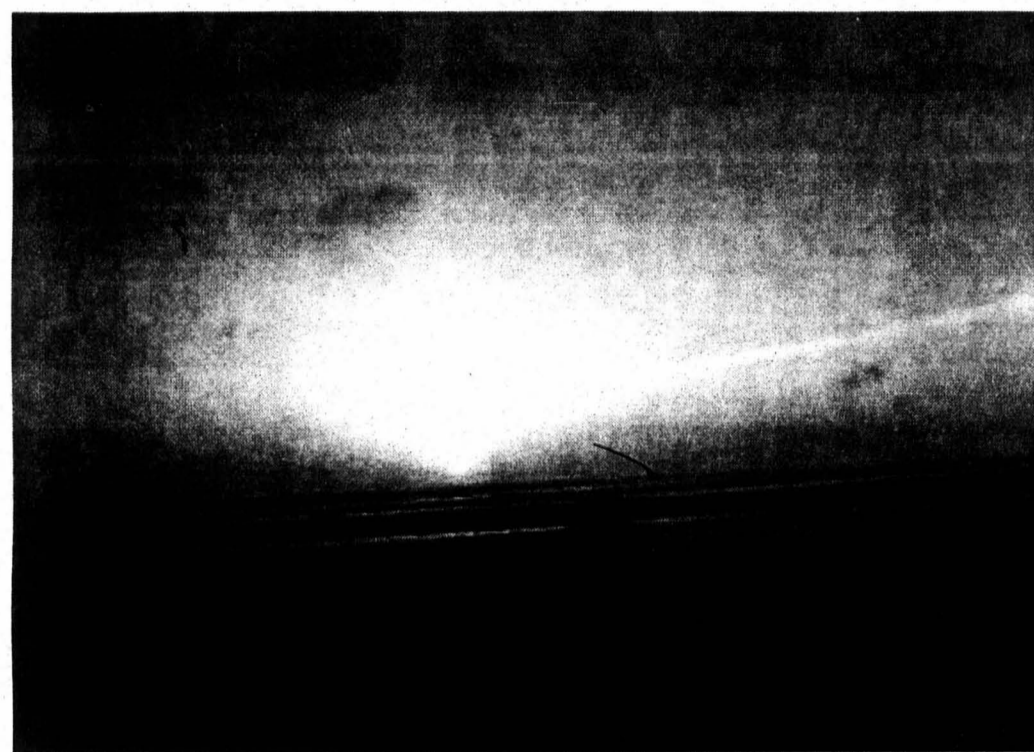
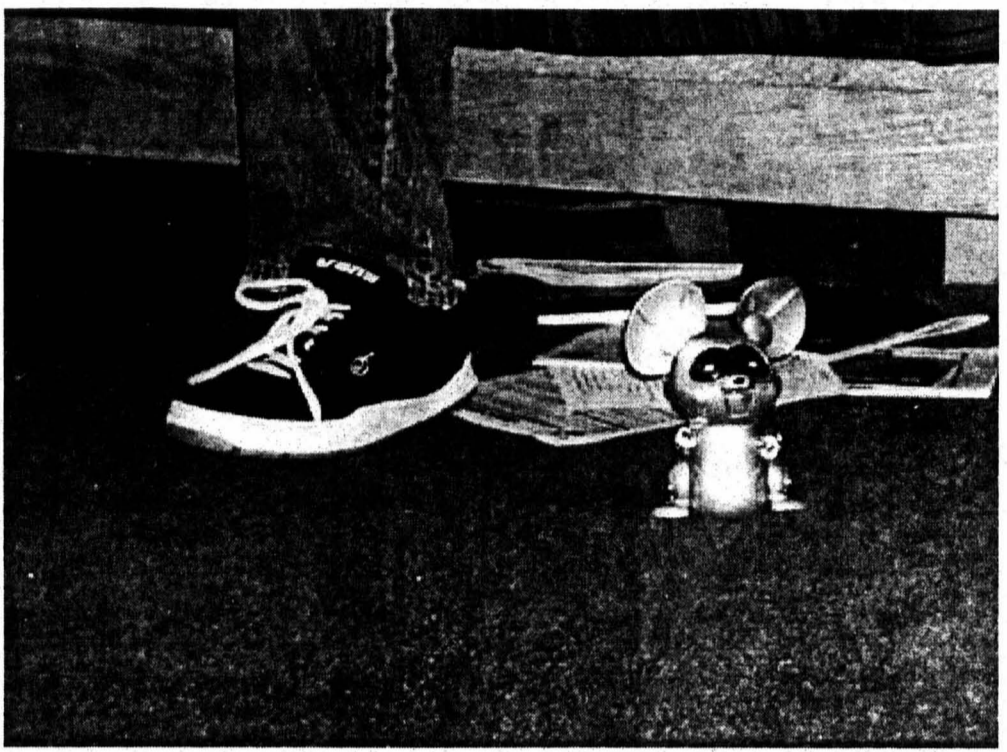


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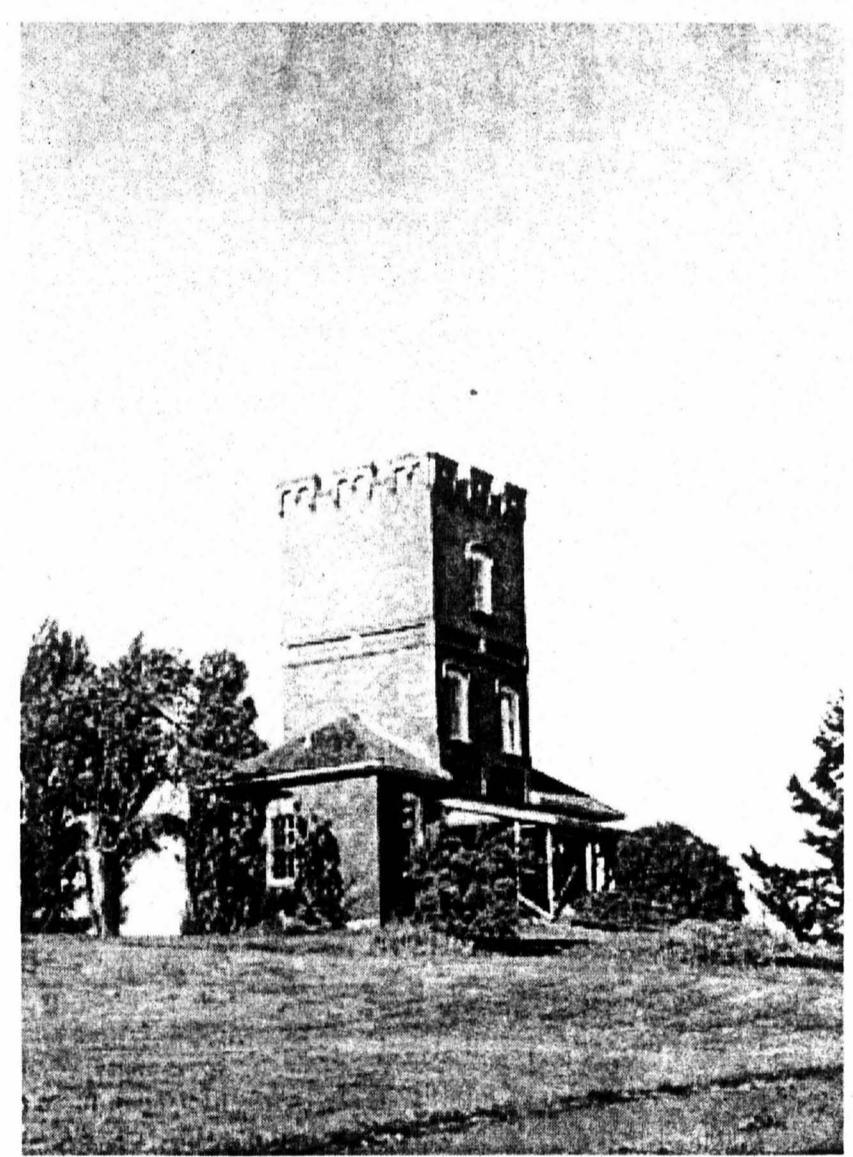
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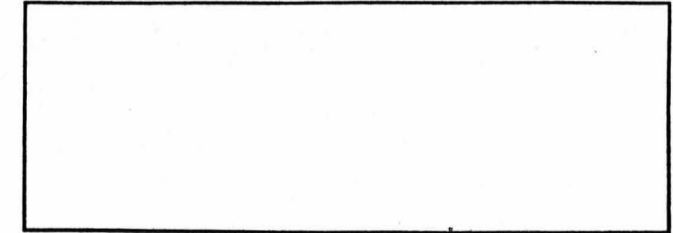
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Instant runoff voting

by Katie Thurman

What would you do if you could vote for more than one candidate; if you could still vote for your ideal candidate and have a say concerning the other candidates as well? Such a system is surely preposterous. Nevertheless, activists are working hard to get just such an initiative on the ballot. The initiative concerns a concept called Instant Runoff Voting, wherein voters are asked to rank the candidates in order of preference.

For instance, if this system were implemented, I could go to the polls and vote for my first preference. Just for kicks, we'll say it's Ralph Nader. I could then rank the rest of the candidates as I desired. For instance, say the ballot contained Ralph Nader, Pat Buchanan, George W. Bush, and John Kerry. My ballot might look something like the following.

Ralph Nader.....1
John Kerry.....2
George W. Bush...3
Pat Buchanan.....4

My selections would then go into a pool with the rest of the ballots. If a candidate wins a majority of first choices, that candidate has earned victory with majority support. But if no candidate has such strong support, the candidate with the fewest first choices is eliminated, and a second round of counting takes place: The votes of supporters of the eliminated candidate are not "wasted." Instead, their vote counts for their next favorite candidate as indicated on their ranked ballot, just as if they were voting for their second choice in a runoff. In each round of voting, a voter's ballot counts for whichever remaining candidate is ranked highest on the ballot. In my case, a runoff would most likely occur, because Ralph Nader would not likely produce majority support. The next highest ranked candidate on my ballot is John Kerry, who might produce majority support. Therefore, my vote can do two things. It can vote for my preferred candidate and voice support for a second, third and fourth candidate. In this way, third party participation is possible.

There are, of course, problems with

this system. Many older voting machines could not be used for Instant Runoff Voting. There would also be a need for education of the masses regarding the importance in ranking the candidates. Also, it is possible for a candidate who has the most first-choice rankings to be defeated in later stages of vote counting if another candidate has more support in second, third, and fourth choices. Nevertheless, Instant Runoff Voting could be a creative solution to some problems in our nation.

Twenty-sixth annual Harvest Festival: October 9

by Taryn Goodman

The apples are falling, the leaves are turning, and the corn is high! Yet another year has come 'round and we are reminded to unite and celebrate the cycles of life, death and rebirth as a community. Here at Evergreen, celebrating the harvest down at the Organic Farm is among the school's longest-standing time-honored traditions.

This year, through Community Gardens funding by the Services and Activities Board, and the devoted time and energy of various student groups and supportive community members, we present to you the twenty-sixth annual Evergreen State College Harvest Festival.

On Saturday, October 9 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at TESC Organic Farm, we will celebrate as generations before us have. There will be music for the soul, workshops to stimulate the mind, a full schedule of events and crafts for the kiddies, and food for the tummy. Entry is free, and as always, volunteers are needed!

Schedule updates, directions, contact information, and answers to your questions can all be found at <http://www.evergreen.edu/cell/>. We look forward to seeing you there!

Students ride free!

Yes, you heard right. Students, you can ride the Intercity Transit buses by simply flashing your student ID. The only things you need are a student ID and a current quarter sticker, and you can hop a ride. Buses run to downtown Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater.

Route 41 runs every half hour. It serves the dorm loop and the library loop. The bus also runs every half hour from downtown Olympia. The last trip from downtown is 11:30 p.m. Sunday service is every half hour and ends earlier.

Route 48 runs every half hour from the library loop. This bus goes to Capital Mall and downtown. This bus serves the library loop Monday through Friday.

Once you're on the bus, you can go to any number of places. Rainy Day Records, Hollywood Video, Capital Mall, Grocery Outlet and Burrito Heaven are all just 15 minutes away.

Intercity Transit will be on campus to answer your questions on the following days:

Saturday, September 18, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Utilities and Services Fair
Tuesday, September 21, 3 to 6 p.m., Student Activities Fair
Tuesday, October 5, noon to 6:30 p.m. in the CAB

Late-night recreation

Free to Evergreen students for both the competitive athlete and anyone looking for fun, late-night recreation at the CRC is the place to be.

Late-night recreation hours are from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday with the exception of Geoduck game nights. Basketball, volleyball, badminton, ping-pong, arcade games, air hockey, foosball, and many more are available to you at

night. You can also sign up for some of our exciting recreational activities that will include basketball, tennis, skateboarding, baseball, softball, kickball, water polo and more.

The CRC is a great place to have fun and meet new people. For more information, call 867-6770 or come by the College Recreation Center.

For further information, please contact Josh Peterson at 259-6999.

Fall Quarter Group contract opportunity!

Ecological community in action

Demeter's Garden is a student-run permaculture site located at the Evergreen Organic Farm. This fall, students of the Evergreen program Patience will start an on going group to develop an ecological community at Demeter's Garden. The project is open to students for credit through Patience or contracts and without credit.

This is not an academic exercise. We are actually developing a center for health and sustainability on campus. As a group we will work at communicating authentically and cultivating a strong sense of community. This safe place will act as a playground for members to develop their own interests. One current member is an avid garlic farmer; another is interested in permaculture education and another wants to explore organizational management. Others might be interested in art, music, natural building, herbalism, politics, media or anything else.

We will all have the freedom to explore our individual interests while working collectively to make a living example of ecological sustainability. Contact the student group Developing Ecological Agriculture Practices (DEAP) to get involved. Email us at deap@riseup.net or call 867-6493.

VOICES OF COLOR

is a column designed to promote cultural diversity as well as understanding within the immediate Evergreen community. Here, students of color may address any concerns or joys. It is a place for students to share their unique cultural experiences with the rest of the Evergreen community. It is a place of learning. It is a place of understanding.

We are looking for perspectives, opinion pieces, personal narratives, family histories, poems, academic and social experiences at Evergreen – anything that relates to your life. Pieces do not necessarily have to be related to Evergreen.

This column is reserved especially for the underrepresented who want a consistent "message board" or medium to communicate and express to the Evergreen community. The guidelines for the Voices of Color column are as follows:

- 1) Must be a student of color.
- 2) The submission can be around but no more than 800 words per person per issue (we can use more installments for longer submissions, or print two at once if they're shorter).
- 3) The submission must specifically state that this is for "Voices of Color." Remember, students of any ethnicity have a voice in any section of the paper.
- 4) The deadline for submitting anything to this column is Friday at 3 p.m.
- 5) The submission MUST include a name, phone number and email where you can be reached (for issues of accountability) and MUST meet all other guidelines of the current submission guide.

I strongly encourage those of you who are new to Evergreen and the surrounding community to write a short narrative of your experiences! Voices of Color would be a great place to start introducing yourself to Evergreen while at the same time contributing to the community.

-Renata Rollins
Editor-in-chief

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The new Center for Community Based Action and Learning opens in Seminar II

by Nathan Hadden

This year I am working for the Center for Community Based Action and Learning. Perhaps you have heard of this newest Public Service Center to grace the Olympia Evergreen campus. The goals of the center are to help Evergreen students get involved in the community and volunteer, but also to help foster programs to encourage a volunteering component in them. The coordinator of the center is Sylvie McGee and the center is also looking for work-study or intern students this year.

Sylvie says, "The Center is developing resources we hope will help you out. These include information about faculty and their involvement with community groups, references on funding, public relations and other community work strategies, and examples of internships, student-originated studies and program reports from work with different organizations. Because we're really new, we're also looking for *your* ideas about what kinds of workshops, discussion groups or other programs we should make available. Come take a look! We're in the new Seminar II building, Room 2115 in the E pod."

Maybe you've been wondering about volunteering; it not only helps you gain work experience but can often be rewarding. I have done several volunteer jobs and gotten a lot out of them. One of the most rewarding volunteer jobs I have done was when I volunteered with Books to Prisoners in Olympia as a part of my part-time studies program, "For the Common Good," with part-time faculty members

Char Simons and Hirsh Diamant. It was rewarding to know I was going to make a difference in a prisoner's life. They really love volunteers, and the staff I was working with was wonderful. Volunteering can be a positive experience if you take that from it. I'm sure volunteering is something that we've often thought about but never really could make time for. It can be as little as four hours a week; the organization will be grateful that you contributed your time.

The center will be having an open house on Monday, October 18, in the late afternoon and evening. The guest speaker is Gus Newport, who has background in community organizing/empowerment and development. He'll also be meeting with some of the programs during the day on Monday and Tuesday mornings. When a time has been established, we will update the community.

I'll be working at the center this entire school year part-time. I am looking forward to seeing other students and helping them find their place. I'm sure there's a volunteer area out there for you. It may even be getting involved in politics and the current election. Remember, figuring out what we want to do in life is something that, hopefully, an education will bring us, but sometimes this can also come from a volunteer experience. If you wish to the center's director, Sylvie McGee, she can be reached at megees@evergreen.edu or extension 6859. Or you can email me, Nathan, at hadnat01@evergreen.edu.

WashPIRG's mission: Kick special interest ass

by Brad Bishop

The state Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs) were started because students noticed that if they want to make changes and solve the big problems they saw in the world, they would need help. A small fee collected by each student adds up to enough to hire a professional staff, most important being issue advocates. These advocates do research on a specific issue and find the people and the problems we can target in a campaign to get the best results. These advocates' jobs also include lobbying and constantly watching the legislature for bills dominated by special interest in their issue area, and preparing the stage for the student end of action.

This model allowed students to get results that they could not get on their own. Students go to college and after four years they move on. Successful lobbying happens through building long-term relationships. Not just relationships that are friendly, but knowing what motivates people, who they listen to, and how to get them to support us. Knowing these things through our advo-

cates gives us students power.

PIRGs are built on the following seven founding principles:

- Public vs. special interests
- Advocacy over organizing
- Results over consciousness-raising
- State and local issues
- Non-partisan
- Build power
- Problems worked on have a systematic nature

We fight to get results and build power. And we win.

WashPIRG has been at Evergreen for over 25 years. This year we will be registering voters, passing a ballot initiative to clean the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, bringing clean energy to Evergreen, and lowering the cost of textbooks.

Our primary mission right now is to register at least 475 people to vote, and we only have two weeks!

To learn more, contact the Evergreen WashPIRG Campus Organizer at blair@washpirg.org or call our office at 867-6058.

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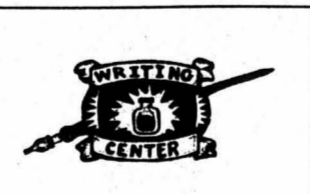
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A student union for Evergreen

by Caroline White

Hey, newbie Greeners! Guess what? Your college doesn't have a student government/union! Some of you say, "Ha ha ha, oh good! Let's keep it that way! What do we need government for, anyway?" We believe we need an organized structure of student power to keep track of and influence the decisions made by our administration. "Why?" you may say. "Down with authority! DOWN! Arrrrr!" This college makes major decisions that many students disagree with, like issues of food service providers and sustainability. And what about Housing?

Student activists realize these decisions are being made, form a student group/mobilize around the issue, circulate petitions and talk to administrators to try to get their voices heard, but it is usually too late to influence the decision. Our activists are discounted for being a small special interest group that came into the decision-making process too late, sort of like a fly that lands on your hand for a few seconds as you are slurping away the last of your Popsicle and then flies away when it sees

you have no more syrupy sweetness left for it. How tragic. This is a great recipe for activist burnout!

At Evergreen you have access to at least some the decision-making processes. There are often seats for students on "standing committees" and "disappearing task forces," and we can always make an appointment to talk to an administrator. In fact, the administration claims they want our feedback. Considering the amount of student protest around issues such as food service, it seems that the administration has a hard time figuring out when and on what issues they should ask for our opinions.

What if students were to regularly be up-to-date on what the administration is doing? People are much more likely to take you seriously when you are aware of what the issues are and can offer to work with them on particular issues rather than oppose them when they are half-way through their decision making process. We don't agree with the idea that most students have no idea what issues the college is working on,

and we propose a student union as a way for students to become aware, to get information dispersed, and to mobilize, act, and accomplish things that the majority of the student body agrees with.

Student Union is currently a group of students campaigning for a student union! We need student support. We invite you to come to an informational meeting on Wednesday of Orientation Week, September 22, at 2 p.m. on the third floor of the CAB by the S&A offices. If you are interested in student power and/or how Evergreen really works, you should get involved! We want to empower you so that you can empower others. (And we could use a graphic designer.)

We're campaigning, letting everyone know what we're doing, and trying to make this a working and legitimate student union. On an independently created student website, <http://www.vrgrn.net/>, you can enter a student union forum, read what people have written and write your own posts with your Evergreen email account. (See <http://my.evergreen.edu/> to

set up your account.) As of this moment we don't have our model on this site, but we're planning to. We intend to have a student union page through the college website as well.

Here's a little history on how we got to the campaigning stage: Last fall a student union work group was formed; many different people attended the meetings throughout the year. This summer a few of us jumped onto and drove the student union bandwagon at a semi-steady gallop and came up with a model for student government that we believe fits into Evergreen. Then we wrote a lot of stuff and planned a campaign, and now here we are!

You can contact Student Union by signing onto our listserv, tesstudentunion.lists@riseup.net, or by emailing Caroline the catchy coalition coordinator at whicar22@evergreen.edu, Brad the groovy grassroots coordinator at bisbra27@evergreen.edu, or Rachel the radical multimedia coordinator at smileyrlw@hotmail.com.

The Student Union Organizers Present..

A forum on the Evergreen student union campaign, and how to get involved!

Join us on wednesday the 22nd at 3pm, in CAB 320 (that's the building with the cafeteria in it).

Don't let your voice be lost in the wind

Among the Evergreen Rebellion there is a will to organize



A disorganized rebellion will never win

We have a desire for change; let's act upon it!

Election Info: Where, When and How to Register and Vote

by Jordan Lyons

Election time is here again, and that means the first chance at voting for a lot of first-year students. This here is a rundown of what all good Greeners need to do to prepare for the big day.

The first consideration for us out-of-staters is whether to vote here in Washington or in our home states. Remember, your vote for president will count more if you vote in one of the so-called battleground states: Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Nevada, New Mexico, Missouri, etc. If you're from Idaho, New York, or some other solidly partisan state, you're better off voting here. Washington is a moderately swingy, pretty Democratic state. Anyway, different polls yield different results; the important thing is to do your homework before you register. Contact your local county auditor for absentee ballots.

So, the election is November 2. Duh. And according to Washington law, registered voters have to be at least 18 years old, U.S. citizens, and have lived in the state for 30 days. IMPORTANT: If you just moved here from out of state, or you're some kind of 17-year-old whiz kid, it's okay! You don't have to meet those requirements when you register, just when the election actually comes.

There are a couple of ways to register. The easiest is by mail. Mail-in forms are available on campus in the CAB and are also being distributed by student groups DEAP and WashPIRG. Registration forms, as well as other election information, can also be found online at <http://www.seestate.wa.gov/elections/voterguide/>.

Mail-ins must be postmarked 30 days before the election (or on October 2 in this case, since 30 days before falls on a Sunday).

What's that you say? You're reading this CPJ back issue and it's already too late to register by mail? Fear not! You can still register in person at the county auditor's office until 15 days prior to the election (making the last day Monday, October 18). The auditor's office on the West Side at 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW.

At the time that you register, you can opt to receive ongoing absentee ballots via mail or to show up at a polling station. Either way works; just pick the easiest, so you'll actually follow through.

The most important thing is to vote, but not just to vote. Get your nose out of this high-quality student publication and get out there. Get your friends and family to vote. Write a letter to the editor or a check to a campaign. Because whoever wins this thing, we gotta hold the government accountable, and that hell isn't going to raise itself.



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The Red Zone: Ways to End Sexual Assault at Evergreen

by Sarah MacKenzie

From the beginning of fall quarter to the end of winter break is a time period known as the "Red Zone," so called because this is the time when the largest number of sexual assaults happen on college campuses. This unfortunately includes Evergreen. Here are some ways we can work together as a community to stop sexual assault:

LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX! Sex should always be a consensual and comfortable experience, and the easiest way to ensure consent and comfort is to talk about everyone's needs and desires. It's hot!

Ask. Before being sexual with someone, ask the person if they want to be sexual. Do not assume they want the same

things you do sexually. DO NOT depend on body language. Whether it's a kiss, a touch or intercourse, ASK first.

Accept Sexual Wants and Limits. Once you've asked what the other person wants sexually, respect their answer. "No" means "No." If the person is unsure, stop and communicate. Know your own limits and what you want sexually, then communicate it.

Do Not Pressure Another Person. When the other person tells you their wants and limits, respect them. Do not pressure the other person to do what you want. You may be forcing them.

A Kiss is Not Permission. If the other person wants to engage in one sexual act, don't assume that's a "Yes" to all other sexual acts. Ask. Everyone has the right to choose what they want sexually.

Avoid Excessive Use of Alcohol and Other Drugs. Excessive use inhibits communication and the ability to reason. If you choose to use alcohol or other drugs, keep it to a minimum. Drug use, including alcohol, is NEVER an excuse for sexually assaulting someone.

Intoxication and Consent. Being sexual with someone who is unable to give consent due to alcohol or drug use is rape. If you are unsure as to whether the other person can truly consent to being sexual, wait until they are not intoxicated and talk about it.

Own Your Behavior. You are responsible for your behavior. Not the other person. You control how you respond to your desire and the world around you. Regardless of how a person dresses or how many people they have been sexual with, you are responsible for asking if they want to engage sexually with you.

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SILENCE DOES NOT EQUAL CONSENT! It's no fun to engage in any sexual act if the other person doesn't want it, so make sure. Talking about sex and what each party wants to do can be one of the hottest activities you will experience.

Unfortunately, sexual assault does exist, and the only person who is going to protect you is YOU. This does not mean that a sexual assault happens because someone fails to protect him- or herself; it simply means everyone must be aware that it does happen. Here are some ways to lower the risk of a sexual assault:

Trust Your Intuition. If you've got that uh-oh feeling about a situation or a person, listen to it.

Act On Your Intuition. Even if it means being "rude." If a situation doesn't feel right, trust it and act on it by leaving or asking for help.

Be Aware. Know your surroundings. Evaluate who you are with and where you are.

Go Out With Friends. Until you get to know a new person, invite them to spend time with your friends or in a group. Don't go home with anyone you don't know or let your friends go home with someone unless it has been discussed beforehand. Take care of each other.

Be Direct and Assertive. Know what your own sexual limits are and

communicate them clearly with friends, acquaintances and strangers. Practice saying what you want.

Avoid Excessive Use of Alcohol and Other Drugs. Excessive use inhibits communication and the ability to reason. If you choose to use alcohol or other drugs, keep it to a minimum.

Be Aware of "Date Rape" Drugs. If you are drinking with others, make your own drink and keep it with you. If you or someone you know is concerned about having ingested a "date rape" drug, including too much alcohol, call 911. These drugs can be lethal. Emergency providers will concern themselves with your safety rather than your age and use of alcohol or other substances. Remember that alcohol is the number one "date rape" drug, so if you choose to use it, keep it to a minimum.

Learn Self-Defense. Not only will it help you to feel more aware and confident, it will also help you to convey confidence to those around you. And you'll learn powerful safety techniques.

It is NEVER the fault of the survivor when sexual assault happens. The above list can help decrease the risk of sexual assault, but it does not make us responsible for another person's behavior.

Let's work together to create a campus free of sexual violence. The following are suggestions on how to start.

Educate Yourself. Read literature,

attend educational events, talk with friends. Challenge yourself to go beyond the current paradigm that supports an oppressive society that supports sexual violence.

Challenge Attitudes and Behaviors. When you hear/see attitudes and beliefs that support sexual violence, challenge them. Practice with friends or others in your community who will do the same.

Get Involved. OSAP (the Office of Sexual Assault Prevention—867-5221) offers events addressing oppression and sexual violence—films, theater, workshops, etc. Or join our Peer Education Team or Campus Advocacy Program. A great way to build community.

Support Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention Efforts. Donate resources or volunteer. Call OSAP to learn more about local agencies.

Care About Each Other. That's what community is. Talk with each other. Watch out for each other. If you think someone may be in a dangerous situation, reach out. Ask a friend to help you or call Campus Police Services or 911.

Supporting Survivors

The following offers suggestions on ways to offer support to a survivor. Please note that offering support to a survivor may be challenging and that support is available for you as well.

Assess Safety. Although it is not your job to protect the person who has survived sexual assault, it will be helpful to ask if they are safe or if they need to call an advocate to create a safety plan or law enforcement if they are in danger. If they do need an advocate, call the Office of Sexual Assault Prevention at 867-5221 and one can be provided.

It is Not Their Fault. Living in a society that blames victims, survivors

often fear being blamed for the assault. Assure the person that no matter how the assault happened, it is NOT their fault.

Believe Them. Survivors are often concerned that people won't believe they were sexually assaulted. Tell the person you believe them and refrain from asking unnecessary questions.

Inform About Options. Medical, legal and emotional support is available through OSAP on campus. We have staff and peer advocates available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. See back of brochure.

Respect Their Choices. Sexual assault is based on taking the survivor's power away. You can help by empowering the survivor by honoring their choices in their healing process.

Now for a little bit about organizations on campus dealing with sexual assault. My organization, the **Coalition Against Sexual Violence (CASV)**, can be contacted for more information regarding any of the stuff in this article. If you have questions about self-defense, or communicating around sex, or anything else, call us at 867-6749.

This year we will be doing an ongoing group for survivors, planning events dealing with community awareness, and hopefully having lots of fun. Anyone can get involved, regardless of survivor status.

The **Office of Sexual Assault Prevention (OSAP)** can also be contacted for more info: They also offer peer education programs, counseling for survivors, and the Campus Advocacy Program, which offers peer advocacy for survivors. OSAP's number, once again, is 867-5221.

Together we can end sexual assault and create a sex-positive, healthy community!

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Area college student dating self

THINGS ARE REALLY STARTING TO HEAT UP

Eric Peterson, top, has one of many romantic dinners with himself at their favorite restaurant.

By LISA CHENEY

Local college student Eric Peterson recently announced that he's entered a committed relationship—with himself. Peterson vehemently denied rumors that the two were dating other people. "We're totally committed to each other. We've never been happier." When asked what prompted the campus heartthrob to take himself off the market, he chalked it up in large part to his current financial situation, claiming that monthly fees from his checking account were making it too expensive for him to date around. "It was partly a cost-

effective decision on my part, but it's been really nice for us to spend more time together." Peterson was apparently unaware of Free Checking from Washington Mutual. It's an account with no monthly fees and the option to add Deluxe services like free online bill pay. And he could have gotten Free Checking just by visiting a Washington Mutual Financial Center, then signed up for online bill pay at wamu.com. "Dang," said Peterson, "if I had known about Free Checking Deluxe, my current dating situation would be different. I probably wouldn't have settled down with someone so soon."

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Student Activities: the heart of Evergreen



by Jayne Kaszynski

I'm sure you've heard how Evergreen is unique by now. What few people mention is that Evergreen's greatest strengths are also its greatest weaknesses.

For instance, forming a learning community with your classmates is great, but the downside is that you end up only meeting the 20 to 60 people in your class. Evergreen's academic freedom is a welcome change from the regimented high school routine most of us remember, but this same lack of routine fragments the college community. With campus services that can be hard to find, a nearly invisible support structure, and no single place for students to gather in (Evergreen has no Student Union building), there is no clear center to this community. Six years ago, away from home and on my own for the first time as a freshman, I found that to be confusing at best and disheartening at worst.

Life in general in my freshman year was not outstanding. I took a core program that wasn't very challenging and worked 25 hours a week at a chain shoe store. I lived in Cooper's Glen with a girl who had an extensive miniature teapot collection and an inability to admit that she was wrong about anything.

Furthermore, I had doubts about Evergreen. My reason for going to college was practical: I wanted to get a decent job. My parents had both dropped out of high school and understood the need for a college education in an increasingly competitive job market. I didn't see how spending eight or twelve hours a week discussing world religions and reenacting Greek mythology in small groups was going to help me in the "real" world. I was racking up thousands of dollars in debt and I wasn't sure I was going to be able to pay it back when I graduated.

It didn't help my general outlook that it rained for 93 days straight that winter.

And yet, with all of that, I made it through my freshman year and graduated from Evergreen three years later, truly pleased to have gone to school here.

I stumbled into Student Activities in my second year because I was sick of working at the shoe store. A friend mentioned that the Services and Activities Board needed student members and that they paid a stipend. It wasn't much money, but I was desperate. I ran up to CAB 320 and put in an application, interviewed an hour after that, and got a call saying I was on the board later that evening. It turned out that Student Activities had a lot of both volunteer and paid institutional (i.e. not requiring work-study) positions and over the next three years I sampled many of them.

Student Activities—and more importantly, the broad range of student organizations covered under that name—provides the center to Evergreen's student life that otherwise wouldn't exist. Over 50 student organizations connect students by shared interests (Percussion Club, Evergreen Cartoonists, Chemistry), ethnicity (Women of Color Resource Center, Native Student

Alliance, ASIA), gender or sexual orientation (Evergreen Queer Alliance, Women's Resource Center, Men's Center), politics (Evergreen Political Center, Amnesty International, Infoshoppe), or future professions (Healing Arts, Masters Graduate Student Associations.). CAB 320, where most organizations have their offices, is the one place at Evergreen where people with truly divergent interests consistently come together in a shared space.

On the third floor of the CAB building, I met diverse, talented people, was introduced to new projects and points of view, and found out when interesting things were going to happen (such as Tibetan monks visiting, Michael Moore speaking, or anything involving free food). Because Evergreen uses student fees (which you've paid with your tuition) to fund student groups, students can hire bands or speakers, put on dances (such as the Punk Rock Prom), organize conferences (such as the Rachel Carson and Synergy Conferences), provide workshops (like break dancing or anti-oppression training), and create art (for instance, the literary journal *Slightly West* or the Evergreen CD Project.) As I watched these projects move from ideas to reality, I gained respect for Evergreen's focus on interdisciplinary, hands-on learning.

Any academic or activities advisor can list the benefits of being involved in Student Activities—meeting people, learning leadership skills, serving the community, it looks good on your resume, etc., etc. These things are true, but in my experience, student organizations also make Evergreen a much more hospitable, interesting place to be. My classes introduced me to sustainability, politics, anti-racism, sociology, and feminism—ideas that have changed how I view the world—but it was my involvement in Student Activities that cracked open the hard, gray exterior of Evergreen and let me see into the heart of the institution. And ultimately, that's why I stayed.

How to get involved:

Join a group: There are currently over 50 student groups, ranging from Asia Solidarity in Action (ASIA) to the Yoga Club. Check out the list of active student groups at <http://www.evergreen.edu/activities/>, or stop by the front desk at CAB 320 (upstairs from the bookstore) to get a copy of the Student Activities Directory.

Coordinate a group: Some ongoing groups need coordinators. Stop by the front desk in CAB 320 for the current list of groups needing coordinators.

Start your own group: All you need to start a group is three students (with valid student IDs) and a shared interest. Call x6220 to make an appointment to meet with the Senior Coordinator to get registered. Questions? Call the Senior Coordinator at x6636 or just stop by her office in CAB 320.

Be a member of the Services and Activities Fee Allocation Board, also known as the S&A Board. This nine-member, student run board allocates all student fee monies (over \$1 million) through a consensus procedure. Call Chris Hickman, the Board Coordinator, at x6221 for information and applications.

Host a radio show. Volunteer with KAOS, our local community radio station. Call Rachel Freer (x6888) for volunteer opportunities and training sessions.

Volunteer with the Cooper Point Journal: Write articles or opinion pieces, take photographs, or help with layout or copy editing for our weekly student newspaper. Call x6213 for more information (or see page 2).

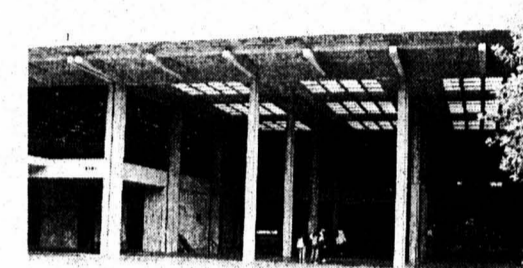
Finding Your Way

by Mitchell Hahn-Branson and Katie Thurman

When you arrive at Evergreen for the first time, it may seem quite daunting and labyrinthine. In a few days, however, you should be able to navigate the campus without much trouble. Ever helpful, we've decided to give you a guide to some of the most important locations in a Greener's world.

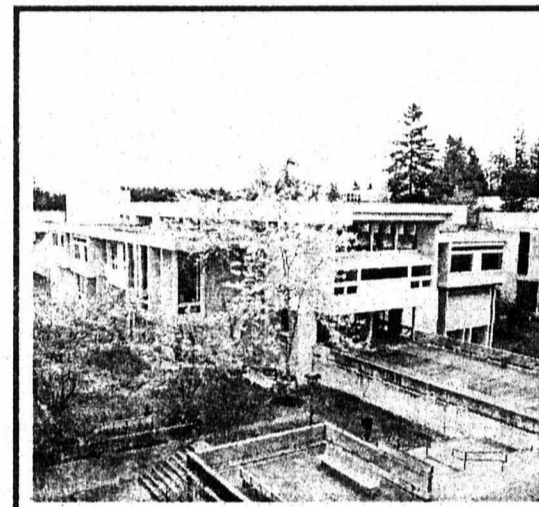
The Library Building

Evergreen's library is only part of this building. The Computer Center, which is undergoing a remodel this year and has been moved to the fourth floor, is located here. There are also classrooms, administrative offices, and art galleries. You can borrow cameras and other equipment at Media Loan, down the hall from the library. Here you can also register for classes, get academic advice and financial aid, pick up your financial aid checks, and find out things with your student account.



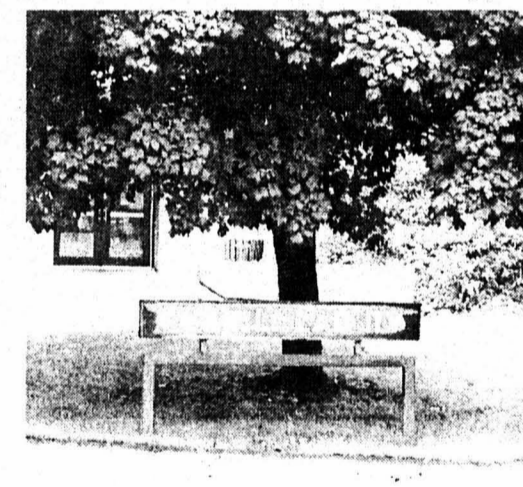
The CAB

This is the main feeding trough on campus. Both the cafeteria and the la carte place are located here. So is the bookstore (student accounts are available), or you can just spend that financial aid money freely. The bookstore carries all of your textbooks, useless impulse-buy items, and most importantly, candy. On the third floor, you'll find the offices of KAOS, and the Student Activities Center, which houses a cornucopia of student groups, including your friendly paper, the CPJ.



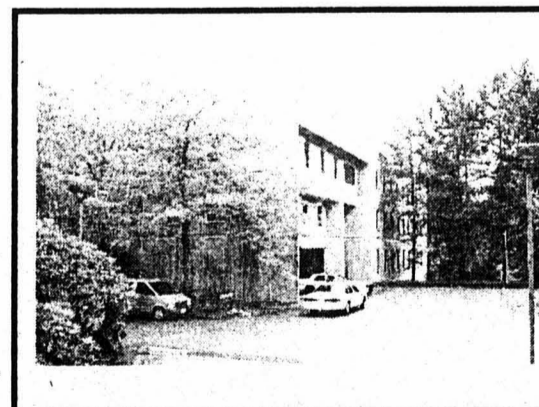
Labs I and II

Nestled away in the back of the campus, you'll find Labs I and II. These buildings house faculty offices, laboratories, a computer lab with ambience, and a multitude of electron microscopes. There's also a nifty lounge right by a green house. If you're in science classes, be prepared to spend some time here. If you're in art classes, check out the Arts Annex, located toward the back of Lab I. It has studio spaces with natural light, along with a metal shop, a wood shop, and a place to do pottery and other neat hands-on stuff.



Seminar I

This building houses Police Services and the Health Center. Occasionally, you might have a class here. Otherwise, go here if you are ill or need to get a hold of the police. The EF International School of English programs also run out of here.



The Organic Farm

Find the trail, which is located between the Longhouse and Parking Lot B, and stroll down to our farm, which features a farmhouse, growing vegetables, and a hybrid chicken-duck creature waddling among the real chickens. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the farmers set up shop in front of the library and sell the wonderful things they grow, such as flowers, onions, cucumbers, and other vegetables and fruits. Be sure to check out the Harvest Festival!



Seminar II

Seminar II is new to the campus. This building is especially difficult to navigate, due to the multiple complexes within the building. The building features state-of-the-art lecture halls with brand new audiovisual equipment. Seminar II is a green building, which means that it is designed to be ecologically friendly. It has a ventilation system that allows air to flow freely from the outdoors. It also has numerous miniature gardens. What this means to the average student is that this building sometimes goes hot or cold at the droop of a hat. Just to be safe, wear layered clothing or bring a sweater.



COM (Communications) Building

This rounded building is home to the Evergreen Experimental Theater, where student productions are often staged. One production to look forward to is *The Vagina Monologues*, which is performed in February. There is a costume rental place, faculty offices, and many classes dealing with the performing arts are held here. Also here is the Design Studio, which features large light tables where students can create multimedia art projects, along with animation software, and dedicated film editing computers.

Musically inclined? The COM offers several piano practice rooms and an instrument rental.



CRC (College Recreation Center)

Here's your place to swim, work out, and visit The Outdoor Program (TOP)'s office to find out about fun outdoor activities. There is a rock-climbing wall, a variety of classes including ballet, tai chi chuan and handwriting analysis, and some fairly scuzzy showers. There's also a sauna, but watch out for random naked people.



HCC (Housing Community Center)

Located between the field and Housing, the HCC contains every campus resident's mailbox as well as the Corner, a grocery store where you can pick up a quick snack and some meal fixin's, and a laundry room. Open mics are held here occasionally, and the Infoshoppe office is housed next to the Corner. There's also a laundry room, but the dryers have a habit of not really drying a full load of clothing, and things have gone missing from unattended baskets. Watch your laundry, and be patient.



A Dorm

The tallest building on campus (it's TEN stories tall) also contains the Housing Office (third floor), the Fishbowl Technology Center (second floor), the Edge (also second floor) and more laundry facilities (first floor). In fact, some of the dryers here are free: just push the "on" button and watch it go, no money required!

How to master "Evergreenacular"

by Allison Arth



Plodding around RedSquare, I hear: "My faculty told me to call her about my contract, but I have seminar until three, and then I have to finish up my evals from last quarter, so I won't get to it until after my program potluck."

Stop. Rewind. I feel like I'm listening to a couple of doctors talking about diseases and doctor-tools. Contract? Evals? Program potluck? I sense a distinct vocabulary here.

So, let's talk jargon—Evergreen jargon, that is.

According to the American Heritage Dictionary, Fourth Edition, jargon is "a hybrid language or dialect; Or, the specialized or technical language of a trade, profession, or similar group."

The trusty American Heritage confirms my beliefs: Evergreen does have a specific, specialized vocabulary, and the trick to becoming a true blue Greener is to master the jargon. So, let's get started.

First and foremost, the Evergreen student has no professors. She has faculty. Now, interestingly, Evergreen students

have turned the word faculty, meaning "the body of teachers and administrators at a school," into a title for a single teacher. Around here, it is perfectly acceptable to say, "Who is your faculty?" Grammatically speaking, the collective noun faculty cannot take the singular verb is when it refers to one person, but, hey, thinking outside the box is our forte. (Remember: A savvy student could ask, "Who are your faculty?" but only if that student was inquiring about the faculty team and not a particular instructor.)

Secondly: the contract. It sounds so scary. So binding and restrictive. So Tony Soprano. Technically, a contract is "an agreement between two or more parties, especially one that is written and enforceable by law." Again, scary. But Evergreen has taken this familiar concept and tweaked it; the Evergreen contract, while it is an agreement, is not some kind of lawfully binding treatise. Rather, it is an outline for a student's or group of students' independent study, for which a faculty member is the sponsor, or advisor, of the academic work. Contracts are an excellent resource for specialized, upper-division studies, and are undertaken by many Evergreen students sometime during their academic careers.

Third, the omnipresent and weighty word: seminar. Now, according to ye olde American Heritage, a seminar is "a meeting for an exchange of ideas; a conference." This definition is quite applicable

to the Evergreen version of the seminar; students participate in seminars and they do, in fact, exchange ideas and confer on class themes, readings, films, etc. So what makes this word jargon? The jargonization of seminar is not in the noun itself; rather, local Evergreen jargon-slingers have verbified the seminar. That is, students seminar. They don't necessarily attend a seminar; they participate in the act of seminar-ing. Verbification is rampant around here; for example, students don't keep journals—they journal. Similarly, Greeners don't engage in dialogue, nor do they attend a workshop—instead, they dialogue and workshop.

Fourth: As you probably know, grades are nonexistent at Evergreen. In their stead, we have evaluations, or, more affectionately, evals. As an Evergreen student, you will have to deal with four types of evaluations: the self-evaluation, in which you reflect on your performance in a particular program or class; the faculty evaluation, in which you consider your faculty's performance; the program evaluation, in which you respond to the design and execution of the program or class itself; and the summative self-evaluation, in which you discuss your entire college experience. Please note that the word evaluation in each of these examples is inevitably shortened to eval in everyday conversation. So be impressive: Say self-eval when in the company of other Greeners.

Finally, most Evergreen students are

enrolled in a program rather than a handful of separate, unrelated classes. Though some students register for part-time studies classes, the majority of students takes a single, intensive and inter-disciplinary course, which we call a program. Now, I'm sure you've all read about the logistics of a program, what it covers, how it works, why it works, etcetera; therefore, I will leave you all with this: Call it a program, not a class. If you don't, you'll confuse yourself and others. Do it for yourself. Do it for your friends. Do it for Evergreen. One more thing: You will inevitably take part in a potluck with your program mates at quarter's end, so break out those old family recipes.

I heard once that knowing was half the battle, and you are now in the know when it comes to some significant bits of Evergreen jargon. However, bear in mind that I have not fully explored the phenomenon of Greener-speak; I have merely catalogued the basics. So, find some sagacious student and ask for some insights; grab a successful jargon-nerd and have a conversation about Evergreen. Hey, you could even make like a Greener and dialogue about it over your program potluck.

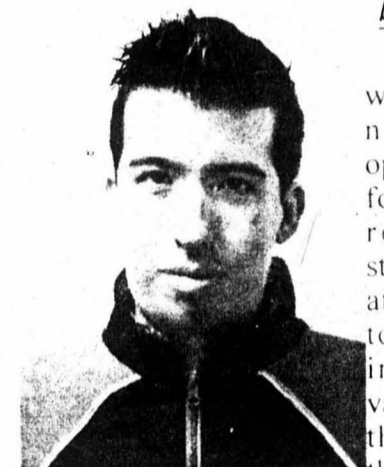
Allison Arth graduated from Evergreen in 2003. She is a tutor in the Writing Center, CAB 108.

This article first ran in September 2003.

You gave it up, we give it out

Join the S&A board and decide how to spend your roommate's money.

by Christopher Hickman



There will be numerous opportunities for new and returning students here at Evergreen to get involved in various ways throughout the academic year: student organizations, publications, and athletic teams, just to name a few. There remains, however, a unique chance for students to get involved, a way for those who pay fees (that's all of you students) to decide where these fees go,

and to fund the very events that make Evergreen flourish.

That opportunity is the Services and Activities Fee Board, better known as the S&A Board. This board consists of a body of 11 students, nine of whom are voting members with one office manager and one coordinator. Together this band of students sorts through the many funding requests received to stage various events throughout the year.

Concerts, film festivals, group productions, visiting speakers and trips to conferences are just a few of the numerous requests the board expects to receive over the next months. For funding these events, students on the board are in turn paid handsomely for their time and service. Students who

serve on the board receive over \$600 for the academic year.

One might ask oneself, "Why put in that much time outside of class to give away money when I could be sleeping or perhaps watching television?" The answer is very simple and rewarding: Not only does the student on the board get paid to give money away, but the skills learned are valuable beyond what most college experiences could provide. The S&A Board involves problem solving, diplomacy, consensus, teamwork and trust. And what student wouldn't like to get paid to become a student leader and help create a better Evergreen?

Many students on previous S&A Boards have gone on to coordinate

student organizations or hold various positions in other arenas of Evergreen leadership. Members will also have first-hand knowledge of what events are going to be staged much earlier than most other Greeners. There is also a great mastery of the inner workings of the Evergreen student activities process and vibe.

If any student is interested in the S&A Board and getting paid to fund the events that create a better Evergreen, contact the Board. We can be reached at 867-6221, or by visiting workstation number 6 in CAB 320.

Chris Hickman is the coordinator of the S&A board. He is a senior at Evergreen and is enrolled in Imperialism.



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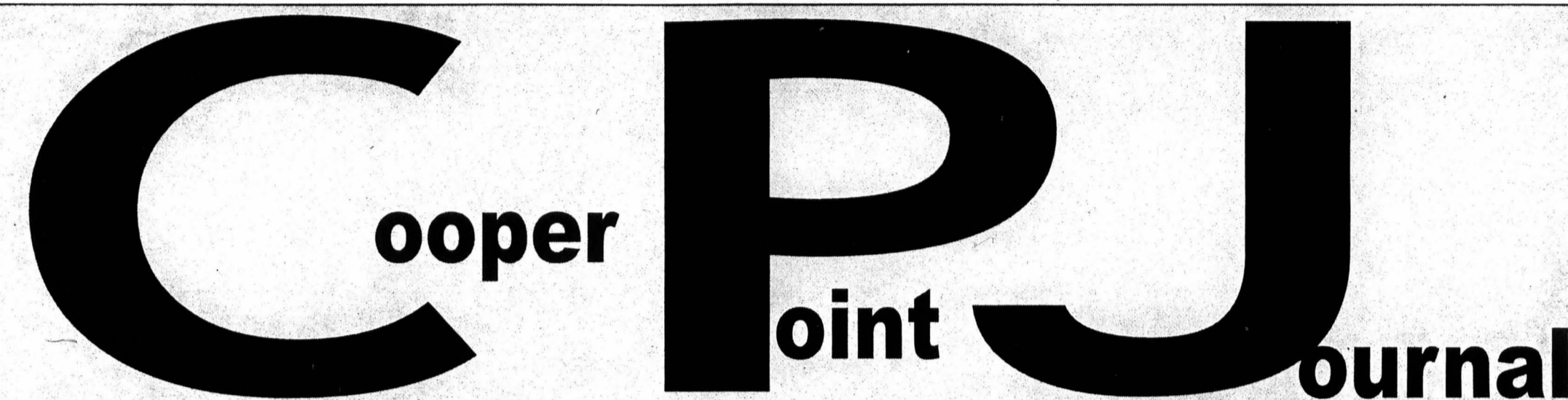
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What the hell is the CPJ?

It's a student forum. It's a student organization. It's yours.

by Renata Rollins

CPJ is the Cooper Point Journal, the newspaper of Evergreen students.

And at the risk of sounding dramatic, I'm going to say that sentence says everything and nothing all at once.

It says everything because the CPJ really is the newspaper of Evergreen students—in every sense of those words.

Students at the CPJ are fully responsible for which articles, photos, columns and ads get into the CPJ.

Students—especially those who aren't staff members and have never set foot in the CPJ office—get first dibs on getting their stuff on the pages. (Faculty and staff of the college, alumni, and everyone else are way down on the priority list.)

Students are the reason why there even is a CPJ.

But in another way, saying that the CPJ is the newspaper of Evergreen students conveys something very different from what the CPJ really is.

After all, every college claims it has a "student newspaper." But to most people that means a college has a newspaper where a very small group of students get together in their office (which often is a place for journalism majors) and discuss "the news"—what they think is important enough to deserve their time, attention, and newspaper space.

And at most "student" newspapers, the only place most students can get printed

in the paper is on the letters to the editor page.

This is absolutely not the case at the CPJ.

The Cooper Point Journal is different. It's so different that even some students who want to be journalists don't like it. It's just not what we're all used to seeing. It's not a small newspaper staff deciding what's important enough to count as "news."

This is a newspaper with some content from CPJ members, but it's the other students at Evergreen—the ones who've never been up to the CPJ office—that set the CPJ apart from other college newspapers.

These are students who decide they have something important to say to fellow students, so they submit entries to be printed.

Maybe one hits upon the best questions to ask a professor before taking a class, and another can't stand the fact that there's no student union at Evergreen. Either way, they have something they want other students to hear and think about.

One might write a short article and the other might draw a comic. Whatever they choose to do, the Cooper Point Journal gives them a place to say it.

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Taking care of business

Selling ads, getting the CPJ out: Working together to make it happen.

by Andrew James

There is another side to Evergreen's student newspaper that is rarely recognized by the average Greener but is so important to the Cooper Point Journal's vitality: the business side.

Oh, don't look so sad, not all business, is bad!

The business side of the CPJ offers a unique opportunity at Evergreen.

Where else on campus are students responsible for all aspects of a business operation? The answer is nowhere but the CPJ.

CPJ members who focus on business operations raise money to support maximum student involvement by selling ad space and subscriptions, distributing the paper and taking care of all associated paperwork, including financial record keeping.

What I like most about being a part of the business operation is that it's real. Real clients. Real deadlines. Real Communication. Getting involved in business operations provides a very real and serious responsibility and challenge. And

unfortunately, lots of very real paperwork. But I'm getting a bit ahead of myself.

While much of my learning at the CPJ has evolved around business operations, much of what I will take away has little to do with business. It has to do with service: taking on responsibility and working closely with members of an organization toward a common goal.

So, while you might not be super excited about a properly filled-out ad contract (as I tend to be), you may see the value in getting involved in some way with the organization.

Being involved in the student newspaper has added tremendous value and depth to my time at Evergreen. I could have attended twice as many program seminars and not had the kind of valuable experience that I've gained through the Cooper Point Journal. Getting involved in the CPJ organization is the perfect compliment to academia at Evergreen.

Which brings me to an important point. Any student at Evergreen can become a

see involvement, page 14

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A Guide to Contributing to the CPJ- your student newspaper

Story Ideas?

If you have an idea for a story, some information you think should be known, or a request for a story, just call 867-6213 and ask for the managing editor or the editor-in-chief.

Types of Contribution

- ◆ **Letters and Opinions items:** These are letters to the CPJ, the Evergreen community, or writings that express your thoughts. They are due Friday at 3 p.m. If you have any questions, call 867-6213 and ask for the letters and opinions coordinator, managing editor, or editor-in-chief.
- ◆ **Briefs:** These are reminders and announcements about things happening on campus, such as building closures, water shut-off, when buses aren't running, etc. These are written by the briefs coordinator, using information submitted to the CPJ. Send your announcement by Friday at 3 p.m. If you have any questions call 867-6213 and ask for the briefs coordinator, managing editor, or editor-in-chief.
- ◆ **Calendar:** These are really short announcements for upcoming events. Due Friday at 3 p.m. If you have any questions call 867-6213 and ask for the calendar coordinator, managing editor, or editor-in-chief.
- ◆ **Comics:** These are, well, comics. They are due Friday at 3 p.m. If you have any questions call 867-6213 and ask for the comics coordinator, managing editor, or editor-in-chief.
- ◆ **Seepage:** Visual art or photographs for the back page of the paper. Due Friday at 3 p.m. If you have any questions call 867-6213 and ask for the seepage coordinator, managing editor, or editor-in-chief.
- ◆ **Voices of Color:** These are articles from students of color about past experiences, thoughts, or ideas. Due Friday at 3 p.m. If you have any questions call 867-6213 and ask for the voices of color coordinator, managing editor, or editor-in-chief.
- ◆ **News:** These are current, factual accounts of events, topics, and people. They are due Monday at 3 p.m. If you have any questions call 867-6213 and ask for the news coordinator, managing editor, or editor-in-chief.
- ◆ **Arts and Entertainment:** These are reviews of books, music, art galleries and movies, as well as news about artsy events. Due Monday at 3 p.m. If you have any questions call 867-6213 and ask for the Arts and Entertainment coordinator, managing editor, or editor-in-chief.
- ◆ **Sports:** These are pieces about Evergreen sports and athletes on campus. Due Monday at 3 p.m. If you have any questions call 867-6213 and ask for the Sports coordinator, managing editor, or editor-in-chief.
- ◆ **Photos:** These can be digital, film, negatives or prints. They are due as with the section they are being submitted to. (See deadlines box on page 5.) If you have any questions call 867-6213 and ask for the Photo coordinator, managing editor, or editor-in-chief.

Deadlines

Letters and Opinions Voices of Color Calendar	Briefs Comics Seepage	3 p.m. Friday
News Arts and Entertainment Sports		3 p.m. Monday

Format and Length

We would like all typed submissions to be double-spaced, in 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font, and preferably on letter (8 1/2" by 11") paper. Every contribution must be 800 words or less.

On paper: We do not accept handwritten submissions. All work must be accompanied by a completely filled out submission sheet (available in the CPJ office).

Disks: If you bring in your work on a disk, please make sure your name, email and phone number are on it either in the form of a label or directly written on the disk. You MUST fill out a submission form and tape it to the disk so we can contact you and so we know what's on the disk. We accept 3 1/2" floppy disks, zip disks, CDs and DVDs.

Images

We accept photos, artwork and film. You can send in your contribution via email or bring it on a disk or CD. We would like all electronic images in either a JPG, GIF or TIFF format. Not sure what those are? Please come up to the office, or call 867-6213 and ask for the photo coordinator, managing editor, or editor-in-chief. All images on paper can be up to 8 1/2" x 11".

E-mail

If you are sending your submission in the form of an e-mail, please give us the following information: Your full name, your year at Evergreen, your current program, your e-mail address, your phone number, what section you feel your work belongs in, the number of words in your piece, a quick run down of what your piece is about, what issue you want your submission to be printed in, and anything else you feel we should know.

The actual submission should be attached to an email with the word "submission" somewhere in the subject line. All emails should be sent to cpj@evergreen.edu.

Can't Make a Deadline?

If you have a good reason, you can set up an extension with the editor-in-chief, but arrange for it before the deadline. Remember, late submissions have no guarantee of getting into the next issue. Sooner is always better.

Getting Your Contribution In

Come on up to the CPJ office in CAB 316 (with your article, photo, comic, whatever), fill out a submission sheet, and slip both the sheet and your work together into the submission box.

OR

Email your contribution to cpj@evergreen.edu and be sure to attach your work separately from the body of the email. Please also include all the information asked for in the e-mail section of Format and Length.

Also, please see the deadline chart to the left.

In Praise of the CPJ

by Allison Arth

Dear Reader,

I would like to extol the virtues of the Cooper Point Journal, a paper written for students, by students, et cetera, et cetera, by way of the following illustration:

As a member of the Evergreen community, I offer you, my fellow community members, a community-minded hypothesis regarding the Nabisco corporation. I suggest—no, rather, I insist—that the Big Wheat Thin is, quite definitely, better than the small Wheat Thin.

The above paragraph shows why the CPJ is an asset, a prize, a pearl of a paper: this publication is the only student newspaper on the planet—and I know this for a fact—that gives precious column inches to postulation.

The illustrious CPJ makes public your theories, your thoughts, your comics. It is a forum in which Ever-

green students, staff, and faculty can opine and speculate and question—in print, for heaven's sake.

Really: Think about this for two seconds and you'll realize what a treasure you've discovered, people. The Cooper Point Journal isn't one of those papers whose editorial board is composed of Suits loafing in leather chairs, steeping their fingers and discussing how Shiraz is the new Merlot. Rather, its editorial board is made up of folks just like you. In fact, they may be you. Or you may be them. Who knows?

But the point is this: The Cooper Point Journal is invaluable. It offers the Evergreen community a space to connect, to share, and to discuss the merits of that snacking sensation, the Big Wheat Thin. Evergreen, it doesn't get much better than this.

Allison Arth is a 2003 graduate of Evergreen. She now works in the Writing Center.

Common Questions and Answers

Q. How does the staff of the CPJ decide what to print?

A. Priority goes to submissions from Evergreen students, and to submissions that are related to Evergreen. Stuff that's in on time is moved to the front of the line. If there are any problems with a submission, such as unprotected speech, unclear wording, etc., the coordinator speaks to the managing editor and editor-in-chief, and then to the contributor. The group has meetings about these things. If you have questions, come on up to the office in CAB 316.

Q. I'm not much of a writer, and I know nothing about journalism. What can I do?

A. Plenty of things. A person doesn't have to be a journalist to write about something they care about. Let it flow. Or, if writing isn't your thing, there are other ways to contribute, such as comics, photos, etc.

Q. What does it take to be a part of the CPJ?

A. You just have to start showing up at meetings and take an active interest in the CPJ. Not hard at all.

Q. Do Evergreen administrators, faculty, or staff have a say in the CPJ's content? Can they censor the paper?

A. NO.

Q. Do you publish anonymous submissions?

A. Nope. Accountability is important to freedom of speech. Why should anyone read what you think if you don't even want to own up to the fact you wrote it? Unless your safety is in danger, you have to claim your words.

What if I want to do more? What can I do?

There's room for everyone at the CPJ. Come up to the office and take a look around, or come to a meeting and hear what people have to say. You can even just send in articles once in a while to help fill the pages of your student newspaper. There's plenty to do up in the office, and your fellow students would be happy to answer your questions and help you learn.

If you want to come and get involved, come to our weekly meetings.

Meeting Times

all meetings take place in CAB 316

Organizational Meeting Mondays @ 5

This is when we discuss organizational issues, such as fund raising and better ways to get the paper out to the Evergreen community.

Content Meeting Mondays @ 5:30

This is where we discuss future content, such as story ideas, Vox Populi questions, possible long term reporting projects, and other things needed to help the week along.

Paper Critique Thursdays @ 4

This is the time to critique the latest issue of the CPJ.

Friday Forum Fridays @ 3

This is when the advisor leads a discussion on everything from workplace ethics to conflict resolution.

Want to get super-involved in your student newspaper?

Consider taking on a position of extra responsibility.

by Renata Rollins

If you're interested in a position of extra responsibility at the student newspaper (like putting together the news section, laying out the pages, or recruiting photographers), the first step is to become a member of the student group CPJ—the organization that puts the newspaper together.

That's easy—any Greener can become a member of the CPJ. Just start showing up to organization meetings (5 p.m. Mondays) and content meetings (5:30 p.m. Mondays) in CAB 316. Throw out your thoughts on how to improve your student newspaper and your ideas on how to get the CPJ student group to work better together. Meetings start on Monday, September 27.

The most important thing to remember if you're considering one of these positions is that they aren't jobs—they're positions for involvement and learning, available to CPJ members. (That's why everyone who applies needs to start coming to meetings and establish themselves as active members.) The CPJ members who take on these positions do get a bit of money for each issue they work on, but if you did the math it would turn out to be way below minimum wage. This is because it's not hourly wage work—it's involvement in something you like and it's a chance to learn outside of seminar. The point of taking one of these positions is to get more involved with producing the newspaper, and to learn about keeping a group alive.

If you're interested in playing a bigger and more active role in getting the newspaper out to students each week, and in learning to work better in a diverse group, check out the following positions. Applications are available outside the CPJ office (CAB 316—third floor of the CAB through the glass doors and back in a corner office). The deadline to apply for all positions is Monday, October 18.

Available positions:

News Coordinator: gets the news section ready each week, gets to know people and topics at Evergreen, writes news articles and recruits student writers.

Briefs Coordinator: rewrites the important press releases the CPJ receives into short announcements.

Letters & Opinions Coordinator: reads through letters and opinion pieces, checks for illegal or unfair expression, recruits material for the section.

Voices of Color Coordinator: recruits letters, photos, etc., from students of color on campus about campus race issues.

Arts & Entertainment Coordinator: stays in the know about local arts and entertainment, writes A&E articles and recruits student writers.

See Page Coordinator: recruits one visual art piece to go on the back page of the CPJ each week.

Sports Coordinator: stays up-to-date with campus sports, writes sports articles and recruits student writers.

Comics Coordinator: recruits people to draw comics for the CPJ and checks them for illegal or unfair expression.

Calendar Coordinator: keeps track of what's going on each week and puts it into an easy-to-read list each week.

Photo Coordinator: stays up to date with what's going on in the area, takes photos and also recruits other students to take photos.

Page Designer: designs the pages of the CPJ to make them consistent, clear, and beautiful.

Renata Rollins is a senior at Evergreen and is studying civic journalism through an internship with the CPJ. She is the editor-in-chief of the Cooper Point Journal.



What I got out of joining the CPJ

by Kyra Berkovich

Evergreen is a fantastic school, and no matter how much you think you know that, it doesn't really sink in until you're half-buried under a pile of work at your new career and you realize that you can handle it. I've actually got one now: a career. After putting in my dues at retail stores and various eateries, I managed to land a job as sports editor for a weekly newspaper two months after leaving Olympia. I never thought it would happen so soon, and to tell the truth, I hadn't planned on working in journalism.

Getting involved with the CPJ gave me a jump start. It interested me, made me think. It also frustrated me beyond what I thought possible. But it made me reevaluate why I work hard at the things I do and why I am so stubborn about the things I care about. I happen to care about sports, and now I work in sports. It's weird to think that some things you wish for are possibilities. And that's all you really need, the possibility.

Kyra Berkovich will graduate from Evergreen after Fall, 2004. She is the sports editor at the Valley News Herald.

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member of the CPJ organization. You don't need to have a staff position to become a member. In fact, it is required that you first become a member before applying for a staff position. This gives you a chance to get a better idea of how the CPJ organization works before you decide to apply for extra responsibility.

Encourage any student that thinks s/he might be interested in getting involved with the CPJ organization to come up to the office and talk with other students who help with putting together the CPJ. If you like what you see, you might want to consider applying for a position of responsibility.

Available positions of responsibility on the business side are:

Ad designer: Creates ads each week from clients on campus and from businesses in Olympia using design software.

Ad proofer and archivist: Checks ads that the ad designer made for mistakes and archives all ads that are finished running in the paper.

Assistant business manager: Processes all payment that the CPJ receives and works with on campus advertisers. This position is a leadership role in the CPJ organization and also serves as the training necessary to become business manager.

Circulation manager and newspaper archivist: This position is in charge of getting issues of the paper out to CPJ subscribers, as well as archiving back issues of the CPJ.

Distribution manager: Brings the CPJ to the printing press each Thursday and also distributes it to drop-off points around Olympia and around campus.

Ad representative: Keeps in contact with Olympia-area businesses that advertise in the CPJ and is responsible for getting payment and maintaining client records.

Andrew James is a senior at Evergreen and is studying business through Quantitative Methods for Effective Management. He is the business manager of the Cooper Point Journal.

hell: CPJ is a newspaper for any student's expression ...from page 11

At times it seems like a revolutionary concept, but in reality we're just going back to the way newspapers worked for most of history. This type of publication is what democracy is all about: genuine, sometimes raw, personal passion, and a collection of information from varied points of view.

It won't be long before you have something you want the rest of Evergreen to know about. Type it up, take a picture, or draw it, and send it up to the CPJ for print (email cpj@evergreen.edu or come up to CAB 316). We'll take care of the rest. (Unless you want to come up and put it all together—if so, read on!)

"Cooper Point Journal" is also a student activities organization—a group of students that any Evergreen student (and only Evergreen students) can join.

The student group CPJ exists to put together the student newspaper and to provide a place outside of seminar where students can learn a wide range of things,

from group dynamics to creating and meeting goals to how to say what you want in print.

If you join the CPJ and get involved with newspaper content production, you'll work in a hands-on, get-your-fingers-stained-in-newsprint place.

Learning takes place when you're trying to print from a finicky printer, trying to manage your time between class and other interests, or trying to get past personality clashes to discuss whether a cartoon you think is sexist should get in the paper, with the reasoning it deserves.

This is my second year as a member of the CPJ, where I've focused on the newspaper content aspect of the whole production. I feel ready to go out and do something when I graduate this June.

I've learned to come into my own: to say what I mean with clarity, conviction, and persuasion.

Learning takes place when you're trying to print from a finicky printer, or trying to get past personality clashes to discuss whether a sexist cartoon should get in the paper, with the reasoning it deserves.

Getting involved here has also rounded out my academics. I've had the benefit of an idealistic, theory-based liberal arts education, plus the chance to run with those ideas in a real-world setting.

And it is real—there are serious consequences to printing false statements and hurtful half-truths in a newspaper that goes out to a college with over 4,000 students.

Taking a role in putting together the student newspaper is one of the most intense opportunities on campus. If you're interested, stop by the first meeting of the year, Monday, September 27, at 5 p.m. in our office (CAB 316—the third floor of the CAB, through the glass doors and back in a corner office). We'll start getting to know each other and figuring out how we're going to work together for the rest of the year.

Then at 5:30 the second meeting starts (same place), where we discuss content

for the next week's issue. We meet every Monday at those times, and you're always welcome to drop by, even if it's just a couple times a quarter.

If you have comments about something you saw in an issue of the CPJ, stop by the office the same day the paper came out (Thursdays) at 4 p.m. and editors will be available to answer your questions and take note of what you have to say.

Then on Fridays at 3 p.m., the advisor leads a discussion on journalism ethics, the First Amendment, conflict resolution, or other topics having to do with running a newspaper and an organization. Any student is welcome to come up, even if it's just once in a while.

If you want to join the CPJ student group but have questions before you commit, give me a call at 867-6213, e-mail me at cpj@evergreen.edu, or call the business manager, Andrew James (the other group coordinator), at 867-6054. See ya soon!

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The Greener experience: A guide to the inner workings of Evergreen



by Chelsea Baker

in any way, shape or form the sort of people I grew up around in my wannabe-MTV town. At my high school, everything revolved around stereotypes, and if you didn't dress like a punk, cheerleader or jock, you were shunned from society. When I first arrived at Evergreen, I saw people dressing for their own comfort, guys with long hair, lots of people (guys and gals) wearing sarongs and homosexuals who didn't have an angry mob following them everywhere they went. Never before in my life had I seen such a wonder. Not only that, but everyone I came across was genuinely friendly. Not that fake "It's my job to be friendly" or "Maybe if I give her what she wants, she'll go away" kind of friendly, but a pure and honest kindness that came from deep within.

Some of my most enlightening Evergreen moments have come from attending or witnessing protests. Through observation, you soon realize that it's a good way to call attention to problems or conflicts, and when a counter protest starts, the discussions it starts are priceless. I'm still amazed that people at Evergreen actually stand up for what they believe in and look out for each other instead of simply following the popular herd and ignoring those who are stomped upon in the result-

One of the first things almost everyone notices about Evergreen is the people. Greener's most definitely do NOT resemble

ing stampede. For example, many Greener's chose to boycott Coca-Cola because of their mistreatment of many of their Colombian workers. I doubt many of the boycotters personally know any of those Colombian workers, but they realize that those folks need potential co-consumers to make a fuss before anything will be accomplished.

In my hometown, consumerism and profit dominate everything. The Wal-Mart Supercenter was always an eight-minute drive from home; the mall, a five-minute walk from my high school, was the best hangout spot, and I never knew anyone who recycled on a regular basis. It was quite the culture shock when I arrived in Olympia and didn't see a single Wal-Mart but instead saw "Cans only," "Mixed paper" and "Compost" written above three fourths of all the trash receptacles. Sometimes I think Evergreen is the school for people who watched too much "Captain Planet" as kids.

Evergreen holds quite a history of drug usage and lays its claim to fame in the pages of *High Times* as number three on a top ten list of "Cannibus Campuses." True, drug usage runs rampant here, and from what I gather, the cops have a "boys will be boys" attitude towards pot (as long

as it's not bothering others), but there are the few, such as myself, who find other ways to amuse themselves. One way to take advantage of the school's drug culture without actually using drugs is to go out to a bonfire in the woods on a lovely evening and observe everyone who's stoned beyond belief. My personal favorite has always been the 'shroomers, because they are amazed at everything and can find cosmic significance everywhere. Not only that, but you can point and laugh right at them and they won't remember a thing the next day.

I must admit, Evergreen is a one-of-a-kind place, and even though it's drastically different from what I grew up with, I felt perfectly at home by the end of Orientation Week. Something tells me that after I graduate the dean himself will have to drag me away from here because I won't leave willingly.

Chelsea Baker is a sophomore at Evergreen. She is studying cartooning through philosophy and psychology and is enrolled in Turning Eastward.

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Campus life and the college experience

by Jeff Springer

On behalf of the Evergreen Students for Christ, welcome to the Evergreen State College. Undoubtedly many of you are still unpacking in the dormitories, trying to finalize schedules, and struggling to figure out what the web designers were on when they made the TESC web page. But here we are, strangers in a foreign land. We have embarked on a lifelong journey. The question is, what is this journey all about? Why did we come to this place? What is this stage of life called college all about?

Although part of why we are here is to prepare ourselves for the rest of our lives as viable members of society, there is a deeper meaning behind the college experience. There is something within that longs for more.

We are not solely in the pursuit of academic knowledge, but in pursuit of discovering the very essence of who we are as individuals and who we are as a collective human race; we are, in fact, soul searching. We are seeking to find out what

exactly the point of all this is. How do we fit into the world without losing this sense of self?

What is our purpose here, and who will we become as a result of this experience? Is there a purpose to life, and if so, what is it? Is spirituality really an important factor in my life, and how does it fit into the big picture? These questions are all an expression of the fact that deep down in all of us, we have a desire to know and understand what is true. The world, however, isn't encouraging in this pursuit, and many become frustrated because this truth seems elusive.

I can remember being a freshman in college, believing that who I was and the way I viewed the world would never change. I had it all figured out, and no one was going to change the way I felt. But as the years went on, the things that I put my faith in began to abandon me one by one. I didn't know what to believe after a while. The more I sought to do my part and make the world a better place, the more I felt empty and meaningless, and the more I felt that my efforts were in vain. One thing is for certain: The world is a confusing place, and if you let it, it can destroy you. But there is hope.

These questions daunt us all. Although we want to know for ourselves what the truth is, we are left unsatisfied without absolute assurance that what we know is truth. We at the Evergreen Students for Christ are also seeking answers to these same questions. We are determined to explore the claims of Jesus and test them to see what value they have in our lives, because this Jesus claimed that he had answers to these questions. We do not claim to have all the answers, but we are not here to judge those who disagree with us. If you are curious about the claims of Jesus, come join us. You can find out more about us at <http://www.greeners4christ.org/>.

A message for new international students



by Ikuko Takayama

Dear new international students, What's up? Well, I didn't get those words when I came here. I'm from Japan and have attended Evergreen since last fall. For some of you, this will be your first time attending a school in the U.S., and you may have the same problems that I had last year. I will tell you how I figured them out, and hopefully it will help you to enjoy your life at Evergreen more.

I studied English for some years before I came, but I quickly found out I couldn't use it well. Firstly, I wasn't able to understand almost anything that people said in class. After each class, I asked the teachers what was important. I feel that teachers at Evergreen are very supportive. My teachers never rejected me, and helped me to fully understand.

When I wrote my papers, I was helped by the Writing Center. Tutors at the Writing Center corrected my grammatical mistakes and also gave me many suggestions that made my writing more effective. I didn't have confidence writing in English at the start, but my writing

is much improved, and I enjoy writing in English more than before.

Outside class, my friends helped me in many situations. Some of them were in the same classes with me and gave me advice to understand the classes more. They also listened to my troubles or sometimes took me places I had never been. At first I hesitated to say many things because I didn't speak English well and was afraid of being disfavored. They, however, treated me as an equal with their other friends and taught me the importance of not deprecating myself because of my English skills. As a result, I also gained some confidence in speaking in English through talking with them.

I finished my first year with many people's help. I really appreciate it. English was the most challenging part of my new life, and actually I still have a lot of things I need to learn. Nevertheless, at least I learned that I should not be worried about my difficulty so much, but enjoy it. I hope you enjoy your new life at Evergreen!

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Under 21? These all-ages hangouts are for you

by Eva Wong

As an individual who looks like a 12-year-old but is, in fact, 20, all-ages places are pretty important to me. Here is a short list of places in Olympia that are kind to the young ones and great for hanging out, having a snack and taking a look around. Most of these gems can be reached by way of the 41 bus from campus. Go have an adventure!

Caffe Vita
124 4th Ave. E.
754-8187
<http://www.caffevita.com/location.html#olympia>
Hours: 7 a.m.-8 p.m. daily

What kind of place is this, anyway?
This is a coffee place.

So hip! Caffe Vita is a very popular hangout. There is outdoor seating and plenty of space inside as well. I know tons of people who go here to study or just meet up with friends. I recommend the chai tea—it's nice and spicy!

The Capitol Theater
206 5th Ave. E.
<http://www.olyfilm.org/>
Hours: Shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. M-Th, different schedule for Fridays and weekends

What kind of place is this, anyway?
This is a movie and music place.

The rumors are true! I heart the Capitol Theater! The Olympia Film Society plays interesting movies here that you might normally not get a chance to see on the big screen. They play two different movies every week, and you can see both shows for one price. They let you bring your own snacks too. Once I went to see *Goodbye Lenin!* with a backpack full of pizza. If you don't want to bring your own snack, they sell tea, soda, popcorn, and candy in the lobby. The Capitol Theater also does something called Backstage Bands. This is usually on Fridays and features a variety of interesting bands and musical acts.

Chopsticks
119 5th Ave. E.
596-9332
Hours: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. M-F, 12-9 p.m. Sa-Su

What kind of place is this, anyway?
This is a food place.

There are so many Thai, Vietnamese, and Chinese food places in Olympia, they really should just battle it out in a steel cage death match of noodles and spring rolls. No holds barred! But that, my friends, is another article all together. I am choosing to recommend Chopsticks on account of the fun décor, adorable outfits, fair prices, and overall delicious food. I recently went in with a party of three, 20 minutes before closing time, and the staff was kind enough to seat us. Cheers, guys! I recommend the phad thai, of course, and the salad bowls.

Le Voyeur
404 4th Ave.
943-7029
<http://www.levoyeur.netfirms.com/>
Hours: 11:30 a.m.-2 a.m. daily

What kind of place is this, anyway?
This is a food and music place.

Le Voyeur is a great hangout place with a great menu. Don't let the semi-dingy appearance scare you off—the food is delicious. There are organic and vegan options too. There is a small performance space in the back. A lot of the time these shows are 21+, but if there is a band that is playing that you want to see and you are under 21, it never hurts to ask.

Plenty
200 4th Ave.
705-3716
Hours: 11 a.m.-midnight M-F, 9 a.m.-midnight Sa, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Su

What kind of place is this, anyway?
This is a food place.

Although a bit pricey, Plenty is still a great place to hang out. The back corner is very comfortable and perfect for reading and relaxing. The Sunday brunch is great, and the desserts are very good as well. I recommend the sundae, which is one of the more affordable menu items, and big enough to share. There is also live music sometimes, and it's open late!



photo by: Eva Wong

Olympia Farmers Market
The north end of Capitol Way
<http://www.farmers-market.org/>
Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Th-Su through October, and weekends only through December

What kind of place is this, anyway?
This is a food, shopping, and sometimes music place. The Farmers Market is pretty fun. It's open through December, but try to get out there while the weather is still nice. There are tons of great produce and seafood, as well as restaurant-type options. One of the best meals I had last year was raw kumamoto oyster shooters and mignonette from the Farmers Market. Sometimes there is even live music. It's a very social and affordable way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

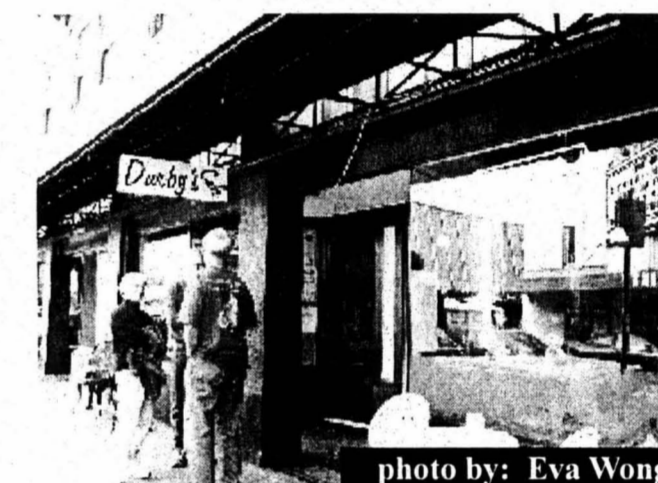


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Darby's Café
211 5th Ave.
360.357.6229
Hours: Closed M-Tu, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. W-F, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sa-Su

What kind of place is this, anyway?
This is a food place.

Darby's is a lot of fun, and has one of the best breakfasts/brunches in town. Expect a bit of a wait on weekends, but it is definitely worth it. The servers are very friendly as well. The social scene is pretty active; you'll probably see someone you know.

Tugboat Annie's
2100 W Bay Dr. N.W.
360.943.1850
Hours: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. M, 11 a.m.-2 a.m. (dinner ends at 9 p.m.) Tu-F, 9 a.m.-2 a.m. (dinner ends at 9 p.m.) Sa, 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Su

What kind of place is this, anyway?
This is a food and music place.

Tugboat Annie's is pretty delicious, I think. My favorite menu item is the "Turkey Bog" sandwich, which features a heap of turkey with cream cheese and cranberry sauce. The fish and chips are also quite nice. There is seating inside and outside, the prices aren't bad, and sometimes bands play here too. Unfortunately, there is no bus to this one.

My house
Hours: We rock all night long.

What kind of place is this, anyway?
This is a great place.

Half the people who live here are under 21, and every one is above average in most positive respects. We have a big dog and a big backyard with a sweet porch.



photo by: Eva Wong

New Moon
113 4th Ave
360.357.3452
Hours: 7 a.m. -2 or 3 p.m. most days (New Moon), 6 p.m.-midnight W-Su, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. F-Sa (Burritos)

What kind of place is this, anyway?
This is a food place.

New Moon is another popular brunch/breakfast place in town. It is actually owned and operated by Evergreen graduates. There are fun journals on the tables, in which you can leave messages for the public to enjoy. Also, the staff is very nice and I hear the eggs benedict and tofu scramble are outstanding. New Moon can be tricky, though, because the hours of operation change sometimes. Another interesting thing is that this is a burrito place at night. It's a strange and wonderful thing.



photo by: Eva Wong

Batdorf and Bronson
516 Capitol Way
360.786.6717
<http://www.batdorf.com/>
Hours: 6 a.m.-7 p.m. M-F, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Sa-Su

What kind of place is this, anyway?
This is a coffee place.

Batdorf and Bronson recently moved to a new location—just across the street from the old one. The new Batdorf is bigger and louder and lacks a bit of its former charm. However, the coffee is still outstanding, as usual. There is outdoor seating, and it's a great place to run into people.

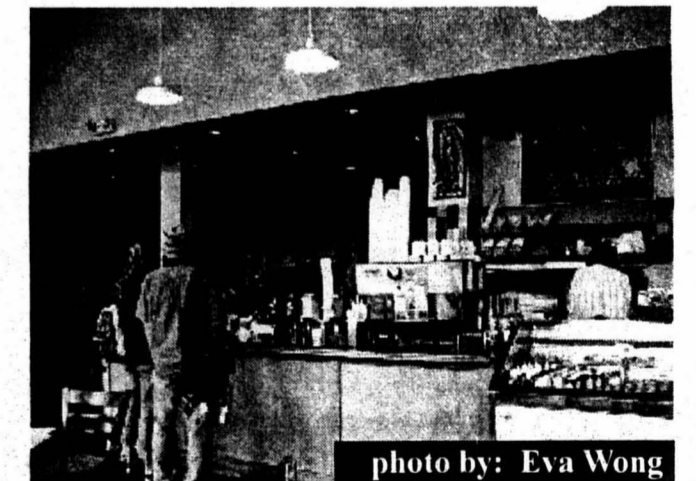


photo by: Eva Wong

Otto's
111 Washington St. N.E.
360.352.8640
Hours: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. daily

What kind of place is this, anyway?
This is a food place.

Otto's is a nice place for breakfast or lunch. The sandwiches are great, and you'll probably run into someone you know. It's a very popular hangout type of place, and there is plenty of room inside to read or study.

Cinemayaat:

The SESAME Middle East Film Festival returns

by Lucas Claussen

Welcome to the new students this year, and welcome back to everyone returning and to all those folks who never left. We hope the year begins well for everyone.

Students Educating Students About the Middle East, or SESAME, is an established campus group that works to create an educational resource, and an environment for activism, with the intent of building connections in our community for justice and peace in the Middle East and globally.

Last academic year saw the first Cinemayaat Middle East Film Festival, which was well received at Evergreen, and the greater Olympia community. Our overall mission is to dispel stereotypes of the Middle East, Muslims, and Arabs, and expand understanding of the complexity of the Middle East. Using the themes of racism, self-determination, women's and queer issues to guide our choices, we presented engaging documentaries, feature films, shorts and speakers, all free of charge.

This November look forward to an exciting return of Cinemayaat to the Evergreen campus. We are using our previous themes, but there is plenty of new material (as well as the return of a favorite short, Planet of the Arabs). SESAME will be screening over 12 new films and bringing an array of incredible speakers for an exciting and thought-provoking event. Come explore the vast and diverse complexities of Arab, Middle Eastern and Islamic culture through

film, speakers, and discussion. We will be previewing the films in print here in the CPJ in the weeks leading up to the festival, so keep looking for more information. Check out our films and website (under "Events") from last year at http://academic.evergreen.edu/groups/sesame/. Also, look for posters around campus for our upcoming showing of The Killing Zone.

Look—up in the sky! It's... Orion

by Brian C. Flewell

First, let me welcome all the freshman and transfer students to The Evergreen State College. Allow me to introduce myself and why I, of all the qualified people on campus, am writing an astronomy article. I have been an amateur astronomer since I could look up in to the night sky. In my early years, I spent hours reading the Greek mythology behind each of the sky's constellations, learning everything I could about how each constellation was connected to another. As my college years tumbled down on me, I took introductory astronomy courses both at the community college level and here at Evergreen. By trade, I am a videographer, and as such I produced a short 20-minute video introduction to theology, astrophysics, and the Big Bang. All this tied in to my passion, which was sparked over a decade ago by my father the first time I looked through a telescope at Jupiter. The passion that my dad instilled in me for astronomy I hope to pass on to you, my readers, throughout this school year.

Formalities aside, let me now introduce you to the nighttime sky as seen from Evergreen. First and most important, get as far away from the upper campus as you can. While the colored pyramids on top of the Library and the foliage lights around Seminar II are nice to look at, they are an amateur astronomer's worst enemy. The soccer field behind the Pavilion provides a good viewing area. Since it's set into a hill, the light from the upper campus has a harder time getting directly to you. Another good place is taking the short hike down to the beach. From there, you have a nearly perfect view of the north and western skies.

Sights to see while at Evergreen:

October: October tends to be clear most of the time; hope for clear skies on the evening of October 28, since there is going to be a total eclipse of the moon. The entirety of the main event (the Umbral Eclipse) will be visible from just about everywhere in the United States, but there is no need to travel farther than the good ol' soccer fields.

November: The galaxy of Andromeda is high overhead, and with a basic Planisphere, you'll find it no problem. The galaxy is visible to the naked eye, but don't expect much more than a fuzzy patch of light.

December: Despite cloudy skies many nights, get out there and look at Orion whenever there is a clearing. The mighty hunter of the sky, Orion is the most easily recognized constellation in the world. Orion will be hanging high in the southern sky throughout December, so enjoy the show any night you can get!

January: A new year, a new view: The Winter Circle (sometimes called the Winter Hexagon) of Aldebaran, Capella, Castor, Pollux, Procyon, Sirius, and Rigel is high in the sky this month. Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, is easily found low in the southern sky this month.

February: For small telescope owners, this month is for you! Coma Berenices, a hot bed of faint galaxies, is starting to rise in the east. If you don't own a telescope, get a friend who does!

March: Spring sees the setting of Orion in the west, but by using the Big Dipper, you can find two bright stars that are sure to please. Following the curve of the Big Dipper, arc your way to the bright red star Arcturus. For contrast, follow the same arc to the beautiful blue star Spica. The old saying is "Arc to Arcturus, then speed on to Spica."

April: This month brings in clearer skies most of the time. This is a good time to go out and take a look for satellites as the evenings grow longer. The best website for satellite passings can be found at http://www.heavens-above.com/.

May: With summer returning, the bright star Vega appears on the eastern horizon, reminding us that summer only a few months away.

June: School ends and students and professors disperse, each to their homes or vacation locales. No matter where you go, to quote Jack Herkheimer, "keep looking up."

So there you have it. Don't worry about forgetting these things, I'll continue to write each week to remind you of astronomical events and keep you posted on the latest developments in the astronomy world. Enjoy Evergreen and everything the Olympia area has to offer, but don't forget the comfort that the night sky brings. Even if you're miles from home, you're still looking at the same stars, the same planets, the same moon. We're all on the same planet that seems to get smaller every time we step outside and look up.

Happy Viewing!

What's New and Exciting at The Evergreen State Dining Services??



Everything from restaurant style dining to late night snacks will make dining on campus the best part of your day! Dining choices are now more convenient, affordable and include vegan, vegetarian and organic choices.

Listed below are some of the exciting new changes to the food service program at TESC!

- The Greenery will now be open for continuous dining from 11:30am - 9:30pm Monday thru Thursday. Fridays we will close at 7pm. One price will get you in the door to enjoy "all you can eat" style dining.

- The Seminar II Cafe will be open from 2:30-9pm Monday-Friday. Espresso drinks, sandwiches, salads and a variety of snacks will be offered for late night students and faculty.

- Remember that the easiest and most affordable way to enjoy all the food service venues on campus is to purchase one of the many meal plans that are offered. All meal plans are totally tax exempt!

Table with Dining Hours, Weekdays, and Weekends for various campus locations like The Greenery, The Market, The Corner Store, Seminar II Cafe, and Library Pick-up.

You can go it alone at Evergreen. Or you can go with KEY.



KEY is a federally funded TRIO program at Evergreen that assists first generation college students (neither parent has a 4-year degree), low-income students, and students with disabilities.

If you qualify to be in KEY, you can work with an advisor to access campus orientation and referral; academic planning and advising; free tutoring; financial aid advocacy; career and graduate school planning; cultural and educational opportunities and more.

To find out more about KEY, stop by Library 1404 or call 360-867-6464. Or email us at key_trio@evergreen.edu.

A U.S. Dept. of Ed. TRIO program. KEY Student Support Services is 100% federally funded at \$1,098,755.

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MAY ALL BEINGS BE HAPPY, MAY ALL BEINGS BE FREE

Satire Among the Stars Fun and Playful Horoscopes

by Katie Thurman

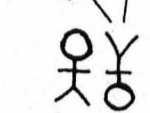
It may be of interest to the reader that the aforementioned Katie Thurman knows very little about astrology. In fact, in order to complete this article, she had to look up the names of the different signs. That's how little she knows about astrology.



Aries: You may suffer an ice cream headache, so use caution when consuming frozen novelty items. Also, a pebble in your shoe causes much distress.



Taurus: Remember what they said about slap bracelets? It's true.



Gemini: You may find a frog frolicking freely in leafy green fields. It is an omen. Or something. Maybe not.



Cancer: You drop your shoe on the way to class. Do not pass go; do not receive \$200.



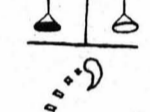
Leo: The apocalypse is nigh. Stock up on AA batteries.



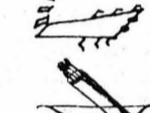
Virgo: Today is not the day to wear white underwear.



Libra: It is an exciting time for tap dancing in lingerie. A friend will offer valuable counsel. Throw them to Jupiter.



Scorpio: Mars is in one of your houses. So? Charge him rent already.



Sagittarius: Listen to the last fortune cookie you ate. It knew what it was talking about.



Capricorn: Omnipotence isn't everything. Money is important too. At least in America. Oh, and looks too. Can't forget looks.



Aquarius: You can see Venus? Good for you. What do you want, a cookie?



Pisces: Happiness is probably around the corner. At least that's what the hit man told me his name was earlier.

Transit is your ticket to life off campus!

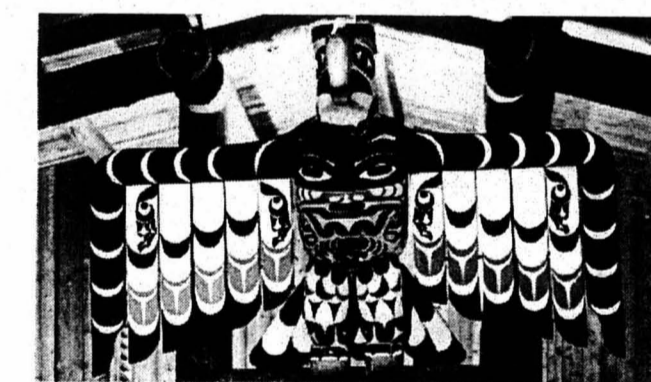
Your current Evergreen student ID is your Intercity Transit bus pass. Just show it to the driver when you board and you're on your way to lots of great destinations. (Fare required for service to Tacoma.) For more information, just check our website or give us a call.

Route 41 Dorms, Library, Downtown Olympia. Travels to downtown Olympia via Division and Harrison, serving destinations such as: Alpine Experience, Bayview Thriftway, Burrito Heaven, Capitol Theatre, Danger Room Comics, Falcone Schwinn, Grocery Outlet, Heritage Park, Hollywood Video, Mekong, OlyBikes, Olympia Community Center, Olympia Art & Frame, Rainy Day Records, Santosh, Traditions Fair Trade and more!

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ALL - STUDENT CONVOCATION



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 2 P.M. AT THE LONGHOUSE

COME JOIN IN THE LONGHOUSE TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR! Join student, faculty and staff for festivities, music, ice cream and door prizes!

ICE CREAM EXTRAVAGANZA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 2 P.M. LONGHOUSE

LISTEN FOR THE CALL TO CONVOCATION STARTING AT 1:30 THROUGHOUT THE CAMPUS

Sports at Evergreen? Hell, yes!

by Katie Thurman

When I came to Evergreen, the last thing I associated with this place was anything athletic. I never expected that there would be such a variety of activities open to interested students. For those who are interested in sports at Evergreen, there are three separate groups of sports.

The first tier of team sports is varsity. This includes men's and women's basketball teams, a volleyball team, men's and women's Soccer, and men's and women's cross country teams. The team events are open to any student who wishes to be a spectator. During the school year, games are free to students with valid student I.D. Joining these teams is a bit more complicated. To qualify, one must be a full-time student taking at least 12 credits. While most spots on the teams are now filled, the cross country team is looking for a few good females to join the team.

The second tier of sports at Evergreen is the club sports, which are open to any registered student. These include crew, track and field, lacrosse, baseball, softball, swimming, and rugby. Students wishing to join in any of these sports merely need to be registered for four credits. Most of these teams are easy to join, requiring only that a student express interest. Unlike Varsity sports, club sports at Evergreen are driven partially by student interest. That is, if students are interested in starting a new club sport team, they may be able to do so through club sports. These students form teams to compete against other schools.

Lastly, the third tier of sports is the recreational sports. Recreational sports are determined by student interest. One merely needs to talk to Janette Parent, Associate Director of Athletics and Recreation. She works to make students' recreational

desires come to fruition. In the past, sports have included skateboarding in the Pavilion, ping pong, tennis, and soccer. Janette stresses the importance of providing students with spaces and equipment to play sports of their choice. To contact her with any ideas, call extension 6536.

The College Recreation Center is home to more than just sports. There are numerous recreational classes and activities that students can register for. Learn to paint in the traditional Chinese style, take voice lessons, take salsa dancing, or learn to fence. Take a kick boxing class, learn handwriting analysis, or explore acupressure. For more information on these classes or any of these sports, visit the CRC and pick up a Fall 2004 Athletic & Recreation Guide.

COMMUTER CONTEST

Begins October 25th, 2004!

Alternative commuting at least one day per week will help prevent over 33 tons of CO₂ from release into the atmosphere this academic year! *

This 2004-2005 academic year Evergreen is launching a pilot program called the Evergreen Commuter Contest. The mission of the program is to encourage and reward students, staff and faculty for choosing to commute alternatively to campus.

Our goal is to increase the number of trips to campus that are taken using alternative means. This means that just about any trip you take that isn't alone in your car will help all of us at TESC meet our goal.

Participating is easy- just fill out a Commuter Log one week each quarter, and you will be entered into a drawing for great prizes like **bike messenger bags, massages and gift certificates to local shops and restaurants!**

Stay with the program for all 3 quarters, and be entered into our grand prize drawing for a chance to win an **Apple iPod, a commuter bike or a gift certificate for travel on Amtrak.**

To help make your commute a little easier, you'll get access to your very own ventilated clothing locker- use it to store your gear overnight and to dry your clothes during the day.

To get a locker, just bring a completed Commuter Log to Parking Services between October 25th and November 5th! Be sure to bring it in early though, as lockers will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

Get a vented locker for drying your clothes!



Anyone can participate, just fill out a Commuter Log the week of October 25th!
Pick one up at Parking Services, the Evergreen Bike Shop, or online at: www.evergreen.edu/commute

*Roughly speaking, one gallon of gas releases 20 lbs. of CO₂ into the atmosphere. Assuming an average vehicle gets 20 mpg, every mile that is commuted alternatively prevents 1 pound of CO₂ from release into the atmosphere. The calculation of 33 tons is based on 250 participants choosing to commute alternatively one day per week more than they already do for 3 quarters- won't you be one of them?

Late Night Recreation: Free to Evergreen Students

by Josh Peterson

For both the competitive athlete and anyone looking for fun, late-night recreation, the CRC is the place to be. Late night recreation hours are from 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday with the exception of Geoduck game nights.

Basketball, volleyball, badminton, ping-pong, arcade games, air hockey, foosball, and much more is available to you at night. You can also sign up for some of our exciting recreational activities that will include basketball, tennis, skateboarding, baseball, softball, kickball, water polo and more. It's a great place to have fun and meet new people.

For more information call 867-6770 or come by the College Recreation Center.

STUDENT GOVERNANCE OPPORTUNITIES

BE INFORMED AND INVOLVED IN THE COLLEGE

A number of Disappearing Task Forces (DTFs) and committees are seeking student members. Student input is critical to the functioning of the college. Serving on a committee or DTF provides students with opportunities to influence college policy and learn more about the college. For information about the groups listed below, contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs by phone at 867-6296 (off-campus) or extension 6296 (on-campus), by e-mail at johnson@evergreen.edu, or in person at Library 3236.

S&A Fee Review Board: The Services and Activities Fee Allocation Board (S&A Board) is looking for nine students to serve on this year's board. The S&A Board is responsible for determining the allocation of S&A fees to a broad range of college services and activities. The group meets twice a week throughout the academic year. Students on the board receive a stipend of \$200 per quarter. Applications are available at the front desk of student activities, CAB 320. The deadline for applications is October 8th.

Student Conduct Code Hearing Board: This group conducts hearings as needed when students are charged with a violation of the Student Conduct Code. Several students are needed.

Faculty Hiring DTF & Subcommittees: Two committees are involved in each faculty hire: a Subcommittee which reads files and hosts the interviews, and the Faculty Hiring DTF, which interviews all candidates for all positions. This year there are 15 different Subcommittees and two hiring DTFs and student members are still needed for many of the committees. The Faculty hires for this year are Public Administration, Mathematics, Mathematics for our

Tacoma Program, Teacher Education (Mathematics & Science), Digital Media, Native American Studies, Philosophy (Political and Moral), Environmental Health, Forest Ecology, Ecological Agriculture, Mammalogy/Oornithology, Human Biology, Renaissance Literature, Art History, and Reference Librarian. Subcommittees work 2 - 3 hours per week for 2 - 4 weeks in Fall quarter reading files, and more intensely for 2 - 3 weeks in Winter quarter conducting interviews; the Hiring DTF meets Mondays and Wednesday afternoons of Winter quarter, with some Fall and Spring meetings. Visit our web page at www.evergreen.edu/facultyhiring for information on faculty hiring!

Enrollment Coordinating Committee: This group helps review and develop approaches for the recruitment and retention of students. This committee meets twice a month on Friday mornings. One student is needed.

The President's Advisory Board on Drug & Alcohol Abuse: This board helps develop policy and reviews abuse prevention efforts. This group meets twice per quarter. At least two students are needed.

Emergency Response Team: This group helps plan for emergencies and natural disasters, such as fires and earthquakes. The group meets approximately 1-2 hours a month and needs at least one student.

Campus Land Use Committee: This committee is charged with making sure the college follows the Campus Master Plan. The committee reviews and makes recommendations on plans such as building new facilities, modernization, outdoor art installations, academic projects in undeveloped areas, ecological restoration, parkway repairs, landscaping, chemical use, and changes in land use policies. This committee meets once a month. Two students are needed.

Deadly Force Review Board: This group reviews incidents in which a firearm or other deadly weapon is drawn, discharged, or exhibited in a threatening manner by a campus police officer or any other individual on campus. This group will meet once in Fall quarter for orientation, and thereafter only as needed. At least two students are needed.

Space Management Committee: This group recommends policy changes and space usage on campus to Senior

Management. This group meets once a month. One student is needed.

Food Committee: This group is composed of faculty, staff and students who advise Aramark and College staff on food service issues. This group will meet at least once a month. At least two students are needed.

Bookstore Advisory Committee: This committee advises the bookstore in selecting merchandise and on bookstore policies. This group meets once per quarter. Two or three students are needed.

Health and Safety Advisory Committee: This group helps to promote employee health and safety on campus. This committee meets monthly for two hours and needs at least one student.

Graduation Planning Committee: This group will help to plan commencement activities for June 2005. Undergraduate and graduate students who will graduate by September 2005 are encouraged to become involved.

Saturday, September 18

7:30 p.m. Slow Food Benefit: Super Size Me at Capitol Theater. \$4 Oly Film Society members, \$6.50 general.
8 p.m. Straw Into Gold at Art House Designs. \$8. Kids under 12 free.

Sunday, September 19

7 p.m. Dawn Marcelle with Laura "Piece" Kelly at Eagle's Ballroom. \$3 suggested donation.

Wednesday, September 22

1-5 p.m. Indian Creek planting community service event. Sign up at Orientation Welcome Table. For more information please contact Kitty Parker at Academic Advising, 867-6517.

Friday, September 24

8 p.m. Red Brown and the Tune Stranglers Live Recording Concert at Capitol Theater. \$3 OFS members, \$5 general. Beer garden for 21 & over.

Saturday, September 25

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 2004 Asian Pacific Islander Leadership Development Conference at the Longhouse.
9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Spin the Vote at Eagles Hall. Register to vote and stay for the DJs and dancing. \$2-10 suggested donation.
10 p.m. Al Larsen, Pash, Waves (Seattle instrumental band), DJ Diana Arens at Le Voyeur. \$2.

Parking Services Welcomes Students Back To College!

To: Everyone bringing a vehicle to campus.

Subject: Parking Decal Update, September 2004.

Parking decals will be on sale Sept. 18 & 19 in the Housing Community Center. Starting Sept. 20th we'll sell parking decals in the Parking Office (Seml, 2150) and at our table in the first floor Library lobby next to Registration's photo ID location. Permanent staff and faculty who are eligible for payroll deduction and have purchased the small gold decals do not need to renew their decals until Sept. 2005.

Decals should be placed on the front windshield, lower left corner (driver's side lower corner) so that they can be seen from outside the vehicle and the quarterly validation is visible. Motorcycle decals should be displayed on the front fork so that they are visible when your bike is in the resting position.

Please remove expired parking decals prior to placing your new one on your windshield or motorcycle's front fork. Decals are valid for use as soon as they are purchased and correctly displayed.

Please let us know if you have any further questions by calling the Parking Office at (360) 867-6352 OR emailing me, Susie Seip, at seips@evergreen.edu or calling 867-6131. On campus I can be reached at extension 6131.

Thank you!

Here are the costs for parking at TESC:

Vehicles
Daily: \$1.25
Quarterly: \$32.00
F, W, Sp: \$90.00
F, W, Sp, S: \$96.00

Motorcycles
Daily: \$1.25
Quarterly: \$16.00
F, W, Sp: \$45.00
F, W, Sp, S: \$48.00

Meters in the housing loop: 40 cents/hour, 1 hour max

Meters in Mod housing & B Lot: 30 cents/hour, 4 hour max

Free one-hour passes are available upon request at the parking booth located at the main entrance to campus.

Paint With Lead In It by tim yates

