

# DISORIENTATION MANUAL



A STUDENT PRODUCED GUIDE TO THE EVERGREEN EXPERIENCE



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Welcome to the 14th Annual  
**Disorientation  
Manual**

Undoubtedly, as a new student, you have received countless mailings and glossy handouts from The Evergreen State College admissions office and administration attempting to "orient" you to the little world unto itself that is Olympia and the Evergreen experience. Well, to their attempts to appeal to mom and dad we say, "Fuck your whitewashed, glossed-over view of this place we love and thrive in." Thus, we desire to disorient you. In this manual, we want to give you some idea of what's really been happening at Evergreen and in Olympia lately, and to provide you with some ideas on how to get involved in the hectic, enriching community outside Evergreen so as to make the most of your time here.

We hope to expose you to some potentially new ideas and perspectives that you will likely come across during your time at Evergreen. Depending on where you're from, issues such as race privileges or food politics may or may not have occurred to you before. But, be sure, they will come up in seminar. We want to prepare you here with overviews of such inflammatory ideas to help you begin your process toward a life of thinking more critically and empathetically.

Every year, we work all summer to publish the DisMan so that you don't have to start your Olympia experience from scratch. Hopefully you can use this manual to inspire your own projects and feel more comfortable with Olympia as your new home.

We recognize some of the articles may have holes, be out-dated, or offensive. Deal with it. Or, better yet, get involved next summer to make the DisMan better for those newbies to come. That said, we hope you enjoy this year's Disman. Feel free to contact the Sabot Infoshoppe if you have questions or comments.

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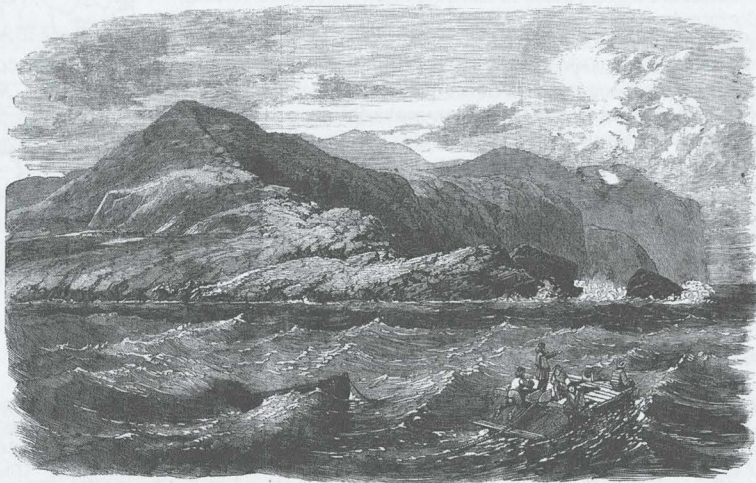
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# A Matter of Place

## *Where Evergreen Lies & The Notion of Bioregionalism*

Long before Evergreen was built, the land our school now stands on was stolen from the Indigenous people of Puget Sound. This led to the Puget Sound Indian war, a rarely-mentioned but important piece of local history. When the white settlers forced Indigenous people off their land, the traditional techniques of land management went with them. While our Western mythology frames pre-invasion America as a wilderness, there was actually little land that wasn't traditionally maintained for production of food, medicine, fiber, and other necessities. In the Northwest, this often involved the pruning of berry bushes to maximize production and the burning of lands to encourage certain plants and provide forage for game animals. Areas such as the dwindling prairies south of Olympia were developed by the native tribes through their land stewardship efforts hundreds of years ago.

Today, Evergreen rightfully boasts that it is the second largest college campus in the country. For, while it is not uncommon for colleges to set aside a bit of land as a nature preserve, the scale and setting of Evergreen's approximately 800 acres of undeveloped land make it unique. Although all of the land has been logged within the last hundred years and there are no old-growth trees remaining, the woods at T.E.S.C. are quite amazing. Rumor has it that Evergreen is the largest piece of wild land left anywhere on Puget Sound. Yet, there is potential danger to Evergreen's undeveloped land. In that, being owned by the state, the woods are at the mercy of the developmental whims of politicians and their ilk. Potential expansion of our organic farm into this pristine wilderness is another possibility. The Campus Land Use Committee (CLUC), a group of various staff members with a token student, is charged with the responsibility of recommending management plans for Evergreen's land. For the most part, though, they leave things outside the core campus area alone.

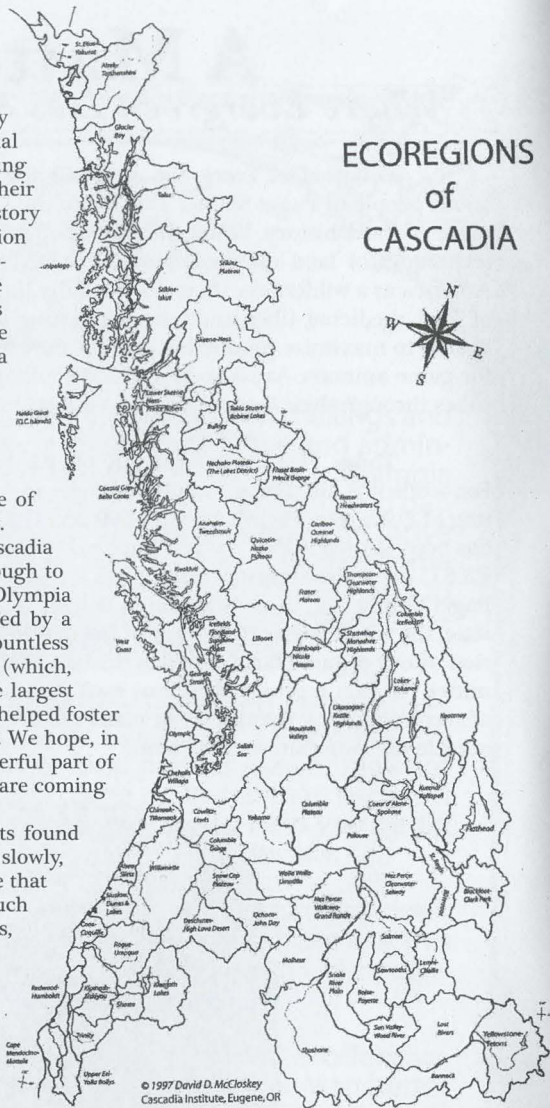


Many greeners, and non-greeners alike also enjoy the trees by setting up shop with a permanent camp site. A very pleasant and cheap way to live, most would agree; especially in the summer months. Sweeps of the woods have been made, and the people found living there have been ousted. Rumor has it that Facilities is looking to hire someone to trek around in the woods, marking the location of all campsites using GPS units. They will then hire an outside contractor to demolish these campsites. Thus, if you should choose to post up in the cut, make use of the free lockers around campus to store your valuables and consider changing location from time to time.

A discussion of the land around us, the place we (at least for four years or so) call home, would not be complete if we were to dismiss the beauty, uniqueness, and importance of our entire bioregion, not just the small patch on which TESC resides. A bioregion is an area identified by natural features such as geology, climate, water courses, and plant and animal communities, as opposed to political boundaries. The importance of making such distinctions lies in the natural desire humans have to connect with their land and homebase, to understand the world around them through its history and habits, and to interact with it on as many levels as possible. Each bioregion hosts its own peculiarities and is usually named according to physical features. The northwest coast of the US and the west coast of Canada compose the bioregion called Cascadia, named for the mountain range that extends north to "British Columbia" and south into "California". This mountain range was, in turn, named for the abundant cascading waters which define the area (twenty of the forty largest rivers on the North American continent are located in Cascadia). Some unique features of Cascadia are that it boasts the longest migration of salmon in the Pacific ocean and hosts the second highest densities of bald eagles. Mt. Rainier, visible from Oly, is Cascadia's highest mountain at 14,410 ft. And, more locally, Olympia sits in the Salish Sea "ecoregion" (a subdivision of a bioregion) along the southern edge of Puget Sound, one of the largest inland seas in what is called the United States.

Still, beyond such attempts at classification and definition, Cascadia persists as a special place for all those who visit it and for those lucky enough to call it home. Thanks to the more than 50 inches of rain we get a year in Olympia (mostly between November and January), we are blessed to be surrounded by a land lush with old growth temperate rain forests, abundant flora & fauna, countless rivers and watersheds, mountains, and of course the beautiful Pacific Ocean (which, as a side note, should really be at the center of any world map as it is the largest and most distinguishable feature of Earth from space). Such a settling has helped foster a deep reverence for the natural world in many that come to visit and stay. We hope, in the years ahead of you, that you come to learn ever more about this wonderful part of the world. The Evergreen woods are a great place to start, especially if you are coming from a largely urban background.

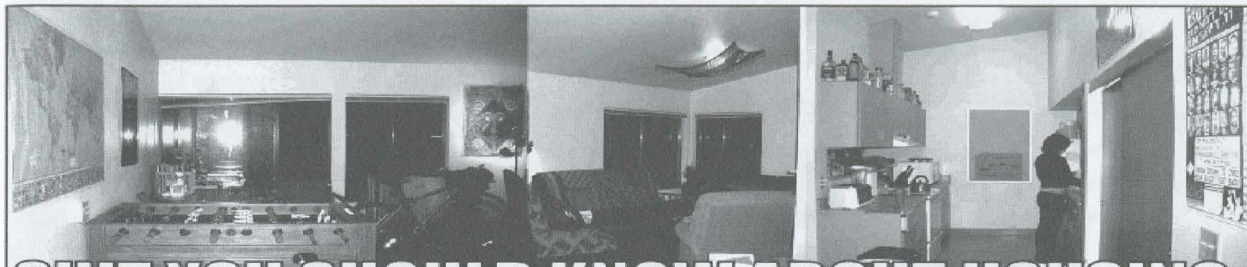
The woods surrounding campus host many of the native plants found throughout Cascadia. If it interests you, try to learn some of them. Start slowly, learning a few at a time. Learn the poisonous ones, the edible ones, the one that provide you with natural medicines, and the ones you can make things such as cordage or baskets out of. Or learn about the different animals, their calls, tracks, and habits alone are an endless field of study. Learn the fungi and lichens and the rhythms of the seasons. Or just get out and explore! A relationship with this land will help you develop a sense of place here at the college, and in Olympia. As students we have the great privilege of having this land all to ourselves. The woods are there for your learning and enjoyment, don't squander them.



*A Letter From The Porax*

As beautiful and special as the woods surrounding Evergreen are, it seems that some people will never learn to respect what is shared by all. It used to be that "the meadow" was "the place to go." Now bits of melted plastic, corroded aluminum and broken glass lie scattered around a charred bit of land as a reminder of all the parties that took place there. Now, "the bluff" is the "happenin' spot" because who really wants to kick it at that ugly old meadow? Now I find trash at the bluff every time I go to look out over the sound. So I ask you, as the next generation of greeners, please don't let this pattern continue throughout our enchanting woods. By all means, toke, trip, drink, and run amuck in general, but take only pictures and leave only footprints. Please save your tagging for our urban wastelands that need beautification and leave the woods as the sanctuary from such signs of society that they are supposed to be. Learn to recognise the endangered plants such as Wild Ginger, Pipsissewa, and Trillium and take measures to protect them. If you decide to camp, please pack out what you pack in and don't leave another festering campsite abandoned. And, above all, I implore you, learn to develop an overall respect for the natural world and for what we leave behind for future generations. That said, I leave you with the words of our beloved Lorax: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."





# SHIT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HOUSING:

**Cost:** Depending on one's consumption, Housing can be either a rawesome or terrible. The rate is a package deal that includes unlimited utilities (heating, water, waste, and electricity) plus cable TV and internet. Housing will pay for certain costs (replacing things that need constant up-keep, such as light bulbs) but larger damages will be charged to the students. Cleaning fees, when you move out are also something to watch for but whatever you do, DONOT stay to clean past the move-out date; the fee for moving out late is exorbitant. Also, if a room mate moves out of your dorm, you may be charged hundreds of dollars for "Reduced Occupancy" unless you can find another roommate or move to another dorm.

**Theme:** These have changed considerably over the last few years. Currently, the breakdown goes like this: A, B, & C: first year students, D: first year quiet, E & F: first year apts., G: no theme, H: quiet, I & K: gender neutral, K: quiet, N: sustainability, R-U: no theme.

**Substances:** Recently, residents have seen a serious rise in MIP's (minor in possession: a misdemeanor) and police involvement. Some considerations are that Evergreen is a state institution and there is now less tolerance for substance use. As a recommendation, HIDE YOUR SHIT. Don't leave paraphernalia sitting out on the table or smoke weed in public places.

**Contract:** As it stands, you are signing up for the full-year, it's not done by quarters. Evergreen does not require students to live on-campus, regardless of class standing but freshmen living on campus are required to buy a full year meal plan at the hit-or-miss Greenery buffet in the Library building. The one way you can break contract (apart from dropping out) is if you leave Olympia for a class or contract.

**Mandatory Meal Plan for Freshman:** Some blame this racket on Evergreen's losses after previous food services, but there has also been a push from parents who are concerned about their child reneating. Mandatory meal plans were implemented because of the financial backing needed to provide food for 4000 students (including the 900 students on campus); mandatory purchases of the meal plans ensure that Aramark, an unsavory corporation, makes a huge profit. (TIP: you can bypass this mandatory requirement by talking to your RA or RD and saying that you have special dietary needs that cannot be met by the food service.)

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

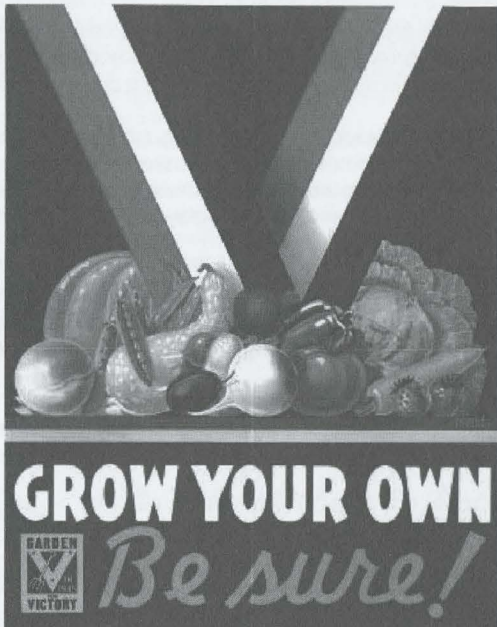
**Tenant Rights:** According to Washington Title 59, RCW 59.18.040, you as a student living on state property are exempt from the Washington State Landlord and Tenants Law; you have no renter's rights to privacy. So essentially, if the police see fit, they are within the law to access every room of your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

**Throwing A Party:** First of all, you have to decide whether to notify the authorities. In most cases it does not hurt to fill out a party application provided by Housing (ask your RA for one). Housing will notify the police about the party and they may swing by before it starts just to check in with you. Even if you decide not to fill out an application, Housing and the Police may find out about it on their walk-throughs and they will respond in a much more negative and confrontational way if they were not informed.

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

# FOOD

Every bite of food consumed can be viewed as a political, social, and environmental issue. It's hard to make it in this economy (yes, even with Obama) by producing high quality, truly organic, non-exploitative, sustainably-grown food. This makes the stuff your body actually needs either hard to find or so prohibitively expensive that your average person is forced to eat a bunch of cheap crap. For, although bright and shitty advertisements and conveniently overflowing grocery store shelves entice you to chow down on the brands you know and the names you trust as though they were good for you, a lot of the heavily marketed "food" in stores is full of horrible shit.



Of the many failures and societal issues agribusiness practices result in, associated health problems are possibly the foremost concern for most people. Looking backwards, obesity and cancer are only recent phenomenon, having become epidemics after the second agricultural revolution. Hydrogenated oils and genetically modified (GM) crops (such as the corn and soy products that are in most every processed food) have unknown, barely studied effects on human bodies. A survey of scientific studies of Aspartame (aka NutraSweet, an artificial sweetener) showed that 92% of independent researchers identified it as dangerous, linked to headaches, seizures, and brain-damage. (Curiously, none of the studies funded by NutraSweet identified any health concerns.)

The food industry is also replete with worker exploitation. In the US, migrant workers make up a large percentage of the agricultural work force. For them, safety on the job is a joke because they're either being exposed to toxic chemicals daily (pesticides, fertilizers, etc.) or working in the most dangerous job listed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, i.e. slaughterhouses. Coffee farmers throughout the Americas work in sweatshop-like conditions, earning less than \$1 (US) per pound of "gourmet" coffee.

The environment is impacted by industrial farming practices in more ways than can be discussed in this article. Monoculture farming, the excessive and hazardous use of chemical fertilizers /herbi/fungi/pesticides, shipping food half-way across the globe so we can eat mangos in February, and the destruction of rain forests to grow soy beans and raise cattle for US hamburgers are just tips of this frightening and completely unsustainable system of providing the food we eat.

You'll likely come to find that many people at Evergreen and in Olympia in general are pretty food conscious. Not a bad trend to follow. Here's a short down of ways to provide some better food for you and yours at little or no cost.





**GROWING YOUR OWN** - Be it gardens, farms, or guerilla gardening (gardening in otherwise unused space), growing your own food is extremely satisfying and surprisingly easy. Watching little hard seeds explode into luscious edible green things is intensely fulfilling. It is this connection to your food which makes you truly independent. It is also cheap and top notch. There are lots of opportunities around Oly for access to garden space. GRuB (Garden Raised urban Bounty, www.goodgrub.org) builds planter boxes for low income people for free! There are always unlimited places to grow food for free, year round, and they are probably near your home.

**THE GLEANERS COALITION** - This organization harvests non-saleable organic produce that would otherwise rot in the fields and distributes it to low income people through organizations such as the Thurston County Food Bank, Safe Place, and Food Not Bombs. Volunteers take what they need and share the rest. And there is always plenty to go around. Check www.gleanerscoalition.org/ for volunteer information and scheduling.

**OLYMPIA FARMER'S MARKET** - This is a great place to support the livelihoods of locals with the purchase of their goods of unbeatable yummy quality. And you can use food stamps there. Open April-October: Thursday-Sunday, 10-3. November-December: Saturday & Sunday 10-3. 700 Capital Way (north of 4th and State)

**THE OLYMPIA FOOD CO-OP** - The Co-Op is a friendly, not-for-profit, member-owned store with high ethical and nutritional standards, and an emphasis on organic, local, and bulk food. They have comparable prices (lowset markup of any co-op in the west), vegan-friendly options, and community bulletin boards. The Co-Op donates any profit to various non-profits, and is always looking for suggestions on how to better serve the needs of our community. For a small fee (waived for low-income individuals) you too can become a member of the Co-op. Non-members pay 10% above the marked (shelf) price. Members can vote in Co-Op elections and also volunteer at the Co-Op and receive extra discounts. Low income discount + Volunteer discount + Bulk Order discount = 45% off the shelf price! Go to the Co-Op, it feels like home. 2 locations: West: (closer to TESC) 921 Rogers (754-7666); East: 3111 Pacific Ave (956-3870).

**THE THURSTON COUNTY FARM MAP** - A directory and map of small farms in the Olympia-area. Take a bike ride over to one of the farms, talk with the growers, and enjoy the beauty of small-scale agriculture. Putting money directly in the hands of the farmers is exciting for everyone. Pick one up at the Farmer's Market or the Co-Op.

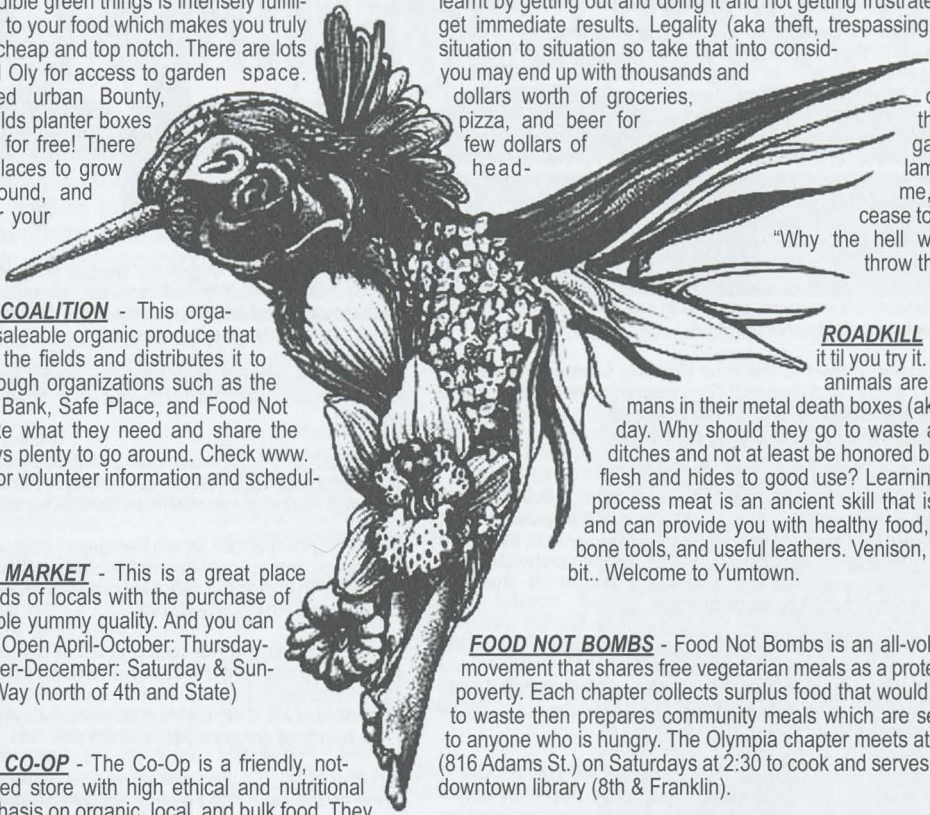
**DUMPSTER DIVING** - All corporate grocery stores and many restaurants throw away lots and lots of food every single day. A prime example of this can be found on campus. Dumpster diving is a skill best learnt by getting out and doing it and not getting frustrated if you don't get immediate results. Legality (aka theft, trespassing) varies from situation to situation so take that into consideration. But you may end up with thousands and thousands of dollars worth of groceries, pizza, and beer for a few dollars of head-

doughnuts, the cost of a gas and a new lamp. And trust me, you'll never cease to ask yourself, "Why the hell would anyone throw this away?"

**ROADKILL** - Don't knock it til you try it. A lot of happy animals are killed by humans in their metal death boxes (aka cars) every day. Why should they go to waste and rot in the ditches and not at least be honored by putting their flesh and hides to good use? Learning to skin and process meat is an ancient skill that is fun to learn and can provide you with healthy food, hand crafted bone tools, and useful leathers. Venison, raccoon, rabbit.. Welcome to Yumtown.

**FOOD NOT BOMBS** - Food Not Bombs is an all-volunteer global movement that shares free vegetarian meals as a protest to war and poverty. Each chapter collects surplus food that would otherwise go to waste then prepares community meals which are served for free to anyone who is hungry. The Olympia chapter meets at Media Island (816 Adams St.) on Saturdays at 2:30 to cook and serves at 4:30 at the downtown library (8th & Franklin).

**SHOPLIFTING** - The corporate grocery stores fuck over their workers, small and medium sized food producers, and you. Don't stand for it! Ultimately you'll have to evaluate for yourself whether it is ethically sound to steal from corporations. Consumerism is consumerism whether or not you pay for it (the manufacturer will still be paid, and the packaging will still need to be thrown away). Consider the consequences some workers may face by their employers if you shoplift. And be conscious of the possible class/race prillidges you may be exercising while getting away with something others may not be able to.



# TESC FOOD SERVICE

As an entity, Evergreen, as well as most colleges around the country, don't serve their own food but outsource their "food service" to a "food service provider". In Evergreen's case, food service (like anything over \$3,300) is put out to bid by the purchasing department. Then companies make bids for the food service, with both amounts and changes they wish to make to the contract. The biggest food service providers in the United States are Sodexo, Aramark, Chartwells, and Bon Appetit. Once every 5 years, Evergreen's food service contract goes out to bid, opening the opportunity for a different food service provider on campus. Hopefully, some day Evergreen will transition to self-operated—meaning we operate our OWN friggig food service!

1980 - Judith, an Evergreen student, founds "The Corner" student-run café after Saga/Marriott attempts and fails at a late night sandwich gig under the governance of housing.

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

1998-2000 - "The Corner Coup" charismatic vegans took over. Vegans at the time only made up six percent of the housing population and could not be sustained by only their business. Cliques kids, exclusive food options, homie hookups, and "barters" (nugs for sandwiches, eh, eh?) brought the demise of the corner, as best anyone can tell—the story seems somewhat lost to the ravages of time.

1990-2001 - Fine Host is Evergreen's food service provider.

2001 - Students wrote a business plan for a coffee/pastry shop and a pizza place, which became the Subterranean, located in the H.C.C. They did pizza delivery, but lost money.

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

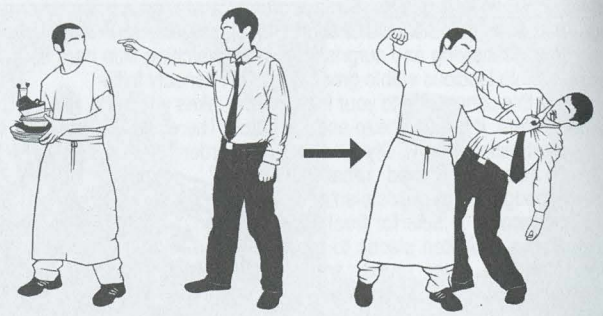
2001 - The food service contract goes out to bid again, and Sodexo makes a pass. Masked students with a declaration to keep Sodexo off campus because of its human rights abuses attend an open meeting between TESC and Sodexo. The corporate executives were intimidated and retracted their bid to be Evergreen's food service provider due to an "anti-corporate climate" on campus.

2001-2004 - Bon Appetit becomes Evergreen's food service provider and loses an average of \$1,500,000 a year.

2003 - Subterranean reformed from pizza place to sub shop. They lose \$7000 in a year and the student-run café closes permanently. In 2-3 years the various incarnations of the H.C.C. student-run café lost \$134,000, at their worst losing around \$25,000 in a year.

Spring 2004 - SOFA (Students Organizing for Food Autonomy) campaigns to end corporate food service and transition to a sustainable self-operated food service, collecting over 600 student signatures for their petition.

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



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

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

Winter 2006 - Convinced going self-operated is unfeasible, SOFA members begin to direct energy into a side operation student run/owned café with hopes of eventually transitioning to self-op.

Winter - Spring 2006 - Seven Evergreen students complete 44 credits in a group contract on food service issues and write a business plan and feasibility study for the café. Only at a school with such great freedom could we do what we're doing.

Spring 2006 - Using the selling point of a student run café, students vote on and approve the Campus Activities Building redesign. This is a self-imposed fee of \$16 million, only \$300,000 of which goes to the student run café. Over the next 20 years, every full time student will pay a few hundred dollars a year toward this fee.

Summer 2006 - Students vote on the Flaming Eggplant Café as the name of the café. The Flaming Eggplant Café registers as an official student group and completes their first business plan.

Winter 2007 - The Flaming Eggplant writes its budget proposal to apply to the S&A board for funding of the operation. The budget is presented to the board in March with a record turnout of about 75 students.

Spring 2007 - The S&A board denies the Flaming Eggplant budget request, citing depleted reserves from funding the recent million dollar childcare center renovations. Undeterred, members of the Café add a fee proposal to a student vote process already underway through the Geoduck Union. The proposal requests \$2 per credit from each student registered in Fall quarter 2007. The vote passes with nearly 90% approval and grants about \$120,000 to the café for start up and operational costs.

Fall 2007 - Evergreen and The Flaming Eggplant sign a Memorandum of Understanding, a contract that stipulates the conditions under which the café may operate. This contract represents official approval from Evergreen for the Café to operate.

Spring 2008 - Evergreen Residential and Dining Services offers to buy a commissary trailer and lease it to The Flaming Eggplant until the space in the redesigned CAB is completed. RAD will then use the trailer as an emergency kitchen for its residents.

October 10, 2008 - The Flaming Eggplant opens!

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

# THE FLAMING EGGPLANT CAFÉ

The Flaming Eggplant Café seeks to nourish people with healthy ingredients, nurture the local economy, and help sustain a unified community. They strive to provide wholesome foods through a locally-oriented, collectively-managed, cooperative part of TESC. And they work to enable people to choose food that makes positive effects on the earth and that encourages economic and social justice. They are always looking for passionate people to get involved on staff, as volunteers, or as an internship.

Monday: 11am-230pm  
Tuesday-Thursday: 8am-8pm  
Friday: 8am-230pm

Check [www.theflamingeggplant.org](http://www.theflamingeggplant.org)  
for more info.

## Vendors

### **Magic Kombucha - Oly**

A new Olympia company that offers the only locally brewed kombucha.

### **Lattin's Country Cider Mill - Oly**

Been making fresh cider for 31 years and is proud to have won a number of awards for having the best cider in the country.

### **Hazelnut Milk**

We use hazelnut milk instead of soy because soy is one of the five agricultural commodities that farmers are paid to farm. This system leads to grown monocrops and destroys biodiversity and local economies. Our hazelnut milk is made from Oregon hazelnuts.

### **Pixie Honey Company - Oly**

We are proud to offer the yummy honey from a business started by Evergreen graduates.

### **Olympia Coffee Roasting Co - Oly**

The only entirely organic coffee roaster in Olympia and has worked with the Cafe and the Community Agroecology Network (CAN), a Santa Cruz organization that works directly with coffee cooperatives in Latin America. Because of the work that OCRC and CAN have done, we will have coffee from a coffee co-op in Nicaragua. OCRC is now working with CAN, a new relationship has been made and there is the potential for more CAN coffee to be used more widely throughout Olympia. Coffee is delivered to the Eggplant once per week and brewed daily.

### **8 Arms Community Bakery - Oly**

This small business uses mainly organic ingredients in its pastries that we buy. Gluten free and vegan options available.

### **Blue Heron Bakery - Oly**

The only organic bakery in town and has been here since 1977. The breads are a mix of whole wheat, spelt, and multi-grain flours. For a fun down hill bike ride, go visit the bakery on Mud Bay Road.

### **Northwest Natural - Oly**

This wild-caught Alaskan salmon is processed in town with organic ingredients. Supporting wild instead of farmed salmon is important for the health of the ecosystem because farmed salmon get sick often and pollute waters.

### **Oly Kraut - Oly**

A new Olympia company committed to making raw, unpasteurized sauerkraut.

Organic produce from:

### **Kirsop Farms - Oly**

**Pigman's Organic Produce Patch-Lacey, WA**

### **The Evergreen Organic Farm**

**Organically Grown Cooperative (OGC) - Portland, OR**

## DISTRIBUTORS

Through these distributors we are able to work with small producers on the west coast, including Jerusalem House, a company started by immigrants from the Middle East that makes out tahini; Surata Soy Foods, a Eugene company that makes organic tempeh; and Lundburg Rice, responsible for some of the only organic rice grown in California that is available on the market; and Sweet Creek Foods who supply our pickles.

### **United Natural Grocers Inc. (UNFI) - Seattle, WA**

Provides Bulk Food.

### **Glory-Bee Foods - Eugene, OR**

Provides dry goods, oils, spices.

## WHO WE DO NOT WORK WITH

The Flaming Eggplant Café is committed to working with companies that have ethical and transparent practices. We want to work with companies that address health, environmental, and social issues proactively, and take responsibility for and implement changes to address mistakes made. We choose not to do business with companies that do not act accordingly. Some companies we boycott are as follows.

### **The Coca-Cola Company - Atlanta, GA**

Most Coca-Cola products are full of high fructose corn syrup and other additives that are unhealthy. The company's bottled water has contributed to the privatization of water. The company is known for having violent relations in Latin America--those who are not complacent with imperial and oppressive practices have been murdered.

### **Nestle - Vevey, Switzerland**

Nestle is responsible for making baby formula that has killed thousands of infants due to certain ingredients. The company has not taken responsibility for any of the deaths.

### **Monsanto - St. Louis, MO**

Monsanto is the main agricultural giant that has steadily spread genetic modification from nation to nation, crop to crop, for the past two decades. Genetic modification creates dependence for farmers because they need to buy new seeds from Monsanto every year, due to the modified seed's inability to germinate. GM foods wreak havoc on biodiversity and detract from the health of land. Testing has not been effectively completed on the long-term effects of GM foods, yet conventional markets have been flooded with these crops and the United States government has not acted to stop it. The Eggplant avoids Monsanto by only buying organic food from distributors, which cannot contain GMOs. The Eggplant also strives not to buy from General Mills, and Hain Celestial who hold many mutual funds mainly invested in Monsanto.

# CELL

## *The Evergreen Center for Ecological Living & Learning*

Wholesome, local, farm-fresh organic food brings to mind colorful arrays of crispy vegetables, sweet-smelling fruit, and savory foods. Unfortunately, the "organic" label implies no techniques of sustainable agriculture. It implies nothing of good jobs or healthy land. It is simply a list of chemicals not to be used and an expensive application process. Agribusinesses have co-opted the name to raise profit margins, systematically watering down USDA and international organic standards to lower costs and raise the price. So that now Fruit Loops can be organic and monoculture farming practices get a green stamp of approval. Since the US government subsidizes commodity crops such as corn, wheat, and soy by bushel per acre, with taxpayer money, small farms with a wide range of crops struggle to compete.

Rather than considering food a basic human right, the wealthiest nations and corporations in the world view it as an economic commodity. Neoliberal policies and free trade agreements have spread industrial agriculture worldwide in the name of efficiency and more food for everyone. However, people are not usually nourished as a result of these policies. Monsters of free trade have convinced governments in the global south and east to replace systems of traditional, sustainable and subsistence farming with cash cropping and a reliance on patented seeds. This limits access to food for marginalized populations.

Conversely, sustainable food production on a small scale encourages biodiversity on the farm, healthy food, and less dependency on the flux of global markets. The Evergreen Center for Ecological Living and Learning attempts to demonstrate local food systems based on ecological, social and economic sustainability and justice. The CELL is located on the far west side of campus and is accessible by a trail behind the Art Annex and Lab Buildings as well as by road. Stop by the farm anytime to visit and check its facilities listed below.

### The Organic Farm

The TESC Organic Farm integrates elements of a subsistence-oriented economy into campus life, while simultaneously providing students with an opportunity for hands-on, experience-based learning in an agricultural environment. The farm is too small to provide Aramark, Evergreen's food service provider, with enough produce to meet its needs, so much is sold to students via the Organic Farm Market Stand in front of the library building on Red Square on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 5pm. Currently, the Organic Farm offers 20 CSA boxes each week. [www.evergreen.edu/cell](http://www.evergreen.edu/cell) | 867-6160

### The Community Gardens

The Community Gardens is a place for students, alumni, and community members to grow their own organic vegetables and herbs. The Community Gardens is a beautiful community gathering spot where you can learn and teach others about growing food and share the bountiful harvest. The gardens are supported by the student fees you pay at the beginning of each quarter, which is why they are "free" to TESC students. There are different sized plots to suit individual needs. To find out how to reserve a plot, call the Community Gardens Coordinators, Colin or Mehmet, at 867-6145 or email at [tesccommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:tesccommunitygardens@gmail.com)

### TESC Beekeeping

The Organic Farm hosts a small apiary (bee yard), which serves as a teaching tool for students who are interested in learning how to keep bees. From time to time, beekeeping workshops are held at the farm. [tescbee@gmail.com](mailto:tescbee@gmail.com) | 867-6160

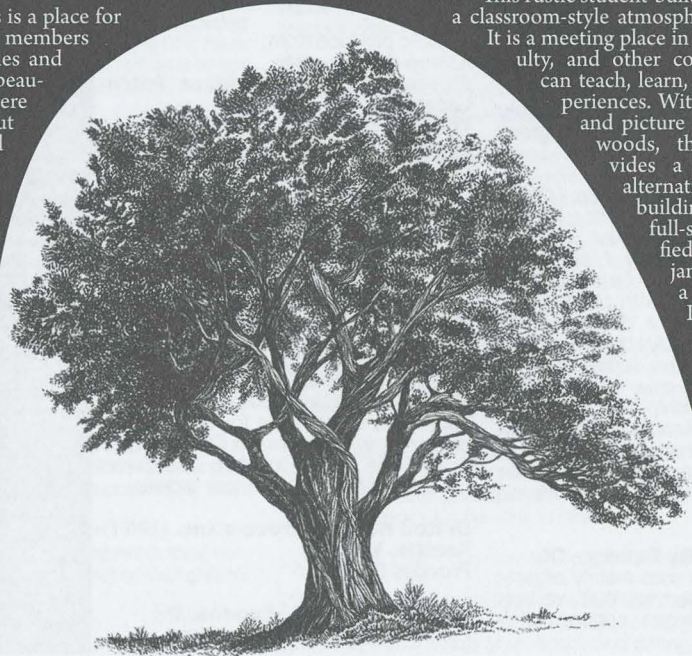
### Demeter's Garden

As of the 2010-2011 school year, most of Demeter's Garden has been destroyed by the college to make way for a new building. It used to be a low maintenance, forage style food system based on the design principles of permaculture. To learn more or get involved in permaculture projects, contact the student group DEAP (Developing Ecological Agricultural Practices) Sem 1 3119, 867-6412 or talk to people at the farm.

### The Farmhouse

This rustic student-built structure integrates a classroom-style atmosphere into the CELL.

It is a meeting place in which students, faculty, and other community members can teach, learn, cook, and share experiences. With a cozy woodstove and picture windows facing the woods, the farmhouse provides a more comfortable alternative to the cement buildings on campus. Its full-size kitchen is certified to produce canned jams and salsas with a Food Processor's License. The farmhouse also serves as a home for the farm's caretaker who lives upstairs. The caretaker position was formed in 1972 to keep an eye on the farmhouse after hours. To reserve the farmhouse, call 867-6143.





# Cops<sup>On</sup>



"Those who argue that the police sometimes do good things bear the burden of proving that those same good things could not be accomplished at least as well by other means." -Anonymous

The illusion of police necessity in our everyday lives is something most people from comfortable, liberal backgrounds often have a hard time questioning. "We need cops, or else we'd be killing each other," they say. But I always like to ask people, "When was the last time a cop really helped you?" Sure, there are the random anecdotes of an officer rescuing a cat or catching a burglar. But, in reality, most police officers (and the Olympia Police Department [OPD] is no exception here) spend much of their time harassing poor people and protecting the interests of the rich and powerful. Think about it: how many laws and social problems could be better addressed through drug counseling, job placement, psychological treatment, or anger management?

But this is not the way our society is structured. The police—and the state body they represent—prefer to keep their power structures in place so as to keep the proletariat (that's you) in check. The rich and powerful want to stay rich and powerful and they will use the lethal force of their hired goons (aka pigs, aka cops) to make sure the pendulum doesn't swing too far. All the while, the circus of corporate media keeps us so afraid that we couldn't imagine it being any other way. Thus, those on top tell us to be happy below the poverty line because if we try to get free by any means, there's a boot waiting to stomp our collective necks.



But what's the alternative? Well, it starts with addressing many of the actual causes of crimes. The vast majority of people in prison are in there for crimes related to having low economic status (think thefts, drugs, and robberies). Rapists and murders are certainly harder to dismiss but, then again, many of these people likely came from a violent, destructive belief system in their family and culture that fostered such distortions of reality. Belief systems that, in time I feel, can eventually be erased from our collective conscience through intentional healing and the development of truly nurturing and supportive communities on a small scale.

Dealing with social deviance is not an easy task. It requires intervention and help on all fronts. But the threat of cages, fines, or death is not the answer. These issues are easy to ignore if you live a comfortable life. But they are central to many of the problems in the world today. Who knows best how to deal with a problem at home? Those involved, or a police force from across town or across the globe?

Interacting with the police is the only way to know your enemy. The next step is to know yourself, your environment and who you trust. Taking care of our problems ourselves is the first step to emancipating ourselves from the police.

## OLYMPIA COPWATCH

Copwatch groups monitor police activity by going out on foot or driving patrols in their communities and videotape interactions between the police and civilians. Some groups also patrol at protests and demonstrations to ensure that the rights of protesters are not violated by police officers. Olympia has had several generations of Copwatch organizations, all of which have called for citizens' review of police. The latest incarnation of Copwatch



is implementing citizens review without the participation of the City Council and has implemented audits of all use of force reports since 2002.

Olympia Copwatch as it exists now is NOT an organization, but a tactic that we will gladly teach you or your group. We teach "Copwatch 101" in Sylvester Park at 6PM on the 22nd of every month. Call 870-3127 or visit [www.olycopwatch.org](http://www.olycopwatch.org) for more information or to get involved.

# The Olympia Police Department

## An Ongoing History

**June 1988** – In custody death of Danny Spencer, who was beaten and hog-tied by Olympia officers Cliff Maynard & Aldo Fantoni.

**August 1988** – Inquest field in the death of Danny Spencer. Taped for TCTV. Inquest official findings reveal “positional asphyxiation” as cause. Death Certificate says “Homicide” as cause of death. Officers are not held responsible.

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

**1992** – Olympia City Council allows citizens to file complaints against police at City Hall rather than just at the Police Dept. Assistant City Attorney brought into investigating process.

**March 1996** – Oly Copwatch established to push accountability. They organize public testimony on police abuses, propose Non-Violent/De-Escalating Training for officers, are aggressive about the hiring and promotion of women and people of color as officers, call for adoption of a community oriented policing policy and establishment of independent civilian review board.

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

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

**August 1997** - Gary Michel (of Oregon) hired to replace Chief John Wurner after 18 years with OPD.

**1998** - \$15,000 of Olympia's City budget earmarked to conduct police accountability study.

**2000** – A police accountability study is done by John Walters with components of case review and small public sessions. Study finds accountability system lacking, technical system flaws, and recommends corrections as well as a different intake system.

**January 11, 2001** – Kent DeBoer, a mentally ill man who lives in Olympia, is shot six times by Officers Jeffrey Dale Jordan and Gregory Thornton Brown while Cliff Maynard uses his TASER on the man. DeBoer lives, but experiences severe health problems as a result of his injuries. His federal lawsuit was dismissed.

**2001** – Olympia City Council decided to create an Independent Auditor to oversee police complaints rather than a civilian review board. Council elects to exclude citizen participation in the auditor process.

**2001** – Olympia City Council buys riot gear for the OPD due to complaints about street festivals and conduct during May Day.

**Summer 2002** – Oly Copwatch reorganizes after hiatus due to police harassment of homeless people in downtown.

**November 7, 2002** – Officer Jeff Jordan TASERS Stephen Edwards four times in one minute outside Ralph's Thriftway for suspected shoplifting and punches him in the face, knocking him unconscious. Edwards is dead just 15 minutes later.

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

**2005** – Oly Copwatch maintains records of police use of force and puts continued pressure on City Council to reign in the police.

**Feb 2005** – TASER use drops in half.

**Spring 2005** – Olympia City Council creates a “Chief's Forum,” in theory to serve as a venue to citizen input and discussion about police operations and public safety.

**Spring 2006** – Chief's Forum actually starts meeting.

**May 2006** – Police display a complete lack of restraint and use excessive and unnecessary violence against protesters at the Port of Olympia protests.

**August 2006** – Ron Nesbitt, an OPD officer fired in 2005, is calling for a citizens' review board as a check to police power and misconduct.

**Nov 2007** - Multiple, coordinated uses of political violence against Port Militarization Resistance participants by OPD officers in full riot gear. The scene commander during these attacks becomes Professional Standards Lieutenant for 2008-2009.

**November 15, 2008** – 23 year-old Jose Ramirez-Jimenez is shot in the back to death by OPD Officers Paul Bakala and Michael Hovda. The execution was justified as the three claimed he attempted to flee in his car. Present during the murder was a woman who's faced harassment from OPD officers several times since. Out of fear, she has removed herself from Olympia. Bakala, Hovda and Gasset are still with OPD.

**July 2009** - John J. Towery is investigated and ousted as a military informant by local radicals. Towery had been planted and active in local anarchist and “anti-war” war groups for at least 2 years. Towery co-authored one of the most recent intelligence publications for the U.S. Military. During this time he went by “John Jacobs” and provided the military and, as far as we know, local police with major protest and demonstration intelligence.

**August 15, 2009** - OPD Officer Chris Cook shoots and kills Joseph Leonard Burkett at Saint Peter's Hospital in Olympia.





# TASERS



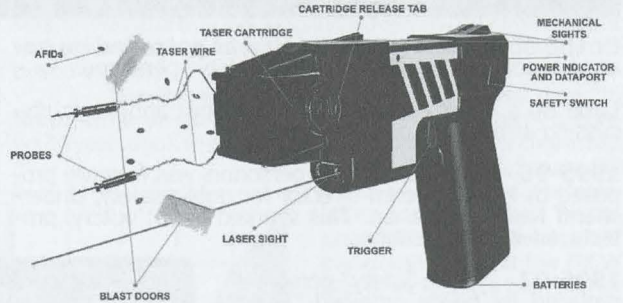
What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

TASERs (an acronym for Thoma A. Swift's Electric Rifle, taken from a science fiction story) are classified as "less lethal" weapons. This simply means that they are less-often-lethal when compared to fire arms. They are not, and are not intended to be, non-lethal. This is an important distinction. Today there is a booming, very lucrative industry in developing "less lethal" weaponry, and new TASER technology is constantly being developed and implemented. The intent of this industry is to put a more friendly face on police terrorism.

TASERs aren't nice. They can cause 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree burns; puncture wounds; bruising; cardiac arrest; and death. TASER-Nation, a watchdog group, puts the number of police murders from TASERs at 338 since 1999. Even Amnesty International reports that 277 people in the United States died after being tasered by police between June 2001 and October 2007. Contrary to popular mythology, one does not have to have previous heart problems to die from a TASER.

Legally, TASERs are only supposed to be used by the police in situations when otherwise lethal force, such as firearms, would be used. In reality, the upholders of law brandish these weapons at our community without any potential threat being posed to them and without second thought.

At Evergreen, the notoriously ruthless Officer Perez is responsible for training the department in the use of TASERs. In the course of one week, two Evergreen



students were TASERed on campus by the Evergreen Police Department (EPD). This is quite a drastic and rather frightening figure, especially considering that neither of these students posed any type of violent threat to the officers: the use of "less lethal" weaponry was purely offensive, not defensive. One student was TASERed for running **away** from the cops that caught him drinking. The other student was TASERed three days later while he was running around naked in the mods and yelling happily after allegedly taking some LSD. Evergreen police ordered bystanders to hold this student to the ground while an officer TASERed him four times. By the third time, the people holding him down said that they could feel the current pulsing through the victim's body. Clearly, neither student could not have appeared to be posing a violent threat to the police or his community. What the fuck?

# PEPPER SPRAY

ANOTHER FRIEND OF THE OPD IS OC, OR PEPPER SPRAY. ESSENTIALLY CHILLI OIL SUSPENDED IN A PRESSURIZED AGENT, OC IS A POTENT INFLAMMATORY AND WILL GENERALLY FUCK YOUR SHIT UP. IF IT GETS IN YOUR EYES, IT WILL BURN LIKE HELL FOR 30-45 MINUTES IF UNTREATED. IT CAN CAUSE BREATHING DIFFICULTIES AND SIGNIFICANT DISCOMFORT. IT CANNOT BE WASHED OFF WITH WATER BUT NEEDS A TREATMENT OF A 50-50 WATER AND LIQUID ANTACID (MAALOX) SOLUTION. THIS WOULD IDEALLY BE ADMINISTERED BY SOMEONE TRAINED, LIKE A STREET MEDIC.

THE OPD LOVES THIS SHIT, ESPECIALLY AT PORT MILITARIZATION RESISTANCE PROTESTS. IF YOU'RE GOING TO A PROTEST IN OLY, BE PREPARED TO SEE THIS STUFF FLY. ALWAYS BRING RUBBER (NOT FOAM) SEALING SWIMMING GOGGLES TO ACTIONS.



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# Evergreen & Prison Labor

Despite what you may have heard, prisons simply don't work. Although incarceration rates have risen in the past decade, there has not been a corresponding decline in crime rates. In fact, increasing incarceration rates may work adversely against crime. Prisoners live with inadequate medical care, abusive guards, and lack of rehabilitation programs. Rape and the spread of AIDS is exacerbated by the absence of condoms. All this, coupled with an environment of criminal peers, often make exiting prisoners more violent than when they went in. They leave with pennies to their name after receiving little treatment or guidance within prison. With little chance of getting a job or being in a supporting community, it is not surprising that more than 60% of prisoners commit a crime after being released.

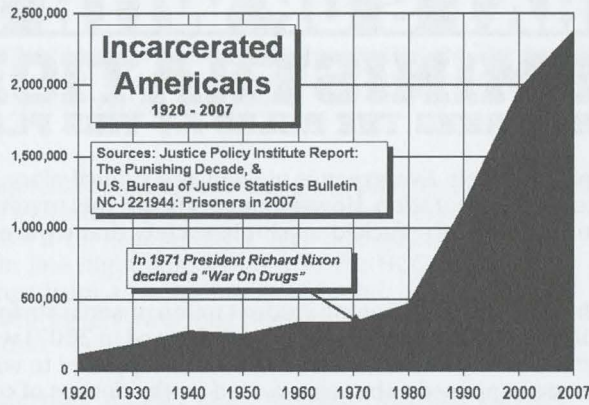
While many prisoners only need drug or alcohol counseling or help finding jobs, the government opts to throw these people in cages. More than 70% of prisoners are locked up for non-violent crimes, most for drug crimes or low level property crimes. Rehabilitation programs cost far less - and are more effective - than prison (which costs more than sending a person to Harvard, more than \$35,000 a year).

Most prisoners come from poverty-stricken neighborhoods that suffer from inadequate education, unemployment, broken families, social isolation and other factors that make criminal activity more likely. Prison time does absolutely nothing to address these root causes of crime.

Largely a result of the "War on Drugs," America's incarceration policies have disproportionately impacted minorities, especially African Americans. While African Americans constitute only 13% of drug users, they represent 74% of those sentenced to prison for drug possession. The result is that one in three black men between 20 & 29 is under some form of correction.

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

Evergreen has contracted out to CI "several times" in the past (the furniture in Student Activities was made by prisoners 30 years ago). They do so under the provisions of Engrossed



Second Substitute Senate Bill 6489, which passed the legislature and was signed by the governor in 2004. Section 10, paragraph 3 of that law (RCW 28B.10.029) states that "higher education and correctional industries shall develop a plan to build higher education business with correctional industries to increase higher education purchases of correctional industries products..." Paragraph 4 states that "institutions of higher education shall...purchase one percent [now 2% as of 2008] of the total goods and services...from class II inmate work programs, operated by

the department of corrections."

Any money inmates make while incarcerated can theoretically be used to start paying their restitution or saved to help them transition when they are released. Jobs allow prisoners to learn skills and not have to sit in their cells for as much time. However, CI, as a business, takes advantage of the fact that taxpayers are paying for their necessities, and uses cheap labor for their own profit. Essentially, they get paid for prisoners doing work while undercutting local unions. With a law requiring the college to purchase some of its goods and services from inmate work programs, Evergreen's use of cheap prison labor will continue.

## A FEW WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN PRISON ACTIVISM AROUND OLYMPIA:

- **Books to Prisoners** - B2P Olympia is an all-volunteer effort to provide reading material free of charge to inmates in prisons and jails across the country. They are always in need of good books, stamps, volunteers, and donations (find donation boxes around Olympia and TESC campus). They meet every Sunday from 2-5 and Mondays from 5-8 on the corner of 6th and Thomas SW to answer prisoner requests, package books, eat popcorn, and chat. <http://www.bookstoprisoners.net> | [btopoly@resist.ca](mailto:btopoly@resist.ca) | (360)352-5460
- **Gateways For Incarcerated Youth** - This 16 credit program at TESC aims to bridge the gap between incarceration and education. It is a program held in a maximum security juvenile institution with Evergreen students being peer learners with incarcerated youth. This can be an amazing learning and growing experience for all involved. Stop By Sem II S2 E2131 or call Tony Zaragoza at (360) 867-6025 for more information on how to get involved.
- **Demand** that Evergreen includes labor and wage standards in RFP's (Request for Proposal) when searching for the lowest bidder to work for the school.
- **Write Letters** - The Sabot Infoshoppe plans to hold prisoner writing parties throughout the coming year. Get involved and give a shout to political prisoners everywhere.





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

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

One of the reasons there was no functioning student union or separate form of governance for students at Evergreen for so long (until the Geoduck Student Union was formed in 2007) was that the college was formed with the idea that students, staff, faculty and administrators were supposed to write policy and make decisions together. To this end students are supposed to be represented on the dozens of committees, boards, and Disappearing Task Forces (DTFs). DTFs are committees that come together to research specific issues, make a recommendation to the board of trustees, and then disband. The first ever DTF wrote the colleges leashed dog policy. There are dozens of DTFs, boards and committees although often the discussions and decisions that come out of them are simply viewed by the administration as no more than recommendations. Despite the existence of these (more or less) democratic decision making bodies, most decisions that affect the college are made unilaterally by the administration.

DTFs seem on paper to be very democratic as representatives of staff, facility, and students are supposed to be having open discussions about issues affecting the college. In practice, however, the faculty, staff, and most often students are kept from having a voice. They typically have one unadvertised monthly meeting with a representative of the administration there along with at least two staff and a faculty and maybe a token student. The students are the only participants not compelled to be there, volunteering their time to work through a process that has rarely been proven effective. Maybe students too should be paid to be a part of a DTF.

Often, when controversial decisions need to be made (e.g. changes to housing, foodservice, cops, etc.) they are often made in the summer when few students are around. Evergreen is a bureaucratic maze that keeps many students from engaging in policy discussions. Check the campus governance structures of other progressive liberal arts colleges: some have student representatives with decision-making authority guaranteed by the colleges' charters. Some even have town hall meetings for the entire campus. The evidence suggests that Greeners have significantly less sway in the workings of the college than at nearly any other alternative college in the country.

### **HOW TO JOIN A BOARD OR DTF:**

1. Visit the Vice President for Student Affairs' office in Library 3236 and ask for a list of existing boards/DTFs.
2. Pick one that you are interested in.
3. Contact the Chair of that board/DTF and find out when and where they meet.
4. Show up, and keep showing up. Making a presence and raising a stink has proven effective.

Many students suspect that corporate interests dominate our college, but few realize how bad it is. The eight people serving as the Board of Trustees are at the top of Evergreen's hierarchy, and are responsible for everything from hiring and firing TESC's President, to determining the cost of on-campus living, to setting policies for the entire institution. The Trustees serve a term of six years, and are appointed by the Governor. They are generally prominent business and community "leaders" and political supporters of the Governor. Knowing anything about Evergreen is not a requirement.

The Board of Trustees is also responsible for how the college uses its multimillion dollar endowment fund. The Board has always kept a tight lid on what companies it owns shares in. Although some of that information in the past was recovered from the libraries paper recycling, the endowment is now administered as a part of the much larger University of Washington endowment; effectively removing the possibility of socially conscience investing & boycotts like those that helped bring down the apartheid regime in South Africa.

Biographies of the BOT are at <http://www.evergreen.edu/trustees/trustees.htm>

## Student Trustee

There is a single student trustee whose position rotates every year. The candidates are chosen by the GSU and presented to the Governor for final selection. It was a huge battle to get this position and can serve as a huge student voice. The trustee this year is Nathan Brockett.

## The President

TESC's President is responsible for implementing the policies of the Board of Trustees and shapes the entire landscape of the college's administration. Although most everyone agrees that Evergreen's President, Les Purce, is generally a very nice guy (he has even been rumored to participate in late night jam sessions in the HCC) he is still a powerful bureaucrat who comes from a corporate background. Les Purce was formerly the Chief Operating Officer of Power Engineering, Inc., a multinational electrical engineering corporation.

In April 2000, Purce was a keynote speaker at a conference entitled "Advancing the Northwest Economy through Science and Technology". This conference was sponsored by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, which is operated by a private corporation called Battelle. Battelle works directly with chemical and biological weapons, counter terrorism, law enforcement, nuclear energy, human genome-mapping, the Army, the Air Force, the Marines and national security.

In the spring of 2008, Les Purce willingly co-operated with the Thurston County Sheriff's Office in their efforts to hunt down and prosecute students in connection to the Valentine's Day Uprising. He also pressured the S&A Board to use student funds to pay for the cost of the damaged patrol car, taking much-needed resources away from student groups on campus.

Although Les Purce has been generally supportive of students' efforts around organizing against the war, he has refused to make a statement against the war using the college's name.



## Admin vs. Students?

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

Then again, students at TESC have been known to take matters into their own hands. In 2008, members of the then-existing chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) held a successful sit-in for over a week in front of Vice President Art Constantino's office in response to the group being banned for hosting an event the administration unjustly cancelled.

# GETTING PAID TO SMASH THE STATE

## Student Activities and Alternative Sources of Funding

For being such a small college, Evergreen has a huge number of student groups and a very visible activist population—hence the school's rowdy reputation. Starting a new student group is easy. Just get a few student signatures and BAM! you're on your way to getting sweet sweet funding to support anything that you (and your contingent of co-conspirators) are interested in. Speakers, overnight trips (with gas and sometimes plane tickets paid for), movies, supplies, etc. can all be paid for by the school (which is really from the students, who throw down \$171 each quarter).

The Services and Activities Fee Allocation Board, or the "S&A Board," divies up these funds at student group budget hearings and consists of nine students, a board coordinator, two staff advisors and an office manager. The board has traditionally been underpaid and overworked, yet it serves a very important role. They allocate and oversee all funds for student groups and initiatives. The board's mission is to distribute their 2 million dollars worth of fees to student groups who prove they have lots of students behind them and that what they propose benefits the student body's desires.

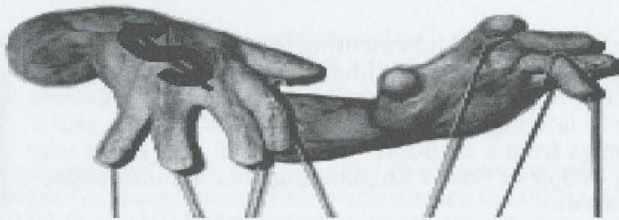
A new process for selecting board members this year goes like this: half are chosen by the Geoduck Student Union (GSU) and the other half fill out an application and are interviewed by members from the previous year's board. The GSU ultimately approves all of them. Board members are hired at the beginning of the school year. Normally, not more than a dozen people apply for the nine open positions, so your chances are good if you're looking to get involved in the administration side of student activities. Decisions regarding funding levels of the next year's student groups, the bulk of what the board does, have to receive final approval by the Board of Trustees.

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

### TIPS FOR APPLYING FOR FUNDING

The Board, like any other administrative organ, operates like a hive-mind. The very fact that the Board has to operate in this way is a weakness that can be exploited. To make decisions easier the board uses the idea of "precedent" to aid in allocating

funds for a particular event or speaker or other types of funding. Be very careful when challenging these precedents; think of them as the ancestral traditions that the Board is indoctrinated with during its two day retreat in November. A challenge may incite a revolution or a reactionary retreat into narrow-minded thinking. If one succeeds in creating a new precedent, though, it clears the ground for other groups to spend money in similar ways. This hive-mind has good days and bad days. Straightforward, simple answers that reflect actual planning of a project and good documentation that the group is active are all they really ask for. The board operates quite differently depending on the make up of the board. The best way to feel them out and know what



to expect is to sit in on other peoples hearings, so you know what kind of questions they'll be throwing at you. The worst thing you can do is to show up to your student group hearing alone. Then it really looks like not many students support the initiative. So, bring hella friends.

#### *Enter the room!*

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

#### *Preparation*

This is the most important tip. Attach only relevant, well marked, and easy to understand documentation to your request. Cut and dry and to the point makes it easier for everyone and leads to less questioning that you have to defend. If you know what you are doing, it is very unlikely the Board will deny your request for funding. Having a clear idea of why you need money and what you are going to spend it on makes the Board very happy. And a happy Board is a spendy Board.

### OTHER OPTIONS

#### **Foundation Activity Grants:**

Foundation Activity Grants are offered by The Evergreen State College Foundation Board of Governors and administered by the Academic Grants office. This program supports the projects of individual students, student teams and student-faculty teams. Activity Grant projects are usually carried out in conjunction with academic programs and all projects must

have at least one faculty sponsor. In the past, the program has supported a variety of efforts, including theatrical productions, art projects and exhibitions, scientific research, video and film productions, student literary magazines, and expenses for students to attend professional conferences and present their work. Demand is high for these grants. The Foundation can award about 20 to 25 grants each year, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per student. A team of two students may apply for a maximum of \$2,000. Teams of three or more students may apply for a maximum of \$3,000.

<http://www.evergreen.edu/sponsoredresearch/foundationactivity-grants.htm>

### Clean Energy Grants:

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

<http://www.evergreen.edu/committee/cleanenergy/grant.htm>

### Diversity Fund:

The President's Diversity Fund was established by Evergreen's Long range Planning Committee to provide funding for activities generated by the Evergreen community that educate the community and advance our efforts to become more effectively multicultural. Challenging speakers, national discourse and skill-building workshops are all examples of educational activities the fund is intended to support. In order to qualify for Diversity funds, proposed activities must aim to promote constructive community discourse about issues of culture and life-style differences faced by the Evergreen community, including but not limited to: issues of race, ethnicity, color, sex, class, sexual orientation, religion, disability, and veteran status. The fund currently consists of an annual budget of \$40,650.

<http://www.evergreen.edu/diversity/fund/home.htm>

### The Greener Organization (GO)

The Greener Organization is a group dedicated to giving the students a voice in Residential and Dining Services. GO seeks to have a broad representation of student residential life; one of its goals is to have a representative from every building in housing. Unfortunately, very few people actually stick with the group all year (or even all quarter), so the reality is that it tends to be made up of one or two people's extended friends groups who rubber stamp each other's proposals. Most of these proposals involve the GO's best publicized and most often used function, which is to fund events for Housing residents. GO is given a very substantial pot of money every year (literally thousands of dollars a quarter) to use as it sees fit, to throw substance-free parties, bring in guest speakers, throw concerts, fund plays or workshops, host a campus-wide pillow fight, whatever events the board comes up with or are brought to it that benefit Housing Residents as a whole. If one has an idea for an event but needs funding and/or logistical help to pull it off, present it to GO during one of their weekly meetings and convince them that it's an event that benefits the whole of housing (instead of a certain age group or dorm) and that the event has some sort of following that will attract people to it. Obviously, GO would benefit immensely in these activities if as many people from as many different backgrounds and housing styles joined it and gave their input. That representation is much more vital for GO's other main function, which is to act as a sounding board for Residential and Dining Policies, and proposed Housing improvements and projects (for example, GO approves murals or their removal if old ones have been

damaged beyond recognition). While it can't generate or veto policy, it can send the policymakers back to the drawing board until they have a policy that the GO Board feels gets Housing's intent across without disenfranchising any group of Housing residents. In 2007-08, the GO contributed \$15,000 to campus events.

All that you have to do to gain full GO membership is to be a current Housing Resident (but not an RA) who shows up to three consecutive meetings. To join or propose an event to the GO, contact the RDP at 867-6655.

### Do It Yourself:

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



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# ANARCHISM

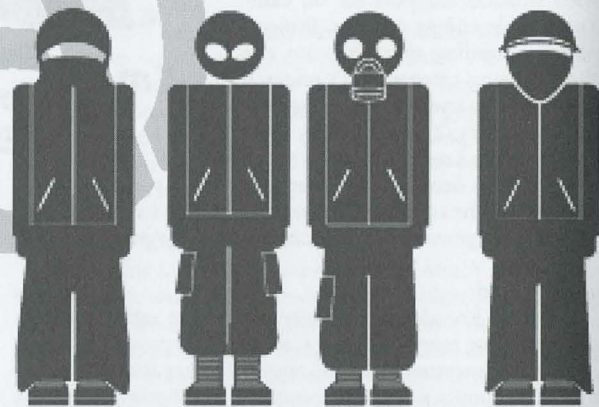
Anarchism is the struggle against all forms of organized human domination. This includes not only such obvious forms as *the state*, with its routine use of violence and the force of law, and *capitalism*, the current global economic formation, but also such internalized forms as patriarchy, racism, and homophobia. Beyond that, anarchism is the attempt to look even into those parts of our everyday lives we accept as givens, as parts of the universe, to see how they, too, dominate us or facilitate our domination of others. Anarchists reject the notion of private property and the apparatus of the state because they are institutions based on exploitation. After departing this common grounding, several different bodies of anarchist thought branch off, reflecting different perceptions of hierarchy and history. The short descriptions that follow are far from a definitive list of anarchist tendencies, but are instead an attempt to touch on a few of the most prominent sects of anarchism and briefly explain them.

## Anarcho-Syndicalism

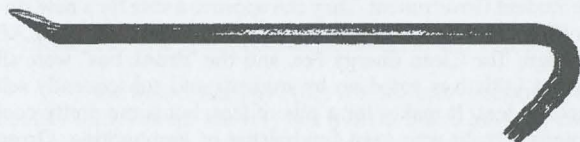
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The belief that a modern egalitarian society requires that the working class be in control of the means of production. Heavily influenced by the theories of Marx and Engels and also very similar to a lot of state-communist ideas of having worker-run factories. Various sub-groups of syndicalists differ on many issues but one core tenet of syndicalism is the belief that the domination humans experience via the institution of paid labor only comes from the monetary wage that is earned and the hierarchical power structure of capitalism, not the concept of work itself.

CHECK OUT: Emma Goldman, Mikhail Bakunin, Buenaventura Durruti, the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)



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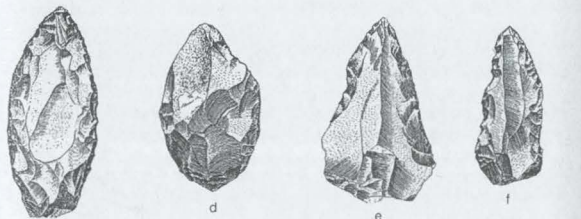
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Anarcho-primitivism (also called anti-authoritarian primitivism, the anti-civilization movement, or just primitivism) is a shorthand term for a current that critiques the totality of civilization from an anarchist perspective, and seeks to initiate a comprehensive transformation of human life. Primitivists have suggested that the modern forms of exploitation and degradation- including hierarchy, war and patriarchy - appear in human history only 10,000 years ago, after the emergence of domestication and its corollary, the form of human organization we call civilization. Many primitivists disagree on the finer points of modern society's origins, but all share the belief that civilization is the root from which all forms of domination spread. The urge to control and dominate is the cornerstone of modernity.

The primitivist project is a demand for the destruction of cities, factories, slaughterhouses, roads and universities and for a return to bioregional hunting and foraging - the lifeway that shaped our species and sustained us for hundreds of thousands of years before the error of domestication. Contrary to seemingly-popular belief, the idea of primitivism is not a call for generalized human genocide. It is a recognition that cities and all civilized ways of life are inherently unsustainable and will eventually collapse. Don't believe everything you hear about primitivists, it's better to just find out for yourself.

CHECK OUT - John Zerzan, Paul Shepard, Chellis Glendinning and Derrick Jensen



## Insurrectionary Anarchism

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The tattered banner of an international crew of militants who believe that capitalism and/or civilization is not just going to collapse on its own, that we are the ones who must destroy it and we need to act now. Prominent aspects of I.A. include an amorphous structure and rejection of many forms of "formal organization" due to their inherently oppressive and bureaucratic nature, an emphasis on the "attack", a commitment to not simply striving for a more comfortable form of capitalism (AKA reformism), and encouraging the spreading of assaults on society. Many deem an attack as anything that causes a rupture in the normal flow of the social order, therefore causing an interruption of capitalism, albeit to varying degrees.

Insurrectionary anarchists commonly try to push social struggles to the point of crisis in the hope that their intervention will prevent the recuperation of those struggles by capitalism. When capitalism fails to recuperate a struggle, it can begin to pose a threat to the structures of domination. Although there has been a sudden resurgence of insurrectionary practice recently, many anarchists throughout history have either identified as such or held in common most of its core beliefs.

CHECK OUT - Luigi Galleani, Alfredo Bonnano, Fredy Perlman, the Invisible Committee



# LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ANARCHIST RESOURCES

## In and Around Olympia

*EGYHOP* - The Emma Goldman Youth and Homeless Outreach Project (EGYHOP)'s mission is dedicated to bringing direct service items and resources to the homeless and low-income populations living on the streets or who self-identify as part of the street population.

*Sabot Infoshoppe* - Radical lending library offering books, zines, films, and materials for the continuance of radical thought. Also serves as an anarchist social space for people to get together and discuss theory, plan projects and many other things. Meetings, for now, are every Thursday at 5 pm in SemII A2109.

*Hit The Bricks* - "A local zine distro concerned with making critical gestures against capitalism and the leftist forces that recuperate the struggle against the existent. We keep our publications hot in both content and design and mainly distribute texts that focus on capitalism and industrial civilization, anarchist organization and tactics, and an elaboration of insurrectionary anarchist praxis. For social war!"

*Last Word Books* - "Last Word Books is a physical and digital bookstore located in Olympia, Washington. Founded in 2002 by several students at The Evergreen State College, we offer an eclectic collection of books ranging from radical politics to the books you love to read. We are the host and benefactor of the Olympia Zine Library, amongst other things. We are constantly filling minds and the streets with much-needed radical literature."

*Pink and Black Attack* - Anti-assimilationist queer publication from the Northwest focusing on a range of issues from attacking the idea of a "gay marriage" to hinting at an all out war on the heteros that inhabit this world. Tune in to zinelibrary.net to see who gets more reads, PABA or FTTP.

*Tacoma Anarchist Network* - tan.anarchyplanet.org - "This website serves us by allowing our groups, blogs, magazines, events, literature and demonstrations to be easily accessible to others in Tacoma and the surrounding area without the baggage and political levelling that often comes with formal organizations."

*Autonomy/|253* - autonomy253.wordpress.com , Autonomy/|253 is an anarchist anti-authoritarian magazine for theory and practice, news and commentary, written from the Tacoma, WA area for a regional audience.

*Lunaria Press* - lunariapress.blogspot.com - "We are here to provide the histories of women with stories that have inspired us through out our experiences in obtaining our own individual freedom."

## Publications/Distros/Presses (national and international)

*Fire To the Prisons* - firetotheprisons.com - The world's leading publication on insurrectionary anarchism, features articles written about struggles occurring all over the world and lots of sexy graphic design work.

*Rolling Thunder* - www.crimethinc.com - This is a mature, thoughtful and incredibly well-designed anarchist publication. One for the ages.

*Green Anarchy* - www.greenanarchy.org - A classic anti-authoritarian primitivist publication from Eugene, OR. Currently on hiatus but will start again soon.

325 - 325.nostate.net - One of the most militant and longest running insurrectionary anarchist publications. Based out of the UK. They are unstopable. True Force.

*Black Powder Press* - blackpowderpress.com - "Black Powder Press is an anarchist printing and distribution (or distro) collective from Santa Cruz, California. We are dedicated to informing and inspiring the anarchist movement, and stimulating discussions about strategy, tactics and ideas."

*Modesto Anarcho* - www.modestoanarcho.org - Modesto Anarcho Crew (MAC) produces a quarterly journal, and is based out of the Central Valley town of Modesto, California. MAC is a street-based organization that exists to create revolutionary literature from a combative working class perspective.

## Blogs/Archives/News

*Social Rupture* - artculturework.blogspot.com - A blog that mainly focuses on reporting "non-political" crimes. Seeks refuge in the antisocial acts that it reports and hopes for the immediate contamination of the rest of society.

*Signal Fire* - signalfire.org - One of the best sites for news about resistance and struggle all over the world, heavy reporting on the international.

*Polisson* - polisson.blogspot.de - An amazing blog that has updates about resistance that is occurring in France as well as some other European countries; tends to go through periods of inactivity.

*Angry News* - sysiphus-angrynewsfromaroundtheworld.blogspot.com - Bringing you reports on unmitigated destruction (both literal and metaphorical) from all around the world.

*SUIE & CENDRES (Soot and Ash)* - suieetcendres.blogspot.com - A French language blog dedicated to insurrectionary ruptures. Highly recommended.

*Fires Never Extinguished* - firesneverextinguished.blogspot.com - "Brought to you by Phoenix Class War Council. A fanatical, revolutionary anarchist group pressing the attack against capitalism, the state and all systems of hierarchy and oppression. We fight for a self-determined, projectal life for ourselves and all humanity."

*From The Greek Streets* - www.occupiedlondon.org/blog/ - Excellent news on the resistance occurring in Greece, updated very frequently with accurate info. Check it out!

*Institute For Experimental Freedom* - www.politicsisnotabanana.com - The IEF is a small publishing, distribution and culture production project of a few friends and their closest cohorts. Responsible for the acclaimed "Politics Is Not A Banana."

*Insurgent Desire* - www.insurgentdesire.org.uk - The most extensive online green anarchy archive. Yours for the destruction of civilization.

*The Green Anarchist Infoshop* - www.greenanarchy.info - An overlooked but comprehensive anarcho-primitivist site.

*Bash Back!* - bashbacknews.wordpress.com - Fulfilling all your needs for anti-assimilationist queer struggle since 2008!

*Anarchist News* - anarchistnews.org - News for anarchists and their friends, ignore the drama and the comment sections.

*Infoshop News* - news.infoshop.org - By far one of the best English-language anarchist sites on the internet, it's heavily moderated but worth it.

# GRAFFITI AT EVERGREEN

A little known secret that most new Greeners will not hear about is the amazing graffiti wall that used to exist behind the COM building. During the 2002-2003 school year, graffiti artists and the Evergreen administration brokered a deal to allow graffiti on the large blank wall on the back of the COM. Sadly, the wall was shut down before the 2004-2005 school year started due to the fumes entering the ventilation system from the back of the building and making people sick.

Adding insult to injury, the administration not only shut down the wall, but painted over all the huge pieces. Their "solution" was to buy two large corrugated cargo containers (now located behind the tennis courts along the path to Overhulse Rd. and the Childcare Center) for the students to paint on. Like one deft blow after another, the provided metal boxes are not only too shitty for freehand pieces, but the corrugations makes stencil work utterly impossible as well.

With such disregard for creative expression, we should not restrict our artwork to the sanctioned areas if the administration cannot provide us with something better than a fucking shipping container. Creative people that feel stifled and marginalized being surrounded by uninspiring blank concrete should not be afraid to take matters into their own cans. Olympia has a ever-growing street artist population. Join them!



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

Have fun, keep the art real and wear your respirators! And remember:

**"If you can't burn it, don't touch it!"**

# THE EVERGREEN MURALS

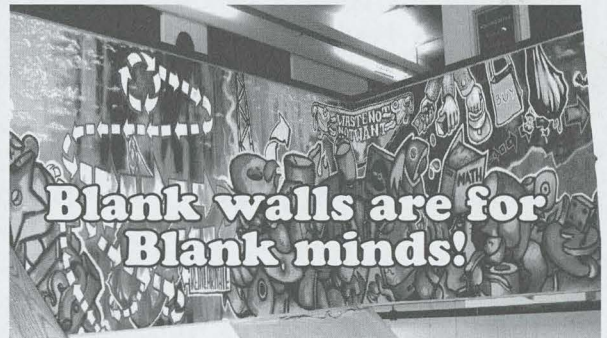
So Evergreen used to have some pretty sick murals, among them was this big Malcolm X portrait in C dorm and this huge panoramic anti-consumption mural in the lobby of A dorm, where the grey paint is on the stairs going down. In fact, there used to be murals scattered all around campus. But no more. Aside from the new mural outside the library, the only colorful piece to be found is in the stairwell of A building. It seems housing has covered almost all of their murals over the past few years. Housing states that they painted over the murals because of the cost and difficulty in maintaining them. They also say that when the murals were painted they were unaware of the level of fumes that the residents were exposed to. This new awareness has led to the policy that they will only allow murals in the fire towers of these buildings.

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live in a place with engages not only of the art but also any of blank walls Providing an outlet the environment the most important do, and it seems that however "progress" they pretend to be, good job at this. have a lot to figure definition and 'na- and expression, as our voices heard by control our envi- paths we walk on.

If graffiti isn't your thing, there might still be a legal way of expressing yourself on the dorm walls, or at least the fire towers of these buildings (the fire towers are the well ventilated, nearly-outdoor staircases). All you have to do is design a proposal for the Greener Organization and they might even buy you the paints! And hey, if they say no, at least you can say you tried before you busted out your Krylon stash.





# Diversity And Evergreen

Diversity means a lot of things at Evergreen. TESC advertises itself as actively promoting diversity. Yet, the school's administrative policy does not discuss what they mean when they say diversity and how or with what they seek to support it. Do you define diversity as a quantitatively measurable appearance of inclusivity with statistics that depict the success of your institution because of its ability to attract and retain a broad enough range of constituencies? Is diversity solely a tangible element that is meant to enrich the lives and educations of the majority populace—the white middle class—while still abiding by laws of a state institution (i.e. that they cannot intentionally segregate or actively discriminate against certain constituencies)?

Another thing that struck me as especially strange was that, though the school's social contract, as well as its administrative policy, does not specifically discuss or define diversity or its commitment to diversity, The Evergreen State College Admissions page does. "The community of faculty, staff and students work together to ensure an environment that embraces differences, fosters tolerance and understanding, and celebrates a commitment to cultural, ethnic and racial awareness." How does the community of faculty, staff and students work together to bring about such an environment? Does the administration, or even the faculty and staff, demonstrate on a comprehensive level a sophisticated awareness of race and racism, let alone demonstrate a perceivable concern about students' lives concerning race? The reality is that students, administrators, faculty and staff actually don't work together.

In fact, there is very little in the way of communication across these lines, especially about diversity itself. Many of the administrative offices, as well as the board of trustees, are separated from the lives of students. And though they may believe that they know what's best for us and for the faculty and staff, they do not actively engage them in discussions about support and awareness.

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

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



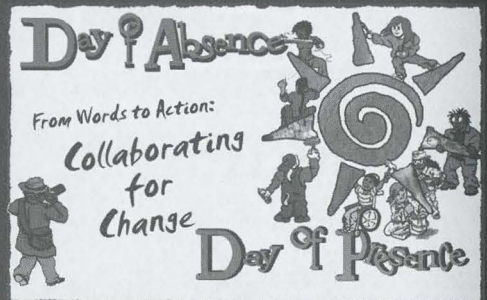
## Day of Absence / Day of Presence

The annual Day of Absence/Day of Presence program provides an opportunity for the entire campus to explore issues of diversity, equity, and multiculturalism. The program started at Evergreen in 1975 and comes from the play, Day of Absence, by African American playwright Douglas Turner Ward. The play is about a town where all of the African Americans disappear one day leaving their white neighbors. The town is unable to function as usual on this day and the remaining residents realize that all members of the town are vital and integral members of the community.

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

In 1992 the Day of Presence was added at the recommendation of members of the Evergreen community in order to reunite the college community and honor diversity and unity. Today, the Day of Presence occurs the day after the Day of Absence and represents the uniting of our community and consists of campus-wide workshops, seminars, and performances.

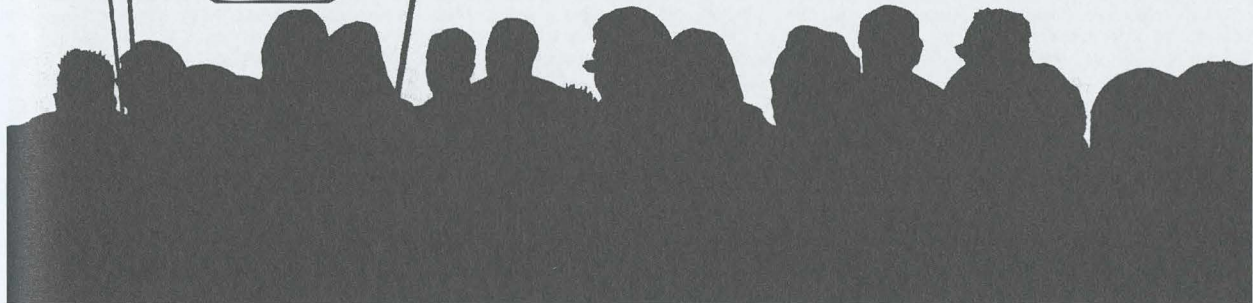
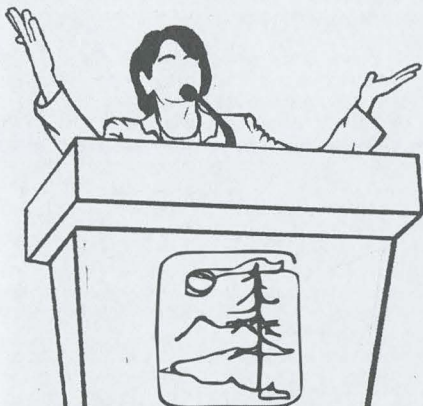
More faculty and administrative support is needed for students of color and white students to participate in the activities. The issues raised and the discourse undertaken on these days are things that we should be doing constantly. Two days isn't enough.



# Graduation Speakers at TESC

You may have heard about the controversy created when former MOVE activist Mumia Abu-Jamal spoke at TESC's graduation ceremony in 1999. One of the world's foremost political prisoners, Abu-Jamal has been on death row since 1982 for allegedly killing a police officer in Philadelphia in 1981. His trial was a case study in the corruption of the US Criminal Justice system, and nearly every human rights organization in the world has demanded a retrial. Students worked hard throughout the year to raise awareness about Mumia's plight and the problems of the criminal justice system, encouraging students to write-in Mumia for the graduation speaker vote. When Evergreen's first choice for graduation keynote speaker (Governor Gary Locke) fell through, Mumia was chosen as the replacement. Following significant media attention and pressure from the state government, the administration overruled the graduation committee and selected another keynote speaker, reducing Abu-Jamal's role in the ceremonies. Before graduation, rumors circulated that during Mumia's speech discontented seniors & opponents of Mumia would be playing horns or screaming to make his words inaudible, but the speech went on with no disruption. Instead, the majority of the crowd (students and guests alike) rose to a standing ovation.

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



# HONORABLE ALUM

Many colleges have interesting alumni and Evergreen is no exception. When I think of the amazing people that have graced this campus with their presence, I feel proud to be a part of the history of the same place. No, I'm not talking about the alumni in the entertainment industry that get the most attention here (e.g. Matt Groening and Michael Richards), I'm talking about the more forgotten alumni who have done things mainstream American society does not appreciate. This is what led me to write this article, to briefly tell the stories of some of the alumni you don't hear about too often. Particularly, those who have died deserve our thoughts and avenging memorials. I apologize to the dead whose story belongs here that I have neglected to mention or never heard of. It is a tragedy that I am aware of Michael Jackson's death and not yours. The best thing we can do to remember the nameless is dedicate ourselves to destroying the society that forgot them.

## SCOTT SCURLOCK

Scott Scurlock enrolled at Evergreen in 1978. He studied organic chemistry and biochemistry. He used this knowledge, along with supplies stolen from the school to begin manufacturing crystal meth, soon purchasing 20 acres of land to live on at 1506 Overhulse Rd. NW where he could hang out in the woods and become one of the most successful meth dealers in the northwest. After quite some time dispensing a definitely terrible product, Scurlock began to develop guilt over his job and thought about quitting. What cemented this decision was his main distributor being murdered; signaling to him that what he was doing was not only unethical, but also dangerous.

Regardless of his former job, Scurlock chose to stop, and during those years built a local reputation as being generous with his friends, caring greatly about the Earth, and having a lust for adventure. Previously he had lived on a tomato farm in Hawaii with friends, frequently looking for the adrenaline rush of jumping off the highest cliffs he could find into the water. While living on his 20 acres in Olympia, he built an amazing treehouse supported by seven cedar trees that was three stories tall and 75 feet above the ground, complete with a fireplace, electricity, hot and cold running water, a bathroom, and of course ropes to swing from like Tarzan. His friend Elizabeth Stanton recalls, "He kind of pulls you into this magical world, where it was fun and happy and that can get addictive...people also kind of put him on a pedestal. He's this incredible guy. He built a tree house and he's dashing and he's fun and then he helps people out."

With no more income, Scurlock once again had to solve the problem of subsisting without working, a problem many people you'll meet in Olympia also try to solve. His thirst for adventure and anti-work lifestyle definitely led to trying his hands at robbing banks, but its thought he was also inspired by a recently released film adaptation of Robin Hood and Point Break were an inspiration. Scurlock and his friends loved watching Point Break, a Patrick Swayze movie about surfers who rob banks to avoid work.

Scurlock called on his friend and Evergreen alumni Mark Biggins to get involved. In the summer of 1992, they robbed their first bank in Seattle and wore masks like in Point Break. Not everything went as planned though. They originally wanted to steal and use a car of someone who worked at the bank, but Biggins panicked and flooded the engine, they then ran away with dogs chasing them and had to hop fences and escape across a golf course. They netted \$19,971 from the robbery, but the entire experience terrified Biggins and he packed up and left. He would return later though, particularly for the final bank robbery Scurlock did. With no one to help him, Scurlock approached another friend, Steve Myers. Myers refused but helped him launder the money by visiting at Las Vegas casinos and getting rid of the potentially marked money by buying gambling chips and then cashing them back in. Later though, Myers would also return, particularly also for Scurlock's final job.

Without help, Scurlock decided to start robbing banks himself and netted \$252,000 on his sixth solo job at the Madison Park branch of Seafirst bank in Seattle. This attracted Meyers back into the mix and a year later they started staking out the same bank Scurlock last robbed. Meyers was the getaway driver and sat in the car monitoring police frequencies with a scanner and a walkie-talkie to let Scurlock know if there was trouble coming. This was the setup they continued to use and the pair robbed five banks in 1994. Other than two banks

in Portland, Scurlock only robbed banks in affluent neighborhoods in Seattle, often repeatedly hitting the same banks. He also studied FBI forensics manuals to take every precaution in make sure he left no identifiable trace of himself behind. He was nicknamed "Hollywood" because he'd use pancake makeup and facial attachments like false chins to disguise himself. He figured out the shift changes for police in the area and would often hit banks in between the shift changes or when police were dispersed away from the area. Scurlock went to great pains to buy cars anonymously, including ones to leave as bait for the police to throw them off his trail. He paid banks employees to let him know when the most money would be in the bank and the best time to strike. He also built an underground secret room on his property with a mini makeup studio and place to count the money. Even now, Steve Meyers praises Scurlock's efficient approach: "Nobody ever was hurt, and nobody was ever intended to be hurt."

Making plenty of money, Scurlock certainly did not forget to spread it around to his friends and people he never met that he thought deserved it. He would reportedly show up at benefit shows in Olympia and pay hundreds of dollars as his admission. He was a huge supporter of Earth First! and donated a good amount of money to their campaigns, as well as to rape crisis centers. A mix of Peter Pan and Robin Hood, Scurlock never wanted to grow up and face adult responsibilities, nor did he want to see those that needed money go without.

Bumbling police officers and FBI agents failed again and again to catch up with "Hollywood." The only idea one officer had to catch him he got by watching surveillance footage of some of Hollywood's robberies. He noticed the walkie-talkie and decided he should monitor common frequencies for walkie-talkies to see if he picked up anything and could catch a robbery in process. He also staked out a bank Hollywood had robbed before. His plan didn't work because Hollywood hit a bank in Seattle outside the range the officer was monitoring frequencies on and got away with \$141,405, laughing with his middle finger out the window of the getaway car (Okay I made up that last part). None of this was enough thrill or money, so Scurlock decided to rob three banks in two hours, a plan that would include jamming police frequencies. This plan was aborted though and they only robbed one of them.

On Thanksgiving eve in 1996, Scurlock drove to Seattle with Mark Biggins and Steve Meyers for his 17th bank robbery, a robbery that would net \$1.08 million (Bringing his career total to \$2.3 million) and also be his last. Scurlock and Biggins walked into the Seafirst branch at 2800 NE 125th St. and whipped out their guns while Meyers waiting in the car. A teller immediately hit the silent alarm. The robbery took longer than expected because the tellers initially gave them a relatively small amount of money when Scurlock knew there was much more. He had a teller lead him into the vault where he stuffed bricks of cash into nylon duffel bags. Although there were dozens of officers on alert for Hollywood, they were all patrolling in the wrong neighborhoods and didn't respond quick enough to stop the job in progress. Still they eventually caught up with them. Had Meyers made a left at one intersection instead of a right, the gang would have escaped successfully, but this wrong turn put them right in holiday traffic which the police were also stuck in. They paused to ditch the car and change to a white Chevrolet Astrovan. The cops say

they saw the van going back and forth in traffic and decided to do a traffic stop and began tailing the vehicle while the gang rummaged through the loot looking for tracking devices that might have been in the money. Meyers says that the police knew it was them and began firing at the car, injuring Biggins and Meyers. "Scott got out with his assault rifle. And it supposedly jammed. And he got back in and they started firing again." Wounded and bleeding, Biggins returned 37 rounds at the cops out the window as they sped away. Soon afterwards, Scurlock stopped the car again, getting out to fire three shotgun shells at the cops and speeding away again. Crashing into the side of a house on 77th St., Biggins and Meyers were wounded and couldn't run, but Scurlock did and managed to get away on foot. 200 officers rushed to the scene and couldn't find him anywhere.

Scurlock had hid two blocks away in a camper on someone else's property. The next day, those in the house reported to police that they saw someone by Scurlock's description on the property and noticed the curtains had been drawn in the camper from the inside. Sgt. Howard Monta and two other officers claim they went and knocked on the camper, threw tear gas inside and then sprayed two full canisters of pepper spray through the window, but didn't notice any sign of response. Monta says he went closer to get a look with his flashlight when he heard a gunshot, then the three officers fired 30 rounds into the camper, calling in all sorts of task forces and special police units with armored cars to the scene, throwing more tear gas in the camper before finally busting the door down and apparently finding Scurlock with a gunshot to the head and five other gunshot wounds to his body, with a 9mm glock pistol next to him and a discharged shell.

Meyers and Biggins were both given 21 years in prison. "I regret in a sense that it ever happened," Meyers says. "But I can't sit and look at this man and say I'm regretting that I ever knew the guy. Some of the best years of my life were with this guy." True crime writer Ann Rule wrote a book available at most major bookstores about Scurlock's life called *The End of the Dream: The Golden Boy Who Never Grew Up*.



# ANDREW MICKEL

Andrew Mickel got out of high school in 1998, the same year *The End of the Dream* was released. He served in the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army before becoming disillusioned with the military and leaving to attend Evergreen. He studied anarchist texts and wrote stories about riding freight trains and breaking into abandoned buildings on an independent contract. On November 7, 2002, Stephen Edwards was tasered to death by an Olympia police officer for allegedly shoplifting from Bayview Thriftway on 4th Ave. The next day, ¡Tchkung! was playing a show downtown and afterwards people marched into the street where an intersection was blocked with burning barricades. There is a good account of this even in the "Hijacking Events" chapter of CrimethInc.'s book *Recipes for Disaster*. I mention the Bayview Thriftway murder and its response because it is rumored that Andrew Mickel was inspired to do his action because of Edwards' death and it is likely that Mickel was part of the march the next night.

On November 19th, Mickel went to Red Bluff, California and killed police officer David Mobilio by shooting him twice in the back and once in the head at close range. He left a hand made "Don't Tread on Us" flag next to the body. He then posted a manifesto on San Francisco Indymedia and other sites under the name "Andy McCrae." In it, he says "Hello Everyone, my name's Andy. I killed a Police Officer in Red Bluff, California in a motion to bring attention to, and halt, the police-state tactics that have come to be used throughout our country. Now I'm coming forward, to explain that this killing was also an action against corporate irresponsibility." He also states "prior to my actions in Red Bluff, I formed a corporation under the name 'Proud and Insolent Youth Incorporated', so that I could use the destructive immunity of corporations and turn it on something that actually should be destroyed."

Besides incorporating to avoid responsibility for the killing, he also flew to New Hampshire and checked into a Holiday Inn because the New Hampshire state constitution contains a passage saying "Whenever the ends of government are perverted and public liberty manifestly endangered and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people may and of right ought to reform the old or establish a new government." Not surprisingly, these efforts at legal irresponsibility for the killing did not hold up in court. When Mickel told his parents over the phone what he did, they turned him in. After that, also not surprisingly, he refused to talk to his parents, especially after he was sentenced to death.

Perhaps we can all take a few good pointers from Andy's manifesto though, such as "The systems of control that surround you, which you hate, do not get better as you age. The control gets more invasive, more complete. Smash it while your youth still helps you to see it!"

Mickel is on death row at San Quentin State Prison. You can write him at the address below.

Andrew Mickel, #V77400  
San Quentin State Prison  
San Quentin, CA 94974

# RACHEL CORRIE

Rachel Corrie was raised in Olympia, WA and attended Evergreen before traveling to the Gaza strip in Palestine to participate in the International Solidarity Movement. She was murdered by a bulldozer operated by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) while attempting to act as a human shield to prevent IDF forces from demolishing the home of a Palestinian pharmacist. It is common to see pictures honoring her throughout Palestine and Olympia.

For more information, visit: [www.rachelcorrie.org](http://www.rachelcorrie.org)

# BRIANA WATERS

Briana Waters is currently serving a six year prison sentence for allegedly being the lookout for an Earth Liberation Front action on May 21, 2001 when the University of Washington's Center for Urban Horticulture was firebombed for working on the genetic modification trees, causing \$1.5 million in damages. Waters maintains her innocence, a good thing to keep in mind when writing to her. Another Evergreen student, Justin Solondz, was wanted in connection with the same action and in June of this year was apprehended in China. It is not clear as of this writing if or when he will be extradited back to the United States.

You can find information on helping and writing Briana at [www.supportbriana.org](http://www.supportbriana.org)

# KATHLEEN HANNA

Kathleen attended Evergreen in the late 80's and worked as a stripper to support herself while studying photography. When a photo exhibit she set up with a friend addressing sexism and AIDS was taken down by the admin before it could be viewed, Hanna co-founded an independent feminist art gallery called Reko Muse with friends. Hanna also co-founded the "Riot Grrrl" punk phenomenon and started the band Bikini Kill in Olympia. The phrase "riot grrrl" is from a zine she put out with friends by the same title. Their first release was on Kill Rock Stars, a record label in Olympia.

# KIMYA DAWSON

Before the movie Juno made everyone in the US know who Kimya Dawson was, she played and performed for decades being known only in the underground anti-folk scene for her solo work and her band The Moldy Peaches. She was expelled from Evergreen by the much-hated Art Constantino for writing anti-rape graffiti. To find out more about his character, ask any student walking by. Kimya Dawson moved back to Olympia in 2006 and played at the SDS occupation of the Office of Student Affairs at Evergreen in 2008.

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# The Queer People of Color Project

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

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

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

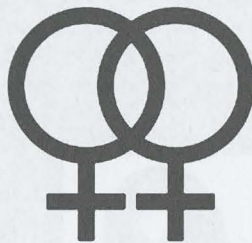
of their organizations and the members of their organizations and the membership of these organizations sorely reflects this neglect. If there was much more concentration on queer groups educating themselves on white privilege and racial/cultural issues, then these communities could begin to serve queer people of color in a much more intentional way. This is not to say that it isn't necessary for there to be more building and organizing, specifically in order to cater to the concerns and desire for communities of queer people of color, but this would create a greater and more concerted opportunity for coalition building and communication amongst all queer folks and their allies. A

queer group of color would also enable queer people of color to work through the issues that are specific to them without worrying about how it may be construed or misunderstood by those who do not understand racism and racialized experiences. For queer people of color, race is deeply intertwined to their experience as queer people, and though an all white queer group may be able to relate to confronting homophobia, transphobia and heterosexist thinking, they are not able to fully connect to the ways in which these issues have been treated and have affected people of color communities. Homophobia and sexism is a big issue in a lot of people of color communities, and in many of them, queer identities aren't dealt with at all, but are instead uncomfortably relegated to silence, or even discussions about the affects of assimilation on people of color, as if queer identities were a product of white people.

Oppressions are interlocking. Race oppression is closely tied to gender oppression and class oppression. The people of color community at Evergreen and in Olympia does not function, even in its most radical manifestations, as a wholly unsexist and un-homophobic entity because the racism that we deal with on a day to day basis is also one that is shaded with sexist and homophobic thinking. The Queer People of Color Project

arose out of discussion on the need for safe space to discuss and tackle the issues we as queer people of color face, as well as to provide a forum for organizing and activities that can help us build our community.

QPOC can be contacted at [tescqpoc@gmail.com](mailto:tescqpoc@gmail.com)



# General GBLTQ Resources

Olympia Parents/Friends/Families of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAC) -

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through support in coping with an adverse society; education to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

<http://pflag-olympia.org/> | [info@pflag-olympia.org](mailto:info@pflag-olympia.org)

Free At Last GLBT Alcoholics Anonymous -

Weekly meetings are Mondays at 7 PM at United Churches on 11th and Washington

United Communities AIDS Network (UCAN) - Located 147 Rogers St. NW. UCAN provides AIDS awareness education and advocacy as well as prevention and care services such as a support group, a buddy system and a drop-in care program. They have a volunteer program.

360-352-2375 | [www.ucan-wa.org](http://www.ucan-wa.org)

Gender Smash - An open mic night for trans/queer folks & allies. Third Thursday of every month at Le Voyeur 8-10pm ALL AGES, 10pm-midnight 21+ only.

[www.myspace.com/gendersmash](http://www.myspace.com/gendersmash)

Pastiche Foundation - A nonprofit providing for GLBTQQA grassroots action.

[pastichefound@gmail.com](mailto:pastichefound@gmail.com)

Mpowerment - Mpowerment Olympia (formerly the Olympia Men's Project) strives to create a diverse community of guys who like guys who like to have fun, hang out, and participate in a wide variety of events.

352-2375 | [mpoweroly@ucan-wa.org](mailto:mpoweroly@ucan-wa.org)

Stonewall Youth - LGBTQ support group for people under 21 years old. Stonewall Youth has a weekly support group on Wednesdays from 5-7 [stonewallyouth.org](http://stonewallyouth.org) | (360) 705-2738

Evergreen Queer Alliance (EQA) - Dedicated to serving the needs of all queer people through education, outreach, support and action.

867-6544

Evergreen Queer Christian Alliance

Student group working to create healthy, positive relationships between the Queer and Christian communities.

867-6143

Gender Alliance of South Sound

Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month, 7-9 at Fertile Ground Guesthouse, 311 9th Ave SE [contact@southsoundgender.com](mailto:contact@southsoundgender.com)

The New Boyz Club

Meets every other Tuesday, 7-9 pm, at an undisclosed location in West Olympia.

349-0134 | [niksavvy@hotmail.com](mailto:niksavvy@hotmail.com)





# TRANSPHOBIA AT EVERGREEN

Evergreen State College is known for its liberal students and faculty, but when it comes to issues of oppression and, more specifically, gender identity, people still have a lot to learn.

Transphobia is sadly a matter of fact everywhere you go and Evergreen is NO exception. While there has not been a history of violence against trans-folks on campus there is still a lot of ignorance and slander against trans-people.

During the 2007-2008 academic year there were accounts of people making inflammatory remarks about gender identity via TESCrier and TESCtalk. These remarks included remarks about transfolks just wanting attention and that transfolks should just make up their mind. If this wasn't bad enough, these remarks remained largely unchecked. While a brave trans student crafted a response, only one ally "called out" the oppressive and ignorant language being used on the listserves.

Students, even radical students, have very little understanding of the oppression that transpeople face in their day to day lives, and usually contribute to that oppression. One way that this expresses itself on Evergreen's campus is through conversation. Many non-trans people assert that they understand what it means to be trans, that there is a right and a wrong way to be trans or that a person isn't actually trans. This language and the actions they inspire are forms of oppression and need to stop.

There is currently a student group on campus, Society for Trans Action and Resources (STAR), that works to help promote understanding in the administration, faculty, and students

about transgender and genderqueer issues. STAR looks to provide support for all gender variant students, educate allies within the community, and work towards gender-neutral campus policies.

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

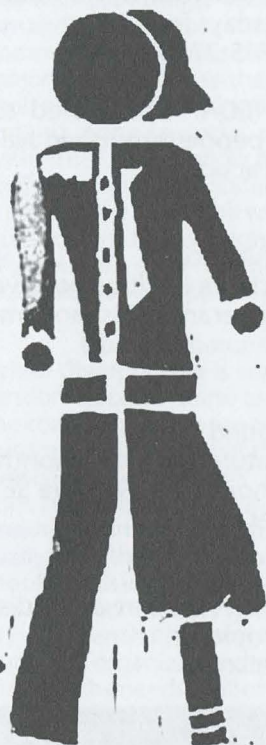
Through the hard work of students, the recreation center has installed two new single occupancy gender-neutral locker rooms. There have also been gender-neutral bathrooms throughout campus. All single stalled restrooms in SEM II have become gender neutral and there is one on the second floor of the library as well. The counseling center staffs counselors who are versed in issues of gender identity and the medical center is becoming more accommodating to trans-gender and gender queer folks.

In the past few years Evergreen and its student have made strides in becoming more trans-friendly, but it still has a long way to go. A good way to get there is to educate yourself. Look into the authors mentioned above, talk to STAR and learn correct terms and pronouns (as it is always good to ask what pronoun people prefer, regardless of their appearance). Below is a website that is good to reference with correct terms and definitions.

[www.banyancounselingcenter.com/tsterminology.html](http://www.banyancounselingcenter.com/tsterminology.html)

## GENDER NEUTRAL HOUSING

A relatively new housing theme on campus is "Gender Neutral," wherein one's gender is not the means by which one is assigned to college housing. This makes for a comfortable and safe living environment for members of the LGBTQA (Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Queer, Ally) community. Unfortunately, GN is first come, first serve, which means spots that could have gone to individuals who really wanted a safe space may end up going to straight couples who didn't want to do extra paperwork to live together. Yes, our Allies should be welcomed into GN but some kind of priority system needs to be developed. Personally, I suggest an essay explaining why it is necessary for a person to live in GN.



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# White Privilege & RACE



Besides the petty personal bigotries that saturate this country's north and south, racism is institutionally pervasive in the United States as well. What does that mean? Well, when Stokely Carmichael first coined the phrase 'institutional racism' he was trying to highlight the fact that governance structures had failed to meet the collective needs of some of its people "because of their color, culture or ethnic origin." In other words, racism still plays an integral part in the very institutions that are supposed to take care of us and keep us safe unconditionally. Even in our enlightened 21st century society, racism still persists. Many things that we take for granted such as integrated schools, fair hiring practices, and being able to sit anywhere on the bus are things that many people have had to live without during their lives. These "rights" that most of us take for granted were fought for tooth and nail.

"Race" may be a social construct, but it carries a lot of weight in our society today. You may be asking, "If 'race' has no basis in biological reality, why is it so important?" To put it simply, racism matters because it is one way among many that the powerful elite spread systems of classification which keep us divided, distracted, and conquered. Racism is perpetuated through our participation in a system which has historically treated superficial differences as excuses to treat other people like subhumans and deny them the fruits of their labor. The end result of this process was an accumulation of economic, political, and social benefits into the hands of a certain "race." The daily reiteration of this system through the myriad of human interactions is called white privilege. We can see white privilege all around us, from our biased eurocentric school textbooks, to banks giving statistically fewer loans to people of color, to the prison and police

system (which disproportionately targets people of color), all the way to our schools' and workplaces' habits and organizations. The belief that people of color have overcome all the obstacles to true equality is a complete delusion. Racism, and the subsequent privileges that most white people benefit from, creep their way into many parts of our everyday lives in ways that most of us are unaware of. In this way, racism is also personal.

Despite the lip-service paid to these issues, don't expect much to be different at Evergreen. Despite its reputation as a radical institution, Evergreen has its fair share of problems, especially when it comes to race. Evergreen is 82% white. That

Be respectful. Be conscious of your privilege. Be an ally.

means diversity isn't too great here, and most of the time we don't live up to our progressive reputation. An example of white privilege that you're likely to come across at Evergreen is the tendency for a white person to dominate seminar and interrogate a person of color about their culture. This isn't good for a lot of reasons. On one hand, it may alienate the person of color and, on the other, it forces them to become some kind of delegate of their entire race, even though they have their own unique experiences. Such tokenism sucks and only works to accentuate the disconnect many white people have from the concept of diversity. Also, when white people dominate seminar it comes off as intensely arrogant and this rarely sparks meaningful dialogue.

Lastly, cultural appropriation (when a person borrows parts of someone else's culture and adopts them as their own) also happens often at TESC via hairstyles such as mohawks or dreadlocks which, while seemingly sweet dos, are actually large parts of some people's cultures, not just the latest trend.

## A Note On Local Neo-Nazis

A group of neo-Nazis, called the National Socialist Movement (NSM), occasionally holds rallies in Olympia. Typically, they draw 10 or so NSM members and hundreds of protesters. They are usually separated (protected) from the protesters by the cops. They stand and throw out disgusting hate speech for a bit while the protesters yell back or ignore them, or create another scene with anti-racist clowns or noise makers or whatever. Then the Nazis leave. These ignorant scumfucks do pose a threat; they can and have committed hate crimes, and they attempt to recruit vulnerable lost souls. They should be confronted and know they are not welcome here, in whatever creative way that may be.

But really, they basically come to Olympia to get the attention-as-fuel they need to make themselves feel thoroughly victimized, and then go on their way. It is debatable what should be done about them. They get mountains more media coverage than if we just let them holler and hate. Most people would never hear about their existence. If you feel the desire to fight racism, just look around you. There are so many ways oppression is playing out and directly affecting people all around you every day. If they come to town again, handle the Nazis how you think fit, but always examine how people of color, queer people, homeless people, and other minority groups are constantly being oppressed in ways that affect their daily lives more than a dozen crazy Nazis. Put some real energy into stopping that too.

**NEVER AGAIN**



# A New MENTality

How Male Oppression Relates to Sexism and Homophobia

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

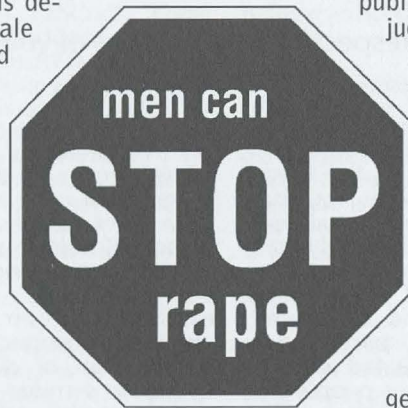
We live in a society where overt male to female physical violence is deplorable by many standards, but male to male violence is both accepted and embraced. More men have died at the hands of other men than have women. Much of this killing stems from institutions that are designed to assert male domination,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

## Socialization/Gender Boxes

The process by which men are taught to be tough, aggressive, and in-control and women are taught to be pleasing, passive and controlled is called socialization. Socialization is subtle. It occurs when young boys are given toy guns and blue shirts as gifts, and their female counterparts are given Barbie dolls and pink skirts. It occurs when teen magazines, movies and music suggest girls will be feminine if they consider their body to be their best asset. Socialization occurs for men when we are taught that our masculinity is analogous to our sexuality, or that our ability to take control of a situation is a measure of our manhood. If we listen to the media, men are supposed to be aggressive leaders and/or aloof and mysterious. In fact, these myths of masculinity manifest themselves respectively through a domineering personality or an

inability to communicate, both of which inhibit healthy relationships.

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



## Homophobia

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

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



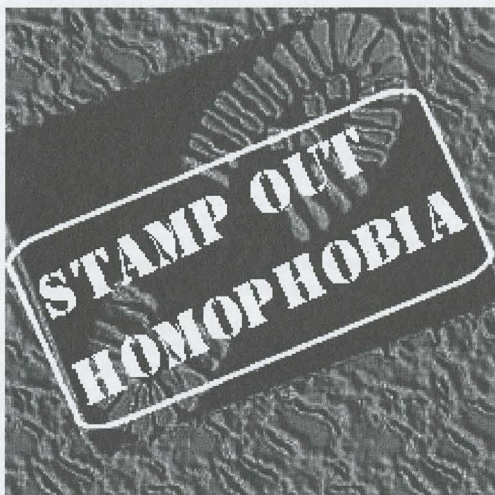
Socialized gender boxes also dictate who we should be attracted to. How do we treat those who's sexuality doesn't fit the mold? As straight men and women we take our heterosexual privilege for granted. Besides the obvious challenges of being rejected and scorned by society at large, queer men and women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

### **Sexism at Evergreen**

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

So what can we as men do to help ourselves, and thus our female comrades as well? Many believe it starts with self-examination. Where do my notions of masculinity come from? What did my father (or mother) teach me about being a man? Do I feel intimidated by a powerful woman? Do I feel competitive in the presence of a powerful man? Do I find myself dominating the conversation a lot at meetings, in class, or other social situations?

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



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

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



# SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND CONSENT

Sexual violence is nauseatingly common: 1 in 3 women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime and 1 in 4 college-aged women have been raped or suffered attempted rape. These grotesquely high rates of offense only account for rape and not other forms of sexual violence. Question: HOW THE FUCK CAN RAPE RATES BE THIS HIGH? Answer: Because sexual violence is socially acceptable.

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

Before continuing to talk about sexual violence lets give a definition, "Sexual violence is any action that makes an individual feel violated in a way that pertains to sexuality." Everyone has a right to determine their own sexual expression and the role they play in the sexual expression of others. The terms "sexual expression" and "sexuality" extend beyond physical actions into verbal, visual, and other nonphysical actions as well. It is important to use this definition if we want sexual violence to stop. Notice in the definition above that the determining factor in an act of sexual violence is how the survivor feels. This means that: **SURVIVORS ALONE ARE CAPABLE OF NAMING WHEN SEXUAL VIOLENCE OCCURS.** Sexual violence cannot be objectively defined. It is entirely circumstantial. Sexual violence is degrading, humiliating and takes power away from the survivor. It removes the survivor's ability to determine their involvement in sexual expression.

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

This reaction fails to recognize an act of sexual violence as being unacceptable. Instead, it displaces the responsibility onto the survivor, as though the way to deal with the situation is empathy and understanding toward the violator. As a third party, you have absolutely no business asking for any information about the incident that the survivor does not voluntarily offer. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO HEAR THE WHOLE STORY** to determine whether or not a violation occurred, because it is not up to you to make that call. At this point it might be good to add that only 2% of rapes reported to police are false accusations, which is the same rate that any other crime is falsely reported. Note also that the legal criteria for defining rape does not hinge on a survivor's experience as it rightfully should.

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

With that said, there are some general guidelines: **FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY EVER!** The most important thing you can do is to make sure all sexual activities (or activities that can conceivably be seen as sexual) are consensual. Consent is "the act of willingly and verbally agreeing to involvement in any sexual contact or conduct."

Consent is an ongoing process in any relationship. The only way to know that you are not sexually violating someone is to always ensure there is consent. It is important to note that saying no, even when asked, can be very hard. People will feel pressured into sexual activity and may verbally agree, but not really want to be engaging in sexual activity. If someone says "yes", but you feel that their nonverbal communication is saying "no", then you should stop. It is important to note that this does not go the other way around. If you feel that someone's nonverbal communication is saying "yes", but they have not verbalized consent, then you have not obtained consent. You cannot know for sure without verbal (and physical) affirmation.

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



## FOR ALLIES

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

Professional resources for emotional and physical assistance are listed at the end of this article. While these resources are helpful, having support from friends and loved ones is essential. You provide a different kind of support as a friend, which even the best professionals cannot provide (although keep in mind that professionals provide resources like medical care that you cannot).

## FOR PERPETRATORS

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

## FOR COMMUNITIES

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

## RESOURCES FOR SURVIVORS

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

St. Peter's Hospital 491-9480 | 413 Lily Road Provides legal rape exams and will call a Safeplace advocate and a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner—folks who are specifically trained to help you through the examination. The exam is paid for through Crime Victims Compensation.

Group Health 973-7000 | 700 Lilly Road Provides legal rape exams but only accepts members of its health plan. The results of your medical exam will not be released to the police without your written consent if you are over 18 (if you are under 18 the hospital is legally required to do so). Remember it is always your choice to speak with police or answer questions they ask you. If you want to press charges against your attacker, it is important to go to the hospital within 72 hours after vaginal penetration, 48 hours after anal, and 12 hours after oral.

The Evergreen Health Center 867-6200 | SEM | 2110 Cannot conduct legal rape exams but can provide treatment of injuries, testing, and emergency contraception. M, Tu, Th: 8-5, W: 8-7, F: 8-Noon

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

The Counseling Center 866-6800 | SEM | 4130 Has licensed and peer counselors available during the academic year. Conversations are free and confidential. M-Th 8-5, Fri 8-3, Walk-in M-F 11-Noon.

The Sexual Assault Prevention Coordinator 867-5221 | SEM | 4121 Can help decide whether to press charges and what your options are for support and assistance. You can call police services (867-6140) after hours. <http://www.evergreen.edu/health/osap/>

Safeplace Rape Relief/Women's Shelter Services (360) 754-6300 - 24 crisis hotline | (360) 786 8754—business line | [safeplaceolympia.org](http://safeplaceolympia.org) Has advocates available 24 hours a day who are specially trained to help WOMEN survivors through all phases of recovery including medical help and the legal system. Safeplace also provides confidential shelter for women and children. While Safeplace acknowledges the need for trans/intersex survivor services and is working toward providing them, the Survivor Project (503-288-3191, [survivorproject.org](http://survivorproject.org)) in Portland currently provides better intersex/trans support.



# Polyamory

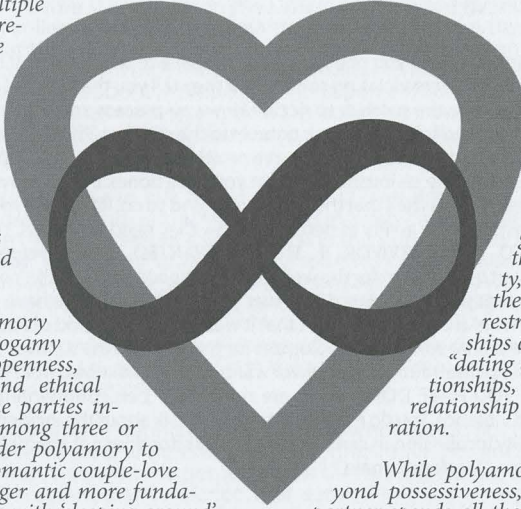
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*Polyamory is a term used to refer to the practice of having or being open to having multiple lovers. Poly's (as practitioners of polyamory are sometimes called), are not just concerned with sex, but also with developing multiple supportive and mutually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

*What distinguishes polyamory from traditional forms of non-monogamy (i.e. "cheating") is an ideology that openness, goodwill, intense communication, and ethical behavior should prevail among all the parties involved. Powerful intimate bonding among three or more persons may occur. Some consider polyamory to be, at its root, the generalization of romantic couple-love beyond two people into something larger and more fundamental. Polyamory is not synonymous with 'sleeping around' or the practice of having multiple casual sex partners, although they aren't mutually exclusive by any means. Polyamory is not a way to have many lovers and avoid deep emotional investment;*

*to the contrary, it is a belief that we should more deeply love our partners without constraints. Polyamory is not for everyone.*

*The dominant culture of 'serial monogamy', or having multiple loves, doesn't always work out with everyone having their needs met. It establishes a hierarchy of relationships with all attention going to the latest prospect of 'the one.' It discourages deep loving connections with friends, since love comes loaded with expectations and commitments. Keeping to one lover can feel very stifling to queer people that have to reconcile their attraction to different genders.*



*Polyamory does not imply dysfunctional relationships. It requires respect, communication, trust, emotional maturity, and lots of talking with all people involved. With multiple partners, special attention to safe sex and sexual health is a very important part of expressing love for those you sleep with. Polys go through a lot of the same struggles that monogamous folks go through in their relationships. Ideally, they are built upon values of trust, loyalty, negotiation, and compassion, as well as the rejection of jealousy, possessiveness, and restrictive cultural standards. Such relationships are often more fluid than the traditional "dating and marriage" model of long-term relationships, and the participants in a polyamorous relationship may not have preconceptions as to duration.*

*While polyamory seeks to grow our relationships beyond possessiveness, it's still ok to feel jealous when your partner spends all their time with their new flame; hopefully you can understand and love them for their passion and still have your needs met. Honest and constant communication of your feelings, as in any relationship, is the key.*

## P o l y a m o r y

I respect that each connection in my life will find it's own right place, time, and spirit – with an appreciative understanding that each connection evolves in unpredictable ways.

I realize and value that there are all kinds of love, and not all of them are sexual. I will be open to all expressions of love. I will give and receive love freely and often.

I do not believe in placing arbitrary limits on myself or others based on an understanding of love as a finite commodity. I firmly believe that the more love I give, the more it grows and that people have an unlimited capacity to love.

I will strive to be aware of how social conditioning is effecting my responses to love, and work towards breaking bad habits so that love can be redefined, explored, and expressed without hindrance.

I appreciate that each expression of love is special. I recognize that all love has value and that one kind of love can never be better than another.

I will keep my heart open to receive love. I will keep my heart open to give love. I will not be afraid to explore and express love frequently in multiple ways. I will be open to vulnerability and intimacy. I will lower my shield to let love in and will slow down and listen when my shield goes up.

I believe that self-love is essential and without it love is impossible.

I understand that people have varied needs, that one person cannot fulfill all needs of another, and it is our responsibility to express and get our own needs met. I recognize that this builds community and connection, which is the goal and helps to spread love.

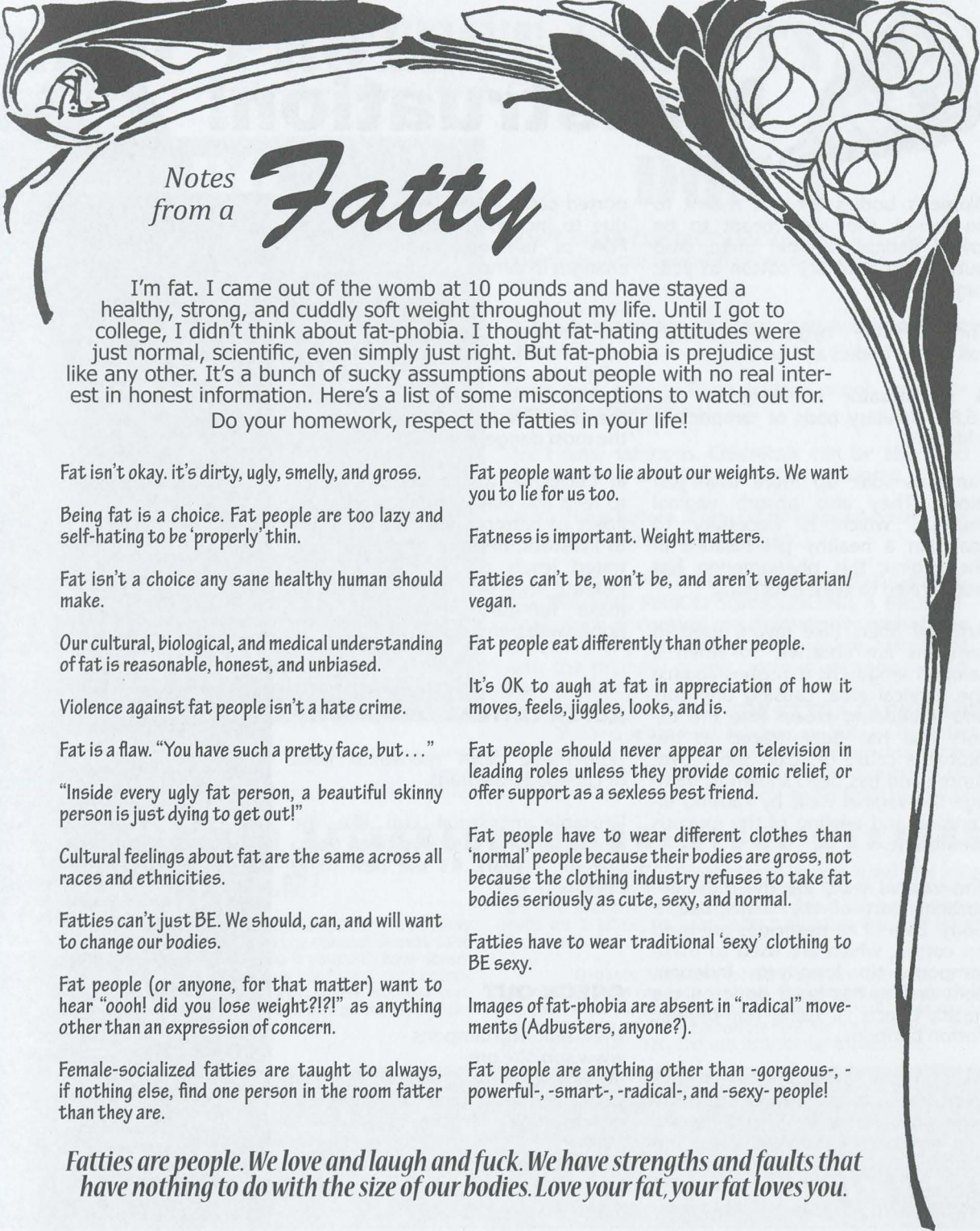
I will encourage those I love to love more. I will be supportive when someone I love finds love or expresses love. I will look inward if any expression of love causes me to feel threatened or insecure. I will be open to being told I am not being supportive.

I will examine my own fears and strive to not let them get in the way of expressing and experiencing love. I will listen with an open heart if someone's honesty hurts me. I will strive to always respond with grace and speak authentically.

I believe in being open to change and fluidity in relationships, even when it hurts. I believe love is the absence of guilt and fear. I believe love is acceptance that love involves choices.

I recognize that love can become strained, love can be withheld, and love can be painful. I will strive to be honest with myself and others in order to remain compassionate to myself and others.

I respect that love fosters deep bonds, and that expressions of love should be encouraged without the fear of threatening someone else's comfort. I believe that compassion, safety, trust, and respect are essential to maintaining love.



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# Fatty

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

Do your homework, respect the fatties in your life!

Fat isn't okay. it's dirty, ugly, smelly, and gross.

Being fat is a choice. Fat people are too lazy and self-hating to be 'properly' thin.

Fat isn't a choice any sane healthy human should make.

Our cultural, biological, and medical understanding of fat is reasonable, honest, and unbiased.

Violence against fat people isn't a hate crime.

Fat is a flaw. "You have such a pretty face, but..."

"Inside every ugly fat person, a beautiful skinny person is just dying to get out!"

Cultural feelings about fat are the same across all races and ethnicities.

Fatties can't just BE. We should, can, and will want to change our bodies.

Fat people (or anyone, for that matter) want to hear "oooh! did you lose weight?!?" as anything other than an expression of concern.

Female-socialized fatties are taught to always, if nothing else, find one person in the room fatter than they are.

Fat people want to lie about our weights. We want you to lie for us too.

Fatness is important. Weight matters.

Fatties can't be, won't be, and aren't vegetarian/vegan.

Fat people eat differently than other people.

It's OK to laugh at fat in appreciation of how it moves, feels, jiggles, looks, and is.

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

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

Fatties have to wear traditional 'sexy' clothing to BE sexy.

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

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

***Fatties are people. We love and laugh and fuck. We have strengths and faults that have nothing to do with the size of our bodies. Love your fat, your fat loves you.***





SAY THE WORD..

# Mynstruation!

Women's bodies are not meant to be feared, they are meant to be loved! Radical wimmin unite, stop putting wads of dry cotton in your vagina!

The feminine hygiene industry's toll on our bodies and Earth:

A menstruator is likely to use 16,800 sanitary pads or tampons in a lifetime.

Tampons soak up more than just blood. They also absorb vaginal mucous, which is necessary to maintain a healthy pH balance in the vagina; this phenomenon has been linked to yeast infections.

Artificial fibers (like rayon) used in tampons are abrasive, so when a tampon lengthens it pushes against the cervical area, causing tiny cuts and imbedding pieces into the tissue. This has been traced as the probable cause of Toxic Shock Syndrome and has been shown to damage the vaginal walls by causing ulceration and peeling of the mucous membrane.

The vaginal walls are the most absorbent part of the menstruator's body. 25% of all pesticides are used on cotton, which are used to make tampons. No long-term independent testing has been done on the health effects of using non-organic cotton tampons.

Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) has been linked to tampon use and the high absorbency level in tampons. The number of reported cases has dropped significantly in recent years, from 55 deaths and 1,066 cases during 1979 and 1980 to 5 re-

ported cases in 1997 and 3 in 1998, due to increased regulation of the FDA of tampon absorbency and changes in tampon ingredients.

Five of the top nine pesticides used on cotton in the U.S. (cyanide, dicofol, naled, propargite, and trifluralin) are KNOWN cancer-causing chemicals. All nine are classified by the U.S. EPA as Category 1 and 2, the most dangerous.

In California, it has become illegal to feed the leaves, stems, and short fibers of cotton known as gin trash to livestock, because of the concentrated levels of pesticide residue. Instead, this gin trash is used to make furniture, mattresses, tampons, swabs, and cotton balls.

## ALTERNATIVES

Homemade cloth menstrual pads or Lunapads/Gladrags.

Reusable menstrual cup like the Keeper or Diva Cup (I've been using one for 2 years, it's the best thing ever!)

## CHECK OUT

[www.seac.org/tampons](http://www.seac.org/tampons)

[www.spotsite.org](http://www.spotsite.org)

[onewoman.com](http://onewoman.com)

Cunt: A declaration of Independence Inga Muscio; Seal Press, 1998

Women's Resource Center  
Women of Color Coalition

## MISS LUCY SINGS THE BLEEDING CHEER

*the Winnipeg Radical Cheerleaders*

*miss lucy has a problem  
her money has run dry  
she can't afford tampons  
and she can't understand why*

*(why) the government taxes them  
when they should be free  
they have no problem profiting  
off something that we need*

*(need) to have alternatives  
to perfumes, bleach & dye  
gives me a rash & makes me scratch  
the companies they lie*

*(lie) to sell us garbage  
that goes into the lakes  
stop filling up the landfills  
we're putting on the brakes*

*(break) consumer cycles  
that feed us guilt and shame  
i'm getting off your white couch  
and showing off the stain*

*(stain) yer stinkin' standards  
of how i'm supposed to feel  
you think i smell, well go to hell  
it's natural to bleed*

*(bleeding) in my keeper  
cloth pads are fine with me  
and screw your midol  
give me red raspberry tea*

*(teaching) one another  
about menstrual health  
shared knowledge and experience  
is our greatest wealth*

*(wealthy) corporations  
i think your time is done  
your stupid douche and silly wings  
i want N-O-N-E, N-O-N-E, N-O-N-E,  
none, none, none!*

# BASIC PROTEST SAFETY

*brought to you by the Olympia Street Medic Collective*



## DO

Wear protective shoes that you can run in and clothing covering your skin to protect from exposure to weather and chemical weapons.

Shower beforehand to get off any dead skin cells that chemicals could stick to.

Bring a bandanna soaked in apple-cider vinegar or lime juice to aid in breathing in case of chemical exposure.

Bring fresh clothes in a plastic bag (in case yours get contaminated by chemical weapons).

Bring any medications you may need; especially inhalers and insulin or medications you may need in the next few days (in case you are stranded or arrested). Wear Med-Alert tags and inform any street medics of serious medical conditions.

BRING WATER and remember to eat & stay hydrated.

## DON'T

**DON'T WEAR CONTACT LENSES.** Contacts can trap chemicals in the eyes and cause severe pain or blindness.

Don't wear earrings. **DO** tape over non-removable piercings.

Don't wear natural fibers (cotton, wool, hemp, or fuzzy, absorbent fibers).

Don't wear tampons. Chemicals can be absorbed into tampons, causing toxic shock syndrome.

Don't shave before a protest or wear oil-based skin products (lotions, sunscreens, etc.).

**DON'T USE AMPHETAMINES OR OTHER DRUGS DURING THE TIME PERIOD SURROUNDING A PROTEST.** Drugs such as cocaine can dramatically worsen the effects of chemical weapons, and are associated with the majority of electroshock weapon-related deaths.

### BE EXTRA CAREFUL IF:

You are, or are with, children, animals, or the elderly.

You have asthma, a weakened immune system, are pregnant, or have heart conditions.

You are a nursing mother. Toxins can be passed through breast milk.

You have long hair, facial hair or dreadlocks. Chemicals can get trapped in them & cops can use them to grab you.

## TREATMENT AND AFTERCARE FOR CHEMICAL WEAPONS

### STAY CALM!

Remember: the pain is only temporary. Get away from the gas cloud. If you are wearing contact lenses take them out immediately. If you can't do it yourself, have someone with **CLEAN** hands help you. Blow your nose, spit, cough, etc. Try not to swallow. Flush eyes with water, making sure head is tipped so that water is flowing out of the eye sockets.

Take as **COLD** a shower as you can stand. Hot water will make your skin burn all over again. Do not get chemicals into sensitive areas or wounds. Avoid alcohol and other drugs for a while, as your body is cleaning itself of toxins. Wash your clothes in harsh detergent.

Organic Miso and citrus fruits are the best to eat afterwards. Also burdock, nettles, Oregon grape, or dandelions can be useful to purge your liver and systems. Use garlic, ginger, mullein, and marshmallow root for lung support. Treat stress with milky oat, and use licorice for throat care.

The Olympia Street Medic Collective developed following the May 2006 port protests. It was formed by individuals from various factions of the activist community to educate ourselves and keep each other safe in the streets. The collective has since grown and now holds numerous health and safety workshops, street medic trainings, forums on weaponry and protest preparedness, and attempts to attend all protests and gatherings in Olympia where EMTs and Paramedics are unlikely/unable to attend. The collective holds ongoing trainings, scenario days, and fundraisers. If you are interested in becoming a street medic, helping us during scenario days (make-up artist, actors, etc.), making donations (medical supplies always welcome), or in helping with fundraising, please contact us at [olysmc@lists.riseup.net](mailto:olysmc@lists.riseup.net)

# GREEN IS THE NEW RED

What the Hell is the Green Scare?

The Green Scare is a government roundup strategy aimed at scaring ecological radicals away from effective resistance through the targeted repression of people the state perceives as key members of radical environmental struggles, who receive draconian prison sentences for

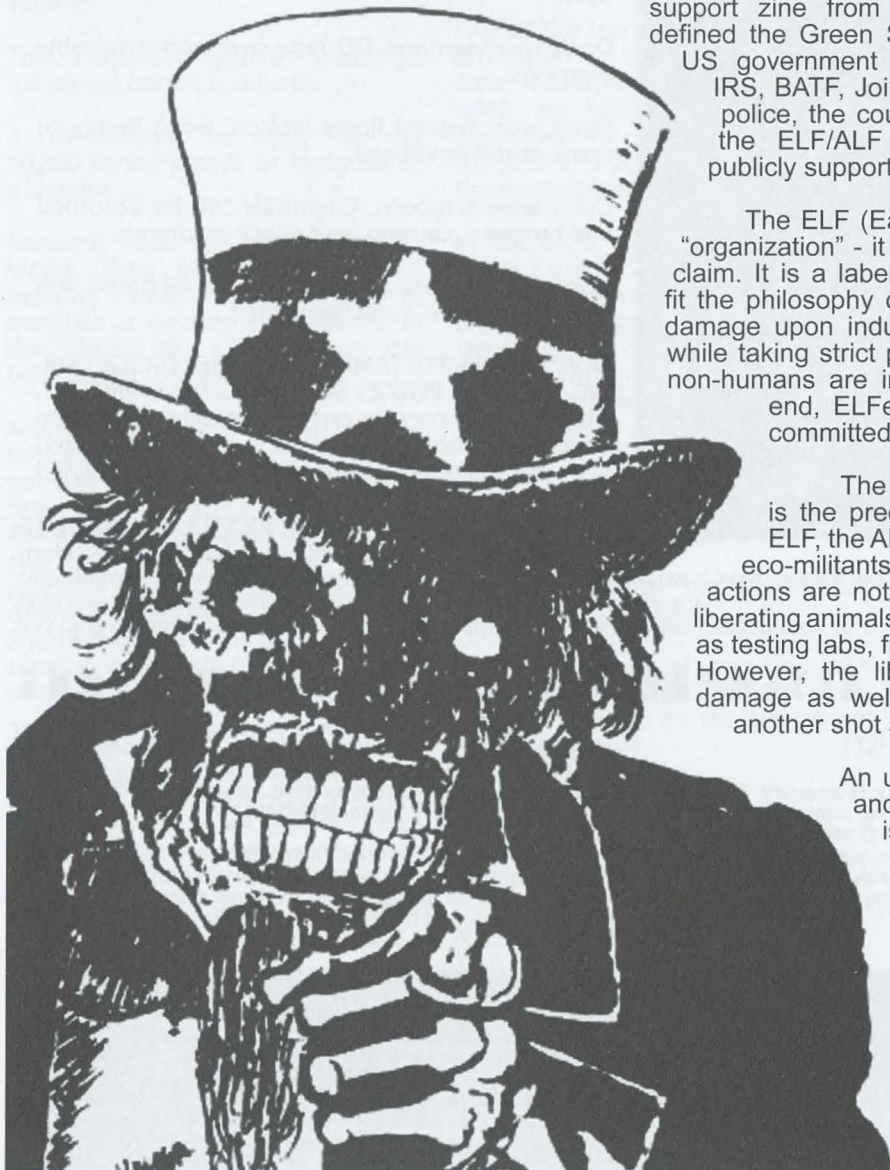
relatively small crimes. A similar tactic was used in the 1950's (during the Cold War's "Red Scare"), where anyone remotely considered communist was targeted. We are seeing a similar tactic applied to environmental and animal rights activists today. The government's code name for most recent wave of repression is *Operation Backfire*. One prisoner support zine from the UK, *Spirit of Freedom*, defined the Green Scare as, "the tactics that the US government and all their tentacles (FBI, IRS, BATF, Joint Terrorism Task Forces, local police, the court system) are using to attack the ELF/ALF and specifically those who publicly support them."

The ELF (Earth Liberation Front) is not an "organization" - it is a banner which anyone can claim. It is a label given to direct actions which fit the philosophy of the ELF: to inflict economic damage upon industries that destroy the planet while taking strict precautions that no humans or non-humans are injured in the process. To this end, ELFers bring to light the atrocities committed by targeted industries.

The ALF (Animal Liberation Front) is the predecessor to the ELF. Like the ELF, the ALF is a label given or chosen by eco-militants. The ALF differs in that most actions are not for economic damage but for liberating animals from oppressive facilities, such as testing labs, fur farms, and slaughterhouses. However, the liberation actions do economic damage as well as give imprisoned animals another shot at life.

An underlying principle of the ELF and ALF is that absolutely no being is hurt in their actions. Further, since both movements began, there have been exactly zero injuries to humans. Despite both groups vow of non-violence, the FBI considers both to be the number one domestic terrorist threat.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Peifer said in court that the alleged ELF members and their



"crimes" "... is a classic case of terrorism, despite their protests of lofty humane goals... it was pure luck no one was killed or injured by their actions... if that is the standard, then the Ku Klux Klan did not commit terrorism when they burned empty black churches during the civil rights upheaval..." conveniently likening militant but basically non-violent environmentalists to a notorious hate group that also had the full power of the state and decades of systematic oppression behind them. Even more horrifying is prominent Green Scare judge Ann Aiken's statement that to qualify for "federal criminal terrorism" an action "does not require a substantial risk of injury." Aiken's comments effectively nullify the legal definition of terrorism and open the door to call any direct action that threatens destructive industries or the state "terrorism."

Both the ELF and ALF operate with the use of autonomous cells and completely without self-described leaders. Despite this glaring fact, the FBI coined a core group of its arrestees "leaders" and claimed that they called themselves "the Family". This "Family" consisted of alleged radical environmentalists who all lived on the west coast, predominantly in Eugene and Olympia. This "group" was the first to see extreme FBI repression, being blamed for several ELF actions without proof of their involvement. The FBI became dependent on "snitches" and paid informants for information leading to arrests, promising shorter prison sentences and lesser charges. What happened instead was that all named activists became imprisoned along with the snitches. In fact, the accused who turned into informants statistically got much longer sentences than those who refused to rat out their friends.

The Green Scare has been horrific for the victims of this police repression. Bill Rodgers, also known as "Avalon", of Prescott, Arizona was found dead in his cell two weeks after his arrest. The FBI labeled Rodgers the leader of the ELF and mastermind of arsons which had cost upwards of \$20 million. Eric McDavid received 19 years for "conspiracy to destroy property by means of fire or explosives" a euphemism for thoughtcrime. In reality, a paid informant known as Anna was given \$75,000 to fabricate a crime and implicate whoever fell into the net. Both of McDavid's co-defendants, Zachory Jenson and Lauren Wiener, pled guilty to lesser charges and agreed to testify against Eric. The result is a person who committed no crime receiving a 19-year prison sentence.

Activist Jonathan Paul received 4 years and 3 months. Activist Joynna Zacher (Sadie) of Olympia received 7 years and 8 months. Activist Nathan

Block (Exile) of Olympia also received 7 years and 3 months. Briana Waters, once a coordinator for the Evergreen Animal Rights Network and now a mother, professional musician, and violin teacher, was sentenced to 6 years for a crime at which she was not even present. She was named as a lookout to an arson by two people facing hefty prison sentences with hopes of reducing their own sentences. Throughout the entire case there were glaring holes and unreliable witnesses, but due to the power of the state its lapdog, the media, Briana has been locked away for several years.

One of the larger lessons learned through the Green Scare was that the FBI had no leads until people began snitching, so movements with an effective security culture pose a legitimate challenge to the FBI and those they serve. The state will screw you over regardless if you help them or not, and the power and omnipresence of the state is not as monolithic as they would like all to believe.

The easiest way to support political prisoners such as these is to write them letters of support and if you can, donate to their legal and commissary funds. The Sabot Infoshoppe (which, as of fall 2010, does not yet have a space) plans to hold prisoner writing parties and benefits throughout the year.. look for flyers.

Check [www.greenisthenewred.com](http://www.greenisthenewred.com) for info on individual prisoners.



Ex-Greener Briana Waters was sentenced to 6 years

# Security Culture 101

A security culture is a set of customs shared by a community whose members may engage in illegal or unwanted activities, the practice of which minimizes the risks of such activities. The main focus of a security culture is keeping information about illegal activities private and between involved individuals only. - From Wikipedia

The core premise of establishing a culture of security is not letting be known what need not be known. If a community has a strong sense of security culture, it matters less who's phones are tapped, what houses are bugged, or who is or isn't wired because the information received will not lead the feds to anything that can meaningfully implicate individuals.

Radical and activist communities are no place for "I'm more anarchist/militant/serious-about-the-cause-than-you" posturing. If one commits illegal acts, the least amount of people possible should know (if you are working in a cell or affinity group). Don't casually throw around direct action ideas in public if you potentially want to try them in the future. Don't talk about about illegal things you've done or hint at why you've dropped out of mainstream actions. Bragging, directly or implied, is simply dumb when anything you say can be held against you in court.

Security culture is not guessing who did what and when. There is no place for gossip when running your mouth can lead to someone being indicted by a grand jury and facing years in prison. The feds don't really care if they have the "right" person or not. On the contrary, government repression is about instilling fear in radical and activist communities, not bringing people to "justice." They'll use that gossip whether or not it's even remotely true.

The police and the FBI (and depending on the situation, CIA and NSA) become interested in activities when they begin to meaningfully challenge the homogeneity of power and business as usual. Radical environmental and animal activists (such as the Earth Liberation Front [ELF] or Animal Liberation Front [ALF]) are considered the number one domestic terrorist threat, while crazy militant anti-gay and anti-abortion groups are silently left out of the equation.

That being the reality, if you take part in radical activist activities, it is best to assume there may be an informant in the room, that your phone is tapped, and that your emails are being read, whether or not it may be true.

## SO WHAT DOES SECURITY CULTURE LOOK LIKE?

Security culture is never talking to the police or FBI about anything. Ever. Even the most seemingly innocuous question will be used against you or your friends. Know your rights as a citizen. The FBI will do whatever they can to scare the shit out of you and make you talk. The majority of what they say is posturing and they will have no qualms lying to your face nor do they have to do what they say they will if you do talk. They are trying to intimidate you and persuade you.

Security culture looks like having your friends and allies' backs. If your friend or someone in your community gets snatched and is in jail, it is your duty to support that person. Jail and prison are about breaking people and is a political tool that is used to scare and coerce people into becoming informants. Jail and prison are about isolating you. Write letters, keep up to date about where they are being transferred to. Go to court hearings. Make sure they are getting treated well. Fundraise for their legal defense. And show they are not forgotten.

Security culture looks like being aware of who is and who isn't reliable—especially when planning illegal activities. How long have you know the people you are working with? What is their history in the community? Can it be traced and verified? Are they level-headed and responsible or do they have something to prove? Where is sensitive information to be kept?

Work with reliable and experienced friends you trust. Informants, snitches and infiltrators have been a part of the history of radical movements around the world. But, don't get overly paranoid. The feds would love nothing more than for radical and activist communities to turn into neurotic, scared, isolated groups of people too afraid to attempt to do anything at all disobedient.

The best defense to government repression is having strong, healthy, loving communities of resistance. We should strive to build longstanding communities of interwoven relationships that span time, multiple communities, nations and even landmasses. The more interwoven our communities, the harder they are to unwind and infiltrate. Security culture is to activism what a condom is to sex. Its for the safety of you and your partner(s), so don't forget it!



# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

1. You have the constitutional right to remain silent. You do not have to talk to law enforcement or anyone else even if you do not feel free to walk away, or if you are arrested or in jail. You cannot be punished for not speaking. It is smart to talk to a lawyer before answering any questions. Only a judge can order you to answer questions.

2. The only two exceptions to not answering questions are in some states you must provide your name if you are stopped and told to identify yourself. You are not required to answer any other questions. Second, if you are driving and pulled over for a traffic violation you are required to show license, registration and insurance, but nothing else.

3. You have the constitutional right to talk to a lawyer before answering questions regardless if police tell you about that right, even if you do not have a lawyer. If you do make sure you have a business card on you to show the officer and ask to call your lawyer. Remember to get the name, agency, and telephone number of any law enforcement who visits you and give that information to your lawyer.

4. Anything you say to law enforcement can be used against you and others. Lying is a crime, but being silent is not. Even if you answered some questions you can choose to be silent at any time.

5. If enforcement threatens to get a subpoena you still do not have to answer any questions right there and then. If you are subpoenaed contact a lawyer right away. You must follow the subpoena's directions about where and when to report to court but you still do not have to say anything.

6. If asked to meet with officers for a "counter-terrorism interview" you have the right to say no, to have an attorney present, to set the time and place of interview, to find out the questions they will ask beforehand, and to answer only the questions you feel comfortable answering. If taken into custody you still have the right to remain silent. Never assume that anything you say is off the record and it is a criminal offense to knowingly lie to an officer.

7. You do not need to answer any questions if you are shown a warrant.

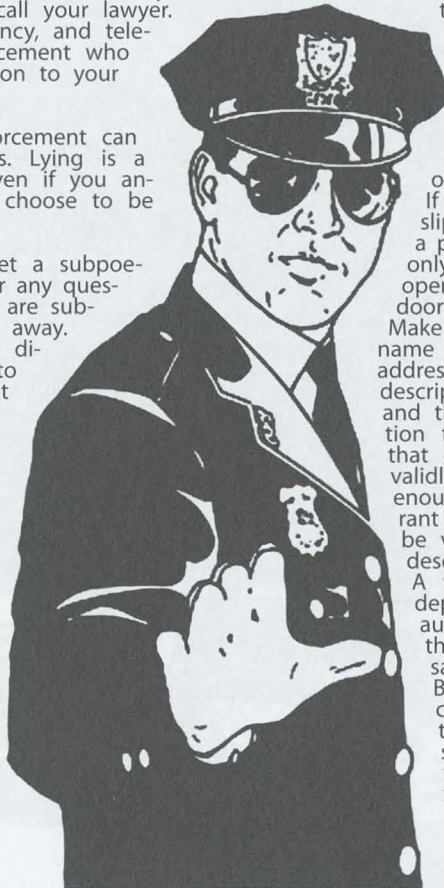
8. You do not have to let officers without a warrant into your home, nor do you have to answer their questions. Enforcement cannot get a warrant based on your refusal, nor can they punish you for refusing consent.

**"I do not consent to a search. I'm going to remain silent. I want to speak to a lawyer."**

9. If officers insist on searching your home do not interfere with the search in any way, but clearly say you have not given consent and that the search is against your wishes. Get names and badge numbers of searching officers and contact a lawyer immediately.

10. If you give consent to a search, officers do not need to get the court's permission to do a search. Police may search your car but only the area within reach and in containers that could conceivably contain a weapon (not the Altoids tin you have your weed stashed in). Smelling something is not grounds for a search (though a K9 unit smelling something is). They must have a warrant to look in the truck. Always say you do not consent to the search.

11. If law enforcement knocks on the door, do not open it. Instead, ask through the door if they have a warrant. If the answer is no, then do not let them into your home and do not answer any questions or say anything other than "I do not want to talk to you." If they do have a warrant, ask it to be slipped under the door, or shown through a peephole, window, or a door that is open only enough to see the warrant. If you open the door to see the warrant, shut the door behind you and ask for the warrant. Make sure the warrant contains the judges name and signature, your name and correct address, the date, place to be searched, a description of any items being searched for, and the name of the agency that is conducting the search or arrest. An arrest warrant that does not have your name may still be validly used for your arrest if it describes you enough to identify you, and a search warrant that does not have your name may still be valid if it gives the correct address and description of the place to be searched. A warrant that is a "warrant of removal/deportation" does not give the officer the authority to enter your home. If you say the warrant is not complete or accurate, say you do not consent to the search. But, do not interfere if the officers decide to do the search even after you told them they are mistaken. Call a lawyer as soon as possible. Ask if you are allowed to watch the search. If you are allowed you should take notes, including names, badge number, which agency each officer is from, where they searched and what they took. Have any other people present act as witnesses.



# HELL YEAH THE OLYMPIA V-DAY UPRISING

FOR WEEKS LEADING UP TO FEBRUARY 14TH, 2008, HYPE HAD BEEN BUILDING ON CAMPUS AND THROUGHOUT OLYMPIA THAT DEAD PREZ, A HIGHLY ACCLAIMED, POLITICALLY CHARGED HIP HOP GROUP, WOULD BE PLAYING AT EVERGREEN. THIS EVENT HAD BEEN PRIMARILY ORGANIZED BY THE NEW EVERGREEN CHAPTER OF HIP HOP CONGRESS, ALONG WITH EVERGREEN HILLEL, THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER, OLYMPIA SDS, AND THE SABOT INFOSHOPPE. THE NIGHT OF THE SHOW, THE LOBBY OF THE CAMPUS CRC WAS TURNED INTO A VENUE FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVIST GROUPS TO TABLE. APPROXIMATELY 40 GROUPS FROM THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT.

TOWARDS THE END OF THE CONCERT, BUT BEFORE DEAD PREZ BEGAN PERFORMING, A FIGHT BROKE AT THE BACK OF THE VENUE. 30 TO 45 MINUTES AFTER THE FIGHT ENDED, OFFICER APRIL MEYERS OF THE EVERGREEN POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A SECURITY TEAM MEMBER'S CALL, ARRESTING THE ONLY BLACK MALE THAT WAS INVOLVED WITH BREAKING UP THE FIGHT.

THE ARESTEE WAS TAKEN OUTSIDE AND PUT IN THE BACK OF THE POLICE CRUISER. AROUND 15 TO 20 WITNESSES TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO THE OFFICER THAT SHE WAS ARRESTING SOMEONE WHO HAD NOT COMMITTED ANY CRIME. WHEN TALKING TO THE OFFICER PROVED TO BE OF NO AVAIL, SEVERAL OF THE WITNESSES AND OTHER CONCERT-GOERS ATTEMPTED TO BLOCK HER CAR. THEY WERE TAKING DIRECT ACTION TO PROTECT THEIR COMMUNITY FROM POLICE AGGRESSION AND TO UPHOLD SOLIDARITY WITH THE VICTIMS OF POLICE RACISM IN OUR COMMUNITY. MEYERS WAS THE ONLY OFFICER ON DUTY THAT NIGHT, AND SO BACK-UP OFFICERS FROM THURSTON COUNTY WERE CALLED.

THE SHOW ENDED AND HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, AMPED UP FROM THE MILITANT HIP HOP, Poured OUTSIDE TO RUN INTO WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE. SOON OVER 200 PEOPLE WERE ACTIVELY TAKING PLACE IN BLOCKADING THE POLICE CAR, WITH THE OFFICER AND THE SUSPECT INSIDE. THE CAR WAS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED WITH PEOPLE CHANTING "LET HIM GO! LET HIM GO!" AND SOME BEGAN TO BANG ON THE WINDOWS. MORE BACK-UP POLICE ARRIVED, THIS TIME FROM TUMWATER, LACEY, AND OPD.

IN THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO THE EVENT, TENSIONS BETWEEN THE OPD AND THE EVERGREEN COMMUNITY HAD GROWN SURROUNDING SUCH EVENTS AS THE PORT OF OLYMPIA PROTESTS. THIS NIGHT, THE OPD SHOWED UP READY FOR A FIGHT. ALREADY DRESSED IN RIOT GEAR, AND WITHOUT GIVING A DISPERSAL ORDER, OR ANY TYPE OF ANNOUNCEMENT AT ALL, THEY PROCEEDED TO VICIOUSLY ATTACK THE CROWD (OPD LATER DENIED THEIR PRESENCE AT THE EVENT UNTIL THEY WERE IDENTIFIED ON FILM.).

THE PIGS PUSHED INTO THE CROWD SHOOTING PEPPER SPRAY AND WAILING ON STUDENTS WITH BATONS. ONE STUDENT WAS SENT TO THE HOSPITAL THAT NIGHT FOR INTERNAL BLEEDING IN HIS LOWER BACK DUE TO THE PO-

LICE ASSAULT. AFTER A FEW MOMENTS, PEOPLE STARTED THROWING ROCKS AND PLASTIC BOTTLES AT THE POLICE. TRASH CANS WERE EMPTIED OUT IN SEARCH OF PROJECTILES. SOON GLASS BOTTLES AND TRASHCANS THEMSELVES WERE THROWN AND PEOPLE ARMED THEMSELVES WITH BRANCHES. IN THE MIDST OF THIS CONFLICT, THE POLICE UNCUFFED THE MAN IN THE BACKSEAT, AND RELEASED HIM.

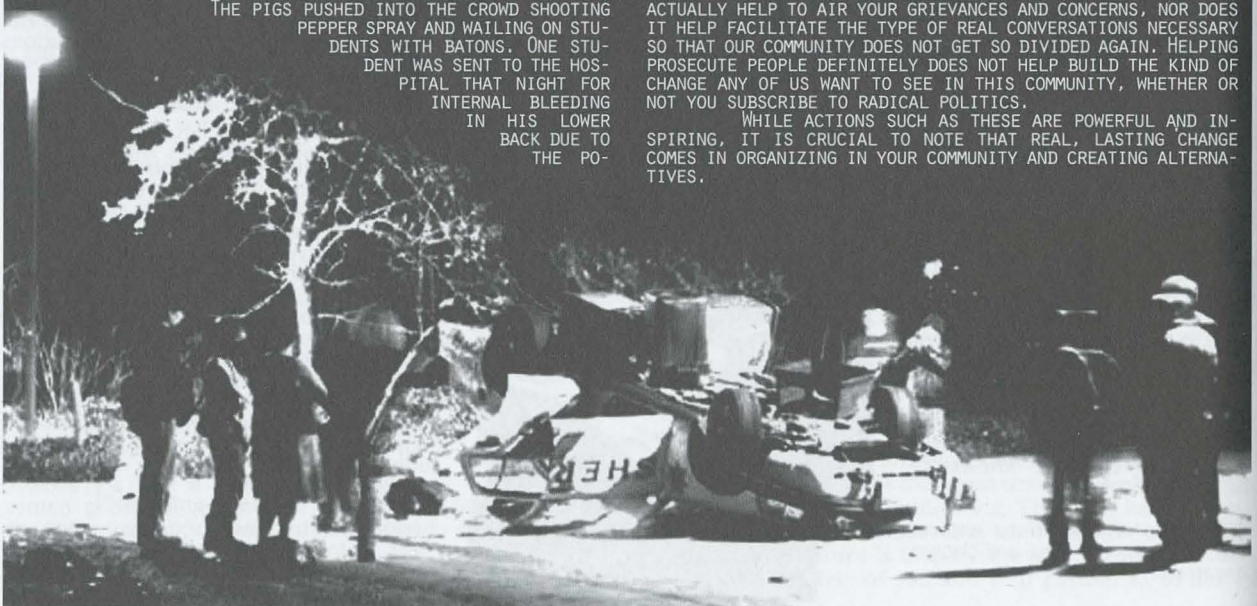
PEOPLE WERE PUSHING BACK THE POLICE, WHO RETREATED BEHIND THEIR CARS. SEVERAL POLICE CARS WERE QUICKLY ATTACKED, WITH THEIR WINDOWS SMASHED AND THEIR EXTERIOR DENTED, LEADING POLICE TO PROMPTLY RETREAT ALTOGETHER. THE PIGS GOT INTO THEIR CARS AND GOT OUT THE FUCK OUT OF THERE AS QUICKLY AS THEY COULD. IN THEIR RETREAT THEY COULD NOT GET BACK TO A THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S CAR, AND IT WAS ABANDONED. THE COP CAR, THIS SYMBOL OF THE OCCUPATION OF OUR COMMUNITIES, OF VIOLENCE, RACISM, AND REPRESSION, AFTER ITS WINDOWS WERE SMASHED IN, WAS PROMPTLY FLIPPED OVER. AFTER THIS, THE VICTORIOUS CONCERT-GOERS SET ABOUT LOOTING ITS CONTENTS OF POLICE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING: A RADAR GUN, A POLICE LAPTOP, AND, EVIDENTLY, THE BACK SEAT OF THE CAR.

TO CREATE A TRULY LIBERATED SOCIETY, MORE ACTS OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE OPPRESSED AND ACTS OF COMMUNITY DEFENSE OF THIS NATURE ARE IMPORTANT.

## AFTERTHOUGHTS

UNBEKNOWNST TO MANY AT THE TIME, MUCH OF THE EVENTS OF THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 14TH WERE CAUGHT ON VIDEO BEING SHOT BY TWO INDIVIDUALS IN THE CROWD. THESE INDIVIDUALS SWIFTLY HANDED THE TAPE OVER TO PIGS. MANY OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERED THEMSELVES TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS IN THE VIDEO. OTHERS WERE COERCED, THREATENED, OR PRESSED BY THE PIGS INTO COOPERATING. THE TESC ADMINISTRATION WAS ALSO OVERLY EAGER TO HELP WITH THE INVESTIGATION. ARRESTS WERE MADE BUT, IT SHOULD BE NOTED, NONE OF THEM COULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT THE IMMENSE AMOUNT OF COOPERATION GIVEN TO THE INVESTIGATORS BY SO-CALLED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ENCOURAGE NON-COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT IN RELATION TO EVENTS SUCH AS THESE. EVEN IF YOU MAY POLITICALLY, TACTICALLY, OR MORALLY DISAGREE WITH A POLITICAL ACTION, YOU SHOULD NOT TRY TO HELP PUT YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, LOVERS, COMRADES, FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN PRISON OR JAIL. HELPING THIS PROCESS DOES NOT ACTUALLY HELP TO AIR YOUR GRIEVANCES AND CONCERNS, NOR DOES IT HELP FACILITATE THE TYPE OF REAL CONVERSATIONS NECESSARY SO THAT OUR COMMUNITY DOES NOT GET SO DIVIDED AGAIN. HELPING PROSECUTE PEOPLE DEFINITELY DOES NOT HELP BUILD THE KIND OF CHANGE ANY OF US WANT TO SEE IN THIS COMMUNITY, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBSCRIBE TO RADICAL POLITICS.

WHILE ACTIONS SUCH AS THESE ARE POWERFUL AND INSPIRING, IT IS CRUCIAL TO NOTE THAT REAL, LASTING CHANGE COMES IN ORGANIZING IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND CREATING ALTERNATIVES.



# Make Destroy

# BANKS

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

In 2007, BOA began to tout an environmental platform in which they will, "support environmentally sustainable business... and to address global climate change."

Yet, as par usual, the high and mighty rhetoric masks policies that achieve the opposite. Bank of America calls itself a leader in the fight against climate change because they've pledged 2% of the companies \$1.1 trillion in assets to fighting climate change spread out over the next 10 years. Yet, BOA continues to be one of the largest financiers of coal, which attributes 40% of annual Greenhouse gas emissions.

Bank of America has also invested billions of dollars into companies that practice Mountaintop Removal (MTR) such as Massey Energy, Arch Coal, and Alpha Natural Resources. MTR is a method of getting coal by literally blowing off the tops of mountains, causing horrific ecological damage to humans and non-humans alike.

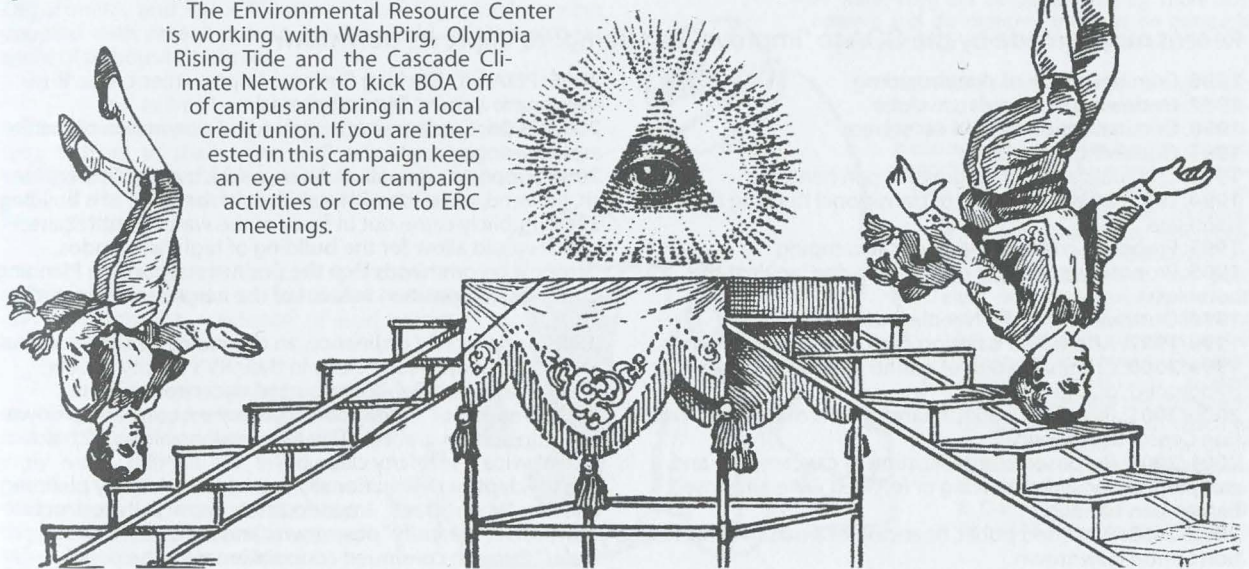
Bank of America has also financed billions of dollars into more than 150 new coal-fired power plants throughout the US. Such clients include Peabody Energy, the largest coal mining company on the planet. Thus, BOA is financing hundreds of millions of tons of new CO2 emissions every year. Each of the proposed 150 coal plants would add between 600 million and 1.1 billion tons of additional CO2 emissions each year, thus making moot every other effort currently being purposed to fight climate change.

The Environmental Resource Center is working with WashPirg, Olympia Rising Tide and the Cascade Climate Network to kick BOA off of campus and bring in a local credit union. If you are interested in this campaign keep an eye out for campaign activities or come to ERC meetings.

Sadly, this reality is no exception to the rule. Most banks, and especially the big ones, routinely invest in operations that are either bad for humans, the planet, or both. Wells Fargo, for instance, is one of the single largest stockholders in the GEO group, which owns and operates private prisons and detention centers like the one in Tacoma known for its abuses to immigrant detainees. And banks in general are shifty as fuck. They'll do anything to make a buck. Just look at the current financial crisis we're dealing with, brought about by super rich banks feeding off the poorest people til the candy coated housing bubble popped. Internationally, the World Bank and IMF routinely scheme together to "invest" in poor countries to supposedly pull them out of squalor. When, in reality, the heavy fees and infrastructural changes they impose in return for their loans leave many countries "helped" by these institutions more indebted and less likely to provide for themselves than when they first cried out.

Banks are totally fucked. So what's the alternative? Well, if you can't stuff it all under the mattress, the next best option is a credit union. Credit unions, unlike banks, are owned by their members and are nonprofit. They offer competitive interest rates, usually beating the best rates from local banks. They are open to all members of the community and directly accountable to them. Members are not simply clients and they are not just beneficiaries of a small loan fund. They are shareholders with a political voice in the institution that holds their savings.

Locally, the Washington State Employee's Credit Union (WSECU) and Tulip Cooperative Credit Union are your best options. Tulip was started as a independent learning contract aby TESC students, is run by the Food Co-Op (see map in back for locations), and is super badass.





# The Gentrification Of Olympia & The ODA



## GENTRIFICATION

Gentrification is the rebuilding or changing of an area, neighborhood, or city to suit both the desires of the generally small amount of affluent people living there and the wants of those (wealthy folks) who would live in said area if changes were made. Gentrification discounts the needs of the majority of the people who already live in an area. In many cases it ultimately displaces people already living there through a variety of ways. This includes driving up property values (making it impossible for low income people to live there and middle income people to own businesses), tearing down old affordable housing units to make way for new luxury housing units, the creation of stricter anti-homeless laws, and the introduction of high-end chain stores that drive out local shops.

Olympia is changing and with every new city council meeting it is becoming more and more gentrified. This change is happening throughout downtown and is most apparent by the building of new luxury condos, stricter anti-homeless laws, and the construction of a new city hall.

## Recent moves made by the ODA to "improve", or attempt to improve, downtown:

**1986:** Criminalization of skateboarding  
**1987:** Outlawing of teen dance clubs  
**1990:** Criminalization of loud car stereos  
**1991:** Outlawing of "cruising"  
**1993:** Criminalization of "aggressive pan handling"  
**1994/1995:** Attempted stop of transitional housing for homeless  
**1995:** Proposed criminalization of car camping  
**1995:** Proposed outlawing of fortified wine (against the homeless)  
**1996:** Outlawing of OAPP Needle Exchange  
**1996/1997:** Attempted banning of sitting on the sidewalk  
**1999/2000:** Criminalization of graffiti and lobbying against designated "graffiti walls"  
**2000/2001:** Proposed public financing of a massive Convention Center downtown  
**2001/2002:** Proposed criminalization of car camping and camping, proposed outlawing of fortified wine, proposed ban on pan handling  
**2002/2003:** Proposed public financing of a massive Convention Center downtown

## THE OLYMPIA DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

The Olympia Downtown Association (ODA) is a non-profit organization which works to benefit the few well-off business owners in downtown Olympia. The ODA (which includes less than a quarter of downtown business owners) often claims to speak for downtown business as a whole and uses this claim to promote various harmful and oppressive causes. The ODA has been working to gentrify downtown through the promotion of anti-homeless laws, the promotion of luxury condos, and the promotion of high-end business, the regulating of public art, and taking a "tough on crime" stance.

Actual crime downtown as documented by the Olympian and the police department has remained fairly constant—and was never really high. Still, fear of crime and fear of 'others' is the flames fanned for decades by the ODA. Unfortunately, the ODA and the actual residents of downtown seem to have much different ideas about what an "improved" downtown is.

**2005:** PBIA/BID (Parking Business Improvement Area/Business Improvement District) passed  
**2005/2006:** Continued attempts to rid downtown of graffiti and loitering  
**2006:** Supports sidewalk ordinance which makes it illegal to sit, lie, vend, or solicit within six feet of the edge of a building  
**2008:** Publicly came out in favor of the water front rezone which would allow for the building of high rise condos, "strongly recommends that the Council support the Planning Commission's position in favor of the height amendment", ODA.  
**2008:** Supports RV ordinance, an ordinance designed so that unhouse people can't sleep in their RV's on city streets  
**2009:** Continued Public support of waterfront rezone  
**2009:** Creation of Sunday Sweep, an event to clean up downtown (including graffiti). This event will go along with the ODA's twice a year "city clean up"  
**2009:** Adapts a new nationally tested model of city planning know as "Main Street". Intended to economically restructure downtown, "beautify" downtown, and make downtown "safer" through continued cooperation with the police.

# The Anti-Homelessness Trend

Over the last five years, the Olympia City Council has passed severe anti-homeless legislation. This legislation is selectively enforced, only targeting those who the police assume to be unhoused. The intention of these laws is to keep unhoused people out of downtown Olympia. It is city council's hope that more people with more money will come to our city if they (the wealthy) do "not have to deal" with unhoused people. This is part of gentrification: ridding the city of those who live here to suit the wants of those who someday may live here and whose money will benefit the already wealthy.

In 2006, The Side Walk Ordinance--originally proposed in 1996--was passed. The ordinance makes it illegal to sit, lay, vend, or solicit within six feet of the edge of a building. Basically, this law makes it illegal for unhoused people to sit, ask for money, play music, and/or sleep downtown. This law is targeted at unhoused people and is only enforced on unhoused people\*.

In 2008, the RV Ordinance was passed making it illegal for RVs to be parked on city streets at night. This was created so that people do not sleep in there RVs downtown at night. In a town with so few public shelters, if you tell someone who has an RV that they can't sleep in town, you are basically saying that they can't sleep in town. It is yet another attempt to push people who are unhoused away from downtown.

The City Council has been having a profound negative effect on the unhoused communities of Downtown Oly, but they are not the only negative force. A contingent of the downtown business community, general behavior of the Olympia city government and Olympia Police Department, and the difficulty of receiving social services, coupled with recent cuts in services, add to the mistreatment of unhoused people.

For example, some members of the downtown business community will call the police if a person is sitting in front of their store, will refuse restroom access, enact No Trespass orders, and join organizations such as the ODA, which lobbies for anti-homeless legislation.

The cops go through cycles of targeting encampments of unhoused people and arresting the residence of said camps and doing street sweeps.\*\*

This new legislation, along with an already oppressive environment, makes living downtown increasingly more difficult for unhoused people. As allies, there are some things that we can do to stop these trends and make Olympia a safer place for all of its residence:

1) **Holding city council people accountable for passing legislation and fighting to reverse it.**

2) **Holding downtown business owners accountable for their treatment of unhoused people. Holding them accountable if they don't allow people to use their awnings or restrooms. Holding them accountable if they call the cops on unhoused people who are sitting on the sidewalk in front of their stores.**

3) **Fighting gentrification as a whole in Olympia. The more gentrified a town is, the less services there are for unhoused people. The more gentrified a town is the more anti-homeless laws there will be.**

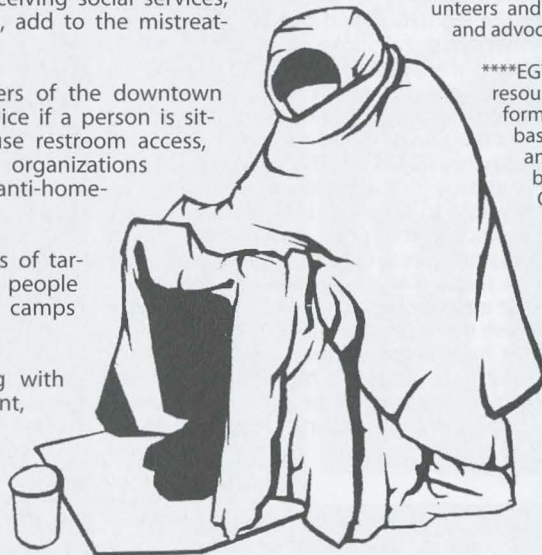
4) **Participate in harm reduction services through community groups. There are many amazing organizations in downtown Olympia who do work with unhoused people (e.g. No Gap\*\*\* and EGYHOP\*\*\*\*). Both groups are community run and funded and believe in the self determination of those they serve.**

\*There have been times when unhoused folks and housed folks had been standing in the same area engaging in a conversation with each other and cops have come by and ticketed the unhoused people in the group and left the housed people alone.

\*\*Street Sweeps are when the police kick unhoused people off the streets and often arrest them

\*\*\*No Gap is a low barrier (will serve anyone who wants their services, regardless of financial, addiction, legal or mental health status) advocacy outreach program that operates in Downtown Oly. They believe in working for people to get what they want. They are always looking for more volunteers and do monthly trainings on outreach and advocacy work. [olynogap@gmail.com](mailto:olynogap@gmail.com)

\*\*\*\*EGYHOP's mission is to bring basic resources, emergency intervention, information about services, small meals, basic items to ease life on the streets, and friendly faces to empower members of the street population in Olympia. This population includes, but is not limited to, disenfranchised youth and unhoused or low-income folks. For the past eight years, two people go out on bikes every night with carts full of outreach supplies to the streets of downtown Olympia. Donation boxes are located around town and the Evergreen campus, the largest of which is by Bike & Bike in Dumpster Values thrift shop downtown. EGYHOP is a project of Done & Done. Mail donations to: PO Box 6382, Olympia, WA 98507



# Signs Of Things To Come

## CONDOS

The City Government, The ODA, condo developers, and two small citizens groups are pushing to build several different mixed use (residential and commercial) high-end properties in downtown Olympia. The proponents of these buildings say they will bring in rich people who will spend money downtown thus revitalizing the downtown economy, and thereby benefiting all of us. This argument equates to trickledown economics, which history has shown does not work.

What will actually happen if these buildings are built is that property values will go up downtown, making it so that people who already live downtown will no longer be able to pay their rent. Storefront rent will also go up. This, coupled with the competition that will come from the big name high-end stores that will inhabit the commercial sections of these buildings, will make it so that already existing, locally-owned businesses will likely go out of business. Due to the rise in property values, police presence will increase, this will mean an increase in enforcing anti-homeless legislation and will further work to push unhoused people from the city. In short, building luxury mixed use structures will displace those who already live downtown and make the city a home designed for people who do not currently live here.

Currently there are several condo projects in the works. The shell of one high-end structure was recently completed near Adams and Union downtown. Another is the building of a "market rate\* mixed use" structure on Columbia between 4th and 5th downtown. The building will include high-end housing and expensive storefront space. Both of these projects have slipped relatively under the radar and work on these projects has begun with little to no protest. But that is not the case for all attempts to build high-rise condos downtown.

In spring 2008, the development firm Tri-way proposed legislation to raise the building height limits on the Isthmus so that they could build condos there costing .8-1.2 million dollars per unit. This issue became a huge public controversy with democrats who did not want the water front views and the environment to be destroyed teaming up with anti-gentrification radicals to spread the word about the legislation and condos. The groups petitioned, flyered, made their own media, and spoke up at public forums while some people launched a vandalism campaign against the developers. The groups got the city council to hold public forums on the issue. By the last public forum, over three hundred people came to speak against the condos, with less than 40 coming to speak in their favor. In the end, the city council voted for the rise BUT all the outreach work payed off. The state decided that the view the condos would block is an issue for them. Now the decision is up to the State Senate, and even if they vote to allow the building and Tri-way is still interested in perusing this project, at that point it will be held up in legislation for quite a while giving us time to restructure our strategy.

The campaign showed us that unlikely alliances and a diversity of tactics can halt and even stop the construction and inhabitation of these buildings and that we should not give up. It is up to all of us to learn more about the other condo projects that have begun so that we can figure out ways to either stop their construction or change the building's use. Keep your ears and eyes open as new campaigns start all the time. Do research and get to talking with other local activist to either join in a campaign to stop condos or start your own.

\* "Market rate" does not mean affordable. Tri-way enterprise uses the term market rate to describe condos that range between \$.8-1.2 million.

## THE NEW CITY HALL

On 4th Ave in downtown Olympia, between Cherry and Chestnut, The New City Hall is being built. Construction began May 2009 and is slated for completion January 2011. The cost of the building was originally estimated to be \$35.6 million but may end up costing more. There was never a public outcry for this building nor was there referendum passed saying that the citizens of Oly want a new city hall. The city council and their committees decided that it was a necessity for the city. Their official reason being that there are a few city offices that, due to lack of space in the current city hall, are in buildings around downtown and the city wants all of the offices to be together.

The new city hall is part of changing the face of downtown Olympia to appeal to a few people and people who may live here in the future. The new city hall will fit city officials' vision of the future. Currently, the city hall and jail share a building. With the building of the new city hall, the jail, police station, probation office and other offices relating to "criminal justice" will be taking over the entirety of the old city hall. This will allow space for the jail and police stations to grow. It will also consolidate all departments of the "criminal justice" system in Olympia. This will allow the city to become "tougher on crime."

Changing the face of our city and creating the infrastructure for a stronger criminal justice department are tell tale signs that gentrification is hitting our city. More than anything else, the new city hall is a symbol of the gentrifying of Olympia and the changing of a really great city.

There has been a lot of anger downtown about the new city hall. But there hasn't been very much action taken about it. It's a hot topic and most people you talk to downtown agree that it's a waste of money and a sign of things to come. Keep your eyes open for flyers. There are a few info campaigns that will be starting up soon that would love more people to work with.

# BOYCOTTS

*Olympia is a great place filled with wonderful people and business owners who are trying hard to do the right thing. But there are many businesses downtown that work against unhoused folks, female bodied folks, and the Oly community in general. Below is a list of some of the worst businesses in Olympia. This is not a complete list of all that is wrong in the Oly business world, just those businesses with multiple strikes against them.*

## Alpine Experience/Olympia Outfitters/ The Bike Stand

All owned by city council person Joe Hyer. Hyer has called the cops on unhoused people for doing as little as sitting across the street from one of his stores. And as a city council person, Hyer has supported anti-homeless legislation. These stores are all ODA affiliated.

## Altered States

A tattoo shop which is generally horrible to unhoused people. The owner regularly promotes anti-homeless legislation while tattooing clients.

## Archibald Sisters

Manager has major involvement in the ODA and is a driving force behind a major condo project.

## Capital Playhouse

Youth Theater owned by City Council Person Jeff Kingsbury. As a council person, Kingsbury has enacted anti-homeless legislation and is working towards the further gentrification of our city.

## Gravity Beer Market

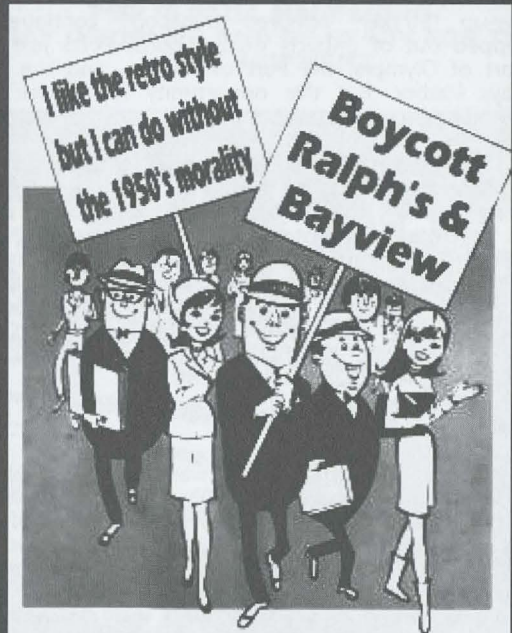
In the past, the owner often called the cops on unhoused people who were at a drop-in center half a block away from his shop. He also video taped them with out their consent. He also made numerous official complaints about drop in center, which has since shut down.

## Metro Piercing

A chain that has a branch downtown. Metro got the city to remove a public bench that was near their store because unhoused people sat on it.

## Ralph's and Bayview Thriftway

A community boycott of both of these stores has been taking place since 2006. Both stores, which are owned by the same family, refuse to carry Plan B emergency contraceptive. Both stores are known for their security guards brutal treatment against shoplifters and are affiliated with the ODA.





# PORT MILITARIZATION RESISTANCE

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

Congress will not end the war. A new President will not end the war. Endless solemn marches will not end the war, countless hours of "bearing moral witness" will not end the war, and a million candles will not end the war. (Not by themselves, anyway.) Only popular direct action, bold and uncompromising, can end genocide.

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

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

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

## A BRIEF TIMELINE OF PMR ACTIONS

**2006** - People in Olympia set up blockades at the Port of Olympia. At one point 22 people laid down in front of strykers and were consequently arrested, thus setting a new standard for port resistance. They cost the port and the city over \$26,000.

**March 2007** - The US military planned to ship strykers out of the port of Tacoma. For 11 days people resisted. Hundreds of people, from Bellingham to Portland, came to resist.

This port protest saw an escalation of tactics. People tore down fences and used materials to build blockades in the port. The police came out in force night after night. They arrested and beat protesters. The city and the port ended up losing over \$500,000.

**May 2007** - The military used the Port of Grey's Harbor in Aberdeen to ship strykers. The city was so afraid of protest that it increased security to new, heightened levels. Nothing was blocked, but the city spent over \$100,000 in security and will not longer accept military shipments.

**November 2007** - Strykers were coming back from Iraq through the Port of Olympia. Over 50 people sat down, forming a human barricade that the police did not have the immediate power to move. After the people sat, other activists tied fences behind them, creating a barricade and strengthening the block. Another group of activists went to the back entrance of the port, where it was decided that a barricade would be built, and people would sit in front of it when police came to tear it down.

These two blockades started the holding of the port and the stopping the United States Army for 18 hours. The two entrances were held through the night and broken up brutally by riot police in the morning, but



Over the course of ten days, protesters in Olympia stopped the military numerous times, twice for over ten hours. People of different ideologies worked together and got shit done.

**August 2008** - The military came back to Tacoma to attempt to move strykers from Iraq back to Fort Lewis. Numbers were small due to the time of year, but significant developments were made

On the first night, two wimmin attempted to get in front of a police line to stop strykers. While they didn't succeed, it set off a chain of events. The next night protesters did something that had not yet been seen during PMR: they brought resistance to Fort Lewis. Protesters successfully blocked the entrance to Fort Lewis, the second largest military base on the West Coast.

The next night, people used lockboxes to lock themselves together when they went back to the Fort. The local police didn't know what to do with the lockboxes. The protesters shut down the main gate to Fort Lewis, effectively blocking stryker vehicles for 20 min.

Port of Tacoma 2008 was the smallest port action seen in the last year. However, it is important to point out its successes. It brought our strategy to a different level by blocking the fort and it got organizations doing their first direct action and, in that, it built ties between NW activists who had never even considered working together. These ties will help resistance in the NW grow.

**PMR IS STILL HAPPENING.  
STAY INFORMED AND BE READY FOR THE  
NEXT SHIPMENT.**

the protesters carried on and took it to the streets. At strategic intersections barricades were built and at the on-ramp to the highway a group of activists locked themselves together using a lockbox.

Several days later, protesters came to the port to find that the train tracks had been cemented, a tactic that caused those strykers traveling by train to be delayed for 2 weeks.

The next morning, a group of protesters sat down in front of military equipment stopping it for the day. In the early evening, protesters learned that police were gathering at the local station. The protesters moved quickly. A group of wimmin took the front entrance while another group of protesters stayed at the back entrance to make sure strykers didn't move from the front.

The wimmin inspired a large media presence, including live feed, and forced the police to change their tactics. The police, who had used dispersement techniques such as chemical weapons and pain compliance all week, arrested each womyn one by one. When all of the wimmin who were taking part in the action were arrested, the news vans pulled out and the riot police began to gas the front entrance and strykers. The police attempted to disperse with chemical weapons, less lethal weapons and flash bangs. The protesters kept in front using their bodies and found objects, including dumpsters and sail boats to prevent the strykers from moving. That night, people stalled strykers, broke police cars and bank windows and held strong in the face of intense police brutality.





# Smash ICE

No Human Is Illegal!



## ON MIGRATION

Contrary to what the right wing pundits spew about immigration in this county, the causes of mass migration are very simple and clear. No one willingly leaves their family and friends to work long days, often times for less than minimum wage, in conditions that would make most U.S. citizens quit. If one were inclined to leave their land and family they would not be called migrants, but simply travelers or tourists.

Migration is forced displacement, a wandering search for better living conditions. Mass displacement is caused by wars, famine, or simply the functioning of industrial production (the destruction of countryside and forests, mass layoffs, and so on). The economic policies put forth by the capitalists that make up the U.S. government, both Democrats and Republicans, rob people and families in other countries of their local autonomy. With trade agreements such as NAFTA, CAFTA and the more recent SPP, indigenous and rural communities are forced into giving up their land and resources for the development of the global economy, the profit of capitalist business abroad, free trade, and the neo-liberal agenda -for a world where people have no autonomy over their own resources and absolutely no say in what happens in their communities. This simultaneously forces workers in those countries who's resources are being exported to countries far away deeper into poverty.

All of this is a good enough reason to leave your land and family hoping to make enough money to send home and feed your children. When your home is under attack from foreign business people with only the dollar on their mind, you find yourself in a position where you stay and fight a seemingly unbeatable enemy, or you go to the country that is pushing these genocidal policies and work, picking their food and cleaning their homes.

The problem here is not people coming to steal American jobs; the problem is the destruction of communities abroad, and the policies that starve families far away as well as families within this country.

## OPERATION ENDGAME

Operation Endgame is an Office of Detention and Removal Strategic Plan that was passed in 2004. Within this plan the ODR (Office of Detention and Removal) states that it's mission is "removing all removable aliens." It is their plan to have this mass removal of people done by the year 2012.

It is "Operation Endgame" that has jump started mass roundups at factories and secret raids of homes. They claim that "...the alien will be detained in safe, secure and humane environments; he will be transported safely; his movement will be fully coordinated with his family, legal representative, and country of origin, whenever appropriate." This has not been the case in any way what so ever. Not only have there been numerous cases of sexual, physical, and mental abuse -even death, within these facilities, many family members don't find out for weeks what happened to their loved ones.

## ICE DETENTION CENTER

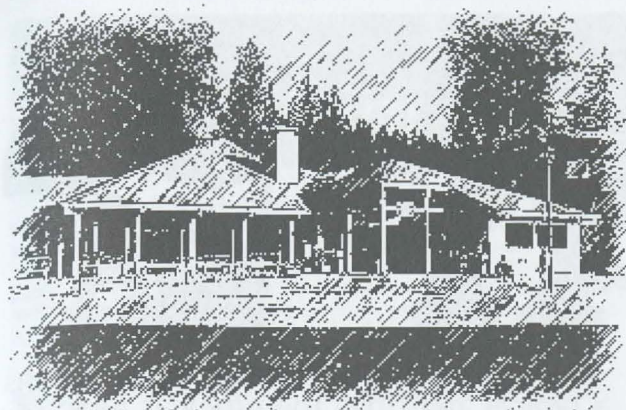
In the tide flats of Tacoma near the Thea Foss, hidden from the view of the public, lies a Homeland Security Detention Center. The facility has a contract with the federal department of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and is currently the main detention facility in the northwest. The center can imprison up to 1,000 undocumented workers.

Since 2004, sixty-four people have died in these detention facilities around the country. And over 300 people have become very ill in this local facility alone due to food poisoning. This detention center is run by the Geo Group, a company that takes pride in calling themselves "...a world leader in the privatized development and/or management of correctional facilities." They "...design, build, finance and manage prisons worldwide," including prisons in North America, South Africa, Australia, and the U.K. The mega bank Wells Fargo is one of the top five share holders of this murderous company, essentially controlling a good portion of the company. This is one of the two biggest prison companies in the world, as well as one of the major beneficiaries in this plan to rob people of their families and tear people's lives apart.

Recently, resistance to the presence of the detention center in Tacoma has been gaining momentum. A coalition of students, anarchists, activists and concerned citizens have held a series of workshops, marches, benefits and skillshares in solidarity with the northwest immigrant community. As the repression intensifies, so must our commitment to abolishing these facilities and the systems that keep them running.

These detention centers must be closed. Such treatment of people forced to leave their homeland due to economic tyranny reigned on them by the global north is an injustice. The immigrants should be freed.





# THE 2010 HCC OCCUPATION

In 2010, from the night of February 19th till the morning of February 21st the Housing Community Center at Evergreen was occupied by both students and non-students alike. This occupation did not occur because of students groups or organizations. This occupation occurred because autonomous individuals thought that something needed to happen on the Evergreen campus in response to the upcoming budget cuts, the inherent crises of capitalism, and for the abolition of the university system in general. While it may not have changed anything the HCC was occupied for approximately 39 hours that weekend. Whether this is for the better or the worse is subject to opinion. As someone who was there from the beginning till the end, my only advice is to regroup and re-strategize, not surrender. Below is the communique:

We just realized we've been paying money in order to follow rules. Rules that we have no say in. We also realized that soon we will be paying even more money and following even more rules that we still have no control over, and it makes us disheartened, discouraged and frustrated. Realizing these things and feeling this way led us to the discovery that we can and should be able to commandeer the facilities that we are paying for. We realized that we can stop being subjects ruled by an administration, a bureaucracy and a campus police force. We realized that we are autonomous and free people, capable of anything.

And so, we decided to occupy the Housing Community Center (HCC).

The administration claims that the HCC is already a common space for the students. If this were truly the case, we would not have to occupy anything; we could use it whenever we wanted.

If any of us ever hope to create spaces in which we are no longer ruled, we have to not only have no rulers, but also do a better job than our current administrators. Otherwise, we are kidding ourselves. The administration prides itself on its coercive benevolence. "We care about you," they say. "We only want what's best. We are here to protect and serve. Trust us, we know what you're feeling. Here, have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich." We'd prefer not to listen to Les Purce, the businessman with the mansion. We can actually take care of ourselves, believe it or not. Our smiley-faced rulers are no longer necessary.

We don't need a new CAB building. We don't need to vote on a plan that they drew up without us. We no longer need to settle for the lesser of two evils. Everything that we paid for is ours. Everything is ours. It's right there in front of you, waiting for the intention, the desire and the effort.

They have nothing to give. We have everything to take.

Occupy Everything.

Demand Nothing.

- From a band of individuals unaffiliated with any organization or student group.

We are autonomous individuals.

Strike! Occupy! Takeover!





# MAY DAY

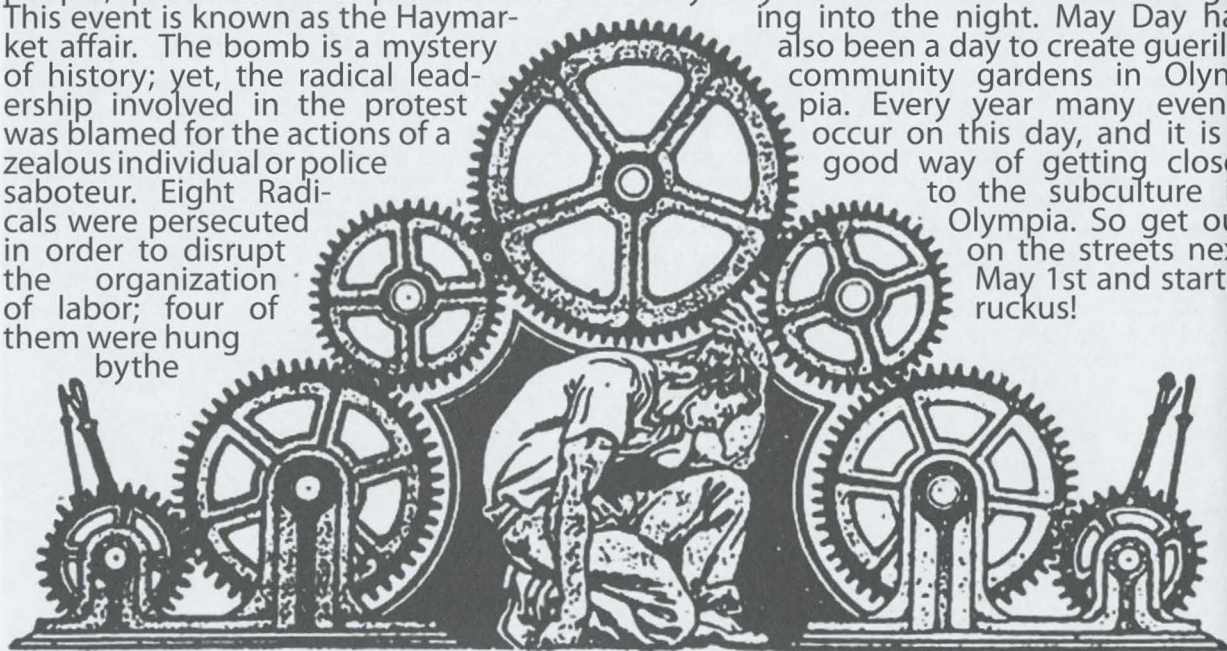


May Day is an international holiday that celebrates solidarity between workers of the world and is commemorated through public celebration intended to strengthen unity between all workers. May Day was initially created in North America, where, ironically, to this day, it is not officially recognized as a holiday. During the 1880s, when the typical workday was 12-16 hours, a protracted struggle was launched demanding the 8-hour workdays we're now used to. Protests took place all over North America demanding workers rights on this issue. The events came to a flashpoint in Chicago on May 4th, 1886, when a peaceful protest was interrupted by a bomb that killed and injured several people, protestors and police included.

This event is known as the Haymarket affair. The bomb is a mystery of history; yet, the radical leadership involved in the protest was blamed for the actions of a zealous individual or police saboteur. Eight Radicals were persecuted in order to disrupt the organization of labor; four of them were hung by the

state of Illinois. The trial was by no means a typical "fair" trial; the jury was hand selected by the prosecution. The Haymarket Martyrs were later commemorated by the Second International in Paris, calling for an International Worker's Holiday to be celebrated on May 1st. Many European countries have turned this day into an official holiday.

Olympia has a rich May Day history with events that usually include a bunch of Evergreen students in the festivities. These events have had attendance in the thousands and are the largest annually occurring political gatherings in Olympia. Sometimes there is overnight camping for May Day celebrators with festivities going into the night. May Day has also been a day to create guerilla community gardens in Olympia. Every year many events occur on this day, and it is a good way of getting closer to the subculture in Olympia. So get out on the streets next May 1st and start a ruckus!



# You Can't Swing A Dead Cat Without Hitting A Musician In Olympia

The Olympia music community today is a noisy, vibrant, D.I.Y. smorgasbord that follows in the giant footsteps of some visionary artists that have called this city home. And now, lucky you! Here you are, all ready to be a part of it yourself, and you'll be in good company. The independent music community in Olympia has been thriving here for years. In fact, this little pebble of a city happens to be one of the best music communities in the country. We are home to two incredible indie music labels, K Records and Kill Rock Stars, as well as a handful of other fantastic D.I.Y. labels and collectives. K Records has been around since 1982 when Evergreen grad Calvin Johnson formed it and began recording Oly bands and his own band, Beat Happening. Beat Happening went on to become a bit of a big-time thing for DIY music, doing their fair share to put Olympia on everyone's radar. Since then, K has become a thriving independent record label that has done a lot of work towards getting many Oly bands out there and into people's ears. And they've put out a lot of music! Built to Spill, Old Time Relijun, Karp, Love as Laughter, Dub Narcotic Sound System, Beck, Modest Mouse, and so many more bands to discover!

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

Despite appearances, Olympia also maintains an assortment of its own local emcees and rap artists. For anyone not privy to these local legends, Olympia natives Hostalion have been holding down Oly hip hop for years. Xperience released Soul Tree a few years ago and is featured on a Greyskul album. He is also part of the Step Cousins with Seattle's Macklemore. AKA, Q-Storm, Zhivago, Nicotine and Compost, and the Saints of Everyday Failures (whose inner circle consists of MC's ePhyme & D-scribe) are other local notables.

Gone but not forgotten are Resident Anti-Hero, who moved on to bigger and better things (such as cage fighting) in Eugene, and Glimpse, who moved to Seattle to become a professional homeless person.

As for hip hop events, the granddaddy of all others has got to be WORD LIFE which happens downtown at the Clipper every year. WORD LIFE is a series of shows featuring local crews and touring acts. Over the last few years, it has hosted Immortal Technique, 2Mex, Sage Francis, Awol One, Typical Cats, Pigeon John, Lyrics Born, Vast Aire, Big Jus, Aceyalone, Dose One, Drunken Immortals, Greyskul, Existereo, Sleep, Labtekwon, Daddy Kev, D-Styles and the list goes on...

The only way to fully discover all of Olympia's musical treasures is to get out there and put yourself into the thick of things. Meaning, you have to actively participate in this music community in order to fully appreciate it. But isn't that always the truth?

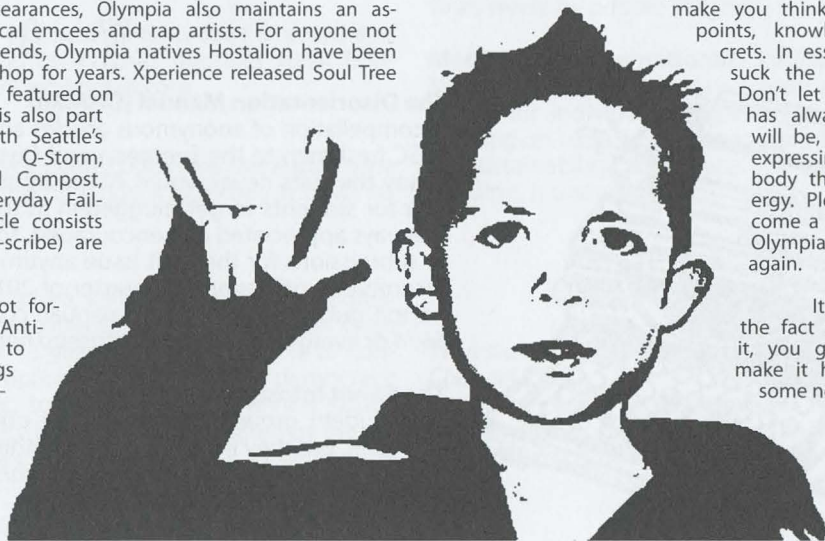
If you look hard enough, you'll find Oly's best kept secrets in venues and basements all over this city where new bands and emcees are blowing minds on the daily. So attend a show of someone you've never heard before, you may be pleasantly surprised.

There are venues downtown that host great shows as well. Of course, there are all the bars which hold shows fairly frequently. Some feature bands often, such as Le Voyeur. But let's skip these 21+ establishments in this article, shall we? We don't buy into that ageist crap anyway, right? Olympia boasts a number of great all-ages venues such as The Northern on 4th, the Eagles Hall, the Midnight Sun, and Traditions. Many are holding shows most nights of the week and have hosted some amazing local and touring bands in the past. The music at these venues varies, too. There are always great hip-hop, punk/indie shows, dance music, electronic, and the hardcore scene is becoming vibrant (and fun), as well. There's also bluegrass, folk, old time, and twang music all around, so check it out!

A quick word to the wise and the wonderful: like many music cities of its kind, Olympia has a bit of a pest problem with

hipsters. Shock! Awe! They may try and make you think that music is about points, knowledge, or insider secrets. In essence, the will try and suck the soul out of the art. Don't let them fool you! Music has always been, and always will be, about passion, desire, expressing the mind and the body through sound and energy. Please, please don't become a soul sucker. Let's make Olympia music about music again.

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



# Indy Media in Olytown



## S O U N D S

### Free Radio Olympia (FRO) - 98.5 FM

Fuck the FCC! Free the airwaves! FRO is Olympia's local pirate radio operating illegally for your listening pleasure. Best radio in Olympia. Community broadcasting, news, and all varieties of music. Check them out at [www.frolympia.org](http://www.frolympia.org) for more info or how to get a show or just involved. [www.frolympia.org](http://www.frolympia.org)



### KOWA - 106.5 FM

A community radio resource run out of Media Island downtown. Great news, speeches, interviews, and music. Awesome low power FM project. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:30 at Media Island. [www.kowaradio.org](http://www.kowaradio.org)

### KAOS - 89.3 FM

Community radio station run right here at Evergreen on the third floor of the CAB. Been around a while, Olympia staple. Good stuff. You can become a member, or volunteer, or become a part of the team through Evergreen. [www.kaos.evergreen.edu](http://www.kaos.evergreen.edu)



### The Evergreen CD Project

Submit a demo tape in the fall, they professionally record you in the winter, and mix it in the spring, and your CD is ready by summer. Stop by Student Activities in SEM I for contact information.



## W O R D S



### The Disorientation Manual (DisMan)

A compellation of anonymous articles and essays to acquaint TESC freshmen to the Evergreen and Olympia community in a way the suits never would. Made by students in the summer for students to get plugged-in in the fall. New content is always appreciated and encouraged. You can start sending in submissions for the next issue anytime, but it will not be assembled until summer quarter of 2010. The Sabot Infoshoppe published this year's manual, contact them at 867-6574 or [evergreeninfoshoppe@riseup.net](mailto:evergreeninfoshoppe@riseup.net).

### The Sabot Infosquat

This student group attempts to put out quarterly zines on whatever. But they'll publish most anything. And I mean anything. You can also go to their space when they get one and make your own zine with their materials.

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### **The Cooper Point Journal**

The Cooper Point Journal (CPJ) is written, edited, distributed, operated, and mostly funded by students enrolled at TESC. Any student is welcome to submit any article on any subject at any time. You can even get paid to work on the CPJ. SEM II C3105 | 867-6730 | [cpj@evergreen.edu](mailto:cpj@evergreen.edu) <http://cpj.evergreen.edu>

### **The Counter Point Journal**

In the spring of 2009, a few people at TESC had come together with an intention of starting a monthly newspaper called the Counter Point Journal (CxPJ). All involved in the CxPJ's creation had already tried working within the frameworks provided by the Cooper Point Journal (CPJ) - but had all eventually realized the many shortcomings of the CPJ. A major failing of the Cooper Point Journal is that it has been a predominantly professional and reactionary perspective; the majority of the front page articles have been neatly wrapped stories from the perspectives of figures such as Art Constantino, Andrea Seabert and Ed Sorger among many other administrators whose job it is to confine the realm of debate and facilitate the regular development of what has become the "business of education."

The CxPJ is guided by the belief that the main purpose of the media is to act as a check and balance against the powers that be. When the press fails in this aspect, it transforms from an instrument of independence and social change to a mouthpiece of oppression and status-quo. A wholly free, democratically run and easily accessible press fosters the growth of grassroots social movements and helps those with the least institutional power use their voice.

If you wish to work with or contribute to the CxPJ contact [tesc.counter.point@gmail.com](mailto:tesc.counter.point@gmail.com). Back issues found at [cxpj.wordpress.com](http://cxpj.wordpress.com).

### **Slightly West**

This annual literary publication is student directed and includes student and community member work. Contact them at [slightlywest@gmail.com](mailto:slightlywest@gmail.com)

### **The Ovarian**

The Women's Resource Center publishes this annual zine on various topics. Stop by Student Activities in SEM I for contact information.

### **Works In Progress**

Works In Progress is a free, volunteer-operated progressive community newspaper based in Oly that has been publishing for over 15 years. W.I.P.s' mission is to confront injustice and encourage a participatory democracy based on economic, social, and environmental justice and to provide a voice for those most affected by the exclusionary and unfair practices that seek to silence the oppressed. Submissions to [submissions@olywip.org](mailto:submissions@olywip.org)

### **Student Zines/Independent Learning Contracts**

If you are a self motivated student, you have ample resources to publish anything you want for free. Many other various student groups put out periodic publications that you can contribute to. You could also do an independent learning contract to publish your own work. If you need funds to publish, it only takes time. Active student groups can request money, and you yourself can get money with a Foundation Activity Learning Grant (see the section "Getting Paid to Smash the State.")

W E B S

### **OlyBlog - [olyblog.net](http://olyblog.net)**

OlyBlog is devoted to citizen journalism, including hyperlocal news and discussion specifically about Olympia, Washington. If you care about this community and are tired of corporate media, then this is the place for you.

### **South Puget Sound Indymedia - [olympiainc.org](http://olympiainc.org)**

#### **Seattle indymedia - [seattle.indymedia.org](http://seattle.indymedia.org)**

Independent Media Centes are a network of collectively run media outlets for the creation of radical, accurate, and passionate tellings of the truth. They work out of a love and inspiration for people who continue to work for a better world, despite corporate media's distortions and unwillingness to cover the efforts to free humanity. These are the local sites you can easily post to and learn about what's affecting your world.

### **Zine Library at Last Word Books - [zinelibrary.net](http://zinelibrary.net)**

A library of hundreds of radical zines ready to print in PDF format. What started out in the Olympia Zine Library (at Last Word Books) scanning the radical zines is now a place people around the world can print and upload zines made by people like you!

### **Media Island international - [mediaisland.org](http://mediaisland.org)**

Media Island International is a resource and networking center for individuals, organizations, and movements working on social justice, economic democracy, ecological sustainability, and peace. The site, like the physical building, is underutilized.

I M A G E S

### **Thurston County Community Television (TCTV) -**

#### **Channel 22**

Your local public access television station. Getting your own show is as simple as a few \$20 workshops.

956-3100 | [tctv.net](http://tctv.net)

# GO OUTSIDE!

You didn't come to college to study all the time did you? The land in and around Olympia is simply stunning, you'd be a sucker to not see all of it. Below are some sweet places to start.

## GREAT HIKING SPOTS WITHIN BIKING DISTANCE

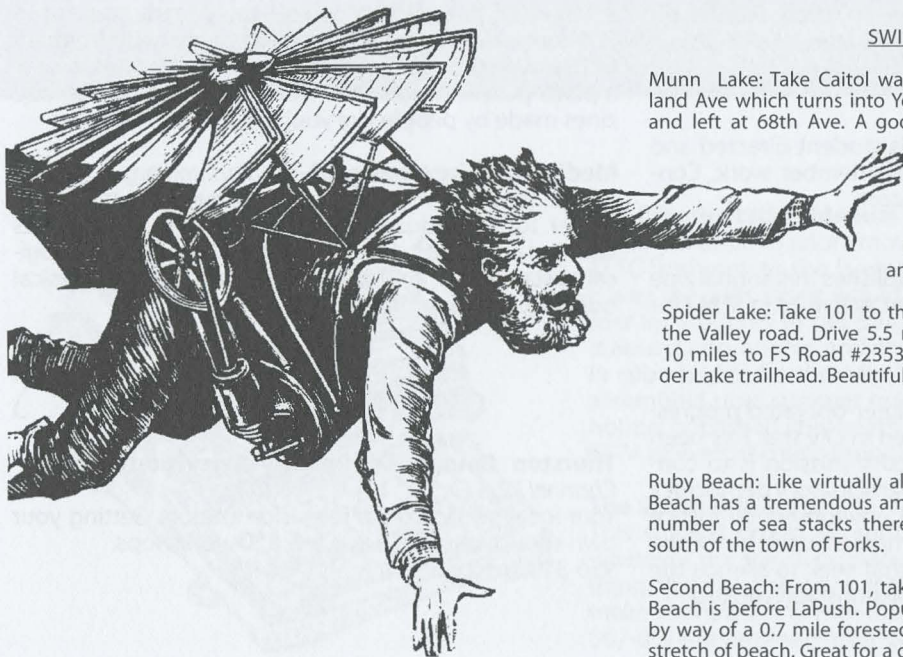
**Priest Point Park** – Head east to downtown Olympia, take a left on East Bay drive and head north, entrance on your right. Nice second growth forested trails and beach trails, great for the doggie.

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

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

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

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



## CLOSEST BACKPACKING LOCALES

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

**Dosewallips Trails (1 1/2 Hours Away):** Take Highway 101 North about 60 miles to Brinnon and take a left at the big sign for Dosewallips. There are tons of trails in this area. Stop by the ranger station on the right side of the road soon after you get off Highway 101 for directions. Staircase, Lena Lakes, and Lake Constance are personal favorites.

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

## SWIMMING HOLES

**Munn Lake:** Take Caitol way toward Tumwater, turn left at Cleveland Ave which turns into Yelm Hwy. Turn right at Henderson Blvd and left at 68th Ave. A good spot close to town.

**Pioneer Park:** Same directions as Munn Lake but on the right of Henderson Blvd after turning off Yelm Hwy. Provides access to the Deshutes River and is a popular place for tubing and broing down.

**Spider Lake:** Take 101 to the Skokomish Valley Road, turn west on the Valley road. Drive 5.5 miles to FS Road #23. Turn right, drive 10 miles to FS Road #2353. Veer left and continue 8 miles to Spider Lake trailhead. Beautiful, serene, and out of town.

## BEACHES

**Ruby Beach:** Like virtually all beaches on the northern coast, Ruby Beach has a tremendous amount of driftwood. It is notable for the number of sea stacks there. Located on Highway 101, 27 miles south of the town of Forks.

**Second Beach:** From 101, take the 110 (north of Forks) east. Second Beach is before LaPush. Popular with photographers and is reached by way of a 0.7 mile forested trail that leads to a 2-mile long sandy stretch of beach. Great for a driftwood fire and chillin.

# RIDE A FUCKING BIKE

- \*Putting the fun between your legs
- \*Training for ducking cops
- \*Doing your own repairs
- \*Never having to buy gas

- \*That cute bike punk ass
- \*Driving less, living more
- \*Laughing at traffic
- \*Groundscoring



Riding a bike is fun. Driving a 2000-pound machine powered by increasingly expensive oil that people are killed for, creating explosions at unearthly speeds emitting toxic fumes that are killing the planet, and risking your life (over 40,000 people in the US are killed every year by cars) is stupid.

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

Bikes can be really cheap. Not only don't you have to pay for gas, but it's not that difficult to learn to do your own repairs. And you are privileged to have hella resources here in Olytown that can help you learn more about your bike. If you have a car and sold it, you could deck out a sweet bike and still have lots of beer money left over! (Don't drink and bike though! BULs and split skulls are no fun)



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

## CRITICAL MASS

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

## Fix A Fucking Bike

**Bike & Bike:** Free bikes/parts/repairs for low income folks in the back of Dumpster Values (302 4th Ave E). Open Sunday from 1-4pm and M-Tu from 4pm-6pm. Friday is Trans and Ladies night from 5-9pm.

**TESC Bike Shop:** Free/cheap bike stuff and knowledgeable volunteers to service your bike. Open as often as volunteers can staff it, everyday in the first floor of the CAB  
867-6399 | [www.evergreenbikeshop.blogspot.com](http://www.evergreenbikeshop.blogspot.com)



**Note:** The folks at Bike & Bike and the TESC bike shop are volunteers and are there because they want to help you, not paid bike mechanics getting paid to do the work for you. If you approach them by asking them to help you, they'll be glad to put in a lot of work with you, and you'll probably learn a lot. If you think they're your personal mechanics, and you can order them to do repairs while you leave your bike in the shop, you're not going to get very far (in life or on your bike).

**Capitalist Ventures:** If community resources aren't your thing, you can get ripped off at one of the many bike shops in the Oly area.

# DOWNTOWN



# W E L C O M E T O O L Y W A !

*If you're new to Olympia, you may be wondering what the hell there is to do in a small town like this. Well, if all the previous articles haven't proven to you by now, there's a lot more going on Oly than just the Sweat at the Voyeur. Below is good start of some places to get out, spend money (if you're into that sort of thing), or save it. We recommend you create your own adventures and not rely on consumerism and capitalistic pleasures to mediate your life. But, then again, there are some unique places here we'd love to share with you.*

## FOOD

\$ - If you tip properly you can fill up on 10 bucks.  
V - Vegetarian and Vegan Options

- 5. **The Bread Peddler** - \$ - Good sandwiches and pastries.
- 7. **Mini Saigon** - \$V- Thai, Chinese, Vietnamese
- 8. **Great Cuisine of India** - \$V - Very good food. The buffet can be worth it.
- 9. **Ben Moore's** - Old Oly joint. Laid back and quaint.
- 10. **The New Moon Café** - \$V - A wise choice for breakfast.
- 15. **Quality Burrito (QB)** - \$V - Eat here if you like deliciously large gringo burritos. Open Late.
- 16. **Old School Pizza** - \$ - Classic Olympia pizza. The pizza is good and cheap. Cool atmosphere. They have good hardcore shows from time to time.
- 18. **The Hotdog Stand at Jake's** - V - Late night eats right on the sidewalk. Cheap, basic, good.
- 23. **El Guanaco** - \$V - Good Salvadorian food, get the pupusas.

24. **Traditions Café** - \$V - Liberal international restaurant, store and community meeting place. Free lending library with DVDs.

28. **Urban Onion** - \$\$ - An almost classy healthy restaurant/ gay nightclub. Bit pricey, but tasty organic food.

31. **Darby's** - \$V - Hip and delicious, great for breakfast.

38. **Le Voyeur** - \$V - The most hip greasy spoon in town. Sandwiches, soups and entrees all of which can be made vegan on request with as much grease as you can handle. It will take a while to get your food regardless of how busy they are. Open really late, and your clothes will smell like food after you leave.

39. **Clubsides Café** - \$ - Brighter than looking directly into the sun. Greasy spoon, open super late. (Closed as of 2010)

**Taco Truck** - \$ - Bomb, cheap, may have lard in the beans. In the parking lot on the NW corner of Plum & 4th Ave.

**Capital Market** - Best asian market around. A great place for coconut water and Thai Iced Tea. Best pho in town. 2419 Harrison Ave NW

**Vic's** - \$V - Super chronic, best pizza on the west side, and a popular hang. Check the vegan options. 233 Division St NW

## COFFEE

12. **Café Vita** - \$ - Seattle/Olympia based joint. Definitely hip, academic, and chill. Shitty owner.

26. **Batdorf and Bronson** - \$ - Reliable, tasty, local and a good place to study. At their tasting room near the farmer's market (1) you can get three tiny sample cups for free.

27. **Starbucks** - They do let home bums chill there, but there are better places to support in town than the corporate giants.

**Sizizis** - A great tea selection, tasty coffee, hip atmosphere, and vegan cupcakes. Who doesn't like palindromes? The only 24 hour hangout in town (unless you count Texaco). 704 4th Ave E

## BARS

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

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

13. **The 4th Ave Tavern** - Nothing particularly great or horrible.

18. **Jakes** - Queer dance club/bar. Great venue, great folks, great grinding! Curiously straight for a gay bar.

21. **The East Side** - Beer only, lots of pool tables (free on Sundays), thirsty Thursdays are cheaper, definite Greener hangout.



# OTHER OLY GEMS

**1. Farmers Market** – Mostly a tourist hangout, the seasonal market is overpriced yet local.

**4. Procession Studio** - Opens two months before the Procession of the Species so you can get crackin' on your batiked psychedelic rhinoceros float early. The address is in the alley way at 311 1/2 Capitol Way North, behind the Royal Lounge. But the studio door/entrance is located in the alley connecting Columbia to Capitol Way.

**14. Last Word Books and Zine Library** – Independent and radical bookstore, new and used books, friendly and kind owners, zine library in the back.

**17. Dumpster Values** - Overpriced vintage, handmade and trendy clothes. Dollar bin in the back supports Books 2 Prisoners. Houses the following:

**Phantom City Records** – Independent & local record store

**Bike N Bike** - Stop in for free bikes, bike repair, bike knowledge, or bike parts. It is an umbrella project of Done & Done, and has a weekly Trans/Womyns only night.

**Community Print** - Letterpress & book arts resource center

**19. The Northern** – All Ages Venue! Not so cool about discounts, which is shitty.

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

**22. Artesian Well** – “It’s the water!” Fresh, clean, and delicious water flows from a giant underground reservoir. Across the Street from the Estside tavern in the parking lot.

**25. Radiance** - for all your Hippy-woo-woo needs: massage, crystals, oils, books...but especially good for the big wall of bulk herbs.

**29. De Colores Bookstore** – Multicultural indy bookstore.

**30. Free Wall** – Legal graffiti wall behind the Capitol Theater.

**30. Capitol Theater** - A really great old movie theater, they host many benefits, volunteer for free passes.

**32. Rainy Day Records** – Independent and local record store with big selection of queer and foreign films for rent.

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

**34. Planned Parenthood** - Safe sex gear, pregnancy tests, STD tests, sliding scale abortions and consultations.

**36. Library** – Read a Book! Zines, books, internet, printing access, home bums, and good vibes.

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

**40. Midnight Sun** - Performance space/ cheap place to host theatrical performances and sometimes shows.

**Eagles Hall** – Venue for all sorts of shows, ceremonies, galleries, dances, parties and more. 805 4th Ave. E

**THE EASTSIDE** – The east side of town has its own secrets. You must discover them for yourself.

**THE WESTSIDE** – Avoid the mall at all costs, dance at house shows, participate in Westside Arts Walks, and lend a hand at any of the community gardens (check the corner of Madison and Thomas).

# TRANSPORTATION

**6. Olympia's Intercity Transit Center** - Local fair is \$1 or \$2 for a day pass. 620 to Tacoma or Seattle with at least one transfer for under \$5. Transit systems to Shelton, Aberdeen and other distant locales stop there as well.

**35. Greyhound Station** – More expensive, yet faster buses that go all over the country.

**Capitol Aeroporter** – Overpriced airport shuttle. It will pick you up at any location.

**Olympia/Lacy Amtrak Station** - Located at 6600 Yelm Highway SE, take the 64 from the Transit Center.

**CAP Bus or \$1 Bus** – To Portland-ish. Free with student ID, the small shuttle picks up a dozen passengers at Tumwater Square daily. It drops you off at Salmon Creek. Catch the 105 to downtown Portland from there for \$3.  
[www.lccac.org/Transportation%20Schedule.htm](http://www.lccac.org/Transportation%20Schedule.htm)

**Hitchhiking** – The I-5 ramp at the end of Plum is a great place to get a lift to Portland and beyond. Fly a sign, don't look sketchy and jut that thumb!

# FREE FOOD!

**FACT!** There are more low-income students at TESC than at any other four-year college in WA. One reason being that it's the cheapest four-year college in WA.

**MYTH!** There is a strictly limited pool available for food stamps.

**FACT!** Just because you decide to collect food stamps in order to supplement your food budget, it does not mean that someone else will get denied.

**2. Union Gospel Mission** - Daily daytime shelter and meals. MEAL TIMES Breakfast Mon-Sun 6 - 7 am Lunch Mon-Fri & Sun at Noon. Dinner Mon-Fri 6 pm 413 Franklin ST. NE 709-9725. Dental services, and safe places for all types of recovery.

**3. Thurston County Food Bank** - Located at 220 North Thurston St. near the downtown transit center. Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1-3pm. If you earn less than \$970 per month in a single person household you are eligible for food benefits from the state of Washington.

**37. Food Not Bombs** - Delicious, radical, vegan food for all! Times can often change, but for now: Saturdays! Prep at 2PM Media Island, 4:30 PM eat at the Timberland Library, across the street. Clean up lasts until 6PM.

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

**Free Food Box** - Located at the TESC health center.

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

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

**Dumpsters** - Depending on your standards you can pretty much live off of other peoples waste in most parts of the U.S. Discover your own spots in Olympia.

# OTHER FREE STUFF!

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

**Hippy Christmas** - You can outfit an entire 6 bedroom group house with the things students in housing get rid of the first two

weeks of June. Thankfully there are donation pods around now for community groups, but they won't mind if you glean from there, and not everything makes it past the convenient dumpsters.

# CHEAPER HEALTH INSURANCE!

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

**Charity Care at Providence St. Peter's Hospital** - If you go to their emergency room and state you wish to apply for Charity Care you may be able to receive all or part of your care for free! All you have to do is simply explain your living situation (i.e. being broke) and if you qualify you receive discounted care for the next 6 months!

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

# CHEAPER EDUCATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

## EXPLORE!

*There are tons of ways to lower your expenses. Try playing around with your needs and seeing what superfluous things in your life you can get rid of. Try living in the woods, using coupons, or both! You can work with the Bike Shop to build a bike, get your books from the libraries, or photocopy the chapters you need. You can audit classes, or make your own beer! There are always loopholes and ways to do it yourself. Be creative. And if you ever run out of ideas, there are elders and allies in town who will offer great advice on how to never pay for anything!*



# COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

The following is a list of non-profits and other volunteer-based organizations in the Olympia area that didn't fit elsewhere in the DisMan. There are a lot of amazing groups in town doing amazing things that directly affect and support those around you. If you have spare time, stop by one that looks interesting and give back your community. They are organized based on the following broad topics:

- Arts
- Animal
- Community
- Environment
- Food
- Health/Mediation
- International
- Legal
- Low Income / Unhoused Advocacy
- Young People

## ART

### Community Print

Community Print is a Letterpress, Silkscreening, and Book Arts resource center run by artists and students in the Olympia area, located at the back of Dumpster Values thrift shop. Workshops for all skill levels are taught on an irregular basis - check postings on the door. Costs around \$10 per "project." The collective's goal is to be accessible to all members of the community while keeping the art of letterpress thriving! [communityprint@yahoo.com](mailto:communityprint@yahoo.com) | (360) 705-3772 | 302 4th Ave E, Olympia, WA 98501

### Earthbound Productions: Procession of the Species Celebration

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

### Heartsparkle Players

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

### Olympia Film Society

OFS attempts to show films that depict the experiences of under-represented people in mainstream film industries including People of Color, queers, and religious minorities. It supports independent film makers and hosts a number of benefits for local to international organizations. The OFS has a number of volunteer positions, and hosts an annual film festival in autumn.

[www.olyfilm.org](http://www.olyfilm.org) | (360) 754-6670 | The Capitol Theatre: 206 E. 5th Ave. Olympia, WA 98501

### Raccoon Arts Collective

This awesome group of artists and DIYers are responsible for the Westside Arts Walks that happen every so often. The Arts Walk seek to take art out of the galleries of the rich and into the living rooms of all who wish to share their creations. The Arts Walks provide an outlet for visual artists, musicians, fire dancers, game players, actors, and other amazing souls to share their passions with all who want to partake. They take place in an assortment of homes in the NW neighborhood of Olympia every few months and are fucking badass. If you want to open your house as a venue or have art to share, contact them for more info.

[www.raccooncollective.blogspot.com](http://www.raccooncollective.blogspot.com) | [raccooncollective@gmail.com](mailto:raccooncollective@gmail.com)

### Rad Skills

Puts out a monthly calendar of free workshops, skillshares, and events around town. [radskillz@riseup.net](mailto:radskillz@riseup.net)

## ANIMAL

### **Wolf Haven International**

One of the world's largest and most respected wolf sanctuaries. Located on 80 acres of peaceful forest and Mima mound prairie. Hosts family programming and educational tours.

[www.wolfhaven.org](http://www.wolfhaven.org) | (800) 448-9653

## COMMUNITY

### **Bike and Bike**

An umbrella project of Done and Done. Located in the back of Dumpster Values, they provide bike parts and knowhow for free. Build a bike, help build a bike.

302 4th Ave E, Oly

### **Building Revolution by Increasing Community Knowledge (SPSCC)**

B.R.I.C.K. is a chartered student club at South Puget Sound Community College utilizing creative approaches to promote student awareness and advocate for progressive social change. The group acts to sponsor events and bring speakers and films to the SPSCC campus and Olympia community.

[www.spscbrick.org](http://www.spscbrick.org)

### **Community Sustaining Fund**

The Community Sustaining Fund provides grant support for progressive and community-oriented projects in Thurston County. Our funding is aimed at creating a democratic, equitable, nonviolent and ecologically sound society.

[www.traditionsfairtrade.com/sustFund/sustFund-home.html](http://www.traditionsfairtrade.com/sustFund/sustFund-home.html) | (360) 252-4332

### **Enterprise for Equity**

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

[www.enterpriseforequity.org](http://www.enterpriseforequity.org) | (360) 704-3375

### **Free School**

More of a concept than a place as the free school is currently without an physical location, this group has been working for close a decade in the community to bring people together to share their knowledge with

each other without cash and all the troubles that come along with it. Check the calendar on their website for class and their locations around town.

[www.freeschoolunity.org](http://www.freeschoolunity.org)

### **Free Store**

Located at the Westside Food Co-Op (921 Rogers St. NW), the Free Store is an all volunteer "Goodwill with no prices." Folks donate things they no longer need. And folks who need come to the store to take what they need. Sounds too simple to work, but it does. Open on a varying schedule, check the board on their door.

[www.oly-wa.us/FreeStore](http://www.oly-wa.us/FreeStore)

### **Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)**

The IWW is a non-hierarchical, directly democratic union that organizes workers as a class, regardless of their employment status. The IWW believes that the employing class and working class have nothing in common, and seeks to abolish capitalism, while forming a new, more equitable society based on free-association and production for need instead of profit. The IWW was founded in 1905 and has been a force in establishing various workers rights for the last 100 years.

[www.iww.org/en/branches/US/WA](http://www.iww.org/en/branches/US/WA) | (360) 705-0793 | [olywobs@riseup.net](mailto:olywobs@riseup.net)

### **Media Island International**

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

[www.mediaisland.org](http://www.mediaisland.org) | (360) 352-8526 | 816 Adams St. SE, Olympia, WA 98502.

### **MOMS Club of Olympia**

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

[www.momsclubofolympia.com](http://www.momsclubofolympia.com)

### **Northwest Olympia Neighborhood Association**

A non-profit association of your neighbors who are interested in promoting the quality of life for the residents of our community. NWOA's mission is to enhance the livability of our community through citizen participation at all levels of our community. Go to their meetings and get involved to help decide how association money is used to enhance your neighborhood.

[www.nwona.org](http://www.nwona.org)

### **OlyGeek**

An all volunteer organization that recycles used technology to provide computers, education, Internet access to those in need - in exchange for volunteering.

[www.oly-wa.us/OlyGeek/](http://www.oly-wa.us/OlyGeek/) | (360) 705-9999 |

115 Olympia Ave, Oly

### **South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign**

The South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign is a coalition of Olympia, Tumwater, and Lacey students, union members, people of faith, and concerned citizens raising awareness about the sweatshop industry, and challenging individuals as well as public and private institutions to create positive change by altering their purchasing practices. Our monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 300 5th Avenue SW.

[www.southsoundcleanclothes.org](http://www.southsoundcleanclothes.org) | (360) 705-2819

### **Thurston County Tenants Union**

TCTU is a non-profit, membership based organization of tenants. The TU challenges and transforms unjust housing conditions and housing policies through empowerment-based education, leadership development, and community organizing and tenant ownership. It provides free informational services and promotes the rights of tenants through active public advocacy and organizing.

[www.tenantsunion.org](http://www.tenantsunion.org) | Tenants Rights Hotline: (206) 723-0500

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Black Hills Audubon Society**

Our goals are to maintain and protect our ecosystems for future generations, and promote environmental education and recreation. BHAS efforts include both education and activism on behalf of wildlife and their ecosystems. Classes include monthly programs and several birding and natural history field trips, available to members and the general public. Activism includes efforts to protect local natural areas and "important bird areas" and to strengthen local environmental protections.

[www.blackhillsaudubon.com](http://www.blackhillsaudubon.com) | (360) 352-7299

### **Capitol Land Trust**

The mission of the Capitol Land Trust is to preserve the natural heritage of South Puget Sound. It is dedicated to the conservation, appreciation and stewardship of the diverse open spaces and unique natural habitats of the local watershed. The group purchases land parcels and establishes conservation easements to prevent development of natural areas, offering landowners non-regulatory options. <http://www.capitollandtrust.org> | (360) 943-3012

### **Climate Solutions**

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

[www.climatesolutions.org](http://www.climatesolutions.org) | (360) 352-1763

### **Gifford Pinchot Task Force**

The Gifford Pinchot Task Force seeks to preserve and restore the ecosystems and communities of southwestern Washington by promoting conservation of forest areas and sustainable restoration-based employment. The Task Force is the primary educational resource on the region's forest conservation, policy, and law. It engages interested citizens and policy makers through canvassing, hikes, field events, presentations and press, lobbying, and coordination with regional and national conservation organizations.

[www.gptaskforce.org](http://www.gptaskforce.org) | (503) 221-2102 | 917 SW Oak St., Suite 410, Portland, OR 97205.

### **Nisqually Reach Nature Center**

The Nisqually Reach Nature Center provides estuarine environmental education on the Nisqually River delta in view of the river's headwaters on Mount Rainier (Tahoma). It offers a hands-on experience for local school kids, research opportunities for local college students, internship opportunities for budding naturalists and educators, and volunteer opportunities for concerned citizens. NRNC is a private non-profit organization where nature comes to life. The center has 1000 square feet of space filled with bird specimens, interactive learning opportunities, viewing scopes, lab equipment, and as a highlight, 3 large tide-connected aquariums to view Puget Sound's underwater world. [www.nisquallyestuary.org](http://www.nisquallyestuary.org) | (360) 459-0387.

### **Nisqually Land Trust**

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

[www.nisquallylandtrust.org](http://www.nisquallylandtrust.org) | (360) 458-1111

### **Nisqually Stream Stewards**

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

[www.nisquallyriver.org/stewards](http://www.nisquallyriver.org/stewards) | (360) 438-8715

### **Olympic Forest Coalition (OFCO)**

The Olympic Forest Coalition promotes the protection, conservation and restoration of natural forest ecosystems and their processes on the Olympic Peninsula. The programs of OFCO focus on educating members of the public, officials, agencies, and other environmental, community and recreation groups on issues of importance to help achieve these goals.

[www.olympicforest.org](http://www.olympicforest.org)

### **People for Puget Sound**

People For Puget Sound is a citizens' group working to protect and restore the health of Puget Sound and the Northwest Straits through education and action. Its vision is a clean and healthy Sound, teeming with fish and wildlife, cared for by people who live here. [www.pugetsound.org](http://www.pugetsound.org) | (360) 754-9177

### **South Puget Environmental Education Clearinghouse (SPEECH)**

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

<http://www.oly-wa.us/GreenPages> | (360) 528-9158

### **Sustainable Community Roundtable of South Puget Sound**

The mission of the Sustainable Community Roundtable is to facilitate dialogue, vision, action, and celebration to help create sustainable community in South Puget Sound. The Roundtable seeks to build consensus on how we can become ecologically, economically and socially sustainable. It publishes the annual State of the Community Report, on local environmental and health concerns, seeks out businesses that operate in a sustainable mind-set, and sponsors events year-round.

[www.sustainsouthsound.org](http://www.sustainsouthsound.org) | 360-754-5352

### **Washington Environmental Council**

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

[www.wecprotects.org](http://www.wecprotects.org) | (360) 357-6548

### **Woodland Trail Greenway Association**

The Woodland Trail Greenway Association is dedicated to the creation of a linear park and trail along the Olympia Woodland Trail corridor from the Chehalis-

Western Trail in Lacey to the shores of Capitol Lake. The WTGA, formerly the East-West Greenway Association, is a non-profit coalition of active, interested citizens and organizations which serve as a public

voice to promote the funding and development of the Olympia Woodland Trail corridor for recreation and natural open space preservation.

[www.wtga.org](http://www.wtga.org) | [info@woodlandtrail.org](mailto:info@woodlandtrail.org)

## FOOD

### **Garden-Raised Bounty**

GRuB is a grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to nourishing community by empowering people to grow good food. It sprouts inspired, self-confident, and community-minded youth through educational and employment opportunities. The Kitchen Gardens project helps low-income families to help themselves by building raised-bed gardens at their homes. The quality of life and nutrition of low-income seniors are improved through therapeutic garden programs.

[www.goodgrub.org](http://www.goodgrub.org) | (360) 753-5522 | 2016 Elliott Ave NW Oly, WA 98502

### **Left Foot Organics**

A non-profit organic farm which supports the inclusion of people of all abilities. Employs people with developmental disabilities and rural youth in the production of high quality organic food.

[www.leftfootorganics.org](http://www.leftfootorganics.org) | (360) 754-1849

### **Terra Commons**

Terra Commons is a non-profit building network. It seeks to create lasting social change by researching, designing, and implementing natural building technologies in the Salish Bay ecoregion. It holds work parties and presentations to demonstrate the applications of natural building, sustainable agriculture, appropriate technology and habitat restoration. Projects include sites at Fertile Ground Inn, Media Island International, and Culture Seed.

[www.oly-wa.us/Terra](http://www.oly-wa.us/Terra) | (360) 339-3329

## HEALTH/MEDIATION

### **CHOICE Regional Health Network**

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

[crhn.org/www/index.html](http://crhn.org/www/index.html) | 1-800-981-2123

### **Dispute Resolution Center**

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

[www.mediatethurston.org](http://www.mediatethurston.org) | (360) 956-1155

### **Feminists In Self-Defense Training (FIST)**

FIST provides basic and advanced self-defense workshops open to all women and children, covering mental preparation, assertiveness, strategy development, and physical defense skills. Workshops are facilitated by female-identified folks in a self-affirming, non-threatening atmosphere. Cost is usually sliding scale from \$5 to \$35. FIST publishes a free quarterly newsletter.

[fistselfdefense@riseup.net](mailto:fistselfdefense@riseup.net)

### **Fern Haven Center**

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

[www.fernhavencenter.org](http://www.fernhavencenter.org) | [rod@fernhavencenter.com](mailto:rod@fernhavencenter.com)

### **Free Herbal Clinic**

Just what is sounds like, this amazing group of people offer education, personalized health consultations, botanical remedies and other supplies free of charge. They serve to empower anyone and everyone, regardless of financial or other circumstances, to take charge of their own health care. They are currently without a location but keep a look out for them to reopen soon.

[olyfreeherbalclinic@riseup.net](mailto:olyfreeherbalclinic@riseup.net)



### **Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation**

The Olympia Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation seeks to replace violence, war, racism, intolerance, and economic and social injustice with nonviolence, peace and justice. Olympia FOR collaborates with the larger community to educate and to engage in nonviolent and compassionate actions. The bi-monthly peace and social justice newsletter contains feature articles on various peace and justice concerns, announcements about other resources, and calendars of local and out-of-town events.

[www.olyfor.org](http://www.olyfor.org) | [info@olyfor.org](mailto:info@olyfor.org)

### **Planned Parenthood**

Your one stop cheap clinic such things as emergency contraception, STI testing, birth control, abortions, and pregnancy testing.

[www.plannedparenthood.org](http://www.plannedparenthood.org) | (800) 230-7526 | 402 Legion Way, Suite 201, Oly

### **Puget Sound Network for Compassionate Communication**

PSNCC - pronounced 'peace-nik' - is a regional non-profit association of volunteers who envision a world in which all needs are met compassionately. Its mission is to contribute to this vision by living & teaching the process of Nonviolent Communication (NVC),

which strengthens the ability of people to connect compassionately with themselves and with one another, to share resources, and to resolve conflicts.

<http://www.nwcompass.org> | (206) 382-8576

### **Safe Place**

SafePlace is the only advocacy agency and confidential shelter for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Thurston County. Business hours are 9am-12pm, 1-5pm M-Th and walk-in advocacy hours are 10am-12pm, 1-3pm Tu & W.

[www.safeplaceolympia.org](http://www.safeplaceolympia.org) | (360) 786-8754 | 314 Legion Way SE Olympia, WA 98501

### **Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs**

WCSAP is a membership agency comprised of individuals and organizations dedicated to ending sexual assault in their communities. WCSAP's mission is to unite agencies engaged in the elimination of sexual violence through education, advocacy, victim services, and social change. It offers trainings throughout the year and an annual two and a half day conference on topics ranging from advocacy, service provision, prevention, to management issues. It also has a sexual assault prevention resource center.

[www.wcsap.org](http://www.wcsap.org)

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Bridges Not Walls**

A coalition of community members from the South Sound region of Washington State who have united to address issues of immigration in our community. We believe immigrants, regardless of legal status, deserve to be treated with dignity. We seek to make our communities a place where the contributions of immigrants are valued and respected.

[www.oly-wa.us/Bridges](http://www.oly-wa.us/Bridges)

### **Centro Integral Educativo Latino de Olympia (CIELO) Project at Radio Ranch**

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

[www.cieloproject.org](http://www.cieloproject.org) | (360) 709-0931

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

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

[www.cispes.org](http://www.cispes.org) | (360) 866-6513

### **Olympia-Rafah Sister City Project**

The sister city project that bonds Olympia, Washington and Rafah, Palestine was envisioned by local peace activist and friend, Rachel Corrie (1979-2003). Through her dedication to social justice and acute cognizance of the Israeli military occupation, she believed that cultural exchanges between our two communities could result in significant social change. The project will collaborate with the people of Rafah to create lasting friendships across borders and bridge

cultural gaps through popular education, advocacy, communication, and community exchange. These friendships help members to educate themselves, increase awareness, and demonstrate solidarity in a common struggle for a just and prompt peace in the

Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Meetings are on the 1st Thursday of each month at The Olympia Center (222 Columbia Street) at 7 p.m.  
[www.orscp.org](http://www.orscp.org)

## LEGAL

### **American Civil Liberties Union of Washington - Thurston County Chapter**

The ACLU is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership organization devoted to protecting the basic civil liberties of all Americans, and extending them to groups that have traditionally been denied their basic civil rights. The Thurston County Chapter acts as the "eyes and ears" of the Affiliate Office, ACLU-WA, reporting civil liberties abuses. It testifies at local and state hearings and performs as an activist group to defend civil liberties. It also does outreach to educate the public in understanding, appreciating and protecting their rights.

[www.aclu-wa.org](http://www.aclu-wa.org) | (206) 624-2184

### **League of Women Voters**

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Citizens of voting age may become League members. It takes action on selected governmental issues, sponsorship and coordination of voter registrations, meetings with candidates, and publication on specific topics.

[www.lwvwa.org](http://www.lwvwa.org) | (206) 622-8961

### **Olympia Civil Liberties Resource**

Olympia Civil Liberties Resource is an Olympia-based organization working to defend the civil liberties of all citizens - particularly activists exercising their constitutional rights. OCLR seeks to educate the public regarding current threats to civil liberties, and to act as a general resource for activists. The group provides legal assistance, information about your rights, and solidarity during the isolation of arrest and trial.

<http://olycivlib.blogspot.com> | [olycivlib@riseup.net](mailto:olycivlib@riseup.net) | Support Line: (541) 687-9180 (For information if you are contacted by the FBI).

### **Thurston County Draft Counseling Center**

Protect your rights. Learn how the system works. The Draft Counseling Center provides free, confidential information and counseling about how a military draft would work and how to pursue conscientious objection and other alternatives. It also provides help for people who want to get out of the military.

(360) 491-9093 | 5015 15th Ave. SE, Lacey

## LOW INCOME/UNHOUSED ADVOCACY

### **Done & Done**

Done & Done is a non-hierarchical 501(c)3 non-profit which umbrellas projects, such as EGYHOP and Bike & Bike, with a primary focus of providing items and services to empower the unhoused, youth, low-income or otherwise marginalized populations of Olympia and Thurston County.

Mail donations to: PO Box 6382, Olympia, WA 98507

### **Emergency Shelter Network: Homeless Resource Advocacy**

The Family Support Center is a community resource center offering a variety of services for children and families. 5 member agencies work together to offer affordable, accessible, and preventative services that help parents raise healthy children. Resource Specialists work with families in crisis and those seeking information about community resources. ESN provides shelter and resources for families and single women in

Thurston County. Information and referrals regarding resources, employment, rental assistance, voice messaging services, homeless child care and more. ESN is a program of the Family Support Center in collaboration with Associated Ministries of Thurston County.  
[www.familysupportctr.org](http://www.familysupportctr.org) | (360) 754-9297 | 108 State Avenue, Olympia, WA 98501

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. Houses are built in partnership with the buyer, and sold at no profit with a 20 to 25 year non-interest mortgage. Working with donated materials, home owners are required to invest sweat equity (500 hours) into the construction process, working alongside other volunteers. Donations of funds and materials are accepted. Habitat owns and manages the Sound Builders ReStore, a non-profit store dedi-

cated to diverting used building materials from the local transfer station as well as providing educational and volunteer opportunities for the community.  
www.spshabitat.org | (360) 956-3456 | Restore: (360) 753-1575 | 210 Thurston Ave. NE, Olympia

### **Homeless Resource Advocacy**

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

### **Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights (POWER)**

POWER is an organization of low-income parents and allies advocating for a strong social safety net while working toward a world where children and care giving are truly valued, and the devastation of poverty has been eradicated.  
www.oly-wa.us/power | (360) 352-9716

### **Thurston Union for Low Income People (TULIP)**

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

### **Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition**

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

## **YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **Avanti High School (AHS)**

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

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters**

Helping children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships. They contribute to brighter futures, better schools and stronger communities for all.  
www.thurstonbbbs.org | 360-943-0409

### **Freechild Project**

The Freechild Project seeks to advocate, inform, and celebrate social change led by and with young people around the world, particularly those who have been historically denied the right to participate. We offer resources, programs, and training to aid in youth-led community organizing and activist projects.  
www.freechild.org | (360) 753-2686

### **The Little Red Schoolhouse Project**

Our goal is to see every child start school with basic school supplies, a backpack and 2-3 outfits of new or clean used clothes.  
www.redschool.org | (360) 438-1100 x 1143

# A List of Recommended Reading

1984 - George Orwell

Against Civilization - ed. by John Zerzan

Beneath the Paving Stones - Darkstar Collective

Black Elk Speaks - John Nierhardt

Black Looks: Race & Representation - Bell Hooks

The Bonnot Gang - Richard Parry

Caliban and the Witch - Silvia Federici

On Walden Pond - Henry David Thoreau

The Coming Insurrection - The Invisible Committee

Coming Home to the Pleistocene - Paul Shepard

Days Of War, Nights Of Love - Crimethinc.

Direct Action - Ann Hansen

Dynamite - Louis Adamic

Ecodefense - Dave Forman

Endgame - Derrick Jensen

Engine Summer - John Crowley

Fahrenheit 451 - Ray Bradbury

Fight Club - Chuck Palahniuk

Gender Outlaw - Kate Bornstein

The Giving Tree - Shel Silverstein

The Golden Compass - Philip Pullman

Gone to Croatan - ed. by Ron Sakolsky and James Koehnline

Guns, Germs and Steel - Jared Diamond

How Nonviolence Protects the State - Peter Gelderloos

Lame Deer: Seeker of Visions - John Lame Deer and Richard Erdoes

Letters of Insurgents - Fredy Perlman

Lies My Teacher Told Me - James W. Loewen

The Many-Headed Hydra - Peter Linebaugh & Marcus Rediker

Medicinal Plants Of The Pacific Northwest - Michael Moore

The Mismeasure Of Man - Steven Jay Gould

The Monkey Wrench Gang - Edward Abbey

Mujeres Libres: Free Women of Spain - Martha Acklesburg

A New Green History of the World - Clive Ponting

On the Road - Jack Kerouac

Our Enemies in Blue - Kristian Williams

Pedagogy of the Oppressed - Ira Shor & Paulo Freire

People's History of the United States - Howard Zinn

Plants Of The Pacific Northwest - Pojar & McKinnon

The Practice Of The Wild - Gary Snyder

Quiet Rumours: An Anarcha-Feminist Reader - Darkstar Collective

Rebels Against the Future - Kirkpatrick Sale

Red Emma Speaks - Emma Goldman

The Revolution of Everyday Life - Raoul Vaneigem

A Room Of One's Own - Virginia Woolf

Sabate: Guerilla Extraordinaire - Antonio Tellez

Simulacra & Simulacrum - Jean Baudrillard

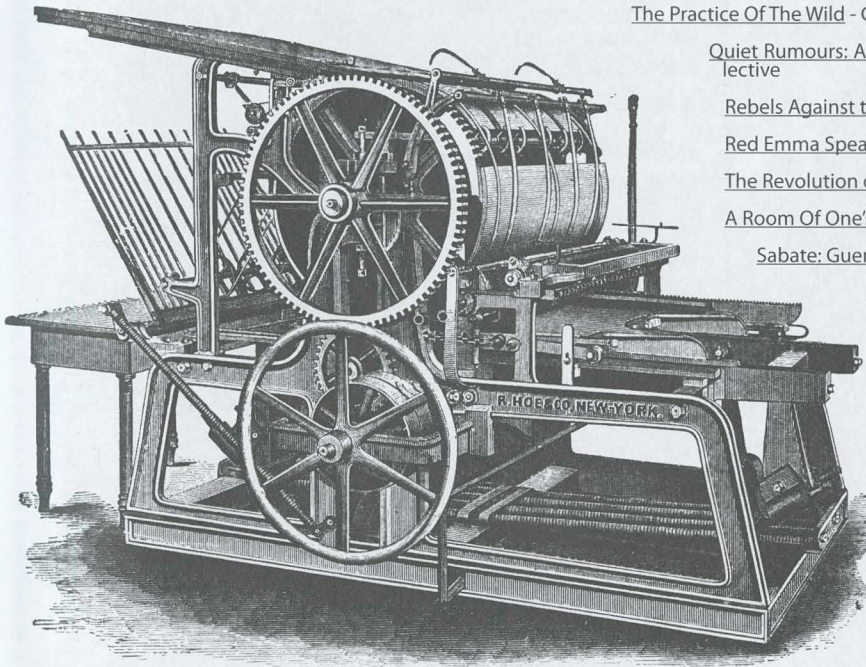
Stone Butch Blues - Leslie Feinberg

Touch The Earth: A Self Portrait Of Indian Existence - T.C. McLuhan

We - Yevgeny Zamyatin

The Way To Rainy Mountain - N. Scott Momaday

The Wretched of the Earth - Frantz Fanon



Sous les palmiers, la plage



**CAPITALISM**

**WE RULE YOU**

**WE FOOL YOU**

**WE SHOOT AT YOU**

**WE EAT FOR YOU**

**WE WORK FOR ALL**

**WE FEED ALL**

# **PYRAMID OF CAPITALIST SYSTEM**

A Student Produced Guide To The Evergreen Experience

The Disorientation Manual

