian review board. Council elects to exclude citizen participation in the auditor process.

2001- Olympia City council buys riot gear for the OPD due to complaints about street festivals and conduct during May Day. Summer 2002- Oly Copwatch reorganizes after hiatus due to police harassment of homeless people in downtown.

November 2002- Police TASER a man four times in one minute outside Ralph's Thriftway for suspected shoplifting, and punch him in the face, knocking him unconscious. Stephen Edwards is dead just 15 minutes later.

Spring 2004- OPD extends their deadline to investigate citizen complaints from 30 days to 45 days.

Summer 2004- Ad Hoc Committee on Police Accountability forms in reaction to Police using a motorcycle to push a 55 year old woman out of a street during a protest. Committee meets and reviews history.

Summer 2004- Oly Copwatch begins broadcasting on Free Radio Olympia 98.5FM each Tuesday, 5-6PM their radio show "Seeking Justice" with host, Drew Hendricks 870-3127.

2005- Oly Copwatch maintains records of police use of force and puts continued pressure on the city council to reign in the police. Feb 2005- marks the beginning of a significant drop in use of TASERS to about half of their previous uses

Spring 2005- Olympia City Council creates a "Chief's Forum", in theory to serve as a venue for citizen input and discussion about police operations and public safety

Spring 2006- Chief's Forum actually starts meeting

May 2006- Police display a complete lack of restraint and use excessive unnecessary violence against protesters at the Port of Olympia August 2006- Ron Nesbitt, an OPD officer fired in 2005, is calling for a citizens' review board as a check to police power and misconduct

CONTACT Drew Hendricks 870-3127 for info on Cop Watch.



All across this imperial motherland they call "America," civilian port cities are being used to fuel the fires of the genocidal occupation of Iraq. Despite growing opposition, both expressed and organized, munitions and war vehicles (including the infamously easy-to-blow-up "Stryker" armored transport) continue to be shipped out of publicly owned ports. Ports just like the Port of Olympia, the Port of Tacoma, and the Port of Grays Harbor. But this opportunity to oppose the bloodshed has not gone unnoticed.

Port Militarization Resistance is direct action against the occupation of Iraq. PMR organizes around opposing military shipments through local ports as a means of cutting off material support for the war. This is achieved through a spectrum of tactics, direct and indirect, including street demonstrations, civil disobedience, ballot campaigns, court challenges, and awareness campaigns. While the military is loathe to relent in its quest to murder every living thing everywhere, local Port Commissioners (who are not beholden to the military) can be made to see that working with the military isn't worth it, or at least, that it isn't as "profitable" as they thought it would be.

From Olympia PMR's mission statement:

"The goal of Port Militarization Resistance is to end our community's participation in the illegal occupation of Iraq by stopping the US military's use of the Port of Olympia."

PMR, the organization, was founded in June 2006. While affiliated with the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace, it maintained a singular focus of opposing war shipments. PMR has succeeded in kicking the military out of the Port of Olympia and the Port of Tacoma. The organization now has chapters in Olympia, Tacoma, and Grays Harbor, and will expand anywhere the military chooses to export its tools of destruction.

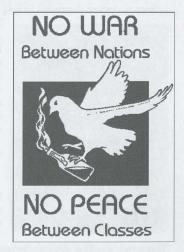
Why Port Militarization Resistance?

Congress will not end the war. A new President will not end the war. Endless solemn marches will not end the war, countless hours of "bearing moral witness" will not end the war, and a million candles will not end the war. (Not by themselves, anyway.) Only popular direct action, bold and uncompromising, can end genocide. This direct action doesn't have to take the form of violence or of some street revolutionary's fantasy. But it must take form and it must be uncompromising. It must be direct.

Port of Olympia - May 20-31, 2006

On May 20, 2006, convoys of Stryker vehicles belonging to the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division out of nearby Fort Lewis began rolling through downtown Olympia to the port. The Army issued the usual traffic advisory warning that these convoys would be coming and police presence was light. Despite local organizers' talk of opposing shipments, they clearly did not see us as a threat.

Demonstrations turned into street blockades. Street blockades turned into strategic shutdowns of critical streets and gates. Hundreds of people reclaimed the streets, and a local movement was born. (Continued on next page...)



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On May 24, Port Militarization Resistance was formally founded. The 12-day long demonstrations culminated with a mass civil disobedience of 22 people at the Port of Olympia gate.

In the aftermath of the Port of Olympia demonstrations, PMR organizers pledged to keep the heat on local port officials and to be ready to hit the ground running the next time. Because of a lucrative deal between the Port of Olympia and the military, wartime shipments used to go out of our docks two or three times a year. Since May 2006, these shipments have never returned to Olympia, but they have still been shipped.

Port of Tacoma - March 3-15, 2007

PMR knew 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry division, another Stryker unit, would deploy soon. PMR knew their equipment would have to be shipped out a month before their deployment. But PMR did not know what port would be used. After months of preparatory organizing, we got the call. The convoys started, and they were headed north to Tacoma.

13 days of protest at the Port of Tacoma made Olympia look like small potatoes. Blockades, mass civil disobedience, and street rallies ran all day and into the night. Hundreds of demonstrators came from as far away as Portland, Bellingham and Port Townsend. Midnight marches wound through downtown Tacoma, and police in full riot gear filled the port grounds with tear gas, chasing demonstrators all over the public port grounds well into the night.

The biggest story at the Port of Tacoma was the heavy-handed police brutality, intimidation, and suppression. Police openly and brazenly beat organizers, gassed demonstrators, and tazed vets like it was finally their chance. Cops acted like video cameras didn't matter, telling blatant lies to reporters, firing tear gas at passive protesters, and even telling one videographer he would smash his camera if he didn't turn it off, all on film. (Check out YouTube videos, type "Port of Tacoma" as well as "Film Is Not a Crime," and others.)

After 14 days of protest, the shipment left as scheduled. But the line had been drawn in the sand. The City of Tacoma incurred \$500,000 of unexpected costs to provide security for these shipments, and is facing several million dollars in civil suits for police brutality. A clear example was made for any city wishing to get in on those "profitable" military contracts.

Other actions

Port Militarization Resistance did not begin in Olympia. Similar actions were organized during the Vietnam War, and actions to oppose shipments to Iraq were also opposed before Port Militarization Resistance was formalized. In March



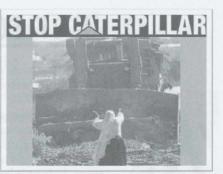
2003, demonstrators at the Port of Oakland were shot in the face with rubber bullets by cops defending munitions shipments. In November 2004, masked demonstrators at the Port of Olympia cut a big hole in the fence around the port quay, resulting in the U.S.S. Cape Intrepid raising anchor and taking off with half its cargo still on the port quay. On May Day 2007, not long after the Port of Tacoma, the military began a surprise shipment out of the Port of Grays Harbor which resulted in street demonstrations. And not long after that, demonstrators at the Port of Oakland convinced longshore workers to halt work on loading the shipments, citing the police behavior in March 2003 as a safety violation.

What's next?

The organizing will continue. Awareness events and workshops will still be held. City Councils and Port Commissions will still be told to go to hell. And the next time another Stryker unit (or other unit with similar equipment) will try to have their munitions shipped through our ports, PMR will be there to stop them.

This article does not necessarily represent the views of PMR, OMJP, or their supporters. However you can find more information at <u>www.omjp.org</u> and <u>www.ufppc.org</u>.





Olympia CAT Campaign

Following the death of Rachel Corrie, an Olympia native who graduated from Evergreen, concerns about unethical investments made in Evergreen's name began to surface. In late 2003 a group of students entered a Board of Governors meeting and demanded divestment from the state of Israel. The Board refused to act on this issue, claiming the Evergreen State College Foundation's complicated investment policy prevents them from taking any action regarding companies that the five million dollar Evergreen Endowment is invested in, allowing Evergreen's name to be associated with defense contractors, major polluters, and the Caterpillar Corporation.

2005 marked the launch of the Olympia CAT Campaign, a group dedicated to highlighting the Caterpillar Corporation's human rights abuses in Palestine and calling on the company to cease its support of the Israeli occupation through sales of Caterpillar D-9 bulldozers and other equipment. Militarized D-9s are used in home demolitions, including the one that killed Rachel Corrie. Caterpillar construction equipment is also used to build the separation wall, an 8 meter high concrete barrier that will encircle the West Bank, creating the world's largest open-air prison.

Teaming up with SESAME (Students Educating Students About the Middle East), the Olympia CAT Campaign arranged a series of meetings with the Evergreen Foundation's Board of Governors. After months of pressure, the Board eventually admitted that the Evergreen Endowment was more than likely invested in Caterpillar. The Oly CAT Campaign also sent representatives to the Caterpillar shareholder meeting in June of 2006, voicing support for a shareholder resolution calling for the company's investigation of human rights abuses in Palestine.

The Olympia CAT Campaign maintains a number of long-term projects, including the development of a new investment policy for the Evergreen State College Foundation. For more information check the campaign's web site: www.olycatcampaign.org



"We should be inspired by people... who show that human beings can be kind, brave, generous, beautiful, strong even in the most difficult circumstances." – Rachel Corrie R.I.P. (April 10, 1979 – March 16, 2003)



RADIO RESOURCES!

Olympia has some amazing radio to tune in to, or better yet, be a part of! You can get involved with any of these local radio stations:

Free Radio Olympia (FRO)- 98.5- Local pirate radio! Best radio in Olympia. Community broadcasting, news, and all varieties of music for your listening pleasure. Check them out at www.frolympia.org for more info or how to get involved. Fuck the FCC! Free the airwaves! (www.frolympia.org)

KOWA @ Media Island- 106.5- New community radio resource run out of Media Island downtown. Great news, speeches, interviews, and music. Awesome low power FM project. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:30 at Media Island. Get involved. (<u>www.kowaradio.org</u>)

KAOS- 89.3- Community radio station run right here at Evergreen on the third floor of the CAB. Been around a while, Olympia staple. Good stuff. You can become a member, or volunteer, or become a part of the team through Evergreen. (www.kaosradio.org)

DON'T TALK TO THE FBI

The FBI is currently knocking on doors in the Olympia area looking for information about the "green scare." The green scare is an FBI roundup of environmental and animal rights activists being linked to arsons committed by the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) and Animal Liberation Front (ALF). These arsons were done in the name of the Earth and animal defense and not one person has been injured in any of these actions. Still, the FBI is labeling this as "terrorism" and charging



those detained with outlandish sentences. We must be extremely aware of the very real threat that this poses for our community, and must know how to handle ourselves if we are ever contacted by the FBI. Rule number one: **DON'T TELL THEM ANYTHING**! This is very important to remember. As a community we cannot stand for these scare tactics. **Be aware, look out for each other**. Find out more about the green scare, grand juries, and

what to do if you are contacted by the FBI at www.olycivlib.org, or www.fbiwitchhunt.com

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The Neo-Nazi Movement in Olympia

A group of neo-Nazis, called the National Socialist Movement (NSM), has held rallies in Olympia a few times this past year. Each time, their rallies draw 10 or so NSM members and hundreds of protesters. They are usually separated (protected) from the protesters by the cops. They stand and throw out disgusting hate speech for a bit while the protesters yell back or ignore them, or create another scene with anti-racist clowns or noise makers or whatever. Then the Nazis leave.

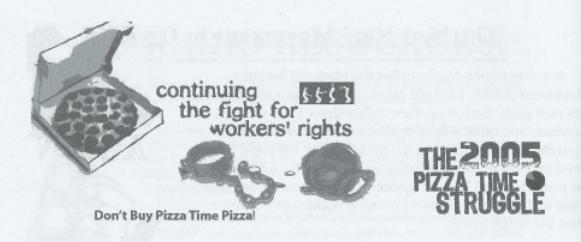
These protests draw the largest crowds of protesters I have ever seen around Olympia. These people do pose a threat; they can and have committed hate crimes, and they attempt to recruit vulnerable lost souls. They should be confronted and know they are not welcome here, in whatever creative way that may be.



But really, they basically come to Olympia every so often to get the attention-as-fuel they need to make themselves feel thoroughly victimized, and then go on their way. It is debatable what should be done about them. They get mountains more media coverage than if we just let them holler and hate. Most people would never hear about their existence. So they maybe use us as their tool for recruitment via media attention etc. It is



also really sad that Olympia can not unite in multihundred rallys of people for proactive means. Meaning we can gather for anti-war causes and anti-nazi rallies, but we rarely gather to confront racism in our neighborhoods through outreach and workshops. There are so many ways oppression is playing out and directly affecting people all around you every day. If they come to town again, handle the Nazis how you think fit, but always examine how people of color, queer people, homeless people, etc. are constantly being oppressed in ways that affect their daily lives more than a dozen crazy Nazis. Put some real energy into stopping that too.



Pizza Time owner Heath Flores refuses to be socially responsible. The Pizza Time worker lockout continues. Don't buy scab pizza!

In February of 2005, all 10 Pizza Time workers walked off the job and went on strike to protest unacceptable working conditions in the downtown Olympia store. The workers drafted a list of demands no Pizza Time owner has since agreed to in writing. The workers' demands are already part of US labor law, but the workers felt it was important that their employer agreed to uphold these protections in writing. Current owner Heath Flores refused to discuss the demands until his business was picketed last August. After a series of meetings with Flores, it became clear to all that Flores would not meet the demands.

The demands are:

- 1) No workers are fired without Just Cause and without warning.
- 2) No racial slurs
- 3) A friendly, clean and safe work environment
- 4) Standardized breaks
- 5) Respect our right to unionize

The workers who went on strike may never get their jobs back. Pizza Time is currently open and selling non-union pizza. The current workers (scabs) have no written protections and can be fired at any moment without reason. We are

⁵⁹ asking people in Olympia who care about workers' rights to buy pizza elsewhere. **Don't support union-busting businesses with your money!**

Olympia Worker's Association

The Olympia Workers Association's mission is to assist working people in Olympia who want to improve their working conditions. Workers in all different types of employment deal with the same issues – job insecurity, health, safety, and childcare issues, bad pay, and the general lack of respect for wage workers. The Olympia Workers Association believes all people deserve workplace dignity, a living wage, safe working conditions and workplace democracy.



Workers around the world have done incredible things by exercising their rights to organize. We have workers of the past to thank for things like minimum wage, fair labor standards, and the weekend. By organizing, working people can bargain with the bosses over the conditions of employment – you set the terms of your employment and you have a voice at work. Standing up for your rights is not easy – management is usually hesitant to allow workers any control or self-determination. The Olympia Workers Association is here to stand with you while you stand up for your rights.

The purpose of the Olympia Workers Association is to help those who want to stand up get organized and tap into the support of the community to win respect and fair treatment from employers. We are a democratic, community based labor organization. We can support you in your effort to get a voice at your workplace and help you and your fellow workers by carrying out solidarity actions.

WORKERS IN OLYMPIA DESERVE SOME BASIC RIGHTS:

1. NO PERSON IS FIRED WITHOUT JUST CAUSE OR WARNING

2. A WORKPLACE FREE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE, ETHNICITY, AGE, ABILITY, OR RELIGION

3. A SAFE, CLEAN, AND HEALTHY WORK ENVIRONMENT

4. BREAKS AND RESPECT FOR FAIR LABOR STANDARDS

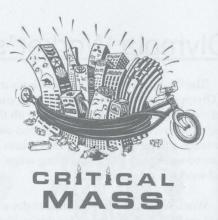
5. HEALTH, CHILD, AND RETIREMENT CARE

6. A LIVING WAGE

You can demand any or all of these, and more from your employer by organizing and bargaining collectively. The Olympia Workers Association was created to help workers see their common interests and build a network of workers and supporters in Olympia to help others with their struggles. We believe from our own experiences that the people of Olympia are sympathetic to those who will stand up for their rights at work and will support a movement based on truth, equality, and justice. For more information call: 360-539-9523, visit http://olympiaworkers.org or email olympia olympiaworkers@riseup.net

Critical Mass- "We're Not Blocking Traffic, We Are Traffic"

"Critical Mass is not an organization, it's an unorganized coincidence. It's a movement ... of bicycles, in the streets." Traditionally, in Olympia Critical Mass has been a great way to get outside, have fun, and make the bicycle presence more visible, while promoting a more sustainable mode of transport. Critical Mass happens on the last Friday of every month, and meets up at Red Square at 5:00 pm.



A notable instance occurred at the Halloween Critical Mass in 2006 which was Olympia's largest in two years. The bike parade was tainted when police harassment ended the ride with unsafe road conditions, multiple citations, and two arrests. The ride left The Evergreen State College at 4:45 p.m. with 75-80 cyclists. In the past, when large rides occurred in Olympia, the Olympia Police Department chose to escort the rides and hold back traffic at intersections for the group's safety. Those rides were successful, non-violent, and quite fun. At the Halloween Critical Mass, the OPD acted in the contrary. One Critical Mass participant was being issued an \$81 ticket for riding more than two abreast. One rider noted that, "Police were waiting at the bottom of hill anticipating our presence." Police officers continued to pick people off and cite them for minor infractions. This aggravated the group, who had until then been participating in a peaceful and joyful bike parade. One cyclist was quoted while conversing with Police officer, "I think that offering citations is making the group more aggressive and the situation more dangerous overall." The officer responded, "We are just doing our job ... who knows, there might be commuters calling in angry and they want to see us cracking down." Three police cars and three bicycle cops herded the group into a large mass - completely stopping



traffic on 4th Avenue. Officers were witnessed ordering and physically pushing cyclists into other cyclists. While police harassment was heightening a hissing noise was reported by people on the sidewalk. An officer was seen sprinting to the front of the mass where he assaulted a participant with a flying choke hold, sending him to the pavement. The bystander, who offered no signs of struggle, was handcuffed and dragged into a police car. As this happened two tires of a parked OPD cruiser hissed flat.

Reasons to Ride a Bicycle

*It's all about putting the fun between your legs *Never having to buy gas *Finding cool shit on the side of the road *Cross training for out-running cops *Doing your own repairs *That cute bike punk ass *Laughing at traffic *Drive less, live more

Riding a bike is fun. Driving a 2000-pound machine powered by explosions at unearthly speeds emitting toxic fumes that are killing the planet is stupid. But let's not dwell on sad topics like the people that are killed to provide you with gas for your car, or how gas prices are going up, or about how over 40,000 people are killed by cars each year on America's highways. Let's talk about putting some fun between your legs.

Riding a bicycle is a great way to improve your physical fitness; think of it as cross training for out running cops or any other sport you may enjoy. Or, to appeal to your vanity, think about how hot biking will make your ass look. There's probably nothing more fun in all of Olympia than bombing down Harrison Avenue through the round-a-bouts and riding past all the cars stuck in traffic downtown. It's all about putting the fun between your legs.

Bikes can be really cheap. Not only don't you have to pay for gas, but it's not that difficult to learn to do your own repairs. And you are privileged to have resources that can help you learn more about your bike. If you have a car, you could deck out a sweet rig and have lots of beer money left over if you sold it.

People who ride bicycles will tell you that the world just looks different outside of a car. You'll notice all kinds of interesting little things from people watching to plants growing through the cracks of the sidewalk to graffiti art. A car drives through/past/over communities; cycling is travel in communities.

Bike Resources:

Community Bike Shops:

Bike & Bike: free bikes/parts/repairs for low income folks in the back of Dumpster Values (302 4th Ave E). Open Sunday and Monday from noon-4pm. Friday is Trans and Ladies night from 5-9pm.

TESC Bike Shop: free/cheap bike stuff and knowledgeable volunteers to service your bike. Open as often as volunteers can staff it, everyday in the basement of the College Activities Building (CAB)

Community Build a Bike: another community shop. They have limited hours on Sundays. Call Laura at 870-7347 for more info. It's located in a garage on the eastside.



A note on community bike shops: the folks at Bike & Bike and the TESC bike shop are volunteers there because they want to help you, not paid bike mechanics getting paid to do the work for you. If you approach them by asking them to help you with something you don't know how to do, they'll be glad to put in a lot of work with you, and you'll probably learn a lot. If you think volunteers are your personal mechanics service, and you can order them to do repairs while you leave your bike in the shop, you're not going to get very far.

Capitalist Ventures: If community resources aren't your thing you can get ripped off at one of the many retail shops..

Critical Mass

Critical Mass is an international movement that started in the Bay area over a decade ago when cyclists started riding en masse once a month to assert their presence in traffic. For years now that monthly celebration has spread across the nation and has attracted a lot of police repression. The ride happens across the world every last Friday of the month. In Oly riders gather at Evergreen at 5 pm, 5:30 at Harrison and Division, and 5:45 at Squirt Fountain Park.

Top 5 Olympia Hiking Spots

Within Biking Distance

<u>Priest Point Park</u> – Head east to downtown Olympia, take a left on East Bay drive and head north, entrance on your right. Nice second growth forested trails and beach trails, great for the doggie.

<u>Watershed Park</u> – Head east to downtown, take a right on Capital St., take a left toward Interstate 5, follow the signs to get to Henderson Blvd., parking lot is on the left. More lush than Priest Point but smaller and with more traffic noise from I-5.

<u>Nisqually Wildlife Refuge</u> – Get on Interstate 5 north, take exit 114 and follow directions to the Refuge. Lots of birds (especially in the winter), plants, and a wide variety of shrubs.

<u>McLain Creek</u> – Take a right on Evergreen Parkway coming from TESC and take the exit before the bridge to Highway 101. Take a right on Mud Bay road, a left on Delphi. Look for signs for the Creek. Big trees and lots of birds, newts and you can watch the salmon spawn here!

<u>Mima Mound Nature Preserve</u> – Take Interstate 5 south to exit 95, head toward Littlerock, turn right on Waddell Creek Road. The entrance is on the left. Probably the most bizarre place in the county, a massive field of several foot tall natural bumps. The wildflowers of the pseudo-prairie peak in late April and are superior to anywhere else within 100 miles of Olympia.



Closest Backpacking Locales

Lower South Fork Skokomish Trail (1 Hour Away): Take Highway 101 North about 30 miles, and go left on Skokomish Valley Road. In 5.5 miles, veer right onto Forest Service Road 23. Stay on 23 past numerous junctions, for 9.2 miles, to the junction of Forest Service Road 2353. Go right and down this road. Cross the one-lane bridge and go left staying on paved road. The pavement ends after another one-lane bridge. The trailhead is on the left at the end of the pavement; park at the pull off by the trailhead. If you drive to the yellow gate, you've gone too far. Rivers, huge trees, steep at first, then quite flat.

<u>Dosewallips Trails (1 ½</u> Hours Away): Take Highway 101 North about 60 miles to Brinnon and take a left at the big sign for Dosewallips. There are tons of trails in this area. Stop by the ranger station on the right side of the road soon after you get off Highway 101 for directions. Staircase, Lena Lakes, and Lake Constance are personal favorites.

<u>The North Fork of the Quinault</u> (2 Hours Away): Take Highway 101 North about 8 miles to State Route 8 West towards Montesano for about 30 miles to Highway 12 West. Highway 12 becomes Highway 101 North— take this for about 40 miles to Lake Quinault South Shore Road. After 12 miles turn right onto North Shore Road—go 3 miles to ranger station. Lots of BIG trees and a few trails with many options, like the 5-6 hike along Skyline Trail through some of the most beautiful scenery in the park.

Ling Sore G

"Liza Jane" Old Time Fiddle Tune... Probably over 100 years old. Traditionally played with fretless banjo and fiddle. But with these chords you can pick up almost any instrument and sing along.

GEm DGOh Liza, Oh Liza Jane, Oh Liza Ridin' on that train.Come learn oHardest thing I ever did was workin on the railsup your first iEasiest thing I ever did was kiss oh liza jane.Time" at theWish I had a needle and thread, fine as I could sewThe free school

Sew that pretty one to my side and down the road we'd go

Hell and damn that, Hell and damn that train Hell and damn that train that killed oh liza jane Come learn other Old time Tunes, or pick up your first instrument at **"Oly Old Time"** at the **"Olympia Free School."** It happens every Tuesday night at 7PM except the first Tuesday of the month. The free school is located at 610 Columbia St. Just at the bottom of the 5th. Ave. hill. Across the street from Olympia Supply Hardware Store. There is an instrument library available if you don't have your own.

Where Evergreen Lies...



Evergreen's thousand-acre campus is the second largest college campus in the country; though it is not uncommon for colleges to set aside a bit of land as a nature preserve, the scale and setting of Evergreen's approximately 800 acres of undeveloped land make it unique. Although all of the land has been logged within the last hundred years and there are no old growth trees remaining, the woods at TESC are quite amazing. One grizzled Greener-grad has told me that Evergreen is the largest piece of wild land left anywhere on the Puget Sound. There is a potential danger to Evergreen's undeveloped land. It's a real threat to our forests that Washington State will build offices here, says Evergreen Professor Frederica Bowcutt, since Evergreen is state land. Other professors have mentioned the possibility of the potential expansion of our organic farm into this pristine wilderness.

Long before Evergreen was built, the land our school now stands on was stolen from the Indigenous people of the Puget Sound. This led to the Puget Sound Indian war, a rarely mentioned but important piece of local history. When the white settlers forced indigenous people off their land, the traditional techniques of land management went with them. Indigenous

people throughout the Americas had managed huge areas of land for the production of food and medicine (See the fascinating article "1491" from the March 2002 issue of Atlantic Magazine or google '1491' online.) In the Northwest, this has often involved the pruning of berry bushes to maximize production and the burning of certain lands to encourage certain plants and provide forage for game animals. While our Western mythology frames pre-invasion America as a wilderness, there was actually little land that wasn't traditionally maintained for production of food, medicine, fiber, and other necessities.

Pick some berries when you walk through the woods and get to know the plants. Learn how to use some of the common medicinal plants here and harvest them in a sustainable manner. I've known Evergreen students who are scared to dig an Oregon grape root because they don't want to disturb nature, but they buy their food from a vast monoculture farm that is chaos in terms of following natural patterns, even if it is organic. I'm not saying we should all get all of our food and medicine out of the woods—it couldn't support that anyway—but moderate use of a few herbs can actually connect us to the land. It's important to know what plants around you can be used for food and medicine and how to harvest them in a sustainable way so they will still be there for generations. Some plants in the Evergreen woods should never be harvested: Wild Ginger, Pipsissewa, and Trillium are not abundant here and can't stand up to random Greeners taking what they need. But other plants like Oregon Grape and Western Bleeding Heart can take some browsing as long as all of us harvesters know how to do it right. Read up first. Michael Moore's Medicinal Plants of the Pacific West is a good place to start. Also check out *Savage Dreams: the landscape wars of the American West* by Rebecca Solnitt if you liked this article. And you might like the Info Squat).

The Campus Land Use Committee (CLUC), a group of various staff members with a token student, is charged with the responsibility of recommending management plans for Evergreen's land. Luckily, for the most part, they leave things outside the core campus area alone.

Many greeners and non-greeners alike, find a permanent camping trip in Evergreens' woods a very pleasant and cheap way to live. Sweeps of the woods have been made, and the people found living there were ousted. Rumor has it that, Facilities is looking to hire someone to trek around in the woods, marking the location of all campsites using GPS units. They will then hire an outside contractor to demolish these campsites. My take: they don't want to do the dirty work of kicking out innocent kids themselves, not to mention potential PR hassles, so they'll hire it done.

Regardless, the woods surrounding Evergreen are the most unique and wonderful feature of this college. Get to know them, explore them like mad, because they have a lot to offer. A relationship with this land will help you develop a sense of place

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here at the college, and in Olympia. As students we have the great privilege of having this land all to ourselves. But we also have the responsibility to get to know the plants, animals, lichen and fungi, and to learn the history of this place, in the hope that we can keep it from being just another subdivision.



MAY DAY!!!

May Day is an international holiday that celebrates solidarity between workers of the world and is commemorated through public celebration intended to strengthen unity between all workers, and be a hell of a good time to boot. May Day was initially created in North America, where ironically, to this day, it is not officially recognized as a holiday.

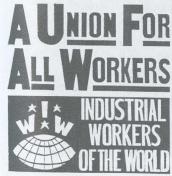
During the 1880s, when the typical workday was 12-16 hours, a protracted struggle was launched demanding the 8-hour workdays with which we're now accustomed. Protests took place all over North America demanding workers rights on this issue. The events came to a flashpoint in Chicago on May 4th 1886, when a peaceful protest was interrupted by a bomb that killed and injured several people, protestors and police included. This event is known as the Haymarket affair.

The bomb is a mystery of history; yet, the radical leadership involved in the protest was blamed for the actions of a zealous individual or police saboteur. Eight Radicals were persecuted in order to disrupt the organization of labor; four of them were hung by the state of Illinois. The trial was by no means a typical "fair" trial; the jury was hand selected by the prosecution. The Haymarket Martyrs were later commemorated by the Second International in Paris, calling for an International Worker's Holiday to be celebrated on May 1st. Since that time many European countries have turned this day into an official holiday.

Olympia has a rich May Day history with events that usually include a bunch of Evergreen students in the festivities. These events have had attendance in the thousands and are the largest annually occurring political gatherings in Olympia. Sometimes there is overnight camping for



May Day celebrators with festivities going into the night. May Day actions in 2006 marked a monumental shift in the normal proceedings found in Olympia. Organizers and activists sought to bridge the racial divides normally present by organizing a solidarity march for immigrant rights. The result was a success, with many families and immigrants joining with Oly activists for a march to the Capital and street party at the Artesian Well. Hopefully this tradition can be continued and May Day in Olympia can further serve as an inclusive celebration/action around workers rights and human rights. May Day has also been a day to create guerilla community gardens in Olympia. Every year many events occur on this day, and it is a good way of getting closer to the subculture in Olympia. So get out on the streets

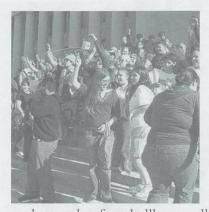


next May 1st and start a ruckus!

Local History Tidbit The Centralia Massacre was a violent and bloody incident that occurred in the town of Centralia, Washington, on November 11, 1919, during a parade celebrating the first anniversary of Armistice Day. This conflict between the populace of Centralia and itinerant workers who were members of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) — also called the "Wobblies" — labor union, resulted in six deaths, additional wounded, multiple prison terms, and an ongoing and especially bitter dispute over the motivations, timeline, and the events that precipitated the massacre. The subsequent ramifications of this event included: a trial that attracted national media attention; notoriety that contributed to the red scare of the late teens and 1920's; creation of a powerful martyr (Wesley Everest) for the IWW; a monument to one side of the battle and a mural for the other; and

an enmity between the American Legion and the Wobblies that persists to this day.

Hundreds Mark Historic May Day in Olympia



Olympia, WA-- Hundreds of community members celebrated International Workers Day on Monday May 1st, 2006. People in Olympia assembled in Sylvester Park for a "Day Without an Immigrant" and joined in solidarity with millions of people across the US and workers around the world.

People gathered while speakers from various community groups talked about immigration, Zapatistas, crossborder organizing, local worker solidarity, and other ways for people to get organized. When the speeches ended, people took to the streets toward the State Capitol to voice their views. \

The doors to the State Capitol building were locked. No politician came out to greet the May Day celebrants. People

made speeches from bullhorns calling for immigration reform and the need for more worker solidarity. At many times people chanted "¡Sí, Se Puede!" ... Yes, we can!

The May Day parade reassembled at the base of the Capitol stairs, approximately a half hour later, and then proceeded down Capital Way toward downtown. Some stores along the parade route were closed for the day in solidarity. The parade took a right on 4th Ave. and ended at the Artesian Well in the parking lot by Jefferson Street.

Bike-riding police officers, a half block away, guarded Pizza Time. Pizza Time became a focal point of the local labor movement last year when all 10 workers went on strike for better working conditions in February 2005. Those workers were locked out by the current owner, Heath Flores, in August. A boycott of Pizza Time still remains in effect, although Pizza Time was not made an issue this May Day. People took turns hitting a piñata made to look like a Border Patrol SUV. A mobile sound system broadcast Free Radio Olympia



98.5 fm, and a dance party started in the parking lot. An IWW banner proclaiming "Capitalism

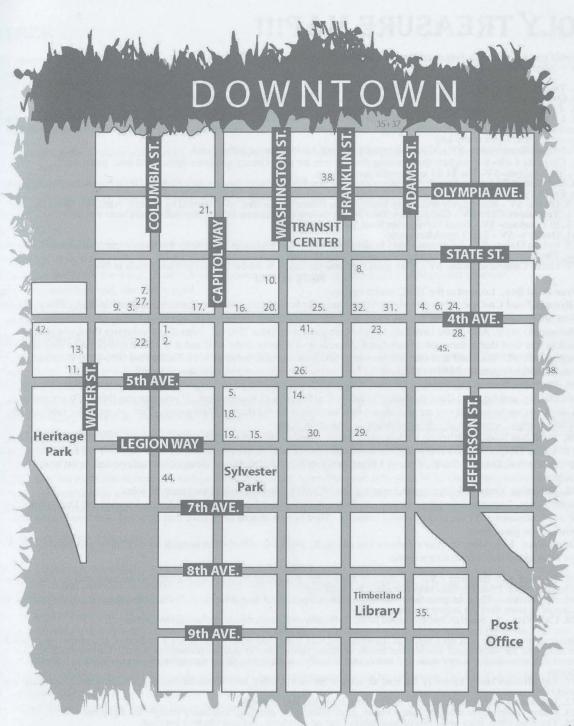


cannot be reformed" got duct taped to a bank billboard overlooking the parking lot on 4th Ave.

Hundreds of people in Olympia answered the call to not work or go to school on May 1st and gathered to support immigrant and worker rights. Many people talked about taking their May Day experiences back to their workplaces and asserting their rights on the job.

Over 1.5 million people took part in May Day demonstrations in 2006 in what amounted to one of the single largest days of protest in US history.

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OLY TREASURE MAP !!!

\$ = If you tip properly you can fill up on 10 bucks.

V = Vegetarian and Vegan Options

FOOD

1. The New Moon Café - \$V - Top 3 breakfast spots.

2. Quality Burrito- \$V - Eat here if you like deliciously large burritos. Open Late.

Plenty-\$\$V - Eacher If you fike deficitions of the deficition of the deficition of the Month.
 Plenty-\$\$V - expensive Applebee's style food. Old Time Jam the First Monday of the Month.
 Le Voyeur-\$V - The most hip greasy spoon in town. Sandwiches, soups and entrees all of which can be made vegan on request with as much grease as you can handle. Garlic Fries! It will take a while to get your food regardless of how busy they are. Open really late
 Saigon Rendezvous-\$V - Many fake meats and real meats. Spring rolls= good.

6. Clubside Café- \$ - Brighter than looking directly into the sun. Greasy goodness open super late. garlic tots!!

7. Mini Saigon- \$V- The \$1.84 spring rolls are amazing.
 8. Old School Pizza- \$ - Classic Olympia pizza. The pizza is good and cheap. pretty hip and rock n roll. Lard in crust.

9. Fuji's- \$V - sushi etc.
10. Otto's- \$V - Nice bagely breakfasty lunchy place Bottomless coffee, too. Owned by the San Francisco Street Bakery.
11. Traditions Café- \$V - Good quality food except their sysco chicken. It's mostly Fair Trade, too.

13. El Guanaco- \$V - Good Salvadorian food, get the pupusas.

14. Darby's- \$V - Good Salvadorian food, get the 'pupusas.
14. Darby's- \$V - Top 3 breakfast spots.
15. Urban Onion- \$\$ - An almost classy healthy restaurant/ gay nightspot. Bit pricey, but tasty organic food.
16. The Spar - \$\$ - Formerly smokey old school historic diner.
17. Great Cuisine of India- \$V - Very good food and the buffet is the best priced and most tasty in town.

FREE FOOD!

Free Food Box: Located at the TESC health center.

Olympia Food Co-Ops: They provide a 10% discount for low income people and waive membership dues. This program does not require documentation, but the co-op asks that all interested individuals read a short history of the program before choosing to use it. Also if you have time to volunteer you get an extra 25% off. Also if you volunteer there you get first pick at free food that is damaged or pull-dated. There is no hierarchy in the staff and it is a State non-profit so they are not ripping you off. This food is at cost and provides good jobs. Eastside location 3111 Pacific Ave. 956-3870 Westside Location 921 Rogers St. 754-9141 Get off the "41" at the bowman stop and walk down the hill.

35. Thurston County Food Bank: Located at 220 North Thurston St. near the downtown transit center. Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1-3pm. Commodity day is first Monday of every month. If you earn less than \$970 per month in a single person household you are eligible for food benefits from the state of Washington. You can apply for food benefits online at https://wws2.wa.gov/dshs/onlineapp/introduction 1.asp

28. Food Not Bombs- Delicious, radical, food for all! Times can often change, but for now: Sundays @ 7p.m at Manium. 37. Union Gospel Mission Daily daytime shelter and meals. MEAL TIMES Breakfast Mon-Sun 6 - 7 am Lunch Mon-Fri & Sun at Noon. Dinner Mon-Fri 6 pm 413 Franklin ST. NE 709-9725. Dental services, and safe places for all types of recovery.

38. Salvation Army 365 days a year 3 meals a day 352-8596 (shelter services too) must be sober.

Wild Foods- 7 months out of the year you can find yummy healthy foods growing wild. Blackberries and Dandelions; Wild Mushrooms and Fish; come to mind instantly. Most houses around town have fruit trees and other goodies that few mind if you glean from.

Dumpsters: Depending on your standards you can pretty much live off of other peoples waste in most parts of the U.S. I get most of my needs from others waste.

COFFEE

18. Batdorf and Bronson - \$ - Go there at noon after a night of partying to see who woke up together. Uncertified allegedly "Fair Trade" coffee- skip this place for Traditions.

19. Starbucks - They do give their workers health care, and let home bums chill there, but there are better places to support in town than the corporate giants. 20. Café Vita - \$ - Seattle/Olympia based joint. Definitely hip, academic, and chill. Shitty owner.

BARS

We recommend you pick up a bottle of firewater and kick it on your friends' front porch and drink homebrew you made 6 months ago for some good wholesome family oriented times. But if you must resort to paying way to much for a few beers at a semi-social creepy dude and sometimes friendly acquaintance filled atmosphere here is a guide to a few of those places

21. The Brotherhood- Probably the best all around bar in Olympia. Hip/Scenester friendly, strong drinks, nice patio out back!

22. The Mark- Mildly posh, usually has a DJ spinning hip hop or breaks...
23. Jakes- Queer dance club/bar. Great venue, great folks, great grinding! Curiously straight for a gay bar.
24. The East Side- Beer only, lots of pool tables (free on Sundays), definite Greener hangout.

25. The 4th Ave Tavern- Just a bar with nothing particularly great or horrible.

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OTHER

26. Capitol Theater and Backstage- A really great old movie theater, they host many benefits, and shows by rad groups. Good hippy popcorn.

27. Midnight Sun- performance space/ cheap place to host theatrical performances and sometimes shows.

28. Media Island- alternative literature library, activist hangout, indy radio broadcast spot (KOWA), and food not bombs kitchen

29. Planned Parenthood- safe sex gear, pregnancy tests, STD tests, and consultations

30. SafePlace- Safe Place connects youth to immediate help and safety and offers supportive services to both youth and their families.

32. Fire and Earth- hookahs and shishah, rolling tobacco and accessories, local art glass, & herbs. Local woman-owned business, friendly

41. Zine library - Inside Last Word Books hides a cave that will fill you day with enjoyment. Zines galore! It's GIGANTIC **42.** Critical Mass - You on your bike + other people on their bikes + fun = Critical Mass. Come ride with us. -last Friday of the month leave Red Square at 5:00 and Harrison & division at 5:30 Downtown 5:45 -feel free to make and distribute your own fliers for the ride.

43. Media Island -Historic independent media hub. Currently Food Not bombs Cooks here.

44. Olympia Free School -Classes taught and attended by neat people like you. Free! schedule at <u>www.olympiafreeschool.org</u> **45.** Artesian Well -It's the water! Fresh, clean, delicious water flowing up from a giant underground reservoir.

Parks -Go somewhere and, like, run around.

Volunteer -Always free! Meet people, learn something.

House Shows -Check out poster and flyers all around.

Low Income Resources!

Finding the money to provide basic needs for yourself (and your family if you're a parent) can be very difficult for those with a limited income. This is true in Olympia where unemployment is chronic- a town of limited employment and an abundance of students willing to work for poverty level wages. In Washington, the unemployment rate as of July 06 was 5.3% above the national average at 4.8. Unfortunately, American capitalism teaches from a young age that taking assistance from the government is lazy and selfish. Furthermore, it's plain "UN-AMERICAN"! Despite the social stigma associated with state and federal assistance programs like food stamps and welfare, many in this "prosperous" country have no recourse due to economic and political issues beyond their control. If any shame is called for, it is against a capitalist system that exploits workers and creates a class system that prevents workers from attending colleges and universities due to high tuition and high cost of living. FACT! There are more low-income students at TESC than at any other four-year college in WA. One reason being that it's the cheapest four-year college in WA. MYTH! There is a strictly limited pool available for food stamps. FACT! Just because you decide to collect food stamps in order to supplement you food budget, it does not mean that someone else will get denied.

GET OTHER FREE THINGS!

Evergreen Free Box Historically there has been a free box located next to the HCC in housing that has served Evergreen for many years. It was removed at the end of the 2004/2005 school year because housing claimed it was being overused and unsanitary. You should harass them to get it back! It was really cool. Housing tends to be a wasteful environment and people throw all sorts of things out.

Hippy Christmas You can outfit an entire 6 bedroom group house with the things students in housing get rid of the first two weeks of June. Thankfully there are donation pods around now for community groups, but they won't mind if you glean from there, and not everything makes it past the convenient dumpsters.

Free Store (at Westside co-op) Open when it's open. Hours vary because it's run by volunteers. It is an 8' by 8' by 8' cube of fresh and stale free stuff.

Yard Sales Often have cheap and free things that you may or may not want.

GET A CHEAPER EDUCATION!

CLEP If the main reason you are in school is to get a diploma, find out about some of the ways to get it fast and cheap. CLEP (college level examination program) tests are cheap, easy and will give you credits.

SPSCC Classes at SPSCC (South Puget Sound Community College) are also fairly cheap.

PLE (prior learning from experience) is a program offered through Evergreen that offers credits for non-classroom experiences. Academic Advising (866-6312) can fill you in on these alternatives.

Residency before school starts, immediately open a bank account in the state, register to vote, and get your Drivers License or ID card IN THIS STATE and register your vehicle if you have one. For more information about residency, contact Rafael Lozano at 867-5189 or pick up a checklist from the registration office. It will either Cost you \$20,000 if you are a resident of WA State for a degree or \$60,000 if you are not a resident. Consider it a \$40,000 donation to the college so the rest of us can go to school for cheaper and you can never pay off your debts.

Wait because once you turn 25, you are legally financially independent (poor in the governments eyes), and don't make \$50,000 a year the federal government will pay you to go to school. You'll get all costs covered plus some in most cases. You will also get more out of your education because of your life experience and a probable increase in awareness of what you want to do with your life and what you want to learn while you're here.

Marriage If you are under 24 and your parents make the big bucks you WILL NOT be eligible for financial aid even if they don't give you one red cent of it... unless you get hitched! Find a friend who you trust enough to join in eternal matrimony (or at least for the duration of college) and you will be considered financially independent and will be eligible for thousands in grants and subsidized loans that you would otherwise have no access to. Do it before the deadline for financial aid! Applications are at the county courthouse, 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, 786-5453. If you want your application processed faster, APPLY ONLINE at <u>http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/</u>. You can make around \$5500 in personal income and still receive full financial aid.

GET HEALTH INSURANCE!

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Washington Basic Health: Washington State provides subsidized health care plans to low-income individuals. The waitlist is usually very long. Apply early! Plans cost as little as \$17 a month. The application process is simple and easy. To apply contact the Washington State Health Care Authority at 1-800-826-2444 (ask for a basic health application packet), pick up a packet at the health center, or find more information online at <u>http://www.basichealth.hca.wa.gov/</u>.

Dental Insurance: Basic Health does not provide dental insurance. Go to the TESC Student Health Center for information on low-income dental care options. They are extremely limited and there is often a waiting list for most routine services. Emergency dental services are, however, available with a minimum wait and with costs on a sliding scale. The Mission has a community dental clinic.

EXPLORE! There are tons of ways to lower your expenses. Try playing around with your needs and seeing what superfluous things in your life you can get rid of. Try living in the woods, using coupons, or both! You can work with the

Bike Shop to build a bike, get your books from the libraries, or photocopy the chapters you need. You can audit classes, stalk the CRC's back-country trips, or make your own beer! If you ever run out of ideas, there are kids in town who will offer great advice on how to never pay for anything!

GLOSSARY

- Anarchist an advocate of a stateless society free of exploitation, where decisions are made based on direct participation from below on equal terms rather than being imposed by a set of elites in positions of authority.
- Affinity Group A small group of activists who work together on a direct action; these activists are usually close to avoid infiltration by government operatives.
- Consensus A way of making decisions which aims to include everyone in the decision making process and resolve any objections; less mob rule than usual.
- COINTELPRO- A series of FBI counterintelligence programs from 1956-1971 designed to neutralize political dissidents to maintain the existing social and political order.
- Direct Action a form of political activism which rejects reformist politics as ineffective. It involves taking responsibility ourselves for solving problems (examples of direct action include sabotage, strikes, squatting, blockades, street-fighting, etc.)
- D.I.Y- Do It Yourself, a movement that promotes the creation of what we need by ourselves, without relying on multinational corporations or governments to do it for us.
- Free Trade Free trade is a market model in which trade in goods and services between or within countries flow unhindered by government-imposed restrictions to maximize opportunities for exploitation and profit. This economic model is advocated by multinational corporations and politicians who want to make foreign countries safe for business by eliminating taxes and tariffs, suspending labor rights, and dismantling environmental protections.
- Fair Trade A market model that resists the "free trade" paradigm by the use of a certification process where distributors negotiate directly with the growers or creators of a product who guarantee a living wage to all their workers.
- FTAA The Free Trade Agreement of The Americas is a proposed agreement to eliminate or reduce trade barriers and extend *de facto* US hegemony throughout the Americas.
- Green Scare- this term refers to the federal governments expanding prosecution efforts against animal liberation and ecological activists, drawing parallels to the "Red Scares" of the 1910's and 1950's.
- Globalization –the creation of an unfettered international free market which has expanded the wealth and influence of multinational corporations in the Western world at the expense of environmental devastation, increasing poverty, inequality, injustice and the erosion of traditional cultures and customs.
- Hegemony- a way in which dominant groups or individuals maintain their power by persuading subordinate groups to accept, adopt, and internalize their oppressor's values beliefs, and norms. This strategy is in contrast to the ruling group achieving and maintaining dominance purely by force (Teddy Roosevelt's adage "Speak softly but carry a big stick" can be seen as an example of advocacy for both "hard" and "soft" power.)
- Indymedia A global network of independent journalists and alternative media which use an open source publishing model to empower people to reduce their reliance on corporate media. Check out <u>counterpunch.org</u>, <u>infoshop.org</u>, <u>zmag.org</u>, and <u>indymedia.org</u>.
- Mutual Aid an egalitarian concept of voluntary reciprocal exchange of resources and services for mutual benefit between groups or individuals. Read up on Peter Kropotkin's *Mutual Aid* for proof as to why cooperation is just as much "human nature" as competition.
- NAFTA -North American Free Trade Agreement which has reduced or abolished trade barriers between the United States, Canada, and Mexico.



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- Neoliberalism- A political movement that promotes corporate expansion and the free flow of capital (but not people) without restrictions across borders by eliminating taxes and tariffs, gutting public services, and crushing labor power to intensify capitalist inequality.
- Privilege The historical accumulation of power, influence, and benefits to a particular group based on race, class, gender, sexuality, and other factors which allow certain people to move into positions of power more easily. This phenomenon is aided and reinforced by modes of capitalist domination which reproduce the conditions of privilege and inequality. For more info, check out Bell Hooks, Malcom X, Tim Wise, and Mumia Abu-Jamal.
- Permaculture an agricultural system applied to food production, land use and community building which seeks more
 ethical and sustainable ways of living. This includes growing seasonal crops, a shift away from monoculture and
 towards more traditional methods of farming, and the creation of a symbiotic system of growth management.
- State Socialism an economic and political system that believes in retaining positions of power and hierarchy but, at least in theory, ensuring that there is financial equality among all people.
- Solidarity The feeling of unity based on common goals, interests, and sympathies. It is a term which is promoted by many social movements to foster relationships based on justice and equality. A necessary ingredient to effective revolutionary action.
- Socialization The process whereby the dominant, mainstream society imparts its values on its children from a very young age. This mass-indoctrination occurs through corporate media, state education institutions, imposition of language, etc. often for the sake of profit, social control and maintenance of oppressive power structures.
- •SOA School of the Americas, now known as WHINSEC (Western Hemispheric Institute for Security Cooperation), a training school based out of Ft. Benning in Columbus, Georgia run by the US Army. SOA trains soldiers from South & Latin America in counterinsurgency techniques, sniper training, commando and psychological warfare, military intelligence and interrogation tactics. The graduates of this school have consistently used their training to wage campaigns of terror against their own people, with the aims of eliminating dissidents and disrupting social movements throughout the Americas.



- •WTO World Trade Organization, the enforcement body of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade), the mother of all free trade agreements, run by an unelected body that has the power to eliminate or curtail any countries laws and regulations that interfere with free trade or elite business interests.
- World Bank & IMF (International Monetary Fund) organizations setup after WWII to lend money to European countries to rebuild their economies after the war's devastation. Nowadays, this money is loaned out to developing countries if they agrees to implement SAPs (Structural Adjustment Policies), which abolish social services, labor rights, and environmental protections which interfere with direct foreign investment and exploitation of "human capital" and material resources.
- •Zir gender neutral pronoun that specifically avoids the gender binary system by using a term that neither assumes a male or female recipient.
- Zine- a small circulation, non-commercial publication of original or appropriated texts and images. Zines are often distributed through secondary circuits, such as: trade, zine symposia, record stores, concerts, independent media outlets, mailings, or zine "distros." Many zines are distributed for free or cost less than \$1 (rarely more than \$3 to \$5 dollars.)

student Group Directory

Appearing Task Force on Anti-Oppression [The ATF]- (867-6144)... We affirm our commitment to a liberal arts education that encompasses the often uncomfortable growing process that poly-culturalism entails. We are dedicated to supporting programs and activities that will hold our community accountable for dealing with issues of racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, ableism, etc.

Bike Shop- (867-6399)

Capoeira Angola- (867-6105)

Carnival- (867-6092)... If its radical, if its art, then we're down.

CD Project- (867-5848)... The student CD project is a 25-year-old TESC tradition. The project has created an annual album composed, produced, designed and released by students. **Chemistry Club-** (867-6143)

Coalition Against Sexual Violence- (867-6749)

Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador [CISPES]- (867-6092)

Common Bread- (867-6781)... We are an international Christian community, which provides a welcome place for people to explore their relationship with God.

Community Gardens Org. Farm- (867-6145)... We provide garden space for Evergreen students.

Cooper Point Journal Student Newspaper- (867-6213)... or email <u>cpj@evergreen.edu</u> **Developing Ecological Agricultural Practices [DEAP]-** (867-6493)

Digital Audio-Pro Tools Network- (867-6412)

Environmental Resource Center [ERC]- (867-6784)... We work toward conserving, protecting, and restoring native ecosystems through education and active participation. The EverGleaners- (867-6784)...We organize volunteers to gather surplus food for distribution to the low-income members of Thurston.

Evergreen Animal Rights Network [EARN]- (867-6724)

Evergreen Face Productions- (867-6879)...We write, produce, and perform comedy. **Evergreen Political Information Center [EPIC]-** (867-6144)... Our mission is to create a sustained community of political education and action.

Evergreen Queer Alliance- (867-6544)

Evergreen Review- (867-6098)...The Evergreen Review is a web journal that provides students and professors in the field of political economy with a place to write scholarly articles. It will also be printed as a quarterly journal with more extensive essays.

Evergreen Spontaneity Club- (867-6879)... improvisational theater group.

Evergreen Story Tellers- (867-6098)...Group to help student writers, journalists and documentary film makers improve on their craft of story telling.

Flaming Eggplant- (867-6092)

Gaming Guild- (867-6036)

The Geoduck Union- (867-6555)

Giant Robot Appreciation Society [GRAS]- (867-6036)... A anime club for Japanese culture enthusiasts at Evergreen.

Healing Arts Collective- (867-6143)

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Hillel- (867-6781)... We seek to provide Jewish and non-Jewish students with resources, information and support about Judaism.

Sabot Infosquat- (867-6574)... A radical lending library specializing in zines, movies, and books. This community space is on the second floor of the library. **Masters in Environmental Studies (MES), Graduate Student Association**-(867-6479)

Masters in Teaching (MIT), Graduate Student Association- (867-6479) MEChA- (867-6583)... the Chicano Student Movement of Aztlan.

Media Influenced Entertainment- (867-6412)

Mindscreen Film Group- (867-6412)

Musician's Club- (867-6879)

Organizing for Workers & Labor [O.W.L.]- (867-6144)

Percussion Club- (867-6105)

The Phrontisterion- (867-6033)... Academic club for students fascinated by the literature, philosophy, history and culture of ancient Greece and Rome **Queer People of Color-** (867-6583)

Services and Activities Fee Allocation Board [S&A Board]- (867-6221) Shaolin Temple Cultural Arts Club- (867-6105)... Shaolin Buddhist theory. Slightly West Literary Magazine- (867-6098)

Society for Trans Action & Resources- [STAR]- (867-6749)

Student Video Gamers Alliance- (867-6105)

Students at Evergreen for Ecological Design [SEED]- (867-6493)

Students Educating Students About The Middle East [SESAME]- (867-6724)

Synergy- (867-6493)... Evergreen's annual Sustainable Living Conference. **Umoja-** (867-6033)... We are students dedicated to promoting diversity and crosscultural understanding, and fostering an identity among students of African descent at TESC. We organize positive cultural activities, events, and educational programming about people of African descent. We work to recruit more students of African descent to the campus and help them adjust academically and socially to the campus. Umoja is open to all campus members.

Vox: Communities for Choice- (867-6749)... Communities for Choice is a program to educate young Americans and mobilize them in support of reproductive health and rights.

Women of Color Coalition- (867-6006) Women's Resource Center- (867-6162) Writer's Guild- (867-6098)

CAMPUS CHILDREN'S CENTER 867-6060

We provide low-cost child care to students and staff. The child care center is open Monday-Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm and enrolls children of students, faculty and staff (3 months to 5 years).

Bldg. 201

CLEAN ENERGY COMMITTEE CAB 320

This committee composed of four students, two staff, and one faculty, is responsible for reviewing budget proposals for clean energy related campus projects. Student representatives to the committee are selected in the Fall for one-year appointments. To find out more about the Clean Energy Initiative, go to: http://academic.evergreen.edu/groups/greenfut/cleanenergy.htm.

KAOS OLYMPIA COMMUNITY RADIO CAB 306 867-6888

Evergreen's non-commercial, community radio station specializes in a variety of independent music, news and public affairs programming. Students and volunteers comprise the radio personalities on the air. KAOS airs at 89.3FM. Internships are also available for students.

S&A PRODUCTIONS 867-6222

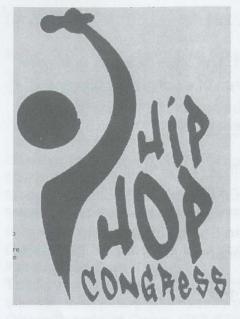
This group organizes stage events for the Evergreen campus, often bringing major acts to the school. S&A Productions provide opportunities for students to learn about, and gain practical experience in, event production and planning.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

CAB 320

CAB 317

Appointed by the Governor of the State of Washington, the student trustee serves on the college's Board of Trustees as a voting member. This is a one-yearappointment, July 1—June 30. Students must be currently enrolled and in good academic standing in order to be considered. To learn more about the role of the Board of Trustees, go to www.evergreen.edu/trustees.



The Hip-Hop Congress is a brand new student group at the Evergreen State College. Following the model of the rapidly expanding Hip-Hop Congress chapters across the country, we strive to support social justice, community action and unity, local artists and support systems, information exchange, truthful knowledge, selfempowerment and more using the structures and wisdom of Hip-Hop as a medium.

Though we were formed only in the spring of 2007, we already have a committed and growing board. In this short amount of time, we have been embraced by the Evergreen community as a legitimate and valuable cause. Our efforts will expand into the general Olympia community as we begin to build coalitions with local artists, businesses, nonprofits, and other student groups. We will be collaborating with the Seattle, Washington, and national Hip-Hop Congress chapters in order to bring quality artists and activists to Olympia, to uplift the youth who have been ostracized in this community, and to bring another level of

knowledge, wisdom, and action to an already politically charged arena.

Meeting times are subject to change; however we will likely be meeting bi-monthly at 4pm on Wednesdays at campus. We will be working to create a regularly updated website with contact information for board members and updates on our actions. Until then, if you have any questions, feel free to email me at <u>NoahTL@gmail.com</u>

THE SABOT INFOSQUAT

We are a stundent-run, non-profit community space that specializes in radical literature and other resources that are currently unavailable from the TESC library. Our name is derived from the word "sabotage" which is said to have originated during the industrial revolution, when striking workers damaged the means of production by throwing their wooden shoes or clogs (known in French as *sabots*) into the machinery, effectively clogging the machinery. We are located on the second floor of the library rm. 3303. Stop by some time or call us at 867-6574. You can shoot us an e-mail at: evergreeninfoshoppe@riseup.net



COMMUNITY GROUPS DIRECTORY

American Civil Liberties Union of Washington -Thurston County Chapter

The ACLU is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership organization devoted to protecting the basic civil liberties of all Americans, and extending them to groups that have traditionally been denied their basic civil rights. The Thurston County Chapter acts as the "eyes and ears" of the Affiliate Office, ACLU-WA, reporting civil liberties abuses. It testifies at local and state hearings and performs as an activist group to defend civil liberties. It also does outreach to educate the public in understanding, appreciating and protecting their rights. http://www.aclu-wa.org; http://www.olycivlib.org; Contact: (206) 624-2184; communications@aclu-wa.org; 705 Second Avenue, Suite 300; Seattle, WA 98104

Avanti High School (AHS)

Avanti is an alternative high school residing within the Olympia School District. With its small numbers and low student to faculty ratio, AHS is very open to community involvement, ripe for input from Evergreen students. Evergreen students have contributed to the Avanti curriculum as student teachers and assistants, as well as leaders of mini-units, and hosts of community service projects. http://osd.wednet.edu/schools/avanti; Contact: (360) 596-7900; jwalton@osd.wednet.edu

Black Hills Audubon Society

Our goals are to maintain and protect our ecosystems for future generations, and promote environmental education and recreation. BHAS efforts include both education and activism on behalf of wildlife and their ecosystems. Classes include monthly programs and several birding and natural history field trips, available to members and the general public. Activism includes efforts to protect local natural areas and "important bird areas" and to strengthen local environmental protections. http://www.blackhillsaudubon.com; Contact: (360) 352-7299

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Helping children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships. They contribute to brighter futures, better schools and stronger communities for all. Contact: 360.943.0409; Email: Brianna@thurstonbbbs.org

Bread and Roses

In the spirit of the Catholic Worker, the mission of Bread and Roses (est. 1982) is to serve, in love, the poor, homeless and marginalized of Thurston County. We seek ways to eliminate injustice and to educate and empower people so that all may claim their rights in society. The B&R Advocacy Center (BRAC) is the main office, in which individuals can find assistance to navigate social services, gain housing, and develop an income. BRAC also provides laundry vouchers, bus passes, hygiene items, and mail and telephone service. The Voice is a monthly street newspaper with a vendor program - vendors make 70 cents for every \$1 paper they sell. Shelters operated by B&R include the Women's Guest House and Devoe Street Shelter, providing stability, warm beds, and a nurturing community to 47 chronically homeless folks.

http://www.breadandrosesoly.org; Contact: (360) 754-4588; 1009 4th Ave; Olympia, WA 98501.

Building Revolution by Increasing Community Knowledge (SPSCC)

B.R.I.C.K. is a chartered student club at South Puget Sound Community College utilizing creative approaches to promote student awareness and advocate for progressive social change. The group acts to sponsor events and bring speakers and films to the SPSCC campus and Olympia community. Meetings are Tuesdays at 2:15pm in the Student Union building at SPSCC. http://www.spsccbrick.org; Contact: Coordinator David Hyde (360) 596-5284; dhyde@spscc.ctc.edu

Capitol Land Trust

The mission of the Capitol Land Trust is to preserve the natural heritage of South Puget Sound. It is dedicated to the conservation, appreciation and stewardship of the diverse open spaces and unique natural habitats of the local watershed. The group purchases land parcels and establishes conservation easements to prevent development of natural areas, offering landowners non-regulatory options. http://www.capitollandtrust.org; Contact: info@capitollandtrust.org; (360) 943-3012; 209 4th Ave E. Suite 205; Olympia, WA 98501

Carnegie Group

The Carnegie Group a voluntary organization of citizens concerned about the financial, social and environmental costs of growth at the local, regional and state level. The purpose of the organization is to bring to public attention costs of growth, direct public policy toward eliminating all forms of public subsidies for growth, and require growth to pay for itself. Meetings are Mondays at 5:15pm at Climate Solutions, 610 Fourth Ave E, Olympia. Contact: Jerome Parker, (360) 754-5747; Walt Jorgensen, (360) 867-0138 C/o Jerome Parker, 2131 Lakemoor Drive S.W., Olympia, WA 98512

Centro Intregal Educativo Latino de Olympia Project at Radio Ranch

(Integral Hispanic Educational Center of Olympia) The mission of the CIELO Project is to facilitate programs with the focus of providing services to the Hispanic community in Thurston, Mason, Lewis and Grays Harbor counties. Free ESL (English as a Second Language) classes are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 to 8:30pm. Proyecto Familia' is a multicultural mental health services team that works with families. Support to Leadership develops self-sufficiency for Latino families through development of parent leadership. Parenting Wisely provides culturally competent parenting classes to the Latino community. Programs also include Spanish Literacy/GED Preparation and HIV/AIDS education. The Radio Ranch is an eight acre lowcost conference center close to Olympia and Lacey. http://www.cieloproject.org; Contact: (360) 709-0931; cieloproject@cieloproject.org; 3102 8th Ave NE Olympia, WA 98506

CHOICE Regional Health Network

Helping seniors understand Medicare, assisting low income people access health and social services. Contact: 1.800.981.2123

Climate Solutions

Climate Solutions is a non-profit organization working to help pioneer solutions to global warming. We are demonstrating a model of regional leadership that strengthens communities and provides economic opportunity. Local programs include Northwest Climate Connections, the annual Bicycle Commuter Contest, and the Energy Outreach Center, an exhibit of technology available to energy-efficient homes.

219 Legion Way SW, Suite 201, Olympia, WA 98501-1113; http://www.climatesolutions.org; Contact: (360) 352-1763; Fax (360) 943-4977; info@climatesolutions.org

Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES)

CISPES has been working since 1980 in solidarity with the FMLN (Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front) and the Salvadoran social justice movement to promote an alternative to the oppressive US-backed policies of the Salvadoran right. CISPES currently works within the solidarity and anti-corporate globalization movements, to build a cross-border movement that can confront the injustices of the neoliberal economic model that is ravaging El Salvador and much of the globe. In particular, CISPES is now helping to launch a hemisphere-wide campaign against CAFTA, a proposed free trade agreement between the United States and Central America modeled on NAFTA. http://www.cispes.org

Contact: Larry Mosqueda (lmosqueda@comcast.net; (212) 465-8115)

Community Print

Community Print is a Letterpress and Book Arts resource center run by artists and students in the Olympia area, located at the back of Dumpster Values thrift shop. Workshops for all skill levels are taught on an irregular basis – check postings on the door. The collective's goal is to be accessible to all members of the community while keeping the art of letterpress thriving! Contact:

communityprint@yahoo.com; (360) 705-3772; 302 4th Ave E, Olympia, WA 98501

Community Sustaining Fund

The Community Sustaining Fund provides grant support for progressive and community-oriented projects in Thurston County. Our funding is aimed at creating a democratic, equitable, nonviolent and ecologically sound society. http://www.traditionsfairtrade.com/sustFund/sus tFundhome.html; Contact: (360) 252-4332 2103 Harrison St., NW, Suite 2715, Olympia, WA 98502

Dispute Resolution Center

The Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County (DRC) is a community based non-profit agency empowering people in their relationships by providing conflict resolution services. Trainings on mediation and conflict resolution are also available.

http://www.mediatethurston.org, Contact: <u>info@mediatethurston.org;</u> (360) 956-1155; PO Box 6184, Olympia WA 98507

Done & Done

Done & Done is a non-hierarchical 501(c)3 nonprofit which umbrellas projects, such as EGYHOP and Bike & Bike, with a primary focus of providing items and services to empower the homeless, youth, low-income or otherwise marginalized populations of Olympia and Thurston County. Meetings occur the first Saturday of every month around 5pm at the Bread and Roses House, 1009 4th Ave; Olympia. Donations are welcome! Contact: (360) 570-0608; Mail donations to: PO Box 6382, Olympia, WA 98507

Earthbound Productions: Procession of the Species Celebration

Created by the community for the community, the Procession of the Species Celebration is a joyous, artistic pageant, embracing the languages of art, music and dance to inspire learning, appreciation and protection of the natural world. Music, dance and art classes as well as an extensive art studio are held for two months prior to the celebration. The final parade is held annually on Saturday of Spring Arts Walk, usually the last weekend in April. Make a costume and join the parade! http://www.procession.org; Contact: Director Eli Sterling (360) 705-1087; procession@olywa.net, P.O. Box 7192, Olympia, WA 98507

Emergency Shelter Network: Homeless Resource Advocacy

The Family Support Center is a community resource center offering a variety of services for children and families. 5 member agencies work together to offer affordable, accessible, and preventative services that help parents raise healthy children. Resource Specialists work with families in crisis and those seeking information about community resources. ESN provides shelter and resources for families and single women in Thurston County. Information and referrals regarding resources, employment, rental assistance, voice messaging services, homeless child care and more. ESN is a program of the Family Support Center in collaboration with Associated Ministries of Thurston County. http://www.familysupportctr.org, Contact: marianne@familysupportctr.org; (360) 754-9297; Fax (360) 528-2004, 108 State Avenue, Olympia, WA 98501

Emma Goldman Youth and Homeless Outreach Project (EGYHOP)

EGYHOP's mission is to bring basic resources, emergency intervention, information about services, small meals, basic items to ease life on the streets, and friendly faces to empower members of the street population in Olympia. This population includes but is not limited to disenfranchised vouth and homeless or lowincome folks. EGYHOP street outreach workers cover the downtown area with bike carts full of supplies every night of the week between 5-6pm and 9-10pm. EGYHOP always accepts donations of large-sized, warm clothing (especially socks and hats!), blankets, sleeping bags, basic toiletries, and money. Donation boxes are located around town and the Evergreen campus, the largest of which is by Bike & Bike in Dumpster Values thrift shop downtown, EGYHOP is a

project of Done & Done. Contact: (360) 570-0608; Mail donations to PO Box 6382, Olympia, WA 98507

Enterprise for Equity

Enterprise for Equity is a community supported nonprofit that helps disenfranchised people and people with lowincome turn their ideas and talents into businesses. EfE wants to build an inclusive economy in the South Puget Sound. Its mission is to ensure that low-income people in the region have access to training, technical assistance, peer support and credit for small business development. To qualify for training, participants must have income under \$18,130 (single person) or \$37,000 (family of four), or be TANF recipients, GA recipients, and Veterans Administration beneficiaries.

http://www.enterpriseforequity.org, Contact: (360) 704-3375; lisa@enterpriseforequity.org

Feminists in Self-Defense Training (FIST)

FIST provides basic and advanced selfdefense workshops open to all women and children, covering mental preparation, assertiveness, strategy development, and physical defense skills. Workshops are facilitated by female-identified folks in a self-affirming, non-threatening atmosphere. Cost is usually sliding scale from \$5 to \$35. FIST publishes a free quarterly newsletter. Contact: Emily French (360) 438-0288; fistselfdefense@riseup.net

Fern Haven Center

The Fern Haven Center is a non-profit educational program center that offers public workshops, trainings, and counseling services for individuals and organizations in the areas of communication and relationships, creative and intuitive arts, community building and service, women's support, spiritual psychology, personal growth, and conscious organizational process. This includes a variety of workshops based on Non-violent (Compassionate) Communication (NVC). http://www.fernhavencenter.com, Contact: (360)754-1600; rod@fernhavencenter.com

Freechild Project

The Freechild Project seeks to advocate, inform, and celebrate social change led by and with young people around the world, particularly those who have been historically denied the right to participate. We offer resources, programs, and training to aid in youth-led community organizing and activist projects.

http://www.freechild.org Contact: (360) 753-2686; Fax (360) 528-2350; info@freechild.org PO Box 6185; Olympia, WA 98507

Friends of Artesians

The mission of Friends of Artesians is to preserve and protect Olympia's heritage of publicly accessible artesian wells, and to promote good stewardship of these extraordinary gifts of nature. In the parking lot on 4th Ave next to the Manium (all-ages venue in a black warehouse), one artesian well spigot spouts free, clean water. The group is moving toward drilling a new well on Port of Olympia property, in order to secure its future. Be careful – it's said that once you've tasted Olympia artesian well water, you'll always come back!

Garden-Raised Bounty

GRuB is a grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to nourishing community by empowering people to grow good food. It sprouts inspired, self-confident, and community-minded youth through educational and employment opportunities. The Kitchen Gardens project helps low-income families to help themselves by building raised-bed gardens at their homes. The quality of life and nutrition of low-income seniors are improved through therapeutic garden programs. GRuB resulted from a merger between Sister Holly Community Garden Project and the Kitchen Garden Project in 2001. http://www.goodgrub.org Contact: grub@goodgrub.org; (360) 753-5522

Gender Variant Healthcare Project

The South Sound Gender Variant Healthcare Project (GVHP) raises awareness and increases public support for gender variant people within the medical field and in the general population. It is a diverse group of individuals who seek to provide education, support, advocacy, and resources to the public, to clinics and providers, and to gender variant people in Lewis, Mason. Thurston and other counties in Washington's South Puget Sound region. The term 'gender variant' is being used as an umbrella term to include anyone whose gender identity or expression does not fit within gender norms. Identities include but are not limited to Transgender, Trans, MtF (maletofemale). Intersex, GenderQueer, genderfluid, genderbender, Transsexual, FtM (femaletomale), Native American Two-Spirit, and Nedlech. http://www.myspace.com/gvhp, Contact: G V H P@yahoo.com

The Gleaners Coalition

The Gleaners Coalition works to alleviate hunger by gathering surplus food from local farms and gardens, and distributing it to the low- and no-income members of our community. It exists to alleviate hunger and malnutrition while breaking down the barriers that exist between people, through providing access to fresh, locally grown produce and eventually offering nutritious, low cost meals in a safe, inviting café. Gleaners collect food at Olympia area farms multiple times per week, bringing food to distribution venues such as the Thurston County Food Bank and Food Not Bombs. It collaborates with the Evergleaners Student Group.

http://www.gleanerscoalition.org Contact: (360) 705-2375; cell (206) 412-9743225 Cushing Street NW, Olympia, WA 98502

Gifford Pinchot Task Force

The Gifford Pinchot Task Force seeks to preserve and restore the ecosystems and communities of southwestern Washington by promoting conservation of forest areas and sustainable restoration-based employment. The Task Force is the primary educational resource on the region's forest conservation, policy, and law. It engages interested citizens and policy makers through canvassing, hikes, field events, presentations and press, lobbying, and coordination with regional and national conservation organizations. Contact: info@gptaskforce.org; (503) 221-2102, 917 SW Oak St., Suite 410, Portland, OR 97205.

Habitat for Humanity (South Puget Sound Chapter)

Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. Houses are built in partnership with the buyer, and sold at no profit with a 20 to 25 year non-interest mortgage. Working with donated materials, home owners are required to invest sweat equity (500 hours) into the construction process, working alongside other volunteers. Donations of funds and materials are accepted. Habitat owns and manages the Sound Builders ReStore, a nonprofit store dedicated to diverting used building materials from the local transfer station as well as providing educational and volunteer opportunities for the community. http://www.spshabitat.org; Contact: info@spshabitat.org; (360) 956-3456; Restore: (360) 753-1575; 210 Thurston Ave. NE, Olympia

Heartsparkle Players

As a multicultural company Heartsparkle uses Playback Theatre and other interactive theatre techniques as tools for community building, education and social change. It will provide affordable performances for the public; and for groups who lack resources. It will be a community resource and share its artistic skills. It will empower communities and individuals by providing a forum for stories to be heard, shared and honored. It will maintain a high level of artistic quality and integrity by providing ongoing training opportunities for our performers. http://www.heartsparkle.org, Contact: debek@olywa.net; (360) 943-6772.

Homeless Resource Advocacy

HRA is a program of the Family Support Center. In conjunction with the Emergency Shelter Network, we give homeless individuals a supportive environment to work on life skills directly related to establishing and maintaining stable, permanent housing. The program offers a variety of resources and opportunities based on individual needs. Case management services are provided. Job skills training, nutrition, parenting, problem solving, legal issues, and credit matters services are provided through community advocacy. http://www.familysupportctr.org; Contact: esn@familysupportctr.org; (360) 528-8999.

Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)

The IWW is a non-hierarchical, directly democratic union that organizes workers as a class, regardless of their employment status. The IWW believes that the employing class and working class have nothing in common, and seeks to abolish capitalism, while forming a new, more equitable society based on free-association and production for need instead of profit. The IWW was founded in 1905 and has been a force in establishing various workers rights for the last 100 years. http://www.iww.org/en/branches/US/WA/oly mpiagmb.shtml; Contact: (360) 956-9256; olywobs@riseup.net PO Box 2775, Olympia, WA 98507

Last Word Books & Rec-the-Place Music

Last Word Books seeks to provide an outlet to satisfy the local thirst for alternative media and reading material and be a space where ideas are shared and information disseminated. It is dedicated to the idea of a sustainable local economy. It buys, sells and trades books and manages the Olympia 'Zine Library. Last Word seeks to better network local organizations, focusing on youth activism, media literacy, radical politics and community organizing.

http://lastwordblog.blogspot.com; 98501.

Contact: <u>lastwordbooks@gmail.com</u>; (360) 786-WORD; 211 4th Avenue SE Olympia, WA

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Citizens of voting age may become League members. It takes action on selected governmental issues, sponsorship and coordination of voter registrations, meetings with candidates, and publication on specific topics. http://www.lwvwa.org; Contact: Eve Johnson, President (Johnsonel@peoplepc.com); (360) 352-8220; 1063 S Capital Way, #212; Olympia, WA 98501.

Left Foot Organics

A non-profit organic farm which supports the inclusion of people of all abilities. Employs people with developmental disabilities and rural youth in the production of high quality organic food. Contact: 360.754.1849; <u>volunteer@leftfootorganics.org</u>; 11122 Case Rd SW

Media Island International

Media Island International's (MII) resource and networking center offers a 24-hour info porch, library, computer center, and a variety of tools for grass-roots organizing. The MII house can be used for meetings, workshops, and movie nights. Food Not Bombs utilizes the MII kitchen. People are welcome to stop in during office hours to browse, socialize, plan, compute, watch a video or just sit down and enjoy a hot beverage. The website offers an open-submission news site, South Sound community calendar, directory of local organizations, and forums to help facilitate communication and participation within MII. Consider volunteering for office hours or organizing a benefit! http://www.mediaisland.org; Contact: (360) 352-8526; 816 Adams St. SE, Olympia, WA 98502.

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MOMS Club of Olympia

MOMS Club of Olympia, WA is a group for at home mothers and their children. It is a wonderful way to meet other stay-home moms, and a fun way for your child to meet other children. Events and meetings are held during the day and children are always welcome. The club caters to mothers who live in the Olympia school district and Shelton. It does various service projects in our community to help members get involved.

http://www.momsclubofolympia.com

Nisqually Reach Nature Center

The Nisqually Reach Nature Center provides estuarine environmental education on the Nisqually River delta in view of the river's headwaters on Mount Rainier (Tahoma). It offers a hands-on experience for local school kids, research opportunities for local college students, internship opportunities for budding naturalists and educators, and volunteer opportunities for concerned citizens. NRNC is a private non-profit organization where nature comes to life. The center has 1000 square feet of space filled with bird specimens, interactive learning opportunities, viewing scopes, lab equipment, and as a highlight, 3 large tideconnected aquariums to view Puget Sound's underwater world.

http://www.nisquallyestuary.org

Contact: <u>nrnc@nisquallyestuary.org</u>; (360) 459-0387.

Nisqually Land Trust

Established in 1989, the Nisqually Land Trust is a nonprofit group of farmers, business and professional people, homemakers and others. It is working to protect the Nisqually River basin through private, non-governmental means. By doing so, it protects fish and wildlife habitats, particularly sensitive salmon runs. The land trust provides for the conservation of wetlands, scenic areas, recreational lands, agricultural resources, open spaces, and historic, cultural and archaeological sites.

http://www.nisquallylandtrust.org Contact: (360) 458-1111; staff@nisquallylandtrust.org; P.O. Box 1148; Yelm, Washington 98597.

Nisqually Stream Stewards

The Nisqually Stream Stewards is comprised of people living in the Nisqually watershed and people from outside of the watershed who want to help protect and improve the health of our streams and salmon. NS Stewards monitor the health of streams by taking benthic macroinvertebrate ("stream bug") samples and finding other stream and riparian data. They can improve stream health by removing invasive plants or planting native plants along stream banks. Stewards help distribute valuable nutrients in salmon-bearing streams through the salmon carcass return program. Interns interested in gaining both office and fieldwork in the field of salmon habitat protection/restoration and volunteer project implementation are hired. Volunteers are always welcome in tree plantings, stream health monitoring and salmon carcass flings.

http://www.nisquallyriver.org/stewards, Contact: (360) 407-1686; info@nisquallyriver.org

Olympia Civil Liberties Resource

Olympia Civil Liberties Resource is an Olympiabased organization working to defend the civil liberties of all citizens – particularly activists exercising their constitutional rights. OCLR seeks to educate the public regarding current threats to civil liberties, and to act as a general resource for activists. The group provides legal assistance, information about your rights, and solidarity during the isolation of arrest and trial. <u>http://www.olycivlib.org;</u> Contact: <u>olycivlib@riseup.net</u> Support Line: (360) 556-6878 (For information if you are contacted by the FBI).

Olympia Colombia Committee

Solidarity and Fellowship with the Colombian People. The goal of OCC is to raise awareness of inequalities in the Colombian armed struggle through educational events, lobbying and political involvement. In solidarity with the Seattle Colombia Committee, it supports the people, environment and cultures of Colombia. It seeks justice for all Colombians, especially those whose human, political, economic and environmental rights have been violated. It calls for non-violent solutions to Colombia's current internal conflict.

http://www.seattlecolombia.org Contact: <u>occ@onebox.com;</u> Yul (360) 753-5442.

Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation

The Olympia Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation seeks to replace violence, war, racism, intolerance, and economic and social injustice with nonviolence, peace and justice. Olympia FOR collaborates with the larger community to educate and to engage in nonviolent and compassionate actions. The bi-monthly peace and social justice newsletter contains feature articles on various peace and justice concerns, announcements about other resources, and calendars of local and out-of-town events. <u>http://www.olyfor.org;</u> Contact: info@olyfor.org; (360) 491-9093

Olympia Film Society

OFS attempts to show films that depict the experiences of under-represented people in mainstream film industries including People of Color, queers, and religious minorities. It supports independent film makers and hosts a number of benefits for local to international organizations. The OFS has a number of volunteer positions, and hosts an annual film festival in autumn. <u>http://www.olyfilm.org;</u> Contact: (360) 754-6670 The Capitol Theatre: 206 E. 5th Ave. Olympia, WA 98501

Olympia Free School

The Free School is a skill-share network rooted in the pedagogy of popular education. The organization is comprised of community members who believe learning occurs throughout lifetimes and that the learning process can become constant source of renewal and growth. FS provides free alternative educational opportunities to people of all ages and backgrounds in an open environment. The organization works for social change by actively building community, empowering people, and by serving as a model for education in the future. To facilitate a class, send a description and preferred schedule to the free school – anyone can teach and everyone can learn! <u>http://www.olympiafreeschool.org;</u> Contact: (360) 352-4165; <u>info@olympiafreeschool.org;</u> 610 Columbia St NW, Olympia, WA 98501

Olympia Independent Media Center

Olympia IMC provides an online media outlet for the creation of radical, accurate, and passionate tellings of the truth. Indymedia Centers work out of a love and inspiration for people who continue to work for a better world, despite corporate media's distortions and unwillingness to cover the efforts to free humanity. http://olyimc.infotage.net

Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace

OMJP is committed to building a mass movement to further justice and peace. By furthering economic and social justice one creates the conditions for a peaceful world. OMJP actively supports movements that challenge corporatesponsored globalization, and those that further racial, gender and economic equality. Its efforts are focused on working in solidarity and in coalition with individuals and groups on a local, regional, national, and global level with tactics such as popular education, active protest, and direct action. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month, 7-9pm, at the Olympia Free School, 610 Columbia St NW. Email listserv:

olympiansforpeace@lists.riseup.net; join at http://www.riseup.net,

http://www.omjp.org; Contact: omjp@omjp.org; (360) 867-6513

Olympia-Rafah Sister City Project

The sister city project that bonds Olympia, Washington and Rafah, Palestine was envisioned by local peace activist and friend, Rachel Corrie (1979-2003). Through her dedication to social justice and acute cognizance of the Israeli military occupation, she believed that cultural exchanges between our two communities could result in significant social change. The project will collaborate with the people of Rafah to create lasting friendships across borders and bridge cultural gaps through popular education, advocacy, communication, and community exchange. These friendships help members to educate themselves, increase awareness, and demonstrate solidarity in a common struggle for a just and prompt peace in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Currently the project is focusing on an Olympia CAT campaign toward ending corporate support of oppressive violence. http://www.orscp.org; Contact: info@orscp.org; P.O. Box 6275, Olympia, WA 98507.

Olympians United for Truth about Genetically Modified Organisms (OUT-GMOs)

OUT-GMOs is a local grassroots alliance to educate the community on the health and environmental risks of consuming and growing genetically engineered foods. OUT-GMOs hosts monthly movie screenings, conducts outreach and events, and is working to improve the quality and safety of the food served in the Olympia School District. Contact: (360) 539-1829

Olympic Forest Coalition (OFCO)

The Olympic Forest Coalition promotes the protection, conservation and restoration of natural forest ecosystems and their processes on the Olympic Peninsula. The programs of OFCO focus on educating members of the public, officials, agencies, and other environmental, community and recreation groups on issues of importance to help achieve these goals. <u>http://www.olympicforest.org;</u> Contact: info@olympicforest.org; (360) 456-8793

Parents, Families and Friends; Olympia Chapter

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through support in coping with an adverse society; education to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

http://www.pflag-olympia.org; Contact: info@pflag-olympia.org; Helpline: (360) 866-0511

PO Box 12732, Olympia, WA 98508

People for Puget Sound

People For Puget Sound is a citizens' group working to protect and restore the health of Puget Sound and the Northwest Straits through education and action. Its vision is a clean and healthy Sound, teeming with fish and wildlife, cared for by people who live here. <u>http://www.pugetsound.org;</u> Contact: (360) 754-9177, fax: (360) 534-9371; <u>southsound@pugetsound.org;</u> 1063 Capitol Way South, Suite 206, Olympia, WA 98501

Puget Sound Network for Compassionate Communication

PSNCC - pronounced 'peace-nik' - is a regional non-profit association of volunteers who envision a world in which all needs are met compassionately. Its mission is to contribute to this vision by living & teaching the process of Nonviolent Communication (NVC), which strengthens the ability of people to connect compassionately with themselves and with one another, to share resources, and to resolve conflicts.

http://www.psncc.org; Contact: (360) 382-8576; psncc@psncc.org

Sound Foodshed

Sound Foodshed is a coalition of farmers, food processors, retailers, educators, government agencies, local organizations and community members. It acts as a networking center for our members and the greater community, and provides an open forum for dialogue about local food issues. Sound Foodshed conducts and compiles research, solicits and distributes information, and educates our community about local food systems. Annually the group publishes the Thurston County Farm Map, a listing of farms in Thurston County that sell their goods directly to consumers. Sound Foodshed supports and celebrates local food production! http://www.soundfoodshed.org; Contact: foodshed@yahoo.com

South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign

The South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign is a coalition of Olympia, Tumwater, and Lacey students, union members, people of faith, and concerned citizens raising awareness about the sweatshop industry, and challenging individuals as well as public and private institutions to create positive change by altering their purchasing practices. http://www.southsoundcleanclothes.org; Contact: info@southsoundcleanclothes.org; (360) 705-2819

South Puget Environmental Education Clearinghouse

SPEECH is a nonprofit organization dedicated to informing and educating citizens of the Olympia area about environmental news and issues. It is an environmental education center and information clearinghouse providing support and resources to those who seek to preserve, protect and restore the environment of the Pacific Northwest. The group publishes the annual South Sound Greenpages, a monthly environmental journal of environmental news and commentary about South Puget Sound.http://www.speech-greenpages.org

St. Martin's Social Action Club

St. Martin's Social Action Club is a student organization dedicated to progressive political and social action. It is a group of civic citizens who promote nonviolence. Its goals are to educate and organize against social injustice. http://homepages.stmartin.edu/orgs/sac; Contact: smsa@stmartin.edu; Lennon Bronsema (President) lbronsema@stmartin.edu

Sustainable Community Roundtable of South Puget Sound

The mission of the Sustainable Community Roundtable is to facilitate dialogue, vision, action, and celebration to help create sustainable community in South Puget Sound. The Roundtable seeks to build consensus on how we can become ecologically, economically and socially sustainable. It publishes the annual State of the Community Report, on local environmental and health concerns, seeks out businesses that operate in a sustainable mind-set, and sponsors events year-round. ; Contact: info@sustainsouthsound.org; 209 4th Ave. East, Suite 206, Olympia, WA 98501; http://www.sustainsouthsound.org

Terra Commons

Terra Commons is a non-profit building network. It seeks to create lasting social change by researching, designing, and implementing natural building technologies in the Salish Bay ecoregion. It holds work parties and presentations to demonstrate the applications of natural building, sustainable agriculture, appropriate technology and habitat restoration. Projects include sites at Fertile Ground Inn, Media Island International, and Culture Seed. http://www.olywa.us/Terra; Contact: terracommons@riseup.net; (360) 866-4257 Santo Tomás, Nicaragua. Delegations from Santo Tomas also come to Thurston County to volunteer for our community projects. TSTSCA publishes a quarterly newsletter to educate the community about US foreign policy relating to Central America, promote the efforts of other local organizations serving the Latino communities, and to publicize our current work. <u>http://www.olympiasantotomas.org/;</u> Contact: (360) 480-8270; PO Box 561, Olympia, WA 98507

Thurston County Community Television

Public Access Television offering free classes and easy access to the airwaves. TCTV is a membership organization that provides public, educational, and government access television in greater Thurston County, Washington. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation under contract to Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and Thurston County. TCTV provides access channel management, training and production support to local residents, groups, government agencies and educational institutions. It holds Dance O' Dance Revolutions the first Friday of every month at 8pm in the studio! <u>http://www.tctv.net;</u> Contact: (360) 956-3100

440 Yauger Way SW, Suite C, Olympia, WA 98502

Thurston County Draft Counseling Center

Protect your rights. Learn how the system works. The Draft Counseling Center provides free, confidential information and counseling about how a military draft would work and how to pursue conscientious objection and other alternatives. It also provides help for people who want to get out of the military. Contact: (360) 491-9093; 5015 15th Ave. S.E., Lacey, WA 98503

Thurston County Tenants Union

TCTU is a non-profit, membership based organization of tenants. The TU challenges and transforms unjust housing conditions and housing policies through empowerment-based education, leadership development, and community organizing and tenant ownership. It provides free informational services and promotes the rights of tenants through active public advocacy and organizing. <u>http://www.tenantsunion.org;</u> Contact: (360) 943-3036; Seattle Tenant Rights Hotline: (206) 723-0500

Thurston Union for Low Income People (Tulip)

Tulip's unique mission is to fight poverty and promote social responsibility by bridging the gap between low income and more affluent people. Tulip links low-income members with the financial products, services, and education necessary for financial independence. At the same time, it offers more affluent members the opportunity for community investment through the loans and deposits they make with Tulip. <u>http://www.tulipcu.coop;</u> Contact: (360) 570-2292; <u>info@tulipcu.coop;</u> 3111 Pacific Ave NW, Olympia, WA 98501.

Urban Layers Project

The mission of the Urban Layers Project is to create innovative planning ideas for communitybased, sustainable and socially progressive economic development in Olympia. It envisions a safe and inclusive downtown, with enough commercial traffic to maintain Olympia's economic centrality. Its vision is a collectively run mall housing local businesses and services that will fill social and economic gaps and bring more vitality to the downtown area. This may bring support for local business, provision of necessary services and an increase in open space and public areas downtown. ULP meets at Media Island International at 816 Adams St SE. http://www.urbanlayersproject.org; Contact: (360) 352-8526

Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs

WCSAP is a membership agency comprised of individuals and organizations dedicated to ending sexual assault in their communities. WCSAP's mission is to unite agencies engaged in the elimination of sexual violence through education, advocacy, victim services, and social change. It offers trainings throughout the year and an annual two and a half day conference on topics ranging from advocacy, service provision, prevention, to management issues. It also has a sexual assault prevention resource center. http://www.wcsap.org; Contact: (360) 754-7583; 1-800-775-8013

Washington Cooperative Support Center

To Washington Cooperative Support Center (WCSC) is a 501(c) 3 non profit organization established to provide jobs, training, transportation and advocacy for the homeless, unemployed and disadvantaged people of the Olympia/Thruston County area and lower the cost of living and doing business in our community. Supported companies enhance the quality of life for the people with need in our community by offering employment, competitive wages, and training. WCSC is working in Thurston County to provide members with dependable alternative resources that are self-funding, which empower the local community with long-term sustainable solutions to community problems. https://pro9.abac.com/wcsc/; Contact: (360) 459-9765

Washington Environmental Council

WEC is a statewide environmental organization and works primarily on the state level to protect our land, air and water. The Electronic Waste Recycling campaign works to launch a program to provide for safe, simple and free recycling of TVs and computers for the people of Washington. The Sustainable State Forests Campaign seeks to improve the management of Washington's state forests, creating a model of sustainable forestry. The Water for Washington Campaign focuses on restoring and protecting the quality and supply of water in rivers and streams. The Protecting People and Places Campaign aims to improve fish and wildlife habitat across Washington through updated and better enforced

shoreline and land use protections. http://www.wecprotects.org; Contact: (360) 357-6548

(The organization formerly known as)

Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition

WROC is a coalition of individuals and welfare rights groups organized around their own welfare offices whose mission is to empower people on welfare to effect positive change in their lives, the welfare system, and other institutions that impact their lives. WROC empowers recipients through education, leadership development, grassroots action, and through the creation of a support network for its members. We network with other organizations and individuals to dispel the myths about welfare and to create a broad power base to effect change on the local, state, and national levels. http://www.wroc.org; Contact: (360) 352-9716; 1-866-343-9716; 701 Franklin SE, Olympia, WA 98501

Woodland Trail Greenway Association

The Woodland Trail Greenway Association is dedicated to the creation of a linear park and trail along the Olympia Woodland Trail corridor from the Chehalis-Western Trail in Lacey to the shores of Capitol Lake. The WTGA, formerly the East-West Greenway Association, is a non-profit coalition of active, interested citizens and organizations which serve as a public voice to promote the funding and development of the Olympia Woodland Trail corridor for recreation and natural open space preservation. http://www.wtga.org; Contact: info@woodlandtrail.org

Wolf Haven International

One of the world's largest and most respected wolf sanctuaries. Located on 80 acres of peaceful forest and Mima mound prairie. Hosts family programming and educational tours. Contact: 360.264.4695; 3111 offut Lake Rd. Tenino WA 98589.

