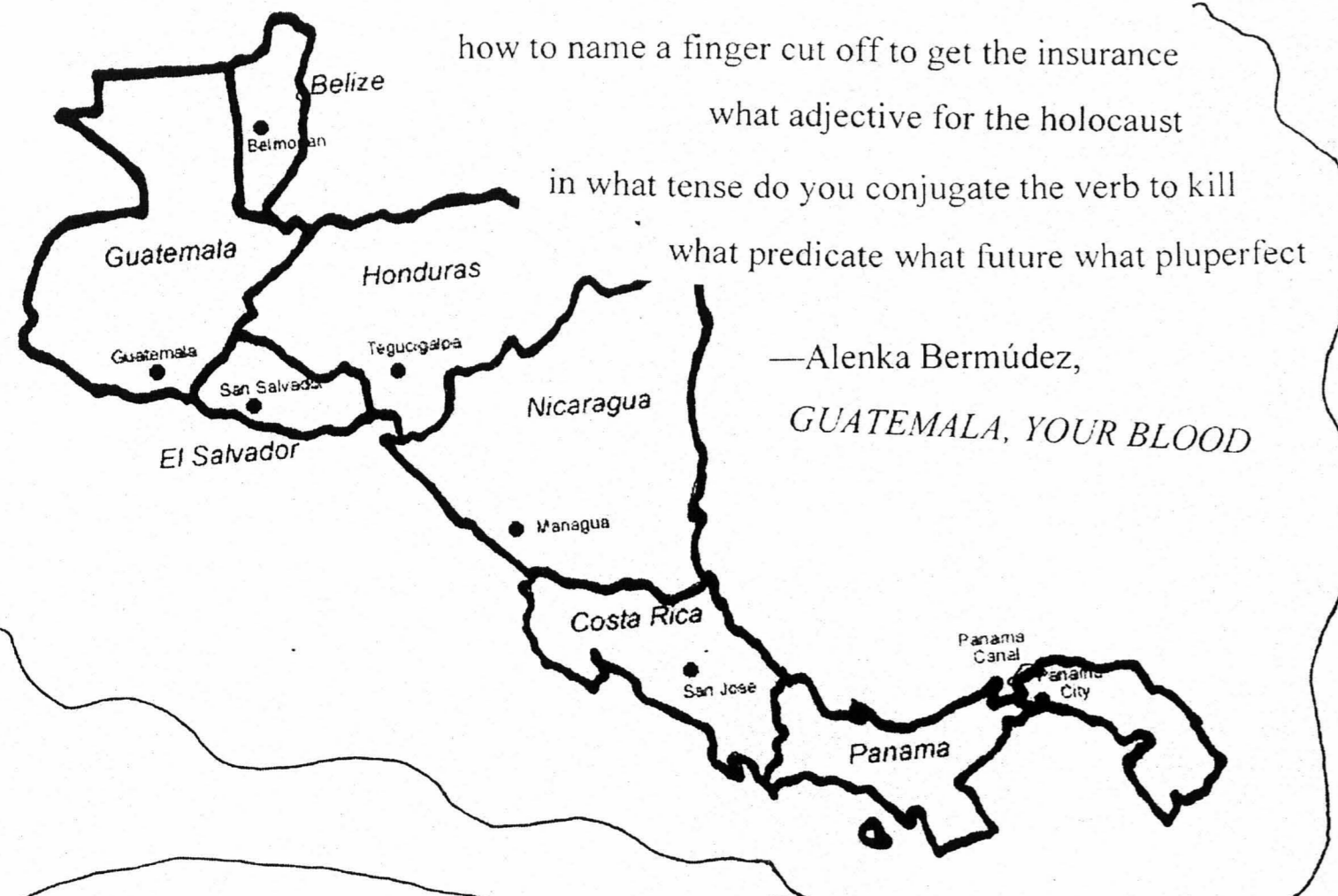




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THE STUDENT'S OWN EVALUATION OF PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Lyons	Jordan	J.	[REDACTED]
Student's Last Name	First	Middle	ID Number
Central America: Poetry and Politics		26 Sep 2005	16 Dec 2005
Title		Date Began	Date ended



Oh, the HUMANITIES!



Jordan Lyons
 Student's signature
 12/16/05
 Date

Faculty signature: Bill Ransom
 Date

Jordan Lyons is a Senior enrolled in evening and weekend studies

House may vote to cut student aid on February 1

By Jessica Tweedy

Cuts to the federal student aid program may impact well over 100,000 Washingtonians if approved by the House on Feb. 1, according to WashPIRG's Higher Education Project. On Dec. 21, the Senate voted 51-50 to cut \$12.7 billion out of the student loan programs. Vice President Cheney was forced to interrupt a tour of the Middle East to come back and cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of the cuts. The cuts are part of a package that, according to its supporters, is meant to reduce the federal deficit by \$50 billion. According to opponents, however, these cuts to programs like student aid and food stamps will impact low-income Americans and are overshadowed by another proposal that would give \$70 billion worth of tax breaks to the wealthiest 10% of the country's population.

Opponents also point out that cutting the huge subsidies given to lenders would significantly reduce the budget deficit. Rather than cutting subsidies to lenders, however, the bill derives approximately 70% of its savings from higher loan interest rates for borrowers and redirecting excessive student and parent payments to private lenders. These cuts are not only the largest in the history of the student loan program, but the largest single cut in the budget reconciliation package.

WashPIRG's Higher Education Project estimates that 109, 049 students in Washington alone will be affected by these cuts. Many Evergreen students depend on

some sort of aid from the state and federal government and/or private lenders and charities.

Nathaniel Ashlock, a sophomore, says that these cuts will have a huge impact on his family and will effect his life well after graduation. "I depend on student aid to attend college. I was raised by a single parent who two years ago had three children in college and for the last two years has had two children in college. She was an elementary art teacher and is now a substitute teacher. She cannot possibly afford to put all of her children through college on her own." He added, "As it stands, I will be several thousand dollars in debt for my education. If student aid were to be reduced, it would make my frustratingly expensive tuition that much more difficult to swallow."

Before the vote, Senator Conrad, working with opponents of the cuts, used a procedural maneuver to strip two non-germane provisions out of the bill. As a result, the newly-amended reconciliation bill must return to the House to be reapproved. Members of the House will now be able to reconsider their votes from late December. In the coming weeks, students and Student PIRG chapters across the country will continue to make the case to Congress that we should stop this raid on student aid.

Jessica Tweedy is a senior enrolled in Student Affairs and Campus Communities and is the State Board Chair for the WashPIRG Student Chapters.



On Sunday, members of the National Socialist Movement arrived in downtown Olympia. They were met with hundreds of anti-Nazi protesters voicing their firm stance of keeping Olympia an 'anti-hateful' city.

Sustainability gets a new charge at Evergreen

By John Pumilio

What is sustainability? The word is everywhere and freely used by everyone, yet the answer is elusive: sustainability is not regularly seen, cannot be photographed, and good luck finding a place where sustainability fully exists.

Many of us search for sustainability by scrutinizing each component of our daily lives; we question the things we buy, the food we eat, the way we travel, the waste we generate, our relationships with other people and wonder whether or not we are contributing to a sustainable world. Unfortunately, at the end of the day, the answer is likely no. Feeling the burden, we lessen our unsustainable activities and try to reduce our overall negative impacts. However, as Will McDonough and Michael Braungart stated in "Cradle to Cradle", we have successfully become "less bad".

Perhaps this is the dream of sustainability: to live a rich and fulfilling life without compromising the quality of other peoples' lives, in terms of both space and time. Imagine living in that world: our human spirit would be free.

Is this too much to ask for? Is it even achievable? The global picture is daunting,

but if we narrow our focus to the Evergreen community, there is much to celebrate and good reason for optimism. The hard and inspiring work of our principled student body, coupled with the support of many Evergreen faculty and staff, has led to numerous sustainable initiatives we can all be proud of. Think of the Clean Energy campaign, the Organic Farm, the work of our student groups, SYNERGY, the Sem II building ... just to name a few. Yet as a community, there is a lot more that needs to be done. With that, I am excited to say that Evergreen has another ally in its ongoing effort to advance sustainability—the Sustainability Task Force.

The Sustainability Task Force was created by the President and Vice Presidents of the College to help define the newly created Sustainability section of the 2005 Master Strategic Plan. What this really means is that Evergreen is now officially committed to becoming a sustainable campus and a national leader in sustainability-based issues. This official recognition was the result of a recommendation by the Summer 2005 Sustainability Institute, the prior efforts of many community members, and



The Seminar II building was named one of 2005's top ten "Green Projects" by the American Institute of Architects.

Health Center Q&A

Dear TESC Health Center:
 I have a ridiculous schedule this quarter. With work, class, homework, taking care of my son and trying to keep some sort of a social life, there is no way I have any time to work out anymore. Any free time I have, I find that I just want to fall down in front of the TV or in my bed for a nap. I'm worried that this lifestyle is going to ruin me. Do you have any workout tips that are easy and quick?

The human body functions best when it is active, and a lack of healthy exercise can cause increased risks of:

- q Colon cancer
- q Breast cancer
- q Skin cancer
- q Heart disease
- q High blood pressure
- q Stroke
- q Type II Diabetes

Regular physical activity, even as little as a 30-minute brisk walk, contributes to good overall health. Physical activity also helps to maintain healthy body weight, reduce the symptoms of stress, depression and anxiety, and improve the quality of sleep. Physical activity also helps the body to process and eliminate toxins and increases the body's metabolism.

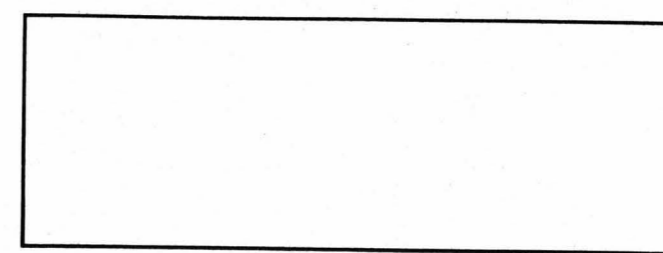
WayTooBusyMom2006

Dear WayTooBusyMom2006,
 The World Health Organization issued a warning that an "actively sedentary lifestyle" could be one of the world's ten leading causes of disability and death.

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The Day of Absence is coming

By the staff of First Peoples' Advising

What would this campus be like without any racial diversity? What would our curriculum look like? Who would be missing from our staff and faculty? What would our society be like without contributions from people of color?

Although many of us at Evergreen focus on issues of diversity each and every day, the entire campus is asked to think specifically about racial diversity for two days each year when we celebrate the Day of Absence and Day of Presence. We ask ourselves, "What does it mean to be fully present ... or fully absent?"

These two days provide an opportunity for the campus to explore and discuss issues of diversity, equity and multiculturalism and work towards building a community that acknowledges the importance of culture, heritage and community.

The idea for a day that celebrates the variety of cultures on our campus comes from the play "Day of Absence" by African-American playwright Douglas Turner Ward. First presented in 1965 as a "reverse minstrel show" with black actors in whiteface with blond wigs, the play is a social commentary on race relations in the nation and satirizes the South's refusal to see the African-American as an equal member of the community. In the play, the white residents of a small southern town wake up one morning to find all of the African-American residents missing. The town ceases to function as the remaining residents realize their dependence on the contributions of missing neighbors and workers, reminding everyone that all members of the town are vital and integral members of the community.

Observed at Evergreen since 1975, the Day of Absence was established to create a sense of unity among the students, staff and faculty of color. First celebrated as a unity dinner by a few African-American staff members, it soon grew to be a daylong community-building retreat off-campus for all staff and students of color. At Evergreen, the faculty, staff and students of color are invited to participate in an off-campus retreat. Their absence from the college serves as a tangible reminder of the value of diversity on the Evergreen Campus. In some years, as we go off campus, our white allies have planned activities on campus to further diversity as well for their own community. In 1992, the Day of Presence was added at the recommendation of members of the Evergreen community in order to have an opportunity to discuss these pertinent issues as a whole community.

This year, the Day of Presence will take place on Thursday, Feb. 9, and the Day of Absence will take place on Friday, Feb. 10. Detailed schedules will be posted around campus shortly.

Join us for these two days of programming. This is your opportunity to participate in community building activities and show your commitment to engage in the process of working towards a society where equity is a necessity even in our own little corner of the world.

If you have any questions, please contact First Peoples' Advising Services at (360)867-6467 or colberth@evergreen.edu.


Vox Populi

By Jordon Lyons and Aaron Bietz

What will the Seahawks' trip to the Super Bowl mean to


"I'm conflicted, because I was born in Pittsburgh, and the last time they were in the Super Bowl was the day I was born, 27 years ago. But I think it will be good for the state overall."

Kacie Dill
Senior
Data to Information



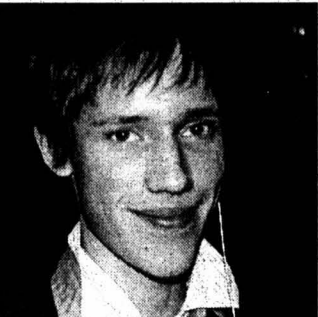
Washington?
"We're probably going to have more people going to Seattle. Go Seahawks!"

Jonisha Hall
Freshman
So You Want to Be a Teacher



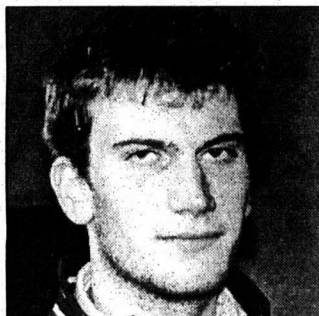
"I didn't know they were going."

Beck Nelson
Freshman
Legacy of the American Dream




"Not much."

Pat Kappler
Freshman
Indigenous Peoples and Ecological Change



"Happiness and a renewed sense of state pride that will lead to other positive outcomes."

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Meetings

Our meetings are open to the Evergreen community. Please come and discuss with us!

Paper Critique 4 p.m. Monday
Comment on that week's paper. Air comments, concerns, questions, etc. If something in the CPJ bothers you, this is the meeting for you!

Student Group Meeting 5 p.m. Monday
Find out what it means to be a member of the student group CPJ. Practice consensus-based decision making.

Content Meeting 5:30 p.m. Monday
Help discuss future content, story ideas, Vox Populi questions and possible long term reporting projects.

Content Forum 12:30 p.m. Wednesday
Lecture and seminar related to journalism and issues surrounding CPJ content.

Thursday Forum 4 p.m. Thursday
Discuss ethics, journalism law and conflict resolution.

All meetings are in CAB 316.

Health Center Q&A

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The effects of exercise on health include the following:

- Reducing blood pressure
- Improving the quality of sleep
- Reducing the effects of stress
- Increasing the levels of good cholesterol (HDL)
- Improves the body's ability to maintain blood sugar levels

Sadly, there is no secret easy answer to this dilemma. The USDA recommends getting 60-90 minutes of moderate activity at least three days a week (preferably more) to prevent weight gain and maintain good health.

Since it sounds like you have little time outside of your busy schedule, incorporating exercise into your current activities may be the easiest thing to do. Simple changes in how you complete your daily routine can contribute to better overall health. Instead of taking the elevator, choose to take the stairs. If you have a friend who owns a dog, offer to take it for a walk. For short trips in your neighborhood, walk or ride a bicycle. If you take the bus, try to get off a stop earlier than usual and walk the extra distance, or park your car a little further away from your destination than you normally would. Here are a few more suggestions to fit exercise into a busy schedule:

- Set your alarm a little earlier and try to fit in 10 to 15 minutes of calisthenics or stretching
- Do required reading while on a treadmill or stationary bicycle
- Put a little more motion into the regular activities around the house, such as daily chores

At first, you may feel like this change is draining you of vital energy you need to complete your daily regimen. Soon however, you will notice that fitting exercise into your schedule becomes easier, your sleep feels more complete, and you have more energy at the end of the day than you used to.

The Peer Health Q&A team at the TESC Student Health Center.

You can send your health related questions to: PeerHealth@Evergreen.edu. Answers will appear in the CPJ, and sources will remain anonymous.

The student medical assistants are:

- Carmon Jenkins
- Emerald Mansfield
- Kate Bennett
- Mate Mruz
- Kenari Breshem
- Sara Higgins
- Savahn Rosinbum
- David Errington

Academic Decathlon

Academic Decathlon is a high school level competition consisting of ten academic competitions. Decathletes compete in teams including students with "A", "B", "C", and below grade-point averages. It is the premier scholastic competition for high school students. There are several areas in which individuals may volunteer: proctoring tests, registering teams, assisting with the preparations for the competition and acting as a judge in the essay, speech and interview portions. The Decathlon will take place on Saturday, Feb. 28. For more information contact Vicky Lee at acadecwashington@aol.com or call at (360)491-2757. Get out there.

Writing Center Groups

Every Tuesday the Writing Center hosts two English conversation groups. Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3 p.m., visit the Center (CAB108) for casual conversation in English. Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m., the group meets at Primetime in A Dorm, where the focus is on discussing and practicing skills for the Evergreen seminar. The Writing Center invites all Evergreen students to participate in the conversation groups. International students, students for whom English is a second language and others wishing to improve their conversational English skills in English are encouraged to attend. Native speakers are encouraged to attend as well, in order to help students hear the language being spoken naturally. For more information and directions to Primetime, visit the Writing Center website: www.evergreen.edu/writingcenter.

Poetry Reading Open-Mic

The Evergreen Writing Center is sponsoring an open-mic poetry reading for the Day Of Presence on Thursday, February 9, from 3-5pm in Primetime on the main floor of A-Dorm. Come listen! Come Read!

Senate Recognizes TESC Work

On Thursday, Feb. 9, the Senate will recognize students and individuals who worked on Evergreen's Clean Energy Initiative between 11:15 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Folks who were involved with the project or who want to join in the fun can meet in the Capitol at 11:00 a.m. on the 4th Floor Senate Gallery. There are two sides to the Gallery and we will be outside the middle entrance. For more information, contact Brad Bishop at omegaseed@gmail.com or call the WashPIRG office at 867-6058.

New Student Project Board

The Center for Community-Based Learning and Action is improving! Most recently we've put up a new Student Project Board. It's similar to the ride share board in the CAB, focused on community action work, and looks a heck-of-a-lot better. Students who would like to share their projects and experiences with other interested students, or who are looking for volunteer recruits can post their projects and contact information here. The new board is located in Sem II E2125 and is waiting for contributions; we will provide the tacks. Be the first to show the world the power of Action! There are many opportunities to learn within the community. Stop by the CCVL&A today to find out more about organizations that are facilitating change and how you can get involved. Share your knowledge of the community, your passions and the causes that are important. Post your projects today!

Synergy Kick-Off Today

The Synergy Sustainable Living Conference is currently in the works and is in need of volunteers! In its fifth year, Synergy has grown to be one of the most dynamic student-run events of the entire year, and has previously brought exciting speakers like Amy Goodman and Jim Hightower to Evergreen. If you are interested in helping out with the conference this year, please come to the Volunteer Kick-Off Meeting in the Student Activities Room (CAB 320) today from 3:30-5:00 p.m.! Learn about it and sign up for a number of different volunteer opportunities; there is something to fit everyone's interests! Please contact Graham Golbuff at mrgrahamtastic@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering but can not make the meeting.

Student Aid Campaign

On Feb. 1, Congress will vote on a budget bill that includes \$12.7 billion in cuts to student aid. Evergreen's WashPIRG chapter is continuing to fight these cuts, but they need your help! Call 1-800-574-4243 to speak to your member of Congress directly. Here's a sample script of what you can say:

"I urge you to oppose 'budget reconciliation' that will cut \$12.7 billion from the student loan programs. 70% of the student aid cuts come from higher rates for borrowers and by overcharging students and parents for student loans. Congress should be working to make college more affordable, not asking students and parents to pay more for student loans."

For more information, call 867-6058 or e-mail blair@washpirgstudents.org.



JANUARY 20, 5:30 p.m.

A woman came to police services to report her Camry being stolen from F lot. She stated she did not give anyone permission to take the car from the lot.

JANUARY 21, 1:35 a.m.

An underage Evergreen student drinking a 12 oz. Miller High Life beer near G Dorm was given a warning, and his actions were forwarded to the Grievance officer.

JANUARY 21, 4:10 p.m.

A woman walking near the new art wall in Seminar II slipped and hurt her neck and back.

JANUARY 21, 10:40 p.m.

An Evergreen student getting his freak on at the HCC hurt his knee. He was taken to the hospital via ambulance.

JANUARY 22, 2:01 a.m.

A traffic stop on Overhulse revealed an intoxicated male who was given three field sobriety tests. He was found to be unable to stand on one leg without falling, and was taken into custody. En route to the station, he vomited twice in the patrol car. A breathalyzer test revealed B.A.C. of .229%.

JANUARY 23, 2:35 p.m.

The stolen vehicle from F Lot earlier in the week was recovered abandoned near Overhulse & 17th Street. A key was broken off in the ignition. A wallet and Evergreen ID not belonging to the car's owner were found in the car, and the owner did not know the person whom they belonged to.

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Internship Fair: Something for everyone!

By Theresa Scott

When: Wednesday, Feb. 1
Where: The CRC
Time: 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Eyewitness in Hong Kong

By Joseph Daniel Keesler

This Saturday, Jan. 28 at 1 p.m., the Evergreen State student ANSWER (Act Now To Stop War and End Racism) chapter will be hosting Nathalie Hrizi, who will be speaking on the WTO's recent failure to reach an agreement during the 6th Ministerial Meetings in Hong Kong and the protests which continue to fuel the backlash against the exclusive neo-liberal agenda promoted by the meetings. The event will be held in Sem II B1105. Nathalie Hrizi is a national co-coordinator of Youth and Student ANSWER and a contributing editor of Socialism and Liberation Magazine. She attended the protests and spoke at rallies and forums during People's Action Week in Hong Kong.

The 6th Ministerial meetings of the World Trade Organization took place in Hong Kong from Dec. 13-18, 2005. These meetings of the WTO ended without agreement, due to the fierce resistance of people in the streets, as seen in Seattle in 1999 and Cancun in 2003. The Hong Kong People's Alliance organized the People's Action Week to resist the WTO meetings in Hong Kong. Organizations, primarily from Asia, came to Hong Kong to join the protests and forums held during The People's Action Week. Farmers, workers, women and others from the Philippines, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, Indonesia and other countries came together, chanting "Junk, Junk, the WTO."

Joseph Daniel Keesler is taking Spanish.

stimulation and an opportunity to work independently. And what about their reputation; do you want to work for an organization that challenges or supports your values?

Many of the organizations that will be at the Internship Fair will be looking for interns beginning in spring, so attend an internship orientation and begin talking to faculty about sponsorship now. This is a great opportunity to network with organizations, whether you plan to do an internship in the spring or you are planning one a year from now. Meeting with organizations is also a way to hone your informational interview skills and get a feel for what organizations have to offer.

Tips for Attending the Fair

- Get a list of the organizations early and have a plan
- Have a resume to hand out to representatives
- Be prepared to answer questions representatives may have
- Prepare your own questions; take notes and business cards

Check www.evergreen.edu/advising for the latest list of organizations attending or call 867-6312 for more information. Hope to see you there!

Theresa Scott is a senior doing an internship

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Interested in getting more involved with the Evergreen community? The CPJ has positions open right now!

Briefs Coordinator: Are you interested in conveying messages through the written word? Have your own style you want to share with others? Then come be our Briefs Coordinator, and show Evergreen what you can do!

Calendar Coordinator: Like knowing what's going on at Evergreen and Olympia? Know where all the best parties are? Check out our Calendar Coordinator positions and let students know what's going on in their own backyard.

General Aid: Want to get involved, but don't know what you want to do? General Aid is for you! Come and learn all you need about the CPJ while getting a little cash for your trouble.

Letters and Opinions Coordinator: Do you like hearing what others have to say? Have a few things to say yourself? Come on up and see if Letters and Opinions Coordinator is right for you!

News Coordinator: Do you know what's going on at Evergreen? Want to have an inside view of what the administration is up to? Become our News Coordinator and help keep us all informed about our community!

SeePage Coordinator: Are you an artist? Do you happen to know a whole gaggle of artists? Want to hook your buddies up with a full page displaying their art? SeePage is a great way to do just that.

Sports Coordinator: Feel sports are underrepresented at Evergreen? Want to help get more information out there about Evergreen's athletics department? Then do it, and become our Sports Coordinator!

COME GET INVOLVED! All positions receive a learning allotment, which means \$\$\$ for YOU!

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Rebuilding New Orleans: saving a devastated city

By Brad Bishop

Before August 2005, I knew very little about New Orleans. Something about jazz and that they have the best Mardi Gras celebration in the world.

In the days before the hurricane hit, I listened to reports of pending devastation on the radio. I watched on TV as Katrina passed over Florida and built up speed as it headed for New Orleans. On Aug. 28, Mayor Ray Nagin called a mandatory evacuation.

The history and engineering status of the city spilled over the front pages of the newspaper: Remember 1927? Are the levees going to hold? On Aug. 29, at 6:10 a.m. CDT, Katrina hit land. Before noon, the levees had broken and 80% of the city was submerged under two to twenty-five feet of water.

I was scared for the lives of the poor: 120,000 people didn't have the means to leave, and survival-based anarchy took hold as people got hungry and thirsty. The police were blocking the escape route of some evacuees in the Algiers neighborhood, and many residents took up arms to protect themselves. The city was on the verge of a race war, according to black activist Malik Rahim.

Malik Rahim called Scott Crow, a white friend from Texas, and they set out to protect the black neighborhood of Algiers. Once the violence subsided, there were still thousands of people without power, food or medical care, so Rahim and Crow formed Common Ground Collective to do what the Red Cross and FEMA were failing to do. They set up medical clinics and distribution centers to give away food, toiletries and cleaning supplies.

Nearly three months later, many folks started to return to the Ninth Ward, one of the hardest hit areas in the city. It had been closed for sometime, and once it was open, the streets came back to life slowly. There was no power, the streets were still dirty, and most of the houses were too moldy to enter without a mask. Common Ground asked people who came back home what they needed. The biggest priority after medical care was help with restoring their houses: furniture needed to be thrown out, refrigerators were dripping black toxic liquid, walls needed gutting, and carpets needed to be stripped.

Common Ground put out a call for help. Doctors, activists, artists and many others from cities across the nation, as well as two Evergreen students, arrived for the Roadtrip for Relief over Thanksgiving break.

The trees looked dead as Kerry and I drove through the outskirts of New Orleans. With few cars on the road and no lights on in the houses, we proceeded with caution through the neighborhoods. We soon found the bright part of town: the French quarter. It was 3 a.m., but the drunks and



Photo by Brad Bishop

the cops were holding down the space for their respective causes. It was our first sign that maybe this city was going to thrive again.

We drove through the neighborhoods around Lake Pantchartrain, past cars that had been submerged in water and that now littered the streets. These cars were parked next to the piles of trash that were once the personal possessions of the people living in this community. Every city block had signs posted relating to gutting or rebuilding.

It was 5:30 a.m. and we drove around looking for a place that was open. We went to a donut shop and sat down for a cup of coffee. We heard the locals who were tired of reading about the flood in the newspaper, and who talked of LSU football. One lady had just received an insurance settlement: \$28,000 for her house, which was \$11 per square foot and \$2,500 per person. She had heard of lawsuits trying to get more money, but she felt lucky to be getting anything and didn't trust lawyers who were getting rich off of these suits.

At 7 a.m. we called Common Ground to find out where everyone was meeting. We got directions to the Convergence Center for the Roadtrip for Relief, which was 15 blocks from the French quarter, just outside the Ninth Ward, next to the train tracks. Corn beef hash and scrambled eggs were being served for breakfast.

Check next week's paper for the next section of the story on the relief effort.

Brad Bishop is a senior enrolled in two contracts, one on rebuilding New Orleans and the other about local community development efforts.



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Basketball team deserves our support

By Jesse Stark



Kip Arney's article in the Jan. 19 Cooper Point Journal was totally uncalled for and did not accurately reflect the fortunes of the men's basketball team. I am just as disappointed as Mr. Arney about the team's 5-15 record. But I would never write the way he did about any team that I watch or follow. Furthermore, his article does not reflect the vast improvements that this team has experienced over the last few games.

That would be like me writing an article trashing the Foundation of Performing Arts program. But that would not be fair to the teachers, the other students in the program or Mr. Arney himself. The next time someone considers writing a negative article like that about one of the sports teams—or any other Evergreen program for that matter—I would ask them to consider how they might feel if someone wrote such an article about their favorite teacher or program.

Earlier in the year, the men's team would get blown out anytime they played one of the top teams of the league. But last weekend, against the top two teams of the league, Oregon Tech and Southern Oregon, Evergreen lost by 10 points and five respectively. The Southern Oregon game was the best game they have played all year.

Coach Tom Kenna's team played against a team that was 18-3 with an All-American athlete. On top of that, this game was one of the worst officiated games I have seen all year, with referees holding Evergreen to a much tighter standard than they did Southern Oregon, calling fouls on Evergreen from way out of position, letting Southern Oregon's players plow into ours with their head and shoulders without getting called for a charge, waiting three seconds after the play was over before blowing a questionable foul call against Evergreen, and then blatantly making up for it by calling three technical fouls on Southern Oregon's coach, assistant and one of their players.

Despite all this, and despite Southern Oregon going to the free throw line 39

times as opposed to 15 for Evergreen, the men's team lost by only five points. They were down two at halftime, fell behind by 12 during the second half, and then came back to almost pull it off. I could tell by the way the players of both teams interacted with each other after the game that we had earned their players' respect.

The Evergreen State College men's team started off with 11 new players and only three people from last year's team. Starting almost completely from scratch, they have gotten to the point where they can compete with anybody. They are in an excellent position to win some games down the stretch and fight for a playoff spot.

Mr. Arney may quote all the stats he wants to in his article, but stats do not reflect effort. I am sure that Washington State's fans all thought Dick Bennett's grind-it-out style was an eyesore. I am sure that Washington's players thought so too, until they blew a 13-point lead at home and lost to Washington State and lost their second home game in a row after winning over 30 straight there.

I could care less about what style of ball our teams play. Back at the school I went to before I came here, our women's team would run up and down the floor. It is a fun style to watch; a couple of years ago, they scored over 100 points a few times and made other teams look stupid by forcing over 30 turnovers a game. But on the other hand, one of the high school teams I watched had an even slower style of ball than Evergreen's. They would freeze the ball for the whole quarter if they needed to, looking for the perfect shot. Yet their coach, who coached boys and girls, won six state titles with the girls, went to the state tournament over 15 times with both groups, won over 1,200 games, and is in the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. I don't care about what style of ball our teams play. All I care about is that they play well, whether they win or lose.

One of the things almost all successful teams I have seen have is big fan support. Northwest Missouri State, where I went before Evergreen, gets 1,000 fans a game for women's games, 2,000+ for men's games and 8,000+ for their football games. Their football team was the runner-up in the National Championship game last fall;

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An apology

By Kip Arney



I certainly wasn't expecting the backlash from last week's article about the men's basketball team, but it—the backlash—was warranted.

Last week, I wrote a degrading article about the performance of the Evergreen men's basketball team and for that, I apologize. I apologize to the coaches, the players and to everyone who felt affected by my rant. But let me be clear. I don't regret what I wrote, I only regret how I wrote it. There is a fine

line between constructive criticism and just plain blasting a team, and unfortunately, I chose the latter.

What I wrote is how I feel. I feel this team has potential and they're not living up to it. And I stand behind what I say. I take pride in writing these articles on a volunteer basis. No one asks me to write these articles, no one pays me, I'm not obligated for a weekly submission, and even though I've only heard maybe five or six times since I started writing these last year, "Good job," or "I liked your article this week," I continue to write because it's fun and I want to become a better writer. And with positive reviews will come negative reviews. And if the Cooper Point Journal is supposed to be a place where only positive words can be written, then I'm writing for the wrong paper.

Show some respect

By Sara Whitney

It's a rare day when my opinion is heard by more than my close friends or family. When those days occur, people know they have hit a chord that takes talent to find. Twice in the past week, talented folks have strummed that string.

The first came last Thursday while reading Kip Arney's, "Evergreen men's basketball team in a slump." This is now the second time I recall Arney slamming the men's program, the first written last year. Following his statement on this season's squad, "this team sucks," came the list of statistical categories the men were last in. What he said was of course true; I won't deny that fact. But he failed to mention one rather major piece of information. The Evergreen men's team is in arguably one of the most difficult NAIA Division II conferences in the nation. Three of the 10 teams in the Cascade Collegiate Conference are ranked in the top 25 and three more received votes. That makes six. Something else positive he neglected to point out about the team is that they lead in scoring defense. Meaning that at an average, they keep their competitors at a lower final score (56.5) than any other team. Offensively, I have to say they play a different game than most see in college ball. They slow it up, stay wide, pass until they see a good shot, a smart shot, but they aren't afraid of the fast break.

As he predicted, Evergreen didn't win this weekend against third-ranked OIT or sixth-ranked Southern Oregon (national rankings), but they were within three points in the last minute of the games. I don't know about anyone else, but I think that's fairly impressive. I challenge Kip to actually watch men's game, not judge it, and possibly he'll learn something from it. But then again, why even come to the games? If it's such an "eyesore," why put one's self through that pain? I think very few people would sit through two hours placing their hand on a hot stove just so they can whine about how bad it hurts afterward.

Another little known fact about these guys is that every Monday they volunteer at local elementary schools, reading to children. During Christmas they were at the mall handing out candy and reading. It's not all on the court with this team. College athletes are some of the most dedicated and passionate people. They don't get paid to do what they love; in fact, many go into great financial debt to be able to do it. They have practice at least two hours a day, which quickly turns into four with warm-ups and treatment, all the while having school work and, for many, jobs as well. They essentially give up their holidays for practice and travel, instead of spending time with their families. Their outside lives are basically put on hold for five months. To put it bluntly, they

work their asses off, and all for the love of the game. Halfway through the season of a losing record, hearts begin to drop, as does motivation. The Evergreen men's squad hasn't given up. In my opinion, we should be giving them props, not insults.

The second reason for my article actually occurred at Saturday's men's game versus Southern. At all the basketball games I have attended, of course I have yelled at the refs for bad calls: there are few who haven't! I'm all for fans. I consider myself a fan of the Evergreen women's and men's teams. I was the mascot, and I've barely missed any basketball games in the past four years, home or away.

At Saturday's game there was a group of Evergreen fans who attend most of the men's home games, making sure every person knows they are there—in an annoying, nauseating sort of way, but no harm done at all. But harm is done when curse words are said and people are offended. For myself, curse words don't faze me in the least. But a visiting parent of a Southern player did find the language a problem. She informed them of her daughter sitting next to her and that she would rather her daughter not hear their words of choice. They ignored her request. After the game, the woman again approached the group. With an attitude that shamed my generation and gave evidence to the reason for the decline of our society, they let her know she could move to another part of the gym if she didn't want to hear what they had to say; they were "raging liberals," they are there every men's game and she is the first person to complain, and they represent for Evergreen. I moved in on the conversation and let them know they really weren't representing for Evergreen, that I initially heard them at the men's first home game when they made fun of Trinity Lutheran, a first-year team we defeated 71-16, but couldn't get much in after that. My nor the woman's words were wanted to be heard by these folks and we were told, "I'm done with you. Stop talking to me." That's funny: we had to hear them for two god-awful hours and they can't hear one minute from us? And plus, I thought we were in college, you know, where people, like, read big books and stuff, maybe learn to be mature human beings, or like, at least people who can hold a rational conversation. But I could definitely have mistaken that for middle school. Ultimately, what I saw and heard on Saturday was not a representation of Evergreen in the least. There are certain responsibilities and dignities that come with being a fan. Knowing the game would be considered a good responsibility; it may help with knowing what is a good call and what is not. Respecting not only other people, but also visitors and people who are older, would be considered responsible and common decency. Evergreen already has a reputation of high, radical, terrorist hippies; we don't need to tack on rudely obnoxious and ignorant fanatics.

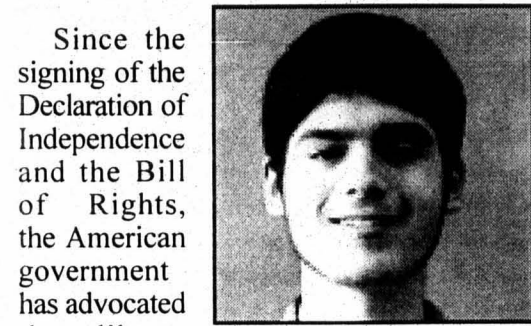
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again apologize for writing the way my words came out. I'm not asking for forgiveness, and I'm not asking for my apology to be accepted. I'm just admitting I realize I did my job poorly. I will learn from it, and hopefully my future articles will bring as much debate but in a different fashion.

Kip Arney is a senior enrolled in Foundation of Performing Arts.

Terror in China's Communist sect

By Alex London



Since the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights, the American government has advocated the liberty of human rights, and most importantly, freedom of speech and belief. President Bush singles out freedom of religion in his speeches and uses that partially as reasoning to get involved with the conflicts occurring overseas in the Middle East. Despite these claims, however, the Bush administration neglects to make a strong stance to condemn the human rights abuses orchestrated by our largest trading partner: The People's Republic of China, or more accurately, the Chinese Communist Party.

For the past 60-some years, the Chinese people have been subjected to the Red Terror of Communism. An estimated 80 million people have died under the rogue government's control, and countless others have been coerced into losing much of their traditional heritage and property. Today, although controlling under the guise of a reformed communist state with capitalist freedoms, the country is still being terrorized by a political party that is more like a despotic tyrannical specter than a communist movement striving to form a "utopia on earth" (as original Marxism sought). In other words, communist China has been reformed over the years so drastically that its constitution no longer holds communist ideals—it is now a fascist state that dictates a culture upon the people in order to establish its control and public devotion.

A clear and horrific example of this intention is the persecution of the Falun Gong spiritual movement. Before the Communist Party labeled it as an opposition, the practice—containing only five slow, tranquil exercises and a desire to continuously be good people up until spiritual-perfection—was practiced by an unorganized population, estimated by the state to be 70-100 million people. The state media itself even praised the practice for its health benefits and moral discipline of its adherents. But, come July 1999, the Party, or more specifically, its president, banned the practice in response to its large adherents and as a synonymous movement to terrorize the people.

In an instant, millions of people were

labeled as enemies of the state, and central propaganda burned lies into the consciences of all those who did not know Falun Gong or were only familiar without a deep connection. The adherents, which till this day attempt to tell the truth and unveil the state's lies, are mass arrested, forced into labor, robbed of property and income, expelled from school and orphaned. Those subjected to prison or forced labor are brutally tortured using methods condemned by United Nations human rights treaties, and are freed from sentence only when they give up practicing and denounce Falun Gong. Many have done the latter, but hundreds of thousands are reportedly imprisoned, being systematically tortured to give up their beliefs, and over 2,800 have been killed from torture and persecution. Anyone that supports Falun Gong—practitioner or not—is adversely persecuted. The state has waged a war against its own people and forced the people against Falun Gong through its propaganda. The war on the surface is to eradicate Falun Gong, but behind it is a motivation to stir patriotism and struggle among the populous, thus tightening the Communist Party's tyrannical control of the Chinese people.

These atrocities have been occurring for over six years and continue today in China. The persecution has even extended beyond borders, as many Falun Gong refugees and overseas adherents have been monitored by spies and threatened and beaten by Chinese Embassy-employed thugs, in America and in other free countries. Several countries have openly condemned these offenses against human rights, including our close neighbor, Canada, which has barred many Chinese officials—who have been sued overseas for "acts against humanity"—from entering the country. Currently, there is an American doctor, Charles Li, who is imprisoned in China for flying into China as a blacklisted Falun Gong practitioner. Martin Luther King Jr., a major advocate for civil rights, once said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." The rogue government of communist China is spreading its influence to free countries, especially the United States, and is using the tool of economic relations. It is time for America to live up to its conviction of respecting human rights by sending a strong message to our friends in Beijing to stop persecuting the peaceful Falun Gong practitioners and join the coalition of the free world.

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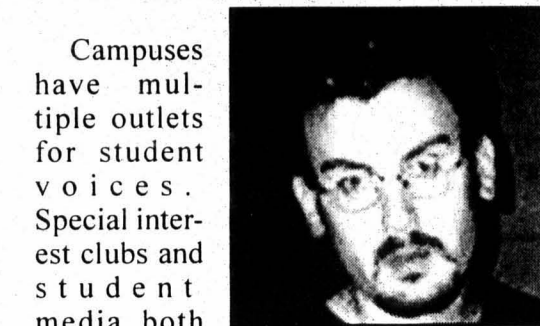
Tournament and won the Conference tournament two years ago after a long drought. Their men's team has gone 70-8 at home and has gone to the Elite Eight twice in the last five years.

One of the teams I was most impressed with last weekend was Oregon Tech. Their women's team was the best women's team I have seen all year thanks to the fact that a bunch of these players have played together since junior high. Their men's team was 18-3, and their coach has coached a perennial powerhouse for the last 35 years, winning over 750 games. None of this would be possible without strong community support; they had a large contingent of fans come all the way to Evergreen and they draw over 1,000 fans at home games. None of this would have been possible without strong community support.

Jesse Stark is a senior in Res Publica.

Government: vital for student body

By Scott S. Wheeler



Campuses have multiple outlets for student voices. Special interest clubs and student media both allow students to be heard. The disadvantage of these outlets is that they ultimately have no power or official standing when compared to the administration and the faculty. Student government is the perfect avenue for students to acquire equal footing with their staff and faculty counterparts. Student representatives are bound to serve their constituents and forego their own personal agendas. When successful at performing this duty, there is no limit to the progress student leaders may accomplish.

The power of student government lies in its resources, resources that are not available to students any other way. Student government has access to funds and staff support and enjoys official status within the campus and with the legislature. With a capable team of students, the utilization of these resources produces grand results. Student governments have built buildings, resolved controversy and made positive change to systems long entrenched. Student governments are the agent to produce a legacy for future students, so that they do not have to accept the college's ridiculous policies that serve no one but faculty and the administration. With the short time most

students spend at any campus, challenges arise that do not seem worth the effort it will take to change them. Apathy arises when students believe that the hurdles are too great for someone who is just a student and who will only be around for a couple more quarters.

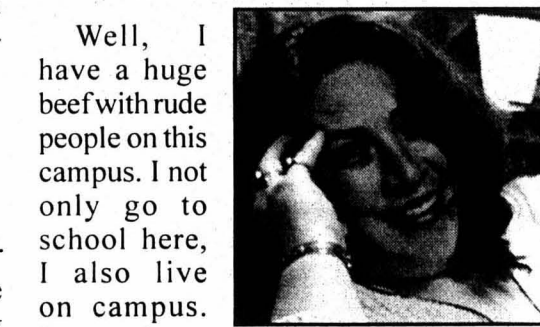
On the campus of our little brother in town, South Puget Sound Community College, student government has been effective at not only raising awareness of student issues, but also making change. The government has helped to create a permanent space for students, has achieved consensus building with the community, and has developed relationships both on campus and off. In concert with the faculty senate, the students were able to produce a list of books prior to the quarter, which in the past had not been available, freeing students from being hostage to the college bookstore. Years ago the student government desired to create a space for students to recreate, to be entertained, to study, to relax. The government created a petition and an election to create a self-imposed student fee, which funded entirely the current Student Union Building. Most recently, the students were successful at creating a space for and commissioning a welcome pole, which now stands outside the student union building.

I challenge the student body to stand up as a united front to declare their power equal to administrators on campus. Student government has been long overdue at Evergreen and I can only imagine what the campus would have been if it had been created along with the college those many years ago. I can also imagine all the successes a new student government could create, molding Evergreen into the school we all want it to be, rather than the school we were handed when we first enrolled.

Scott S. Wheeler is a first-year student in the MPA program.

Addressing disrespectful actions on campus

By Mylee Ring



Well, I have a huge beef with rude people on this campus. I not only go to school here, I also live on campus. Some of you know who I am by the fountain/pond I have in my front area. Well, I never complain about things, but today I am going to say my piece. I went out the other day to feed my fish that are in my little pond and, lo and behold, I found that some rude person had taken a dump in my fishes' home. I am truly appalled by the actions of some people that live here and attend school here. I do not come to your house and take a dump on your front area, so what makes you think you have the right to do that in my area? Maybe you will understand that this is not just a fish pond, but it is also a spiritual place of life and giving for my family, me and others who wish to share in this space. To have someone be that rude, I feel, is an affront and insult to me, my family and my living space. I feel that the person who did this should actually come over and explain to me why they felt

they had the right to do this, apologize, and help clean the fish pond out. I don't think that is all that unreasonable.

As long as I am saying my piece, I also have a couple other things I wish to address. To those people who like to spit: I know this is a fact of nature that all of us have to spit at one time or another, but have the common courtesy not to spit where people walk. Spit off to the side or in the bushes.

The next thing I want to address is the rudeness I see every day of people who do not watch where they are going or who they step in front of. I see this concerning handicapped people. You know handicapped people are limited in their range of mobility and when you step out in front of them or stop, it creates a huge problem for them. Please stop and look and pay attention to what you are doing in your surroundings. You were given eyes, ears, a mouth and hopefully common sense so please use them when you leave your home and go out into the world so you don't look like an idiot or be rude to others.

Mylee Ring is a senior and is currently enrolled in Art, Environment and the Child: Walking the Wheel of the Seasons.

A MONSTER TIME AT THE MONSTER JAM

By Aaron Bietz

I went to a **MONSTER JAM WORLD TOUR** LAST NIGHT and it was amazing. It all started when my girlfriend, Rachel, asked me if I wanted to go on a date on Saturday night. I, of course, said yes, so she proceeded to tell me that the date would be at the **MONSTER JAM WORLD**

TOUR and the **GRAAAAAVE DIGGER** was going to be there!!! My response: **FUCK YEA!!! I LOVE YOU!!!**

So we went, and it was everything I hoped it would be: car crushing mayhem, rednecks abound, cheap but awesome merch and an ATM that charged \$3.00 per transaction. It started off with an introduction of monstrous proportions; the crowd was instructed to **"GET ON YOUR FEET** and make some **NOIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIISE!!!!**" so we did. Thunderous applause and foot stomping ensued as the Monster Truck Pilots were introduced. After about seven or so trucks made their entrances, the announcer asked us all if we wanted more, and of course, being American and having paid 18 bucks (Rachel got free tickets, but I pretended

to have paid so I felt like I deserved more), we couldn't have enough! The lights dimmed a little and some hip-hop song—redneck approved, I'm sure—began playing, and out of nowhere a monster truck version of a black Cadillac Escalade, complete with spinners on its six-foot tires and neon purple underglow, roared out into the arena! The pilot couldn't get enough applause, or didn't think we were giving him enough, so the mohawked monster controller jumped up

on top of his beast, took off his leather bomber jacket, and punched his fists into the air. Let me tell you now, the response was electric; I'm not sure if he knew what he was going to get by doing this, but apparently he accomplished it and was satisfied because everyone almost threw up at the same time because they were screaming so

loud in approval of his air punching! And I swear to you all right now, that was almost enough to quench my want of more ... but I was still thirsty. My prayers were answered when none other than the infamous

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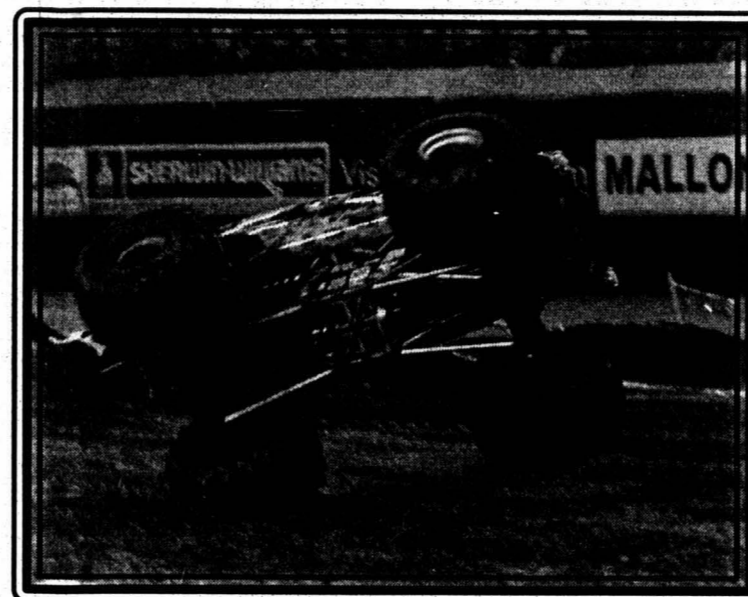


in his way; no problem for the **Grave Digger**! After all of that and the screaming, I think it was probable that a couple people did **puke** for the Grave Digger out of sheer *allegiance and appreciation*; what true fan wouldn't?

Finally, the lights were booted up and the National Anthem was sung after the National Guard brought out **"Old Glory"** and we recognized the "everyday heroes" attending that night, including law enforcement, state workers, fire fighters, sex workers, etc....

With the lights glaring, the racing could begin, and it did, and it was good. First, there were monster truck races where a beast starts at either end of an oval-shaped track and they both travel around it counter-clockwise. But beware, for there is a ramp with five cars packed sideways after it on each long end and a sharp hairpin 180 at the short ends. The first truck to complete the circuit one-and-a-half times wins the bout (I think ...). The races were all pretty

double too fast and went too high! **The result was that his rear end turned up too high and he took a nosedive into the dirt and flipped!!!** After the cham-



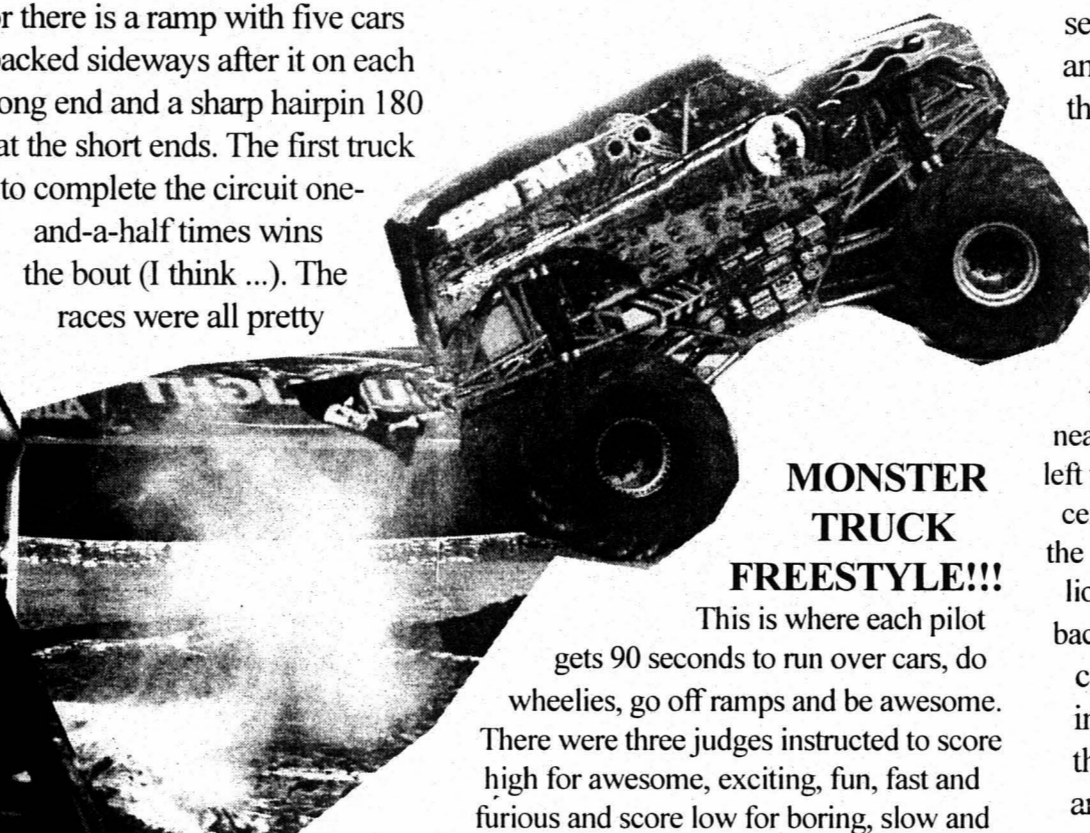
Finally it was Grave Digger's turn, and the whole time the freestyle is going on the announcer is yelling about getting someone **UPSIDE-**

DOWN!!! But, nobody had been turned upside-down, at which point my girlfriend points out that she thinks it's planned, and she thinks that Grave Digger is going to flip on purpose. My response? Fuck that, if pro wrestling is real, so is this! Grave Digger's freestyle was amazing; there was one jump where I think he went like 100 feet sideways distance, easy. I couldn't believe my eyes. He was fast, furious, fun, exciting and awesome. How could we not give him a 10? As he

made his final approach, Grave Digger made a sudden turn on the ramp and sent himself careening into the air at an obviously flip-inducing angle!!! I thought this was it: this was the first and only time I, Aaron Bietz of Augusta, would see in real life a monster truck flip **UPSIDE-DOWN** just as the announcer had thought would happen and just as Rachel had predicted. I waited on the edge of my seat, and the beast was nearly completely sideways when its two left tires touched the ground ... but alas, the center of gravity must have outweighed the crowd's desire to have the quarter-million dollar monster flip, and as it tipped back down onto all fours, nobody in the crowd cared and they kept cheering and almost puking and spilling their beers as they put up the horns and punched into the air, obscuring any photographic opportunity I might have had. The pilot then stopped the contraption, got out and was handed a mic. He thanked the crowd, his sponsors, and claimed that there was more yet to come. More? Wasn't this all that I deserved for the 18 dollars I had by that time convinced myself I had paid? No. He said there was more, so I think I deserved it. And this next thing, the only words that came to mind when I viewed it with my own two eyes, were

vehicular orgy. Demolition derbies are probably something that have to be experienced firsthand or something that needs to explode for them to be super exciting, and neither of those things happened on that night. It was a lot funnier than intense or exciting, especially when the car with the Canadian flag on it was knocked out. The man in front of me, sloshing plastic beer cup in hand, yelled out, "That's right! **FUCK CANANIDA!**" The date was a success; it was magical even. Monster truck shows are something to enjoy with someone you love. I had an amazing time and would probably go again. America rules.

tion of the smaller truck races was decided (I have no clue who it was), it was time for



MONSTER TRUCK FREESTYLE!!!

This is where each pilot gets 90 seconds to run over cars, do wheelies, go off ramps and be awesome. There were three judges instructed to score high for awesome, exciting, fun, fast and furious and score low for boring, slow and the suck. This was where I think I had the most fun and, at the same time, realized that I was at a show, where the primary concern of the crowd is whether they are going to get to see someone: 1. Explode, 2. Crash and/or 3. Flip. During the freestyle, Blue Thunder, the race champion, somehow caught fire and there was what seemed a small explosion, which in turn ignited the crowd into an explosion of screaming and tumultuous applause to which I joined in. There were some other freestyles that were good, such as the one done by Jurassic Attack, the monster truck that thinks it's a dinosaur (which is awesome), with its amazing course-long wheelies!

close, but for the **Tacoma Dome Monster Jam.**

Captain USA took home the glory for the day.

There were also smaller truck races around a wider and more perilous course complete with double jumps, something that looked akin to moguls and wider hairpins. During one of these furious races, an excited jeep driver took the



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The Word of the Week

By Paul C. Whitney,
a.k.a. Captain Lexicon

Palaver, n.

Talk; conversation, especially:
a. Idle talk
b. Talk intended to beguile or deceive.

v. Tr: to flatter or cajole.

Definitions from dictionary.com.

"Amidst the idle chatter of the hoi polloi and the palaver of the masses, occasionally someone emerges: one who actually says something that will be remembered. Don't we all wish to be that person."

-Captain Lexicon

Synonyms for palaver include: babble, chatter, conversation, gab, gossip, hot air, jabber, prattle and yak.

Come back next time for the Word of the Week you're waiting for: hoi polloi!

Write on, friends!

A Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning Center Puzzle



The Weekly Quantitative Reasoning Challenge

The Evergreen Tutoring Center (ETC) invites you to challenge your quantitative reasoning skills by solving our puzzle of the week. Each week we will present a new puzzle for you to solve. When you come up with an answer, bring it to the ETC in CAB 108. If you are one of the first three with the correct answer, we have a prize for you.

Even if you stand perfectly still on an accurate scale, the reading keeps oscillating around your average weight. Why?

Winter Week 2 Answer: A=6; B=3; C=2; D=5; E=1; F=4

Don't forget to check out the Writer's Guild, every Wednesday at 3:30 in Sem II C1107.

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Get outta town: exciting trips and tips A rosy outlook on a rainy day



By S. Aili Farquhar

Whschump! The slush sloughed off a tree, hitting the snow with a wet sound. My boots fell solid in the tracks of others, fresh from that morning, judging by crisp outlines of sole-tread. I was two-thousand feet up a half-day climb of Mt. Rose. Outside the trees I could see gray clouds fading to gold at their edges, a pattern of light and color I have only seen in the Olympics. Far below, slate-gray Lake Cushman folded back between clear-cut hillsides. Yet under these mossy fir trees, the world was a dim cacophony of drip music, melting in tune to rising temperatures.

I continued upward. Snowshoe prints meandered off the boot-pack; someone was having an adventurous day. My steps were solid without snowshoes, though I punched through on occasion. Hip-deep then, I struggled as in quicksand, belly to the snow, mittened hands sprawled to either side.

A fine day to be alive. I followed the winding boot pack through the snowy forest, passing cliff sides hung with moss and dripping icicles. I kicked steps up a steep section and came to a ridge. Forests fell away on either side, snow-buried trees stunted by wind. I puffed up the last incline and a

rocky promontory stood before me. The packed-in summit was easily surmountable via a snow ramp. The guidebook says this "will not accommodate more than two to three people." Depending on how nimble the people in question, I bet you could fit four or five. Minimum.

Rain fell around the tops of peaks across Cushman. A bank of sunny clouds sat out east, towards Olympia. Sun did not grace this peak. Mts. Washington and Ellinor, of which I caught brief yet dramatic glimpses of earlier when looking northeast, were obscured. Though the drainage in which 4,301 foot Mt. Rose sits is considered to be in the rain shadow of the Olympics (the windward drainages of the west side receive up to 200 inches of yearly rainfall), it is still in the Olympic Mountains, and therefore wet. Drizzle gathers in the folds of my jacket. I take some quiet breaths, almost in solitude, just a mile into the Mount Skokomish wilderness. To the west stretches some of the wildest, hardest-to-reach country in the lower 48. One can see the outline of this last bit of protected temperate rainforest from space.

Sound and color return as I loop through the switchbacks of the descent. I pass a marked waterfall to my right shortly after the trail junction that provides an alternate route to the summit for those who wish to forge into untracked snow with map and

compass. I pass the smooth hazel bark of madrona trees growing at the break in the forest caused by rocky outcroppings next to the trail, moss-covered and illuminated in pre-sunset gold. Flat spots on these outcroppings are beaten down, and charred sticks skitter down the hillside. A party spot, a resting spot, ringed with waxy-leaved salals.

I cruise the rest of the trail, switchback after well-maintained switchback. I drop out of the snowline at about 2,600 feet and into a run, feet, ski poles, and the rising rush of the creek. Soon, I am back at the two flat-topped logs which cross the creek and lead to the Mt. Rose parking area, my red vehicle and the promise of a hot dinner.

How to get there: Take Route 101 north out of Olympia and follow this road to Hoodspout. Turn left on the Hoodspout Road. This is well marked with a brown sign advertising Lake Cushman's recreation facilities. At the T at the end of the Hoodspout Road, take a left onto the Jorstead Creek road, Forest Service Road 24. About 2.8 miles along this potholed dirt road you will see a sign to the right for the Mt. Rose trail. This is your ticket to a fun half-day adventure (start in the morning to facilitate nice, long rest breaks at the convenient benches along the trail).

Lit'rature: *Olympic Mountains Trail Guide*, Third Edition. Robert L. Wood. The Mountaineers Press, 2000.

Cascade-Olympic Natural History. Daniel Mathews. Raven Editions, 1988.

Custom Correct topographic map for Mount Skokomish-Lake Cushman area, 1997-1998 edition. The visitor center at the beginning of the Hoodspout Road sells these.

Stuff: Waterproof shoes and good raingear and gloves/mittens are a must. Take your fleece, wool and polypropylene, but leave your cotton at home: cotton loses all insulation value when wet. Bring snowshoes—don't count on a beaten trail. Ski poles also help. Don't forget food and water! Read up on winter travel and be well prepared for changing weather conditions. Rent necessary gear from The Outdoor Program, Olympic Outfitters, Alpine Experience or your buddies' closets.

Have fun and be safe!
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THIS WEEK IN BASKETBALL

Men put up a good fight against strong opponents

By Kip Arney

This time around, I decided to put down the books and actually watch the game. If you were to go to my house, you'd find stacks of notebooks filled with nuggets about the basketball team and numbers that were so obscure that it was a waste of time to even do the calculations, because I never used them. But this past weekend I watched the games to see what exactly was going wrong this season and came away with a different mindset on this basketball team, despite having witnessed two losses.

But had you told me before the pair of games started that Evergreen would be in both games until the bitter end and only lose by a combined 15 points to two teams ranked in the top seven nationally, I would've said you're crazy. But alas, I was wrong. And I was impressed, starting with a battle against Oregon Tech Friday night resulting in a 68-58 loss.

But the game was closer than the final score as about midway through the second half, the Geoducks did take a brief lead off of a deep three-point field goal from Doug Dietz, who finished the game with eight points and four steals. But a 14-1 run by Tech followed and the Hustlin' Owls never looked back on their way to their 13th straight victory. The turning point for me was around the three-minute mark when flawless execution on an inbound play found Evergreen's Thomas Cook under the basket with a chance to pull the Geoducks to within two, but the failed shot attempt was gathered in by Tech and they just walked right down the court, hit a three-pointer, and just like that their lead was up to seven.

Junior Pat Mattson recorded his first double double of the season with 16 points and 13 rebounds and Cook followed suit with a 10 point 10 rebound effort as well. What I was most happy about was the aggression. Slashing and driving all night long, yet somehow they went to the free throw line 13 less times than Tech, which proved to be the difference in the game.

The following evening, was I watching a basketball game or listening to a concert filled with shouts directed at Southern Oregon's All-American Shea Washington? Whatever it was, they were both enjoyable, and the Geoducks went wire-to-wire with the Raiders, but lost 66-61. With Evergreen ranked third in the nation in scoring defense, and the Raiders

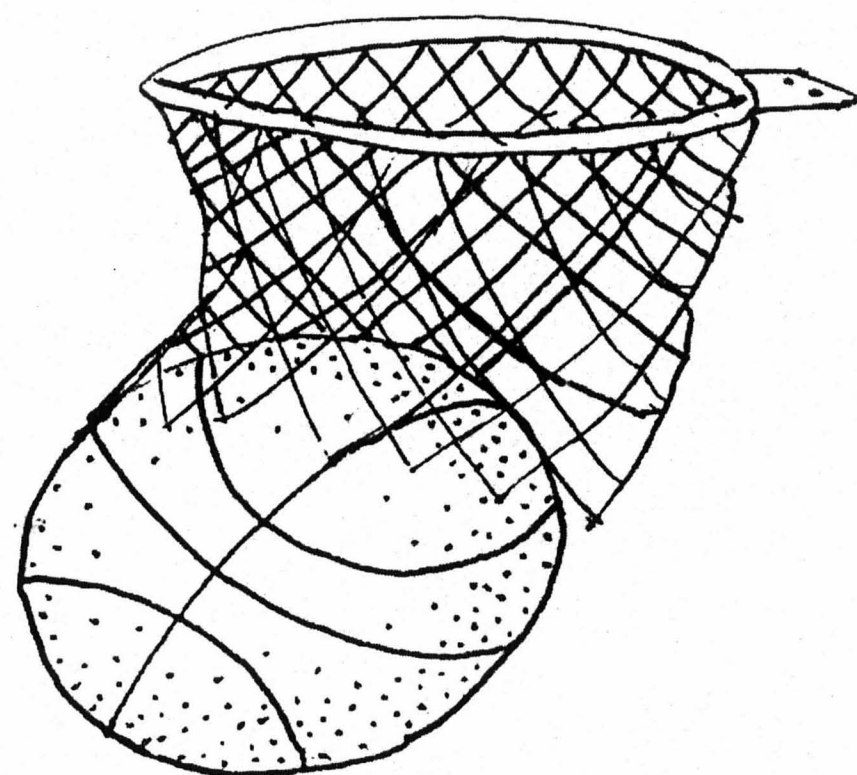
ranked fourth in the same category, points were going to be a premium. I used to think Evergreen was ranked high in that category because they milked the clock on offense, giving their opponents less offensive opportunities, but again, I was wrong. The rotation and non-stop on-ball pressure was intense and effective. No wonder five of their nine companions in the Cascade Conference have put up their lowest scoring total of the season against the Geoducks.

Shea Washington used the shouts and signs directed at him and put forth his best effort, literally, to quiet the crowd by dumping in a season high 33 points on 11-16 shooting from the field and 11-16 from the free throw line while collecting

a game high 10 rebounds. Washington himself went to the line more than the entire Evergreen team as they could only get there 15 times, connecting on 11 of them. But 33 was not the high in points for a player in the game. That honor goes to Mattson, who obliterated his previous high of 19 points with 34 and was responsible for all of Evergreen's free throw makes and misses. Where has this production come from? Over the weekend, the man averaged 25 points and 10 rebounds and over his past five games, he's averaging 19 and seven while his season numbers have only been 11 points five rebounds. With consistent production like this, Evergreen certainly has a better chance of staying close and winning future games.

Evergreen is on the outside looking in at a chance to play in the conference tournament in late February; they're only one game out from the final spot with seven games to go. They head off to Eastern Oregon and Albertson for a pair of games before coming back for their final home stand of the season the following weekend, when the new Geoduck mascot will be unveiled.

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Women drop two more games

By Kip Arney

Time is running out. The last time I reported on the women's basketball team, they were first in the conference and showing an above .500 record. Since then, the injury bug has hit hard, contributing to the team falling to a 5-15 record, which most recently includes a pair of losses over the weekend to Oregon Tech and Southern Oregon.

Friday night, the Oregon Tech Hustlin' Owls came in with five players averaging double figures in points, so Evergreen knew they had their hands full. But I don't think anyone could've predicted the three-

point barrage that ensued as Tech connected on 14 of 20 three-point field goals, six coming from the hot shooting of senior guard Samantha Gilbert, who finished with a game-high 19. The hot shooting allowed the Owls to use a 24-3 second-half run to cruise to an 80-49 victory.

Evergreen had three players of their own hit double digits in scoring as Lala Gomez led the way with a personal season high of 18 points to go along with seven rebounds and a team-high four steals. Joining Gomez in the scoring department was Courtne Wilson with 10 points, who has seen her minutes rise due to her improved play, along with the unfortunate injury to senior guard Alexis Baruso.

Also riddled with injury has been Rachel Ross who, unlike Baruso, is able to play from time to time, but is not as effective as her pre-injury form. I believe this has been Evergreen's biggest loss, as Ross had been dominating her competition

in the early goings and she and Olson had formed quite the two-person punch down underneath the basket. However, with Ross sidelined, rising sophomore Danielle Keenan has stepped in nicely, and over her past five games has averaged a double double in rebounds and points, giving Evergreen a nice foundation to continue building around.

The following night, Southern Oregon came into the CRC, who were the victims of Evergreen's last win back on Dec. 20. But a season sweep against the Raiders wasn't in the cards this year as Southern Oregon walked out with a 55-46 victory, which ended with an 11-2 run to end the game after the score was knotted at 44. Evergreen held a slim halftime lead, but 25 turnovers for the game and 21 percent shooting in the second half—including 0-10 from three-point range—led to the Geoducks' eighth straight loss.

Jenny Olson dumped in 10 points and, in 15 of her team's 20 games, she has scored ten points or more, which has her averaging just over 13 points per contest, good enough for fifth in the conference. Along with her scoring prowess, she ranks second in the conference in rebounding, averaging almost nine a game including snatching 18 against Southern Oregon, which was a career high for her.

Despite Evergreen's recent downfall, they aren't out of post-season play by any means. The loss to Southern Oregon slides them down in a tie for that eighth and final conference tournament spot with the Raiders, but because the Geoducks overall record is worse, they would lose the tiebreaker and miss out. Two wins are all that separate fifth place from ninth place, so Evergreen still has time to find their groove, especially when five of the remaining seven games are against those teams seeded fifth or below. The women travel east to find their winning ways against Eastern Oregon and Albertson, two beatable teams, before coming back home for their final home stand the following weekend.

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events calendar

• Mount Eerie, Kimya Dawson and the stupendous Calvin Johnson will be performing in our own HCC for free at 8 p.m.

• Environmental Lobby Day at the Capital begins at 9 a.m.

• "The Abortion Diaries", a documentary by Penny Lane, will be playing in Lecture Hall 1 at 7 p.m. Discussion with Penny Lane will follow the movie showing.

thursday 26

• Fits of Depression, The Black Jets and Todd James Luque will be performing at Yes Yes on 320 4th Ave. in downtown Olympia. \$6 cover, all ages. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Call (360)705-0330 for more information.

• Study Buddies, Marrakesh Sweethearts and The Draft will be playing at Le Voyeur. Show begins at "nighttime".

• Yarmark happens every Friday at The Mark's Red Room. Nu-jazz, trip hop and broken beat. No cover.

• White Trash Whiplash, Gash and Technical Difficulties will be performing at the ...

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Matrix Coffeehouse at 434 N.W. Prindle St. in Chehalis. \$6 for entrance, full menu, all ages welcome. Call (360) 740-0492.

• The Clipper on 402 E. 4th Ave. in downtown Olympia will be showing Glass Elevator, The Light Year and The Blimp (from Eugene) for \$5. Doors open at 9 p.m., show at 10 p.m. 21+. Call (360)943-6300.

• The Disabled Students' Alliance presents an Open Microphone Forum Fundraiser. The event will take place in Lecture Hall 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be refreshments.

• International Rap Party is happening in J Dorm with surprise guest performances. Fix-up. Look sharp.

• Some by Sea will be stopping by the Matrix Coffeehouse on their U.S. tour "Hip without Being Slick" with Weiter Daywick. Show begins at 8 p.m., \$6 cover, all ages.

saturday 28

• The Gaming Guild and the Giant Robot Appreciation Society meet for fun and games in Sem II E1107 and E1105 from 5 to 10 p.m.

monday 30

• EPIC meets at 3 p.m. in SEM II B2105.

• Coalition Against Sexual Violence presents Speak Out Against Rape! From 1-2 p.m. in Sem II E 2109.

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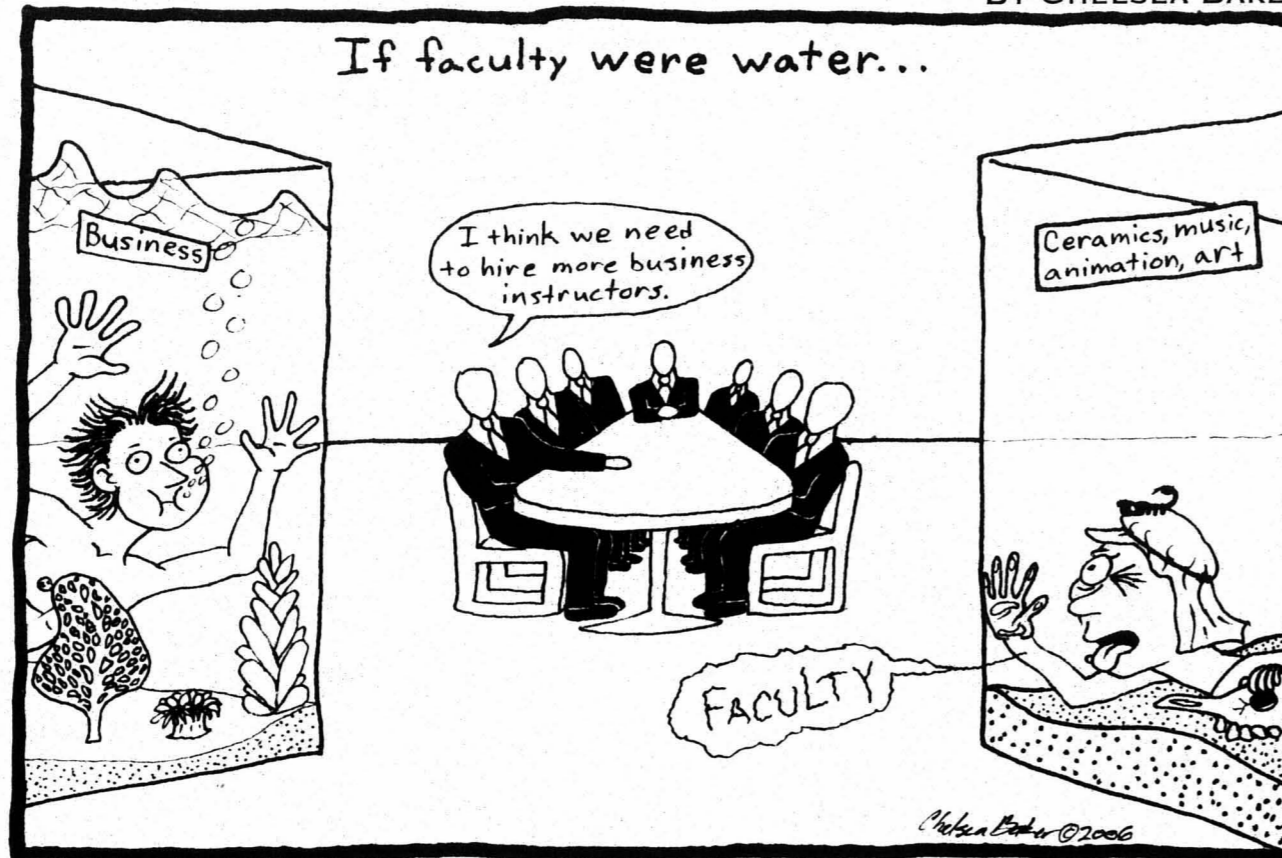
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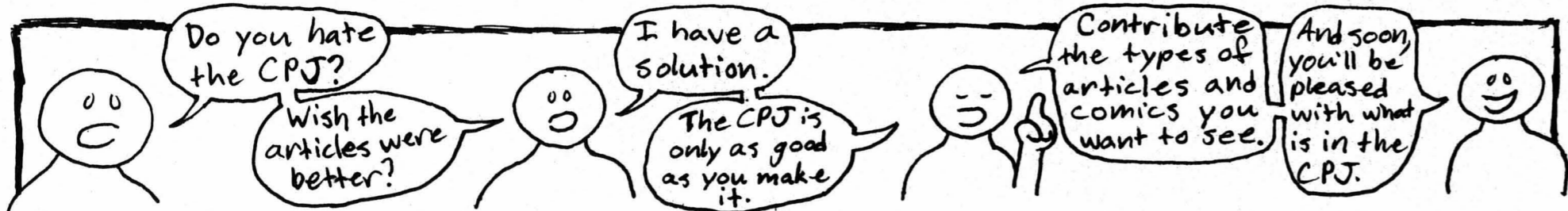
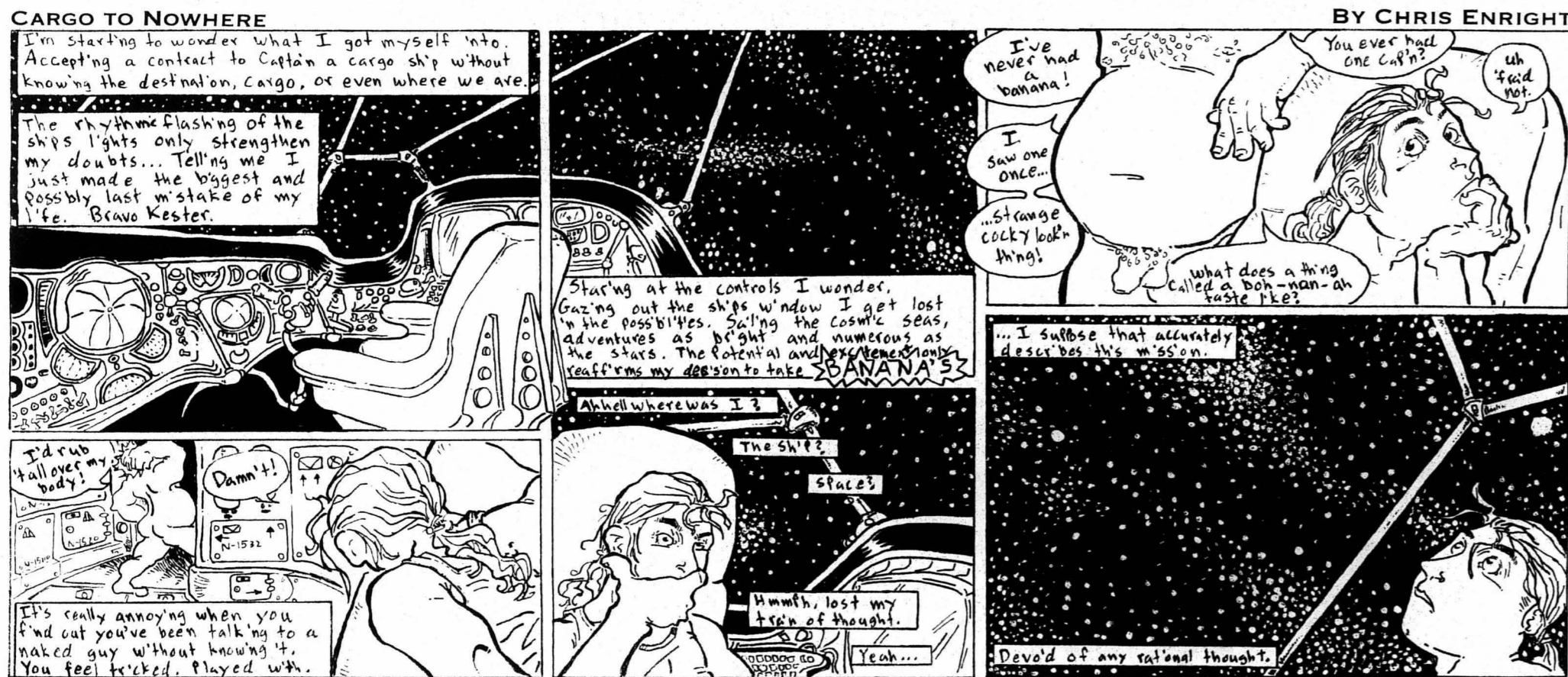
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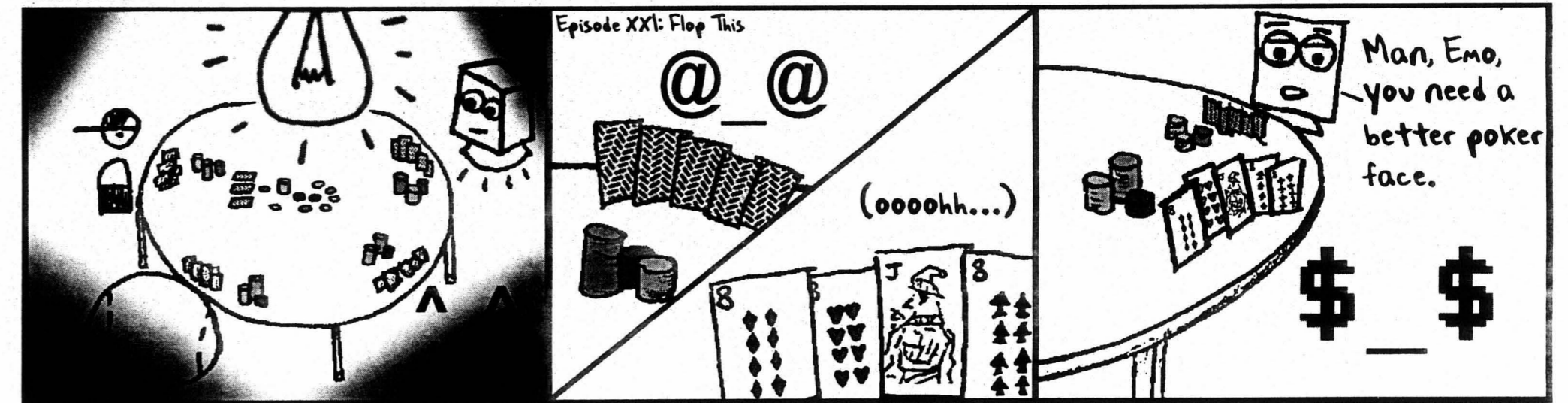
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