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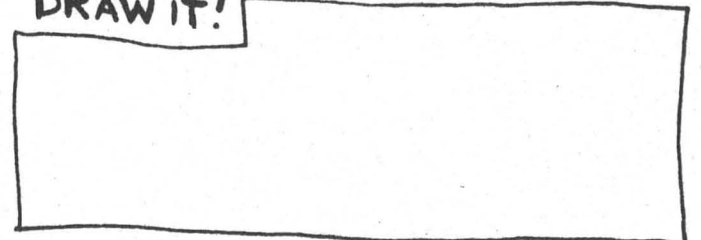
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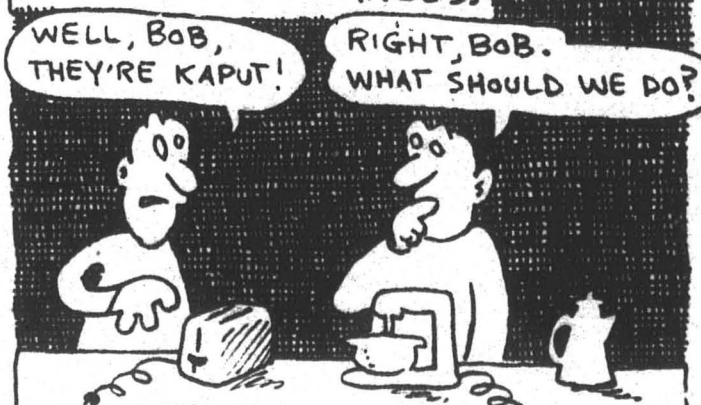
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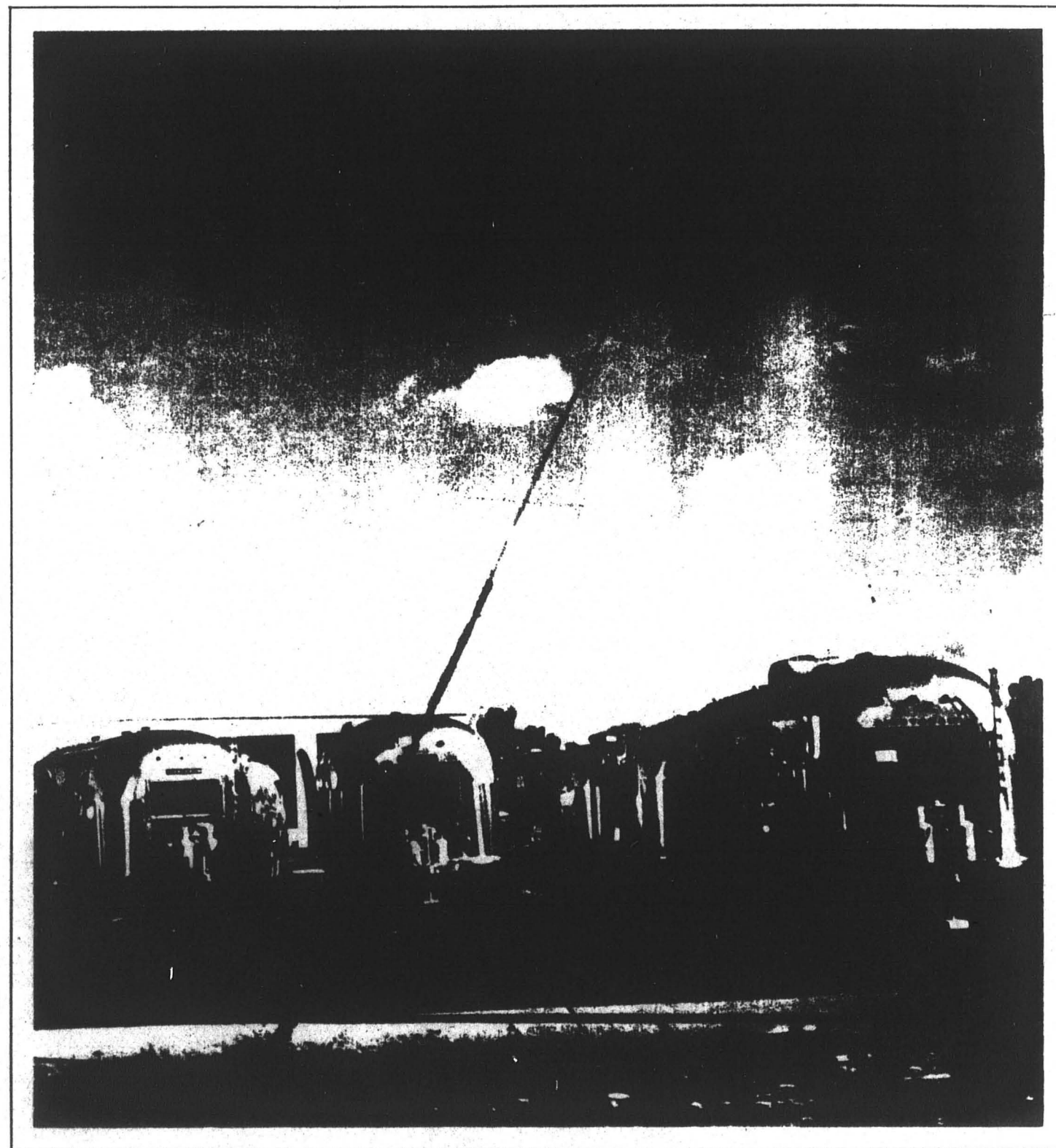
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editor's note:

I am very embarrassed to report that in our last issue's piece celebrating Passover, some of the Hebrew characters illustrating the text were upside down. I am indignant to report that some members of the community suspected that it was done deliberately as some kind of joke, instead of attributing it correctly to good old-fashioned ignorance and overwork.

In the process of confronting one's ignorance and trying to overcome it, one inevitably puts one's foot in one's mouth. Here at Evergreen, we are all trying to overcome bigotries based on ignorance.

This entails making some mistakes.

When one makes a mistake and gets jumped on by hostile and suspicious onlookers, the learner often becomes too shy and embarrassed to continue his/her learning process. This does nothing but deepen the clefts between diverse peoples.

If instead the learner is met with compassionate critique, the learning process goes on. In other words, there's a big difference between kicking someone in the butt and smashing their head in to the pavement.

We have a unique opportunity to overcome our cultural ignorances and build an appreciation for diversity in a supportive community. Let's not blow it.

--Polly Trout

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Deborah Sklar, the photographer who contributed the photos of the Apartheid Rally, had her name spelled incorrectly in the photo credits. Also, some of the Hebrew lettering accompanying the Passover quotation was upside down. We apologize.

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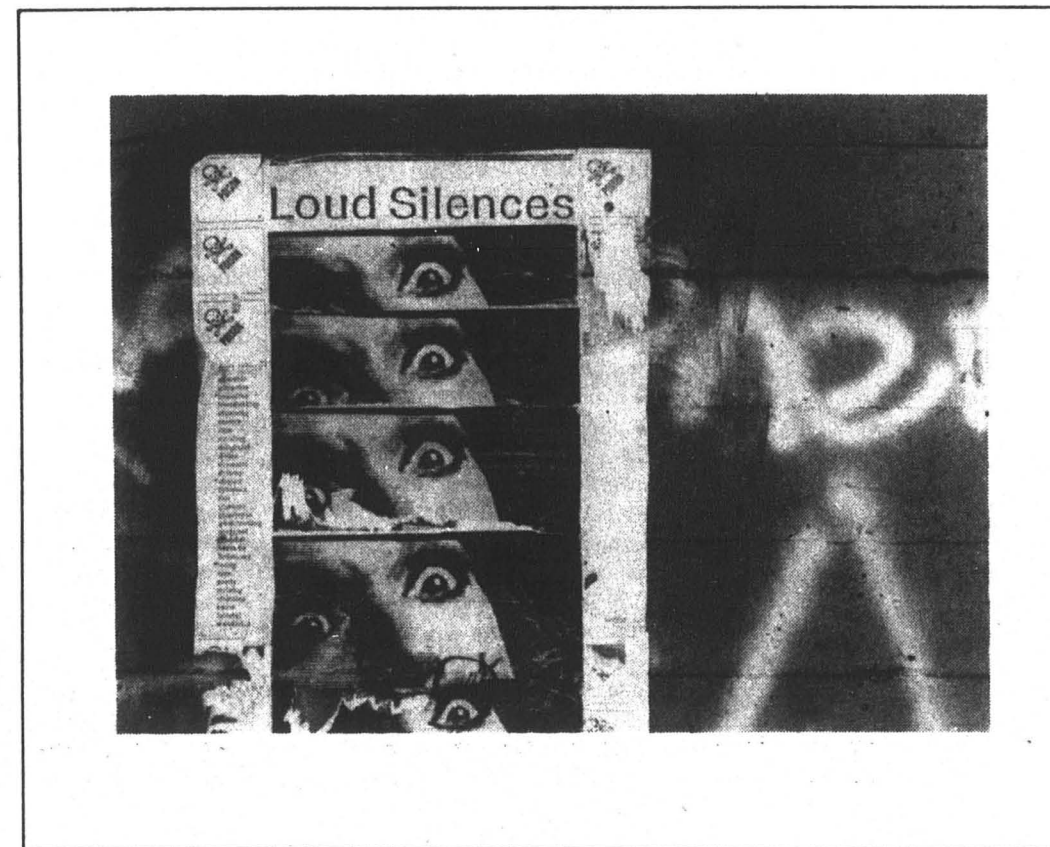
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► AIDS

Letter to the community,

Appointments for the AIDS Antibody Virus test at the Department of Health Services office in downtown Olympia are booked through early July. An alternate way to "get the test" is by donating blood: all blood donations are screened for the AIDS virus. If any donation tests positive, the donor is promptly contacted. Blood donation stations are set up periodically throughout our area. The next couple are:

► Wednesday, April 29, at the S.P.S.C.C. campus Main Board Room, 9-12 a.m. and 12:45-3 p.m.

► Wednesday, April 29, at the State Employee Credit Union parking lot, downtown Olympia, 12-3 p.m. and 3:45-7 p.m.

For further donation dates and locations call the Puget Sound Blood Center in Seattle, 1-292-6500.

The Olympia Community is beginning to realize that AIDS is not an isolated syndrome. It is contractable through sexual contact - male, female, gay and heterosexual (AIDS is not just a "gay" disease). AIDS has been found to lie dormant in the blood stream for up to 14 years (who have you slept with since 1974? Who have your friends been

with?). Whether you like condoms or not, it may be reasonable to at least know whether or not you are a transmitter of the virus. Taking the AIDS test is not an admission of guilt, or sin or imminent ANYTHING -- it is simply an acknowledgement of your responsibility to the community.

Donating blood is free.

Mike Winsor

► objection

Recycle, CPJ!

As the recycling coordinator, I was informed that in the second week of May the CPJ will focus on waste, consumption, etc.... I went into the office to discuss recycling and a possible article with the CPJ staff. I was bombarded with very strong idealistic comments about how we are a wasteful, consumer-oriented society, about how Evergreen produces so much waste and is supposed to be so ecologically conscious but really is not...then I looked around the office and noticed that the paper recycling boxes that were provided to the CPJ by recycling were not there, and that the garbage can was full of recyclable paper. This

hypocrisy was nothing compared to the anger I felt as a result of having the hard work and improvements to the Evergreen recycling program negated with a hostile, ill-founded comment like "Evergreen is not ecologically conscious and is making no effort to correct the situation."

Let me remind the CPJ that Evergreen is recycling a considerable amount of its waste, that the recycling program has grown over 200% in the last year, that ecologically conscious Evergreen staff members were still making due with eight-year-old cardboard boxes to collect recyclable paper, that the Director of Facilities at Evergreen provided the materials to build two cardboard storage bins that are now in location in the basement of the CAB and the Library building, that the Director of Custodial Services graciously provided four new aluminum containers...

I've only just begun to touch upon the ecologically conscious actions of the faculty and staff of Evergreen. I personally am very thankful for their patience, support, and efforts. Thank you George, Yuki, Vern, Bonnie, John, Knoll, Clint, Cheryl, Kurt and the rest of the wonderful people who have helped promote recycling this year.

Back to the point at hand -- the at-

Governance DTF: Pork barrel o' fun



report. "It raised, for me, more questions than it answered," Martin commented last Monday. "They responded far too much."

According to the report, the existing S&A allocations board would remain intact, but the SUCC would recommend funding priorities to the board based on student elections. S&A Board Coordinator Dave Campbell views this as an improvement over the existing structure. However, that was the only portion of the report he saw as useful. "I see it as an unworkable document," Campbell said. He questions the fact

that no one on the S&A Board (the closest thing Evergreen now has to a student government) was asked to serve on the DTF.

Campbell is concerned that if the administration also views the plan as unworkable, President Olander will make good on his threat to impose a student governance structure designed by the administration. Campbell claims that since President Olander disbanded the Evergreen Council, "Students do not have a voice and they want to keep it that way."
--Timothy O'Brien

forum for student input

How can students be involved in making decisions at Evergreen? That is the question students have been asking for the last several years. The Student Governance Disappearing Task Force was charged to study this issue and to recommend a governance structure. The DTF met for 15 weeks and has issued its report. The report is available from the Student Communications Center, which is located in the CAB building inside the Information Center.

It is now incumbent upon students to decide what will become of the recommendations made by the DTF. A forum for discussion of the DTF report and the

issue of student governance will be held on Thursday, May 7 from 12-1 in the Library Lobby.

President Olander is anxious to see a student governance system implemented. If students fail to act, the administration may implement a governance system of its own design. This is an opportunity for students to control the form and direction that student governance will take. All students who are concerned with the future of the college and how their tuition and their student activity fees are spent should attend.
--Eric Kuhner

There could be yet another mandatory fee on your tuition bill next fall if proposals made in the final report of the Student Governance DTF are implemented. The report calls for the creation of several paid positions, including an office of student investigative reporters and a lobbyist to coordinate student action in the State Legislature.

The task force envisions "a non-hierarchical governance structure" representing all students, to be called the Student Union, which in turn would be administered by a seven-member elected Student Union Coordinating Committee (SUCC). The committee, which would meet the entire year, would be prohibited from deciding union policy. Instead the committee's agenda and priorities would be defined by quarterly general elections.

To finance the Student Union the report suggests that a mandatory fee be levied at the time of tuition payment. While the report does not give any figures, the necessary fee could be substantial, judging from the services and scope of the new governance structure.

Among some of the paid positions outlined in the report are: a facilitator and secretary for committee meetings, a lobbyist who would champion student interests at the State Legislature, a staff person to write, edit, and format a weekly governance newsletter, and four student investigative reporters.

Key to the proposed governance structure would be student participation. To this end the report stresses that the college must make it clear to potential students that Evergreen is an alternative institution where students have a responsibility to involve themselves in the college decision-making processes. This fact should be made conspicuous in both the college catalogue and in Admissions Office presentations to prospective students.

Furthermore, all new students would be required to write an essay or attend an orientation explaining the Social Contract prior to registration. Under terms of the report, academic programs could not exceed 14 credits. That way students can have the option of doing two credits in governance, although programs would have two-credit components for those wishing to carry 16 academic credits.

The report was commissioned by Gail Martin, Vice President for Student Affairs. Martin expressed surprise at the expansive structure outlined in the

brought upon Egypt for their enslavement of the Jews, the angel searched for the first born of each household. Jews applied lambs' blood to their door posts so as to be overlooked by the angel, thus insuring that the plague would affect only Egyptians. Thus, it is not the slaughter of the lamb which we are concerned with, but rather the use of its blood in this one instance.

Next to the lamb shank are placed the bitter herbs in commemoration of the bitterness of Jewish enslavement. An egg on the seder table commemorates new life and G-d's mercy. Morror (a traditional food of the seder) is eaten with horseradish to remember Jewish labor spent on Egyptian monuments. There are other symbolic gestures we make during Passover but they are beyond the scope of this letter.

Let me conclude by saying that I welcome your interest and the interest of any other community member in the Jewish culture. But, I suggest that before you are satisfied with your interpretation of Jewish beliefs or rituals, you come speak with me. It is a commendable act to seek the understanding of the cultures around us, but likewise it is a detrimental act to hold and spread any misinformation about them.
Sam Segall, Maarava

bolism involved, and the propagation of the belief that Jews engage in blood rituals to commemorate their G-d during Passover.

Your assertion that Jews commit (your sentence was in present tense) such sacrifices is wrong and has been wrong for 2500 years. To understand the historical implications of such "blood accusations," proper examples come from the Middle Ages. It was during this period that Jews refrained from drinking red wine on the Sabbath and other holidays to avoid being linked with propaganda implicating their customs with the sacrifice of children. Such propaganda caused the deaths of many Jewish people. Though deaths are now a less common occurrence, this and similar types of misinformation are still employed by Anti-Simites to instigate cross-cultural aggression.

The celebration of Passover does entail symbolic references—the blood of the lamb being one of them—but not slaughter. It is traditional for Jews conducting a seder (ritual dinner) to place the shank bone of a lamb, along with other symbolic foods, on the seder table. The shank bone commemorates the passing of the angel of death through Egypt during the enslavement. Sent by G-d as a conclusion to a series of plagues

titude I was overwhelmed with in the CPJ office needs to be tempered with realistic overview, factual statements, and accompanied with real activity. The CPJ has conscientiously recycled most of the uncirculated back issues that accumulated in the office. I hope you can make an effort to recycle on a daily basis, and to be encouraging and supportive of Evergreen efforts. Just paying lip service to ideals is not being idealistic.

Thank you for your support of my program, and for publishing my announcements and articles about recycling.

Sincerely,
Kirk Haffner, Recycling Coordinator



► Passover

Dear Polly,

It is a combination of sadness and anger that has prompted the genesis of this letter. The article by Will Perry containing a paragraph on Passover (CPJ 4-16-87) continued a tradition of false representation of Jewish worship and tradition. The thought of including Passover in his article was nice, but it was frightening to see such a lack of necessary detail regarding the sym-

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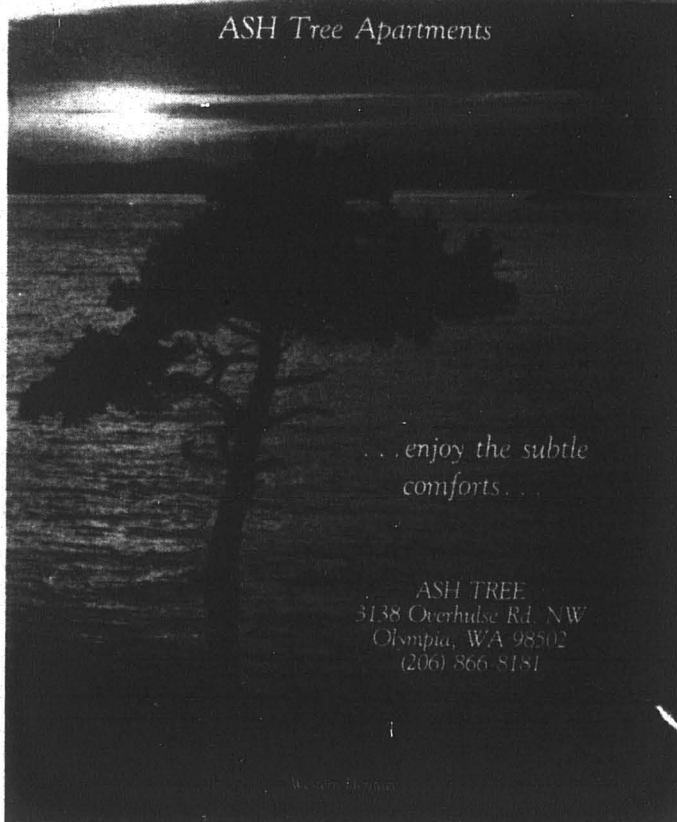
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ASH residents hash it out with owner

A number of issues and concerns were raised by the residents of the ASH Tree Apartments at a midday meeting held last Monday, April 13. Phil McLennan, one of the owners of Phoenic Properties, conducted the meeting. The small ASH office was filled to capacity for the duration of the one hour and forty-five minute meeting.

Although it was supposed to be an informational meeting about the installation of the proposed new lighting system, other topics were raised. These included: the formation of a tenants' union; a potential rent increase; the possibility of weatherization for the apartments; future landscaping plans; moving the children's play area; handling noisy neighbors; having the clubhouse reopened for tenants' use; and why there was no notification before the recent removal of about 100 trees.

One of the major issues discussed was whether ASH management is willing to accept input from tenants before they make decisions that alter the residents'

living environment. Some residents feel that there are conflicting values between the majority of the residents and the management. When McLennan said, "We are interested in making it (ASH) a better place," several tenants responded by asking, "A better place by who's standards?"

Several times McLennan expressed the concern that vandalism is a serious issue, especially in regards to the lighting system.

McLennan did make a number of concessions and offers of cooperation. For example, he encouraged the formation of a tenants' union, agreed to assist it by allowing space to be set aside on the community bulletin board, and agreed to pay the costs of printing a newsletter.

He went on to say he would accept and give consideration to tenant input when it is in the form of a proposal. These proposals could be on such items as landscaping, the lighting system and the creation of a commons area or use clubhouse room.

The only item that was given a time deadline was for the new lighting system. He only accepted formal bids from lighting installation companies that were submitted by April 22nd.

Tenants' hopes generally seem to have been raised, but many still feel very apprehensive. There were expressions of concern about whether the management can be trusted. Even so, resident Prue Hathaway stated, "I feel very positive about his willingness to hear our input."

Toward the end of the meeting, McLennan stated, "I am aware that you are concerned; now we want to see if you are concerned enough to take action."

Kathy Carpenter, a representative from the Tenants' Knowledge Organization, later remarked that "he has indicated that he is putting the ball back in the tenants' court." She continued on, saying, "McLennan has shown his willingness to be receptive to our concerns, so now it is time for the tenants to act."

--Roberta Cens, ASH resident

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Sex workshop to explore alternatives

Intimacy and Sexuality: a New View will be the theme of an all-day workshop sponsored by The Evergreen Counseling and Health Center on Saturday, April 25. The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Carolyn "Libby" Livingston and Gordon Dickman, well-known Seattle sex therapists and educators, will present the latest perspectives on sexual attitudes and values, myths and fears about sexuality, alternative sexual choices, and common sexual dissatisfactions. The format will include mini-lectures, large group interaction, small group work and sexually explicit films and slides.

The workshop is open to students at a cost of \$20. Staff, faculty, and the Olympia community are welcome at \$35 per person, or \$50 per couple. The workshop would be helpful to couples, single people, parents, therapists, pastors and teachers. Pre-registration is required at the Counseling Center (Sem 2109) or at the door, LIB1612.

Livingston and Dickman are directors of the Seattle Sexual Health Center,

where they provide sex therapy for individuals and couples, sexuality and intimacy workshops, and continuing education for professionals. Carolyn holds a PhD. in Advanced Study of Human Sexuality and is certified as a Sex Therapist and Educator by the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT). Her years of experience as a registered nurse and nursing instructor enable her to understand human physiology as well

as psychological concerns. As a therapist, educator, and workshop leader, she works with people of all ages from many cultural and professional backgrounds.

Dickman is a counselor and adult educator. He translates his knowledge and therapeutic style into understandable and practical strategies for clients and workshop participants. He too is certified by AASECT.

--Counseling and Health Center

Freeze lecture planned

"At the first sign of Soviet hostilities," the U.S. would sink the Russian submarines, a U.S. Navy Commander recently stated.

Rationalization and a vagueness characterize "first-strike," an offensive U.S. "defense" policy that could destroy another continent, and even ourselves, possibly without a missile even being fired by the other side. Since the late 1970s, the U.S. has been procuring the means to destroy Soviet weapons in their silos. By the end of this decade, Trident submarines, MX missiles and Minuteman missiles could give our country the capability of destroying 90% of the Soviet arsenal.

Mary Hanson of the King County Coalition for a Nuclear Freeze will be discussing "First Strike and Civil Disobedience in the Nuclear Age," April 28, noon to 1 p.m. in Lecture Hall 2. The program will include slides of "Stop the Countdown," a protest at Cape Canaveral in January that successfully interfered with the testing of Trident II missiles. Mary will talk about her plans for civil disobedience on May 5, the day the last of the Trident submarines arrives at Bangor, as well as what she believes we can do to build a saner future.

--Hector Douglas

TESC trivia

Everyone knows that Evergreen produces a lot of garbage. Some of it even gets thrown away! In fact, an average of 280 dumpsters containing 577 loose cubic yards of garbage are emptied every month. That works out to 30 tons of garbage a month or 19 pounds per Evergreen community member a month.

Also, Evergreen's 538 employees and 2,480 students together make an average of 9,618 xerox copies every day. Hope nobody's plagiarizing! Remember those copyright laws!

And speaking of copyrights, let's move to the library. In March, the library visited 18,047 times. The visitors checked out 5,978 books. And on March 27, they sent out 2,068 overdue notices to 1,122 patrons. Bring those books back now, boys and girls.

Evergreen also has a huge phone

system. Ever wonder how much it costs to be able to transfer your call all over campus when all you want to know is when the bookstore opens? The monthly bill was \$11,000 last September. That's nothing, though. Keeping the dorms, the classrooms and everything else on campus warm and cozy put \$497,000 into Puget Power's coffers in 1986.

Another interesting fact: this month the college will spend \$1,333,167 on salaries for all its employees.

But perhaps it is toilets that really keep things flowing here at Evergreen. Facilities receives an average of one call a day concerning overflowing or otherwise plugged-up toilets.

Thanks to the many people around campus who helped me assemble this data. □

--Ben Tansey is completely responsible for this.

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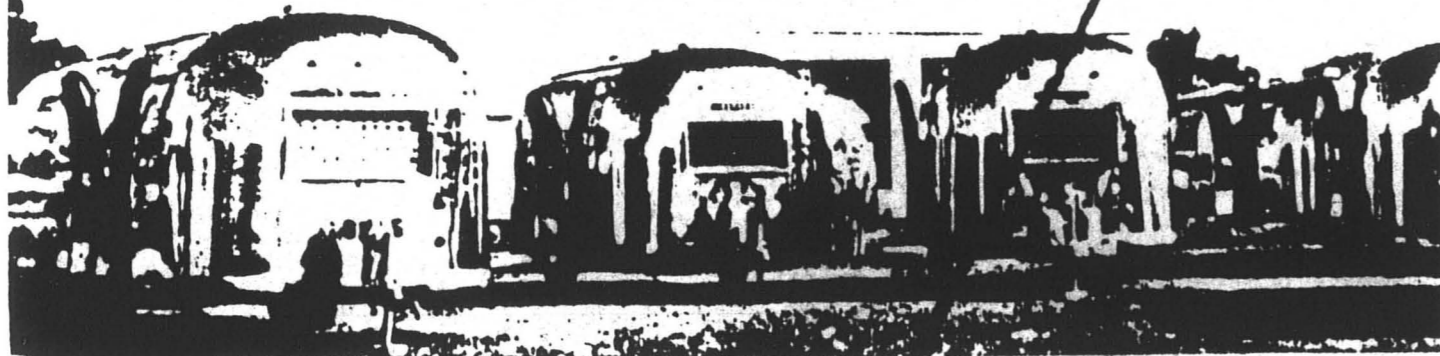
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CAB Phase II ain't worth beans



"There are two issues that have come to our attention that will reduce available office space. The expansion of the Computer Center would mean the loss of seven faculty offices. The Library remodeling plan would mean the loss of eleven potential offices. In view of these anticipated problems, we strongly recommend that the college administration implement the CAB Phase II plan to accommodate S&A offices."

--Minutes of the Space Use Task Force, March 23, 1987

"We appreciate your concern about office space, and understand your recommendation about CAB Phase II. We'd like you not to think in terms of CAB Phase II, but in terms of relocation of the student offices (without an assumption about how it should be accomplished)...As you know, the CAB Space Group has been given the charge to examine relocation possibilities."

--Memo from Sue Washburn to Jim Duncan and Mike Beug, April 1, 1987

"If you don't stir the pot, you'll burn the beans." --Old Saying

One of the biggest pot of beans that Evergreen students have ever seen is on their collective stove right now. If it doesn't get stirred in the most vigorous fashion, the Evergreen community may be eating bad chili for decades to come. If the beans burn, it will have been this generation of Evergreen students who were not responsible enough to save them.

In 1991 the student group offices in the library are going to have to move out. Evergreen is growing and the college needs that space for faculty and administrative offices. Where will the stu-

dent groups go? Everyone says it will be the CAB. If so, there are going to have to be some changes. There's no place for those groups in the CAB right now.

Plans drawn up years ago call for building a new wing called CAB Phase II. This plan would put a new addition on the CAB, extending it out from the back wall of the Greenery, the Bookstore and the CPJ and onto the outdoor deck on the third floor. The first two floors would be used to expand the room of the current occupants. The third floor wing would be used for student activities.

The addition was estimated a few years ago to cost \$1,500,000. It would be paid for with S&A fees. Those fees, \$73 per quarter for most students, amount to over a half million dollars a year. They are used to fund many of the operations of the College Recreation Center, Intercollegiate Athletics, the Women's Health Clinic, and about twenty other student groups, as well as the administrators who oversee the management of the funds.

I have two major problems with the CAB Phase II. First, I don't see why student money should be used to subsidize SAGA and the Bookstore. If their contracts were with a student government, and if they were occupying a student owned building, I might feel differently. But their contracts are with the college administration and the CAB is a college owned building. In fact, it might even be illegal to use student money to expand their facilities.

My second problem is my greatest concern for the burning of Evergreen's beans. The cost of creating a new concrete monolith on campus is pretty stiff. A million and a half bucks, plus interest over twenty or thirty years, can buy you a lot of frijoles.

Where would the money come from? The only part of the S&A budget that isn't well protected from being siphoned off is the part that goes to the small student groups. We're going to build offices for them, then take away the money they use to do their work in order to pay for the offices.

On other campuses, of course, this is the kind of thing student fees are used for. But Evergreen is not one of those campuses. Other campuses don't count on the state for virtually all of their funding. They have some independent sources of income and some discretion as to how it is used. Evergreen relies on the legislature for almost all of its money.

Evergreen also relies on those small student groups for much of its cultural diversity and social justice activities. Can you imagine going to the legislature and asking them for money to put out a literary magazine, sponsor a week long pow-wow, or pay for organizational efforts to smash apartheid? No way.

The student groups which do this work at Evergreen get a little over \$100,000 a year, or about 20% of the S&A budget. For that amount of money this community gets thousands of hours of cheap and free labor, a social agenda that a campus ten times this size would be proud of, a training ground for dedicated social activists, and a community structure that recruits, trains, and encourages hundreds of volunteers a year.

My educated guess is that the annual CAB II payments would cost just about as much as all these small groups get every year. Of course, if the campus continues to grow, there will be anywhere from 200 to 400 new students paying S&A fees over the next few years. However, the new gymnasium, if it's built, is going to create additional pro-



grammatic demands for those funds. The extra money isn't going to go very far.

Whew! This is getting complicated! And I'm just getting to the part about stirring beans. On March 5, Sue Washburn, Vice President of Development, created a sub-committee of the Space Use and Development and Task Force. This subcommittee is supposed to figure out what the CAB is for and how to use it. They're supposed to have it all figured out by May. Among other things, they'll be looking at the student office move.

The smoke signals I've read from the committee, so far, have two messages. One is to make sure that students don't foot the bill to expand SAGA and the Bookstore (Hooray!). The other is to develop a statement of philosophy concerning CAB use.

Well, a statement of philosophy is a very nice thing to have, and quite necessary. But if there is nothing more of substance coming from the committee, I'm afraid the paper they put their opinions on will wind up in the circular file with a bunch of burnt bureaucratic beans and alternative dreams. That's the last of this debate future Greeners will ever sense, except for the faint aroma of a carbonized democratic process.

I don't mean to imply that there is a lack of good intention on the part of anyone involved with this question. But 1991 isn't very far away; there are already major space-use problems on hand, and so far there is only one option on the table. The heat is most definitely on. We could easily wind up with CAB Phase II by default. Go back and read the two quotes in the beginning of this article if you doubt this possibility.

What's needed are some alternative ideas (is that still acceptable at Evergreen?) that might allow us to solve

these problems without taking two or three million dollars out of the community's pocket. Let's dream up ways that we can keep the activists active, the staff comfortable, and the costs down. With that happy thought in mind, I would like to put in my three hundred million pennies' worth of thought.

►Close up the holes in the third floor. You know those big holes that make the CAB seem like a half-built shopping mall or Moby Dick's tomb? Close them up and put offices on the third floor. It has the disadvantage of making the second floor of the CAB a bit dark and claustrophobic, but there might be ways around that, such as moving the couches into the former bank space.

►Create a fourth floor. How about a mezzanine or balcony in the CAB? I like this idea. Right now the giant upside-down-egg-carton-echo chamber effect of the CAB is uncomfortable, ugly, intimidating, and wasteful. I just wonder if there's enough ceiling space and how much it would cost.

►Take over the first floor. CAB 108 and 110 get used mostly for big meetings and conferences. I think that big meetings and conferences are dandy, but if I had to prioritize I'd give S&A's small groups the nod. The faculty lounge might also be re-assigned. This option has the advantage of being very inexpensive to students, and the disadvantages of curtailing conferences and alienating faculty.

►Wall in the area below the walkway to the CRC. I like this one, too. It's probably relatively expensive, but there is already a floor and a ceiling. All we would need would be walls and interiors. There wouldn't be a lot of digging and concrete pouring. This idea has a lot of social advantages, too. It would draw the CAB and the CRC closer together by making the space between them the

hub of student activity on campus. I would like to see a dome over the hole in the walkway for a big terrarium/lounge.

►Rip a hole in the first floor. No matter what else happens, I think this should be done. There's a lot of room down in the basement of the CAB and it's almost inaccessible. I think there's space next to the elevator on the first floor to put a staircase into the basement. Then basement areas that are suitable for offices could be remodeled.

►Move the Conference offices and the Bookstore. We tried this idea out last year and it floated about as well as the Titanic. Where would we put the darn thing? Well, it might be possible to glass in the walkway on the ground floor of the Library and move it there. I would even be willing to use S&A fees for that. Their current location in the CAB is the best location on campus. I like the symbolism of giving a big nod to activism over consumerism, but I think it's likely to happen at Evergreen as it is at a private country club.

►The Airstream Trailer option. Alumn Chuck Murray has suggested that, for \$30,000 apiece, we can buy each student group an Airstream Trailer and park them out on Red Square. This would certainly encourage student participation in these activities. Every Christmas all the student coordinators and volunteers could hitch up and drive to Baja.

That's the bulk of my ideas. Go for a walk and see what they look like in your mind. I hope the Space Use subcommittee will. I also hope that the casual reader and the committee will discuss these and other ideas, decide what may be architecturally, financially, and politically feasible, and make recommendations to the Space-Use Task force and the S&A Board.

--R. Paul Tyler

Salish Tribute offers educational opportunity

Picture, if you will, the Northwest Coast Region two hundred years ago. Old growth Cedar stands staunchly poised on the banks of the Puget Sound waters. A Northern Salish style canoe gently glides over the choppy water towards a cluster of longhouses nestled in a calm bay known to the inhabitants as D'SUQWUB (place of the clear salt water).

The village is busy with harvesting activities. At least a dozen family canoes are on the bay, each being navigated by a woman while her husband swiftly sweeps the water, impaling herring on the twelve foot long rakes and rhythmically shaking the catch free inside the canoe. On the shore, elders and children gather up clams from the tide lands, while still others are just returning to the village with heavy burden baskets full of roots and shoots for future meals.

The Klallam visitors have arrived with a very important message for their Suquamish neighbors. A wedding ceremony is being planned and the Klallams are here to invite the Suquamish to attend. The marriage will bond the Klallams even closer to a very powerful ally, the Lummi to the North. The Klallams have already visited four other villages, announcing at each stop the future wedding plans and giving gifts of preserved foods and woven blankets. The invitation has been warmly received by each of the separate nations: the Skagits of the Northeast side of the Sound, The Duwamish of the mid-East Sound region and a river people, the Nisqualli and the Puyallups, and now the Suquamish. All have accepted the honor or attending such a large gathering. The Nations all know each other very well; for thousands of years the Puget Salish Peoples have depended on each other for many purposes. Some of the gatherings were not joyous occasions. In fact, this wedding ceremony will be the first time these particular Nations will have gathered since the last raid upon the Puget Sound by

the Haidas, a fierce and powerful people from the North. It was in this time of celebration that the Skagits were attacked full force in the early morning.

Fortunately, a Skagit fisherman with a quick mind set out to get help from the other Puget Salish Nations. He sped towards the fishing camp of the Duwamish and immediately a Duwamish set out further south with the somber news to seek more help from the Suquamish, and so it went until waves of reinforcements collided with the Haidas in the waters of Puget Sound. The small Tribes in the Sound stood no chance alone, but together the massive fleet could hold its own against the wrath of the great Northern fighters.

And so it is that the essence of Tribal co-existence on the Puget Sound is based on mutual need and respect between the several distinct but related Tribal Nations. Pot-Latch, a gathering of peoples to celebrate a happy event, a word that translates into English as "Give Away," is an example of the attitude of the Puget Salish, whose philosophy is that the richest person, family or clan is the one who gives away the most, not the one who has the most.

We at the Evergreen Indian Center believe in the Salish philosophy of Pot-Latch, and to that end it is our desire to invite many representatives of the Puget Salish Nations to "give away" knowledge and expertise, stories and histories, points of view, and attitudes at our First Annual Tribute to Salish people. The event will be held on Sunday, April 26, in various locations on campus.

Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. with featured speakers from many Puget Sound Salish Tribes, and will be held in the Library, 2nd floor lobby. Presentations including the following:

- ▶ Vi Hilbert, Skagit Nation—Storytelling
- ▶ Mac Oriero, Lummi Nation—Indian children in the public school system
- ▶ Bill James and Fran James, Lummi

Nation—Artist of traditional Puget Salish blankets, baskets, etc.

- ▶ Linda Day, Samish Nation—Tribal Cultural Resources
- ▶ Roger Fernandez, Lower Elwah Klallam Nation—Art and Indian curriculum development
- ▶ Cecile Maxwell, Duwamish Nation—Tribal recognition struggles
- ▶ David Whitener, Squaxin Nation—Tribal sovereignty and fishing rights
- ▶ Ron Allen, Jamestown Klallam Nation—Integration of Salish culture on the American political arena and economic development
- ▶ Charles Sigo, Suquamish Nation—Tribal museum development and cultural resources
- ▶ Ken Hansen, Samish Nation—An overview of U.S. Indian policy
- ▶ Barbara McCloud, Puyallup/Tulalip Nations—Northwest Indian Women's Circle

Films and videos pertaining to Puget Salish history and culture will be shown, and Indian vendors will be on hand to sell their art, crafts and foods.

The Tribute to Salish People was born out of a sincere desire on the part of the staff and constituents of the Evergreen Indian Center to provide an obviously needed education about the original caretakers of this land that Evergreen so boldly sits on. We see the opportunity to promote the ideology of the Puget Salish People to you, the community of Evergreen, as a needed step in the rather long and slow process of forging a respect between the two cultures.

If, after this First Annual Tribute to Salish People, some semblance of sincere respect grows out from the heretofore ambiguous, and at times apathetic, NON-Indian community, then we will feel that we have done our job. If, after the Tribute, a sincere desire to take the Longhouse Project seriously is present, then the Tribute will have been instrumental in the ongoing process of true cultural literacy.

We at the Evergreen Indian Center welcome your active participation in all the varied activities and events that make up Indian Heritage Week, and invite you to come and learn more about the Indigenous People of the Puget Sound through the First Annual Tribute to Salish People. □

--Barbara Lawrence, Suquamish Nation, Co-Coordinator of the Evergreen Indian Center

Daycare turnover shortchanges kids

As a single student parent, I have had to rely on the Evergreen Childcare Center to care for my two pre-school children while I attend college full time and work part time on campus.

As a new student in September, I saw the daycare center go through major transitional changes. The facility moved to the newly remodeled building 201 amid some controversy about environmental concerns. The center lost its director at the end of last summer and the entire fall quarter was spent in the process of hiring a new director. Meanwhile, the center was run by the efforts of a substitute teacher and by Laura Olson, who is a fine pre-school teacher, but not an administrator. Laura resigned effective spring quarter.

I have seen the effects of these changes in my five year old daughter. We have been through our own changes within our family. Add this to her attachments to both of her teachers, who are now gone. She asks when she will see them again.

My two-year-old daughter has been through the experience of not having a caregiver in her area on a daily basis—one person who is held accountable for what goes on with her and the other children in her age group. Consequently, her care has suffered.

The people who staff childcare are generally caring, responsible people, and they do as well as can be expected in view of being understaffed at times, overstressed with school work; in addition, the staff holds varying degrees of the skills necessary to work with small children. All the same, I would not be

able to do the work necessary to make a better life for myself and daughter without the staff at the daycare.

What I am taking to task is the lack of commitment on the part of Evergreen. Many people on campus don't even know of the existence of the Childcare Center. The center currently is in dire need of a new teacher to take over the spot left by Laura Olson. The director of the center, Pat Sarmento, is having to do double duty as teacher and administrator, no small task.

Frustrated by the length of time it took to hire an administrator last fall, and wanting to avoid a delay in getting the qualified teacher that we need so

children.

A college that prides itself on twenty years of "making a difference" should not be associated with a daycare that is of questionable quality solely because lack of financial support makes it difficult to provide the necessary qualified staff.

If we had academic support from the college, we may be able to draw the kind of students to the center that we need, those who have the commitment to learn and in turn provide the care the children need. There seems to be little concern that once again the needs of the daycare have been put on the back burner. If some academic program had

been in need of a faculty member at the beginning of spring quarter, you can bet your sweet geoduck that the program wouldn't have to make do until somewhere in the middle of the

quarter, as is the case with Pat and the other staff at the daycare.

We need more than lip-service from those in power here on campus in order to make the Childcare Center one of which all involved can be proud. Evergreen has been a model for education. Our daycare can also be a model for Early Childhood Education, but not without the practical support from the very people who built the college to be what it is today. □

--Teresa L. Diaz



badly, I volunteered to serve on the Childcare Center's Advisory Board in the hope that I'd be able to help.

So far, the interviewing process has been delayed twice by the people who review the applications before the Advisory Board. We won't be able to interview applicants until the week of April 27. This is unfortunate, since the Board will have to find a qualified person who is willing to work a few weeks and then leave for the summer (there are no funds for summer quarter). This lack of continuity could be detrimental to our

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Governance Prime Time

Governance day has passed away and in its place has arisen Governance Prime Time. The weighty process of student decision-making will now occur from 3-5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 12:30-2 p.m. Fridays.

The pragmatic advantages of this arrangement are apparent from the administration's standpoint of space and schedule. Since attention spans are shrinking, perhaps Governance Prime Time is designed to better serve the student masses. I fail to see governance benefits in this system, though.

Regardless of what merit I may find in this new system, I cannot help but be annoyed by the way in which the decision was solicited. First, the administration asked the Governance DTF to approve this plan. The DTF, to their credit, recognized that they had no legal right to do so. The administration gained approval for the plan through the President's Advisory Committee. But don't be alarmed; the administration says that we can change it if it doesn't work out. But who will decide what "working" means? The fundamental mechanism for student governance at Evergreen has been altered. It is a little bit like nullifying a constitution.

In any real democracy, such a fundamental change would have required the approval of the voters, not just a governing body, and especially not just a committee. Herein lies the problem: democracy does not work on the trickle-down theory. It is an organic thing that grows between the people who create it and use it. In this society, democracy is missing in most workplaces, in most families and in many institutions. So while the failure of student governance at Evergreen is a glaring irony, it should not surprise us.

As products of a society that stresses the individual and in a time that buries its conscience in narcissism, there are few who see the collective problems and even fewer who visualize the collective solutions. If we are to live in a democratic society, we must forge the links of democracy among ourselves. That will require a new way of thinking for many of us. Consensus is lost in the



Is Joe broken up because he broke up Governance Day?

play of egos; we don't know what it means.

Real democracy must be efficient as well as representative. Conducting efficient and effective meetings is a crucial skill. If we cannot even govern ourselves, our lives after Red Square may be of little impact.

We are indebted to those who have done their time on the Governance DTF. But rather than have overcommitted students spend hours reinventing the wheel in man-eating DTFs, we need to begin somewhere more fundamental. Jefferson borrowed from the Greeks, and Nicaragua has borrowed from the United States and Sweden.

If we are serious about democracy,

then let us see a commitment on the part of the student body and the administration. Let these ideas be contributed to the DTF and presented to the student body.

Those purists who disdain the process out of a belief that democracy and truly representative government is impossible here will not have a hand in creating such. Those who don't care and don't want to know will flounder in their own ignorance. However, it is to the advantage of all of us to participate at least to the level that we can comfortably sustain, because without self-governance the defacto governance goes on. □

--Hector Douglas

"a vascillating and labyrinth-like process"

In the beginning, there was an old power that owned a forest of "old growth" knowledge. High fences surrounded the forest and all minds could be found inside the fence struggling with the trees of knowledge... Until one day a single mind said, "Let there be a new idea." And even as the mind thought, it was so. And the idea said, "Am I good, mind...?" And the mind said, "Yea, thou art good, for I have thought of thee out of my likeness."

A short time later the mind spoke to other minds and shared the New Idea. During this meeting of minds there was a great debate over such an idea. So loud was the din that a hint of the new idea reached the old power, but it was too late. "The word" of the new idea quickly spread to other minds and they clamored in such general accord as to the goodness of the New Idea that Evergreen sprang forth, and a new tree outside the fence of the old power took root and grew there. So new was the idea, so rich in thought was the concept of the new source of power, that it defied any pretense of existence that the old power's gardeners could muster. "It's a weed" screamed they to their masters, "We must control it before it reaches in to the forest."

With the egos of its best gardeners at stake, the old power sent many adversities to trouble the very young source of power. Many times the tree was shaken and buffeted, but the new tree's guardians steeled their will against the brawn of the old power. Years passed, and after many trials that tested the bravery and integrity of the new plant,

the forces of old ebbed. Seemingly tired of the struggle, the old forest gardeners let the youth be.

The seedling bore fruit and it was found to be good. The guardians of the new tree of knowledge were happy and their generosity was great. The gratitude of the many who favored the new tree showed as they in their turn left to tell the world of their find.

The years passed, and the new tree stood by itself, alone against a disgruntled, old, hemmed-in-by-a-high-fence-forest. Long it had been since any real threat had ventured forth from the old forest to attack the tree. The new idea's guardians were grown weary and peevish. No longer could they see a challenge to their position and their interest waned. They spoke among themselves: "It is too much for the people to expect us to remain harnessed in our vigil. We are safe now." Another spoke: "Yea, for we know, as certain as we are here today that the New Idea bears fruit, and that this fruit is good. All can see that!" To this they all agreed. Finally a third guardian spoke: "I also weary of this dull task. Let us bestow the gift of watch and care upon all those who taste this fruit and find it good." The guardians agreed, and there was much seminar among all who were concerned with the flavor of the new fruit.

For a period of time the New Idea's elder guardians watched the process of care, but soon lost interest as all seemed to go well. As the vigilance of the guardians waned, the power of the old forest began to celebrate. For them

there was much to be happy about... time had favored them... Soon, feigning humbleness, the older power sent its groveling emissary gardeners to petition the new care takers of the tree with the older power's "tried and true" methods of good care.

To this source of old knowledge the naive caretakers listened. For a long time these emissary/gardeners spoke. On and on and into the years the old power spoke of the dangers of the broad world, strife, radicals, hapless order,... and then they made many promises to care for the new plant. For years the old power talked, all the while biding time until finally the naive caretakers grew older and left, dismayed at what little they had seemed to have received from the New Idea. But still, they carried with them a description of the flavor of their first taste of the new fruit's promise. And this, unmindful of the change they had witnessed, they passed on. This made the old power very happy. More and more people came to see and taste the New Idea. The old power let down its fence and welcomed all in, snaring their senses with a vascillating and labyrinth-like process of disclosing the veiling of the new idea as a gem to be kept safe...

So it came to pass that the New Idea was hybrid of the old power, and its concepts grew to mediocrity. The old fence was expanded to include the new tree.

Then one day, struggling within the briars of the old forest, a single mind said: "Let there be a new idea." And even as the mind thought, it was so... □
--Thomas A. Naught



Documentary captures Lily's twinkle

It is unfortunate that documentary films are not widely distributed, because *Lily Tomlin*, which is presently being shown at the Seven Gables in Seattle, would appeal to a broad audience. Her national TV *Laugh In* fans, her *Incredible Shrinking Woman* and *All of Me* movie fans, and her feminist sisters and pro-feminist brothers would appreciate this film. They would enjoy the snatches of her hit show, *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, as well as the behind the scenes look at its creation. Both are interestingly documented by the film's directors, Nicholas Broomfield and Joan Churchill, who employed the Wiseman style of filmmaking.

It took twenty months of performing throughout the country (Atlanta, Austin, San Diego) before Lily and her writer Jane Wagner considered *The Search* fully developed. Each skit, supported by rehearsed gestures, lights, and sounds, was honed to razor sharpness. The continuity was under constant surveillance.

The film shows these women and their manager, Cheryl Swannack, concentrating solely on perfecting the show. At

one point, the film audience sees Cheryl standing among pedestrians on a Broadway street corner just before the show's New York opening. She is looking up and shouting at some billboard artists on a scaffold thirty of forty feet above the street, and directing them as to where to place some white dots on the eyes in Lily's portrait in order to reproduce her inimitable twinkle. It was a treat to witness the trial and error method they used in pursuing excellence by relentless testing and criticism.

Lily and Jane had to know the audience. At the end of each "out of town" performance, the mike was opened to the audience for input. The reference to "CR" escaped a twenty year old man who wasn't there when the feminist movement was talking about Consciousness Raising. Turkey baster inseminations and the humor of the description of the labia-shaped candle with the tampon string wick, an alternative to the centuries-old phallic shaped ones, may have also escaped the post-sixties generation.

Lily delivers her jokes in the guise of

characters she has created. In *The Search*, a small girl is further miniaturized by sitting in a chair which is overscaled three times. She freely expresses attitudes like a psychoanalyzed adult. The large chair intensifies the message of intimidation and oppression children sometimes feel from adults. In an interview with Lily at her home in California, she is seated in this chair in her own persona. This made me wonder how much this intimidation continues into adulthood.

The material reflects the egalitarian *weltanschauung* of mature, experienced, and responsible people. The hot response of the opening night audience, which included fellow "show biz" people, proved the value of the content and its delivery. As wordsmiths, Lily and Jane examined causes and slogans of our times. They jogged us into reconsidering them in creative ways, as when Lily asks the whales to save us. In a similar way, I would have renamed the performance, *In Search for Signs of Intelligent Life on this Planet*. □

--Irene Mark Buitenkant

Chamber music society unveils work

The little known Evergreen Chamber Music Society will present two free performances on Friday, April 24, and Saturday, April 25, both beginning at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall in the Communications Building. The Friday concert will feature several small ensemble groups, while the Saturday performance will be given by the Evergreen Chamber Orchestra. The groups will play a variety of pieces from the classic literature, such as Bach, Haydn, and Handel. The Orchestra will also present the premier performances of works by

Evergreen's own Mark Thome. The concerts will spotlight the accomplishments of the musicians, and will spur further interest in fine music performance at Evergreen.

The Evergreen Chamber Music Society has been in existence since Fall quarter of this year. Members of the Orchestra have formed small ensembles during the year that will perform in the Friday concert. The Orchestra itself consists of several string musicians; the woodwind family is also well represented.

This compact group possesses good balance and emphasizes ensemble between all instruments. At the beginning of Winter Quarter, the Orchestra gained the conducting talents of faculty member Andrew Buchman, and he has guided the group to more sensitive performance work. The Society wishes to cordially invite musicians in the Evergreen community to join the Orchestra and to help make it a lasting institution on campus. □

--Charles Horner, member of the Evergreen Chamber Orchestra

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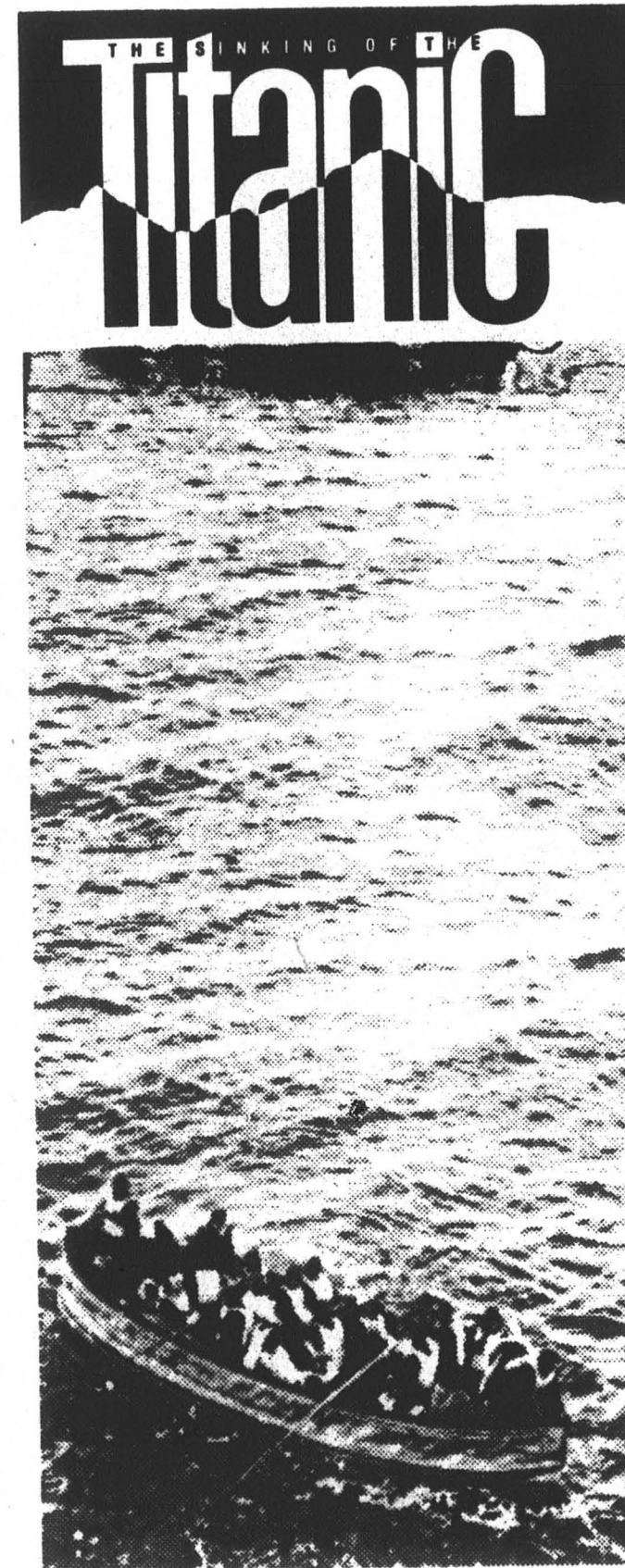
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exploration



Jeffrey Bartone's floating performance event, *The Sinking of the Titanic*, was the realization of his childhood obsession. Fifty people, most attired in fashions reminiscent of the day, boarded the Motor Vessel *Lotus* at Percival Landing to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the sea disaster. "POSH"—Port Out, Starboard Home, was the slogan of the day. The immediacy of that April 14, 1912 was strangely present. Upon boarding a white-lined and slick-haired Jon Kline was first encountered reading aloud names from the passenger list of the Royal Mail Ship *Titanic*. Unemotionally, Kline sounded off the eventual status of each: saved or drowned. One might have wondered how many of the 1,522 lost and 705 saved actually were recalled this evening three quarters of a century later.

Once on deck, passengers mixed socially and their alcohol likewise, while waiting to set sail on Budd Inlet. As the *Lotus* pulled away from dock, Tim Brock lead Seattle's Bravura String Ensemble in their arrangement of "Nearer My God to Thee," one of the three hymns thought to have been played as the ship was going down.

Bartone's objective was to offer each passenger an individually unique experience in a reconstruction of the tragedy. During the course of the evening, passengers vicariously floundered in the midst of the *Titanic's* "equation of facts and mythos." Bartone encouraged his passengers to stroll about the ship so that once back on shore they could render their own version of the tale.

In the small galley below deck toward the stern, one found chowder, champagne, and a grinning, soot-faced R. Paul Tyler, strumming his guitar and singing from a sampling of over 200 folk songs penned about how sad it was that great ship went down.

Alongside ship, two students in a canoe were denied permission to board the *Lotus* by Capt. Gruye. Instead, passengers rained coins upon their long-haired heads.

Meanwhile, ominous recordings of actual survivors' accounts murmured throughout the ship. Their distant voices were seeping in and out of the collective consciousness of the *Lotus* passengers.

The night dragged on. Rumors languished of styrofoam icebergs. Bartone, in coat and tails, handed out heavy blankets to the huddled masses who sat in wicker deck chairs. The vodka was almost gone.

Three performers sat in front of microphones. Smoking like fiends, each in turn read excerpts of statements from the *Titanic's* passengers and crew.

A long-threatened gale besieged the *Lotus*. Rain crashed against the deck. Gentlemen volunteers fastened the foul-weather tarps. Capt. Gruye steered back for Fiddlehead.

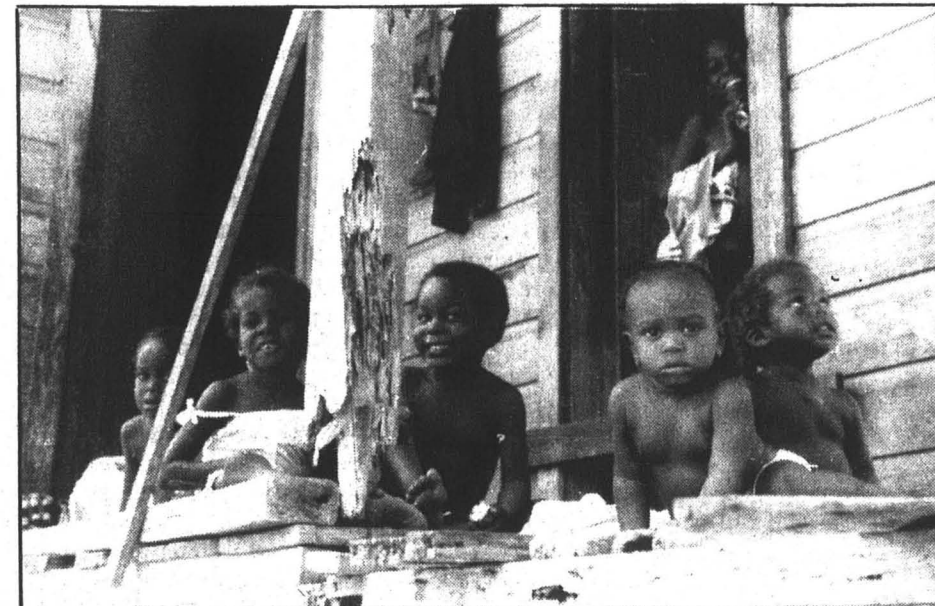
Tyler appeared on deck, wide-eyed and coveralled. In his best lilting brogue, he spun a yarn about 340 engineers below deck. They could stoke three tons of coal in one crossing. Faith in the engines would keep her afloat. He told how he ran from boiler to boiler as the water rose up around his legs. Tyler stared vacantly ahead. "We never thought she'd go under," he cried. □ --Paul Pope

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—Steven Helbert



Carib children in Dangriga

The coke is
cheap, but
the coconuts
are free.

Start packing. We're headed for Belize.

Gary Diamond is a correspondent traveling through Central America. In past issues, he shared his experiences in Baja and Mexico. This week, he tells about Belize. Look for his story on Nicaragua in future issues.

Ever think about giving up the 20th Century rat race and heading towards some far away, tropical land? Of giving up concrete for an endless beach of white sand where the word "traffic" means that there's two monkeys in your favorite coconut tree and "schedule" means that you have to move your blanket every six hours as the tide shifts? Ever think about going to Belize? Well, stop thinking and start packing.

Belize can easily be mistaken for paradise. It is a tiny land of endless summer, tropical breezes, lush green jungles, and some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. At 215 miles long and 60 miles wide at its farthest reaches, Belize is also the tiniest country on the continent. The flavor it retains is that of a small Caribbean island all but forgotten by time.

The language is a familiar and comfortable English, making Belize an island in a nearly endless sea of Spanish. Not that the language spoken here is identical to our own. The dialect is distinctly Caribbean and often hard to decipher. Listening in on a conversation can be

like trying to make out the words in good reggae. You know wot I be sayin, mon?

Until 1981 Belize was still a colony of Great Britain. In fact, up until the mid 1970's Belize was known as British Honduras. It was during that time that a man named George Price worked diligently to establish Belize as an independent nation. He helped to change the name, and gave it the flag and a national anthem. He also tried to have his face permanently reproduced on all of Belize's postage stamps, but was unsuccessful. Queen Elizabeth the Second reigns there still.

Belize is now a part of the British Commonwealth along with Canada and Australia. I have yet to meet a person that clearly understands just what the British Commonwealth is, other than providing royal stamps. Belize is entirely independent, although Great Britain retains a small branch of its army here to train Belizean troops and keep its own troops trained in jungle warfare. There has been some talk of a complete withdrawal of British troops within the next few years, but for the most part the citizens of Belize are indifferent to the English military presence. The soldiers are not altogether unwanted; they bring foreign currency to the country and provide a strong grounding of stability in the face of growing political unrest next

door in Guatemala.

The soldiers also add their own element to the varied mix of people that make up Belize. Walking down Commerce Street in Dangriga, you might see British soldiers in camouflage fatigues; modern descendants of white settlers in shirts and ties; Belizeans of Chinese descent riding on a truck hauling sacks of rice; American and Canadian expatriots talking about starting a shrimp farm; Ketchi Indians speaking amongst themselves in a language derived from the ancient Mayan tongue; Mexicans, Guatemalans, Salvadorians, Hondurans, and Nicaraguans carrying out business transactions in Spanish; Black Caribs and Creoles swimming in the river and drinking Pepsi in the siesta shade; and, of course, yours truly, the gringo tourist, watching it all with a curious eye.

What makes this social scenario so unique is the casual harmony in which all these diverse groups of people co-exist. It is such a subtle harmony that it could go by unnoticed. Only as you spend more time watching the people interact does it strike you: an Englishman suddenly conversing in Spanish with a Mexican, or a Chinese waitress taking your order without speaking English. There is a wonderful peace in a place that could provide an ideal setting for violence.

The first day I arrived in Belize I met an old man who was more than happy

to tell me everything I could possibly want to know about his country. In the north, he said, lived many Mexicans and Spanish speaking immigrants. As you travel further south (particularly along the coast) the large majority of the population are black Caribs (the Caribs are now officially known as the Garinagu since someone recently opened a dictionary and discovered that Carib actually means cannibal) who originally came to Belize via Jamaica and Honduras. There are also Creoles, who have a mix of so many different kinds of blood that they are now a race entirely unto themselves. They speak a peculiar brand of English that uses uncommon Elizabethan words no longer used by the rest of the English speaking world, as well as a hodgepodge of native and Spanish words. There are also many villages in the South that are made up entirely of indigenous people. These are the Ketchi and Mayan peoples, both of whom are modern descendants of the ancient Mayans that once populated much of Central America.

In the North the main agricultural crop is sugar cane. It grows rapidly in the flooded plains of the safari-like Northern frontier. When harvested by the

lash of machetes, the cane is trucked to Orange Walk Town where it is milled into a raw brown sugar or molasses. This product is then taken to Belize City, shipped to the United States, processed into white table sugar, and then reimported to Belize. Although Belize is less impoverished than its Spanish speaking neighbors, it still cannot afford the technology that would allow it to refine its own sugar cane.

In the jungles surrounding the Mayan mountains south of the capitol city of Belmopan, the main cash crops are bananas, citrus fruits, and cacao. The terrain throughout the nation is lush and fertile with a 12 month growing season, making Belize an ideal place to buy a few acres of land and start that farm you've always wanted.

I recently met an American who did just that; he bought a 100 acre farm that had been abandoned and left in disrepair for several years. He paid 600 dollars per acre. I was astounded. An acre of land near Steamboat Island or the Delphi Valley would sell for \$5000. For the price of one acre near Olympia you could buy nearly nine acres outside of Mango Creek, and that's developed land. Undeveloped land sells for about 100

dollars per acre.

There is plenty of land available and it's easy for foreigners to purchase. The farm purchased by the American I met came complete with overgrown fruit trees, rubber trees, and enough exotic plants alone that if harvested and returned to the United States would give him a return of nearly the \$60,000 he originally invested. The river running through his property is drinkable (as is most water in Belize) and has hydro potential.

If you've been considering a search for paradise in Belize and you enjoy recreational intoxication, consider this: the price for a gram of high-quality, fresh, clean cocaine is \$30. For forty dollars you can buy an entire pound of high grade commercial pot grown locally. Chances are the first person you meet when you walk down Queen Street in Belize City will want to sell you either pot, coke, black coral, a prostitute, or semi-precious stones such as jade.

As in any poor country with a tourist trade, hustlers abound. One good hustle is in lending you a hand in finding a nice hotel and restaurant, introducing you to the post office and the black market, and otherwise setting you up to



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be quite comfortable in the city. Later they expect an outrageously large tip for their services. Other hustles include the black market money changing scam and the "tourist guide" that ends up taking you to a dark alley and relieving you of every cent you've got.

Belize shouldn't be mistaken for anything but a poor country. A country as small as Belize naturally has a limited amount of natural resources and must rely on importing many of its necessities such as oil, grain, and machinery. But because it was a colony for so long, Belize was legally denied access to borrowing much money from foreign banks. The result is that today its debt is practically non-existent when compared to those faced by its Latin American neighbors. Still, the average laborer on a citrus plantation doesn't take home more than a dollar an hour.

I have yet to see any statistics on the employment rate for the nation, but an Englishman recently told me, "Belize

has no unemployment -- only the unemployable." The attitude many Belizeans have towards work is that it is a nuisance. This attitude by no means speaks for the majority of the population. But when the temperature stays at 95° in the shade for weeks at a stretch many people begin to ask themselves, "why work in the fields today when the river is so nice and cool?" Personally, I can't blame them.

If being on the mainland isn't relaxing enough, you can always take a boat to one of the hundreds of tiny islands off

you like and what food that doesn't grow on a tree can easily be caught with a fishing line or a spear gun.

Belize is fenced in from the deeper waters of the Caribbean by a coral barrier reef that is the largest in the Americas, and the second largest in the world after The Great Barrier Reef off Australia. If you still haven't seen paradise on the mainland or on the islands, get yourself a snorkel and head out to the reef. The marine life surrounding the coral reef makes it an absolute underwater Eden. The prismatic colors of

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the coast, some of which are entirely uninhabited. The islands are known as the Cays, similar to the Keys off the coast of Florida. All you need to enjoy the Cays is a hammock and a good book. You can eat coconuts day and night if

the tropical fish and sea plants in the warm waters of the Caribbean are astounding. Just when you think you've seen the most exotically beautiful fish in the seven seas, another one swims by. They are living works of art with gills. □

Politics

Thursday, April 30

Representatives of the Nicaraguan Women's Association and the Committee of Mothers of Heroes and Martyrs will speak about current conditions in Nicaragua in CAB 110 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Call ext. 6143.

Thurston County Coalition to Stop Star Wars meets in the Timberland Library at 7:30 p.m.

Andrea Beatty Riniker, director of the Department of Ecology, will discuss *Environmental Concerns in the State of Washington*, in a noon lecture on the first floor conference room of the General Administration Building on the Capitol Campus. Call ext. 6750

Education

The Energy Outreach Center is offering classes on energy efficient homes. For more information call 943-4595

The Olympia Parks and Recreation is taking registration for spring classes through May 15. Call 753-8380 for more information.

Want to study in West Germany? Oratrix Pro Amicitia, Inc. is a non-profit student exchange corporation. Interested students should contact OPA (213) 629-3380.

Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle is offering **scholarships** for Americans to study the Japanese language and culture at a Japanese University in 1987.

Kelly Television Co (KCPQ) is accepting applications for the **Edwin C. Kelly Broadcast Scholarship**. For both the Japanese and Kelly Scholarship visit Dean of Enrollment Services in LIB 1221.

Springy Stuff

Tuesday, April 28

WRC will hold a planning session to discuss a hike up Mt. Snoqualmie

Saturday, May 2

Run for your Mom, a 10k or two mile course. Call ext.6530

Medieval Faire and Tournament all weekend. Call 943-2224.

The Olympia Parks and Recreation Department will be offering two spring sailing classes on Thursday beginning May 7. The cost is \$25 for the five week class. Call 753-8380

Other Stuff

Thursday, April 23

Light Ceremony for World Peace 7:30 p.m., CAB 108. Call 754-0940.

Friday, May 1

National Home Brew Day will be celebrated along with Earth Fair, Friday and Saturday. For information on how to enter your brew or be a judge call ext.6784 or 943-0685.

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Students in need of **supplemental financial aid** for college are urged to write for a free copy of *How to Play Grantsmanship*, distributed by the scholarship Bank. College students should send a stamped, business-sized self addressed envelope to the Scholarship Bank, 4626 N. Grand, Covina, Ca. 91724

Careers

Want to work abroad? The Council on International Educational Exchange is open to U.S. students 18 years of age or older. For more information and application forms, write or phone: 919 Irving Street, San Francisco, CA 94122, (415) 566-6222.

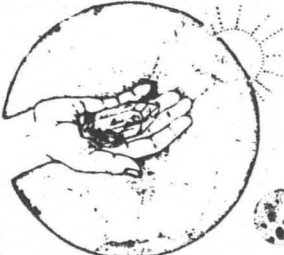
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Friday, April 24

Resume Writing Workshop at noon in Lib. 1213 call 6193.

Wednesday, April 29

Godfather's Pizza will be on campus to recruit. For interview times contact Career Dev. ext 6193.

Summer jobs Career Development can help. Call 6193.

Training position available at Evergreen Legal Referral. Position starts spring quarter to train and plan for next year. For more information call Gabrielle at ext. 6107.

A Job Search Seminar will be held April 20-23, during the noon hour in Lib. 1213

Orientation to Career Planning will be held Thursday, April 23, from 12-1 p.m. in Lib. 1213.

The Evergreen Expressions performance series needs ushers for two shows on April 30 and May 1, call ext.6070.

Thursday, April 23

Alaska Wildlands Research Summer Program Two slide shows will be presented, at 12 and 5 p.m., in Lib. 1407, giving details on the program.

Wednesday, April 29

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