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Honors for Jervis

The Evergreen State College President, Jane Jervis, will be honored with two awards this week. One from the YWCA of Olympia and one from the ACLU.

According to a press release, the YWCA of Olympia is honoring Jervis "for her outstanding contributions to higher education and her involvement in the community at large." Jervis received the award at the Sixth Annual Women of Achievement Awards which was held Nov. 17 at the Indian Summer Golf and Country Club.

The ACLU will honor Jervis for her work concerning Evergreen's 1999 commencement that featured controversial speaker, Mumia Abu-Jamal. The Civil Libertarian Award will be presented to Jervis at the Bill of Rights Dinner Nov. 20 in Seattle.

A Friendly Reminder

If you are pre-registered, tuition is due for Winter Quarter is due Dec. 29 no later than 3:45 p.m. Failure to pay tuition on time will result in disenrollment from classes.

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me ...

"Nothing goes together like counting birds and eating chili," according to the Black Hills Audubon Society.

The Society's annual Christmas Bird Count will be held Sunday, Dec. 19. The Count began in 1900 as an alternative to the traditional method of bird-watching, which was usually through the sights of a shotgun.

This event is for diehard bird-watchers only, as it will entail spending your entire day knee-deep in "the field." Those of you not dissuaded will make an invaluable contribution to our understanding of the environment.

If that knowledge isn't enough to set your innards aglow at the end of the day, there will be steaming bowls of chili waiting for you at the Gull Harbor Lutheran Church, out on Boston Harbor road. You'll need to bring your count along, as well as the five bucks it takes to get it listed.

For more information, call George Walter at 459-8220 or Bill Tweit (754-7098).

If salmon could talk

Volunteers from Stream Team's Salmon Stewards program will be available for FREE salmon talks from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Woodland Creek on Nov. 20 and the McLane Nature Trail on Nov. 21. Come see the chum salmon spawning in McLane Creek and learn about seven actions citizens can take to help those little guys.

For more info, contact Cedar Wells of the Olympia Stream Team at (360) 753-8454.

Search and Rescue

If the big one hit, would Greeners know what to do? To make sure they do Evergreen Housing Emergency Response Team (ERT) is sponsoring a Disaster Search and Rescue Training.

Tom Miner, of Rescue Training Inc. will be joining ERT on Friday, Nov. 15 starting at 8:30 a.m. in Lecture Hall Five for what they describe as a "very engaging training." Miner has extensive search and rescue training and currently serves as team leader for Washington State FEMA Team One as well as overseeing search and rescue operations for the Pierce County Sheriff Department.

For any questions about the training, call Chuck McKinney at x6191.

I-5 Pipeline Forum

Governor Locke's task force will be holding the last public hearing on Olympic's I-5 Pipeline today, Nov. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Department of Ecology in Lacey, located at 300 Desmond Drive. All are encouraged to come and voice their opinions.

For more information contact Theresa Howell at ext. 6058.

Thanksgiving Bus Service

This Thanksgiving marks the beginning of no holiday service for Intercity Transit. Due to the failure of a tax ballot measure last March, I.T. service on some holidays has been eliminated including Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Aside from no service on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, on Nov. 26 most routes will operate on normal schedules except for routes 66X, 77, the State Office Shuttle and the Capitol Shuttle which will not be operating.

For more information contact I.T. Customer Service at 786-1881. Customer Service is closed Thanksgiving Day and will be open the day after.

Community policing in the works for Evergreen

by Gabrielle Holden

Pam Garland has been a full-time officer at Evergreen since October 1st, she now holds the new position of Community Police Officer. The philosophy behind Community Policing involves an alliance between the police force and the community. Community Policing works by stressing community members' becoming actively involved in helping police with crime prevention by forming partnerships with them.

With this position, Garland would act as a liaison between the community and the police department. She wants to learn of the needs and concerns that students, and set up an educational resource center that students could come to learn about different community issues.

Garland wants to bridge the gap between the students and the police. Her goal would be achieved with a Community Policing Office located on campus. As of now, Garland is still searching for a space for this center. Garland would prefer a space in Housing, which would be more accessible to the students.

Many officers, including Garland, feel

that communication between them and the Evergreen community is lacking. Two ways to improve that Garland feels, is to have a regular column in the CPJ, and a talk show on KAOS. Said Garland, "Most of us are trying to understand the culture of the campus. A lot of us have come from other departments where it's totally different; you're dealing with the city public. We have a lot of discretion in how we handle things here, which are not allowable on a city department, but we can't just let things go that need to be enforced."

Many departments are now required go through Community Police training, or have a Community Policing officer on staff. There are 12 regional community policing institutions and at least 28 different departments including some on college campuses around the nation. In Washington State Spokane is the only department which utilizes this concept throughout its office.

Said Garland, "We're not just policemen taking a report. We need to partner with the community, almost like social work, but on another level. We get involved with the community. Community policing is not meaning that we look the other way if there's a crime involved, or that we do everything for the person. We help them help themselves too."

The winning hand, part two

Evergreen addresses general education concerns it might be time for some good ol' requirements

by Avery Johnson

Every ten years, the Northwest Commission on Colleges visits Evergreen for reaccreditation. This year, they have insisted on having their concerns addressed.

They have continually praised the school for their use of collaboration and system-wide approach to learning. However, the commission recommends that "...The Evergreen State College make sure that all of its students acquire the competencies appropriate to general education, especially, but not exclusively in the area of mathematics."

Barbara Smith, Evergreen's provost and vice president of academics, agrees with the charge.

"Overall, I have found students lack sufficient exposure to standard academic disciplines like art, math, writing, and science," she said.

She takes the concerns of the commission seriously and, in response to the charge, has formulated a Disappearing Task Force.

The purpose of the DTF is to "develop a clear policy statement about general education at Evergreen ... consider how the achievement of general education will be measured ... how academic advising needs to be organized to support general education... revisit the role of the Learning Resource Center."

Kelli Sanger, DTF member and second year student, said "It could be possible that the state could take money from us and possibly take away accreditation if we don't do anything to address these issues. There is always the question: What if we don't do anything? That hasn't been what we are focusing on. It's more like, we are going to fix this problem. We stated from the beginning that we don't want to lose accreditation. We are not going to let that happen, so we are working on not losing it and also improving."

Who makes up this Northwest Commission on Colleges?

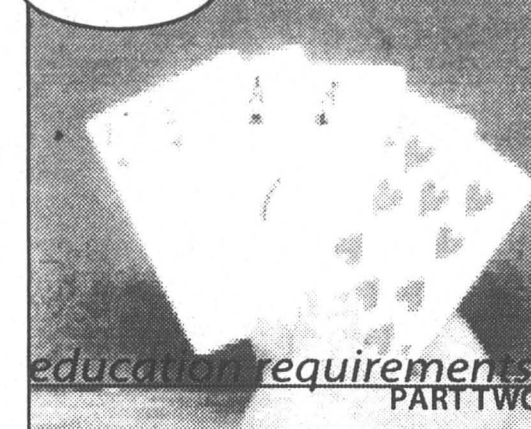
Steve Hunter, Alumni and Director of Institutional and Planning Research, confirms: "It is a collection of institutions' provosts and professors that have agreed to monitor themselves under a set of standards that they

design and agree to. If they didn't develop a means of monitoring themselves, then the federal government would do it. They come from Northwest regions including Alaska, Montana, Idaho, and Oregon."

Although Evergreen's President is on the Commission, the state education faculty is not involved in the specific assessment of this school, he said.

The DTF, consisting of students, faculty, and staff, have contrived some possibilities for curriculum revision. Ideas on the table so far include: "Standard requirements for graduation similar to those of a normal university; requiring students [to] take a maximum of two years of credits in their major; requirements of students to write an academic plan explaining how they plan to demonstrate breadth and depth of education; or simply no requirements of students. Instead the emphasis would be placed on the faculty to ensure the quantitative skills are intact."

Although the threat of lost accreditation is a possibility, it would be a gradual process, i.e. intensified pressure and lack of funding from the state. Many have faith that Evergreen



will not let this happen.

If it is, in fact, necessary to reassess Evergreen's curriculum, the question is: what kind of changes will take place? Will Evergreen be forced to conform to those standards adapted by the traditional system?

Barbara Smith understands the continual need for flexibility. "With this culture here, an approach that allows for some diversity would be ultimately desirable. Evergreen should be committed to producing students that write well. Generic approaches demotivate and impose on people. The question becomes: how can we do this responsibly and maintain flexibility?"

The DTF is calling for as broad an input on their mission statement as possible. Students are highly encouraged to help shape their school's future. The next meeting will be held soon after vacation. Time and place to be announced.

We're sorry ...

We would like to apologize to Lynda Davis. Last week we misspelled her first name and took her quote out of context.

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Bring contributions to Women's Center, or to help with layout/publishing come to meetings Mondays @ 4:00 in the WRC

Letters Opinions

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

— First Amendment, U.S. Constitution

Letters to the Editor:

From the President

Dear Editor,

Besides being your president, I am a commissioner on the Commission on Colleges, our accrediting agency. I would like to comment on the headline in last week's *Cooper Point Journal* which suggested that Evergreen is in imminent danger of losing our accreditation. This is not true.

The primary purpose of the accreditation process for well-established institutions like Evergreen is to improve them, not to close them down. Accreditors look at what we say we are, what we say we do, and ask if it is true. If it is not, they ask us to demonstrate in a structured way that we are closing the gap between what we say and what we do. That is the challenge they have given us on general education. It is a challenge we want to meet in our own creative, distinctive Evergreen way.

It is true that the loss of accreditation would be catastrophic for us. The most serious effect would be the loss of eligibility for federal financial aid. We will not allow that to happen, and we are nowhere near it.

Sincerely,

Jane L. Jervis
President

Tabloid Reporting?

Dear CPJ

The National Inquirer or The Star seems to have provided the model for your recent article on accreditation. Something approaching an accurate view of the situation is presented in paragraph 15: "When asked if she thought there was a realistic possibility for loss of accreditation, [Provost] Smith felt it was highly unlikely." ("Highly unlikely" means about as unlikely as the college being

destroyed by a tsunami - I guess I could invent a scenario that might conceivably lead to that, but it would take five to ten years and require one gonzo implausibility after another.) The headline and some of the details in the opening paragraph scream, in supermarket tabloid fashion, "Evergreen fears loss of accreditation." It just isn't true, and I don't think we should have to read the CPJ's articles about the college in the same frame of mind that we use when we're in the checkout line, looking at some headline about the birth of an alien baby or the approaching end of the world and wondering what the real story will turn out to be in the next to the last paragraph on page six.

The General Education DTF (and lots of the faculty) are starting to talk about whether we should do something to try to see that all students end up having studied a range of subjects, including some mathematics and some art. (And it is true that one reason we're doing it is that the visiting accreditation team said they thought we need to think about this.) This is an interesting and complicated conversation about what really matters in a college education now. It might lead to some changes in our curriculum, and it would be terrific if students participated in it.

PS. On the other hand, it's a real pleasure for me to finally have the Seepage laid out in an attractive and professional way. This is the first time in a number of years that art has been presented by the paper in a way that might make students who took their work seriously feel like submitting it. (If you'd just change the name of the page to something that didn't metaphorically equate art with pus and sewage, I'd be even happier.)

Yours,
Thad Curtz
(Member of the Faculty - Literature)

Editor, CPJ

I am a senior here at TESC, just finishing my last quarter studying natural and applied science. I have been a member of this community for two years, and in that two years I have seen and heard many things that I thought — *not felt*, but thought — were counterproductive and even silly but were nevertheless apparently part of someone's education. Generally, it has been my policy to view such as free entertainment, and worth every penny of that price. This last week, however, two items, from two different sources, have given me pause to ponder whether "free entertainment" was really applicable, or if perhaps there might be a much higher externalized price.

The first item was a display set up outside our library's main entrance. It was a large display; one could scarcely pass it by without notice. It was obviously the result of much work and probably a fair amount of money; I assume it was the work of several people. It was the left hand side of the display that caught my eye. Taking up this side was a statement, a rant, to be fair, apparently summarizing a position on political and economic policies. The rant began with the word because, contained no clear subject or predicate, and used the word "and" 14 times. It was an excellent candidate for the best run-on sentence of 1999.

I would have classed this as more free entertainment except for the article in the last CPJ relating to qualifications placed upon our pending re-accreditation, qualifications relating to basic skills. In this context, one cannot help but wonder if the aforementioned "work" isn't precisely the sort of thing that illustrates why our accreditation might be in doubt. And perhaps this speaks to more than just accreditation. I meet many people off campus who sincerely believe this place is an eyesore, a waste of the public wealth, and generally better closed. Not just haters or dogmatists, but successful and influential citizens to whom evaluation

and judgement are necessary parts of everyday life. What kind of response does our "poster child" invoke in hardworking, taxpaying business people who might come here to use the library? Is it viewed as a scholarly work worthy of an institution that claims to be the best Liberal Arts college in the western United States? Or do some leave wondering if TESC isn't just an abuse of the public trust?

Education viewed as a product presents a paradox. Generally, business follows the old cliché "the customer is always right." If we view the student as the customer, we must append the above "except in education." Alternately, we can view society as the real customer. In either case, a standard must be applied, and to be fair to the customer, that standard must guarantee that the graduate gains something unique and valuable as a return on investment. For a thing to be valuable, it must possess scarcity in the economic sense. There must inevitably be have not with the haves, failures with the successes. As for myself, I am confident of the quality of education I have received here, but the situation leaves me, and perhaps others with a quandary: My confidence is unimportant if it isn't shared by the community at large where I must sell this dearly bought education. If that which I esteem finds no worth in that community, then I am only one more good example of a bad example, a Greener who can't pay his loans and whose record may ultimately justify arguments that The Evergreen State is better off without The Evergreen State College.

Dan Brown

Evergreen's Education

The Eternal Greener

by Amy Loskota

After elections it is easy to get discouraged. I know I am, what bad results for the Environment of this State. For those of you who don't care because you only go to school in Washington, go to hell. It feel yet another line has been drawn between the Upper and Lower Classes. I guess the majority does not care about the lives of senior citizens, people with disabilities, and the low-income wage slaves who take the bus. It seems they care more about clogging the roads (which were never designed for the amount of people driving) with their low price-tagged vehicles. Sure, make Washington just like Southern California, who cares? There are trees everywhere and Seattle is so chic. And yum yum we all love smoked salmon, but we don't care where it comes from and that we are the cause of decline due to pollution and overfishing. It's a delicacy.

So, to all you folks in your brand new SUVs which will never see a mountain road, none the less ever get dirt on them, I salute you. Please continue the urban expansion of Olympia and the state. We need another Taco Bell on Cooper Point and the TESC Parkway. And We need more huge corporate warehouses on Mud Bay Rd., not lovely views of the beach and mud flats. So what that we have unused empty office and store complexes for rent, you chain stores have to build from the ground up. Go ahead, rezone around Evergreen, like you did with Cedrona on French Road. No one needs five whole acres to live on anymore, we got to keep packing them in. Build your fences around the poor like across from Cedrona, so people can't see the trailer park, can't see the abandoned cars. But they can see the trailer park residents waiting for the bus. Too bad you can't build a fence around the bus stop. While you're at it, we need more room for all our cars at TESC, because everyone wants a good parking space. It's so annoying walking 200 feet to class. And no one wants to park and ride from the Capitol Mall route 48, it's too hard. But it is A-OK to build a parking lot into the nice big forest off of the Main Campus. Those trees outside the CAB to toward the parking lot will soon be replaced by another seminar building, as well as the tree area to the west of the COM to planned expansion. It had to happen, I suppose, I hope they try to preserve as much of the forest areas as possible in the design.

Now I smile a little at the thought that there will come a time when your \$5.00 latte tastes like mud, and there seems to be spit on your salmon bagel, because your server had to wake up three

hours early to catch the bus to work and drop off her kids at daycare. I sigh a little when someday you will walk out of your house and see a sky you thought you left in Los Angeles in Seattle. I smile mostly because there is HOPE!!!! You can get off your hiney and stop all these problems. We are the power than can change these things. I and many others are graduating in Spring. But on the up note, we are all going out into the real world, to fight for our causes out there. Activism is not a four letter word (nine actually). Up here in CAB 320, we have people to educate you and help you find ways to do really scary and exciting activism and volunteer work. Put aside the shopping, the picking of your nose, and get into reality. Economically challenged people are real, they even go to school side by side with you.

Their lives and their families lives are drastically affected by flippancy voting and the rise of consumerism. (Consumerism is defined as: a way of life placing value on material objects based on novelty and current fads. These objects are used and discarded at the end of their novelty. Things that break are not fixed, they are thrown away. Food that is bought is used once and forgotten. Objects often heavily packaged for convenience.) Like a while back when Washington State voted to repeal our affirmative action laws, Evergreen made a stand, that despite the states new agenda, we would still practice our dedication to a multi-cultural College environment.

We must keep fighting for ourselves and those who do not have our education, or our voices. It is time to leave behind submission to and acceptance of the current consumer culture, and become something more than the labels on our jeans, or the label we pretend to be (stoner, goth, hippie, mod, liberal, conservative, geek, nerd, ugly, pretty, or rich). You can become a savior to a hungry family by helping the homeless, you can become a volunteer. You can become a social activist and educate people. You can stop this. The decision is yours.

BTW, in response to your Student Activists Against Student Activism (in last weeks paper): Every group in the S&A has fought and petitioned to be here, from the Mumia Activists to the Evergreen Students for Christ to the Freaks of Nature to the Union of Student Workers and so on. We put on events and educate people about our various causes. You aren't even a real Student Group, so unless you are ready to stand up with the Student Groups of the S&A, and share our space, I suggest you find another part of the college to persecute. After all you chose to go here too.

Words From a Working

Class Student

by Karen Zimmerman

I am glad to see that people are going to protest the WTO. I am not glad to see the martyrdom happening around this issue from predominately white and

economically privileged students. I hear talk of jail, cops and revolution and see right through it. What I see is boredom within a class culture. Revolution to me is

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by Douglas Mackay

For Mumia.

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a daily battle. I don't have nor want a button to wear that tells people all the bureaucracy I had to wade through just to even step foot on this campus. Cops to me are people mainly from my background. I was at the June Street Party and watched people taunt and provoke the cops and create a problem more than addressing one. Some cops are corrupt and racist, yes, but they also came and saved my mother's life from an abusive lover. They were kind and supportive after I was held up by gunshot at a job. I do not believe that all cops are evil. I do think that the people of this country need to reclaim power from the police. I am not going to the WTO rally because I can not afford to be in jail. My parents would not bail me out. I have no savings. Again, I am glad to see the action taking place around this issue, I am asking those who are involved

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who are privileged to take a look inward and to think about it maybe more as your responsibility to this country if you see yourself as a revolutionary. I see it like how Ramona Africa said if you have resources, use them. I do not applaud what you are "sacrificing." I applaud your courage and will stay home that week and try to survive another day. Just a little side note, the best conversation I have heard about the WTO was on a bus ride to school where two local men just coming from the 4th Ave Tavern were talking about how Castro and Clinton were going to be in Olympia at the end of the month and could be seen at any given moment sitting downtown drinking coffee together. They informed me to make sure I had a camera handy, as it will be a once in a lifetime event. I nodded and said, "Cool."

-Peace

Mumia: The Rigorous Stuggle Continues.....

by Brian Dean

I'm sure you haven't had enough of this already, so here is yet another opinion on Mumia Abu-Jamal. I'd love to just drop this Mumia and Evergreen controversy out of my mind, but I can't when so many people like David H. Shultis in his Nov. 4 CPJ letter are still saying Mumia supporters are full of shit. As a student who's been at Evergreen for four years, I've noticed that there are a growing number of students who have been getting frustrated and pissed with the campus' socio-political activism and awareness as though it's only being perpetuated as a conformist trend.

When Evergreen chose Mumia to speak at graduation this summer, it not only provoked the police, government and every average Joe and Jane across the nation but also a large number of a

political cynics on campus who, seeing themselves as a minority, lashed out against Mumia supporters and the school. For the most part they spoke out saying "we're sick of you idiots thinking that Mumia speaking at graduation will change anything." Political activists here are just trendy and don't know their issues" and "what will my family think?"

Despite all of this, Evergreen got the international attention and respect of many social-political organizations (see *Ramona Africa to speak at TESC*, CPJ Nov. 4). Evergreen proved it still has balls and would not keep Mumia from being heard, even though the police and many others outside of Evergreen objected. Evergreen helped get him America's attention but not the kind of attention he deserved, thanks to mainstream media. This controversy became misunderstood by everyone outside of Evergreen because

there was so much they failed to mention (his background, how he's a prizewinning journalist, why so many people think he is innocent). They didn't want us to know so there must be something to his case when they are hiding these things. Mumia has been affiliated with MOVE, who have been victims of brutally violent police in Pennsylvania. Why is it unreasonable to suspect he may have been set up and/or had an unfair trial? The best reason to protest his incarceration on death row is that if he is innocent and gets killed, which is very likely, then the same is more likely to happen to anyone else who speaks and acts out subversively against our system.

So SPASM, if you exist, I'd be interested in knowing what other movements they are against and what your vision is if you even have one. Do you also think WTO protesters, labor activists,

animal rights activists and boycotts are among the other movements that are asinine and delusional? For all I know you don't think so. Whatever the case, I'm not just going to believe Mumia's case has nothing to do with me and that there is nothing at work behind the scenes to act against.

It's safe to assume none of us are revolutionaries until there actually is a revolution. But I don't think there is anything wrong with staying pissed, communicating, boycotting, protesting, or whatever else as long as this technocratic system of ours perpetuates misery and injustice on a global scale. We are all being screwed in one way or another. It has taken each and every person on earth to shape our world into what it is today. It is bullshit to say that a single person or group can't make a ripple of a difference through their actions.

Arts (Science)

"What are you doing? Are you going to take pictures?"

— Bill Nye, The Science Guy

Entertainment

Bill Nye, The Science Guy!

Mad Scientist Shoots Commercial at Evergreen

By Kevan Moore

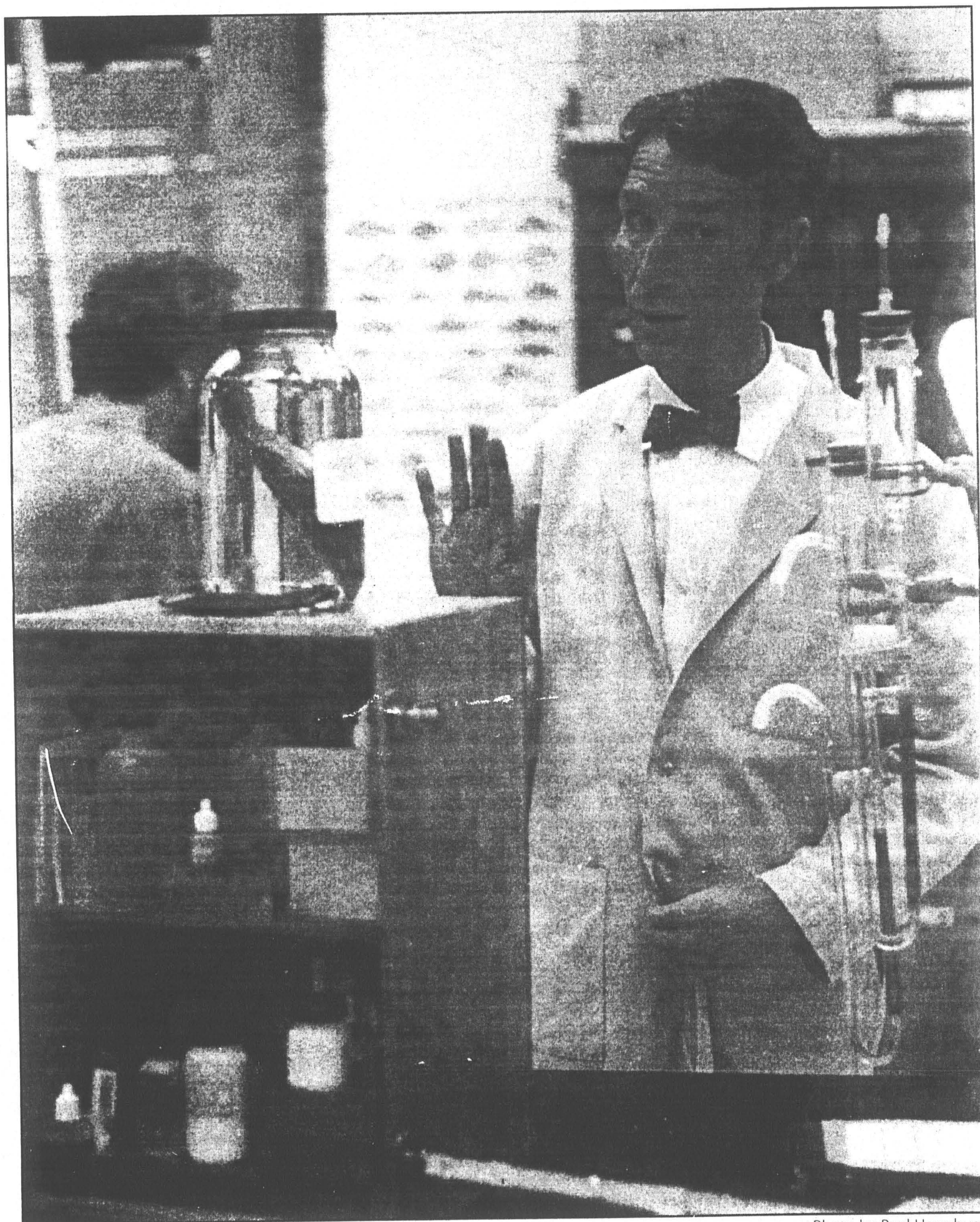


Photo by Paul Hawxhurst

Bill Nye the Science Guy is changing the world, and he came to Evergreen on Monday night to get started. Nye was the talent for a public service announcement, part of which was filmed in Lab 1, to promote voting for clean water and salmon preservation.

The capital was also used as a location for the spot, but Nye said he likes the Evergreen labs a lot. A film crew was able to recreate the set of his old show, and Nye said of the rest of Evergreen, "You guys have some great facilities here."

Nye thinks Greeneries are "all so groovy and natural." But just in case he expanded on the issue of dams a little bit by saying, "They've been designed to kill salmon, not take care of them. There was some wacky, weird, creepy competition between the corp of engineers and bureau of reclamation and it turned out bad. You know, people can say we're ameliorating salmon, but no. No we're not."

Nye attended Cornell University for mechanical engineering and even studied astronomy under Carl Sagan "before he was some Genghis Khan." Later, Nye performed sketch comedy in Seattle with *Almost Live*. His science show is no longer, but Nye is anxious to get off the lecture circuit and back on the tube. All the while, Nye has written books and plans to continue doing so whether he gets a new television show or not. In the mean time he says keep your eyes peeled for the new commercial and "especially vote."

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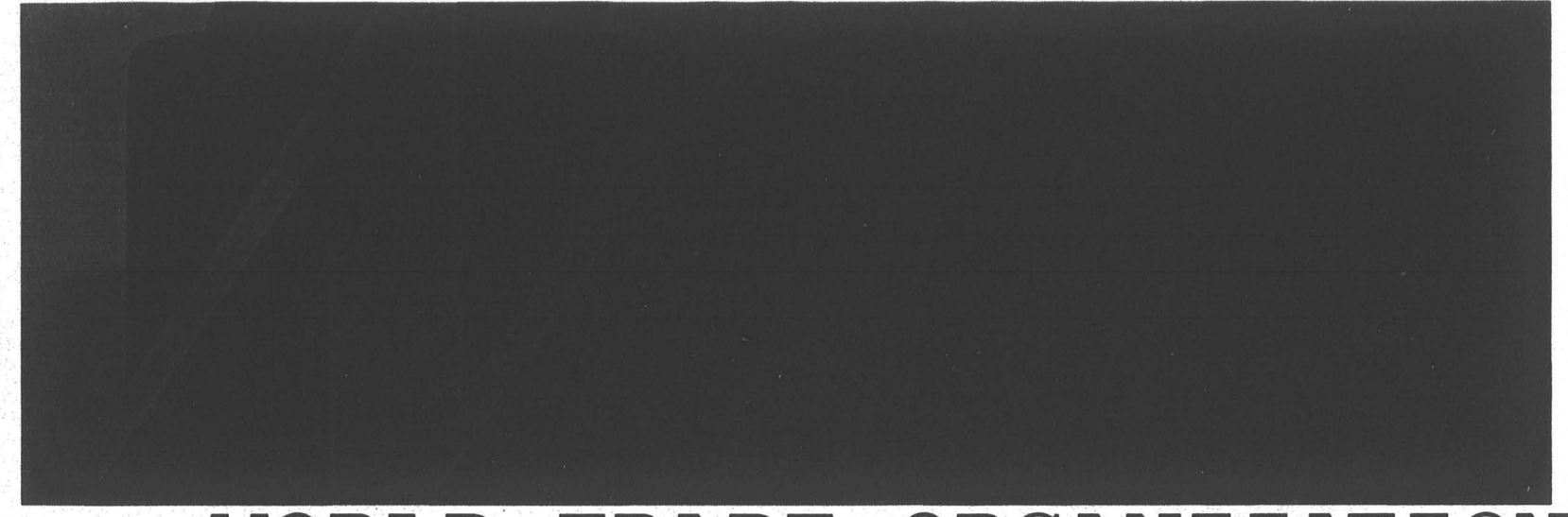
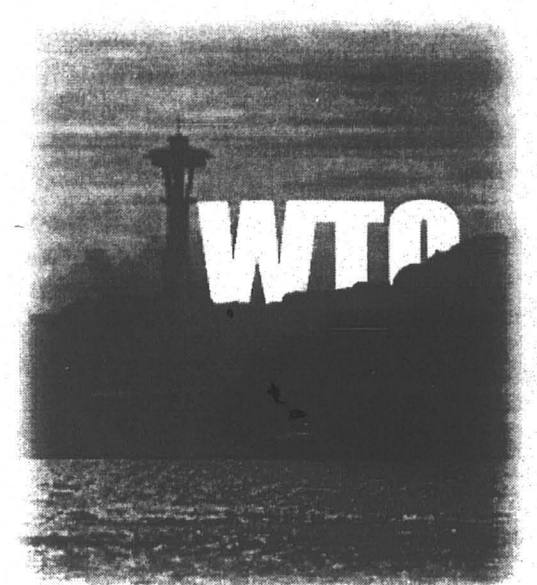
Above: Almost live, Bill Nye, The Science Guy, doing his thing at Evergreen.



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WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Inside: Your Complete Guide to the WTO

compiled by Nichol Everett

■ The WTO itself states that "it's main function is to ensure that trade flows as smoothly, predictably, and freely as possible." The result, they claim, "is assurance. Consumers and producers know that they can enjoy secure supplies and greater choice of the finished products, components, raw materials and services they use. Producers and exporters know that foreign markets will remain open to them." In addition, they state, "The result is also a more prosperous, peaceful and accountable economic world...By lowering the trade barriers, the WTO's system also breaks down other barriers between peoples and nations."

■ David Korten, in his book, *When Corporations Rule the World* wrote, "The needs of the worlds largest corporations are now represented by a global body with legislative and judicial powers that is committed to ensuring their rights against intrusions of democratic governments and the people to who those governments are accountable."

■ Dan Barshis, a junior at Evergreen, explained, "Right now we are breathing dirtier air because the WTO and other countries are not bound by the Clean Air Act when they sell us oil. The WTO has ruled that the US has to import oil from Venezuela that does not meet our own environmental standards."

"The WTO is a union of global trade representatives that is formed to protect free trade at all costs. In order to do this they have to make sure that unnecessary trade barriers, like environmental, health, and labor laws, are not in place. Every case that has been brought to the WTO has ruled in favor of corporations and profit instead of the environment, labor, or health standards."

■ "What planet are they on?" asks Monica Peabody of the Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition (WROC). "Anybody can just look around and see that (their allegations) are not true. Taking away regulations gives the corporations the power to not treat their workers well. This allows corporations the freedom to obtain too much power through free trade. The evidence is devastating to workers and the environment."

"A global shift has been constructed to create a low wage working force. An example in our community is welfare reform, which is pushing people into low wage work, in turn limiting their opportunities."

■ Evergreen graduate Oakley Myers voices that economic growth results from an expense to the environment. Yet he asks, "Whose economic growth? Multinational and transnational corporations? Free trade has been proven to help liquidate the forests in British Columbia. It has increased the movement of timber and the speed of trade across the world."

"NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) proved detrimental to Mexican and Canadian forests. The WTO is knocking down trade barriers, such as tariffs, and restrictive laws, without a democratic process... Eliminating tariffs on wood products has increased the demand for timber and escalated deforestation."

■ *Works in Progress*, a publication by the Thurston County Rainbow Coalition, ran an article in October stating, "The WTO is at the root of fights around the world for decent wages, carcinogen-free food, clean air and water, endangered species, and a host of other struggles for the basic health of the Earth and people everywhere. Other nations and peoples are being exploited so that we can watch TV and drink Frappuccinos. This is our country; it is up to us to change it."

FOCUS ON SEATTLE — THE WORLD WATCHES THE

World Trade Organization wake up call

by Mac Lojowsky,

A dark rain falls from a heavy sky outside Tradition's Cafe in downtown Olympia two weeks before what has already been dubbed "the protest of the decade." The people gathered for Olympia's Direct Action Network's (DAN) weekly meeting include community members as well as Evergreen faculty and students. Tonight's discussion involves registration for the pre-protest Direct Action Convergence (Nov. 20-28) as well as the massive direct action planned for Tuesday, November 30.

The World Trade Organization's (WTO) six-thousand delegates from one-hundred and thirty-five nations (including President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore), will descend upon Seattle from Nov. 29 to Dec. 3 for its November Ministerial meeting. Their agenda topics include the Global Free Logging Agreement (which would effectively kill environmental logging regulations), the advancement of the Multilateral Agreement on Investments (which would severely limit government's ability to regulate investments), as well as the enforcement of global intellectual property rights (which would primarily benefit large pharmaceutical corporations).

Evergreen economics professor Dr. Peter Bohmer says the WTO's "aim is to create a world

where corporations have no governmental or other restrictions in making profits in any part of the world and deciding what to do with them, whether they come from financial speculation, production or trade."

The 50 to 100,000 protesters DAN organizers expect to stop this from happening, but as one flyer proclaimed, "...organize a wake up call the world has never seen." There will be Canadians and Scandinavians, Japanese and Tibetans, Indonesian and Mexican activists. There will be Native Americans, African-Americans and Mid-Western Americans. There will be steelworkers, farmers, longshoremen, college students, political refugees, environmentalists and loggers gathered together against the WTO. The sheer number of people standing in solidarity transforms the often abstract thought of a true inclusive social movement into a tangible reality.

Dr. Bohmer "see(s) the beginning of a movement that puts economic justice forward as central to its demands, that links environmental justice to labor and economic rights, and furthers grass-roots solidarity, internationalism, across borders."

The Seattle Weekly recently commented that the "Evergreen State College might as well close the campus, as they'll all be in Seattle." Judging from the

whispers, flyers and comments of professors around campus, this just may be the case.

Security Measures
King County Sheriff's Department Captain Thompson expects "a group of people exercising their First Amendment rights. They will be afforded that opportunity to demonstrate their views in a non-violent manner." When asked what security tactics law-enforcement would be taking for the gathering, Thompson refused to comment. So did the FBI and the Seattle Police Department. The Secret Service would only relate that they are prepared for anything that could possibly happen.

Activists, too, are prepared. Volunteer medics will be on hand and the Convergence will offer a variety of trainings and workshops. A Vietnam veteran and longtime activist who wishes to remain anonymous, stated "I've been (tear) gassed. All you need is a wet handkerchief to cover your face with."

Convergence Preparations
The week preceding the WTO's Ministerial (November 20-28), there will be an open Direct Action Convergence. The Convergence welcome center is located at 420 East Denny Way and people are being asked to register upon arrival. When they arrive at the Welcome Center participants will receive event

schedules, locations and other information. (Organizers say that if participants have picked up registration forms in the last couple weeks and have not sent them in yet, they should not send them in. Rather, they should bring the forms to the Welcome Center)

The Convergence, next to the November 30 action, may well be the most important aspect of the Seattle gathering. Free food and child-care will be provided as activists from around the globe participate in teach-ins that will supply information on the WTO, training and workshops. Carpool and ride boards to Seattle are posted at both Olympia Food Co-ops, as well as Evergreen's CAB (outside the Women's Center).

Throughout the week, activists will connect and converse with each other in training's involving: non-violence, media, jail solidarity, legal support, communication, documentation and self-defense. Workshops will be provided in: dance, music, street theater, puppet making, banner making, propaganda, and last, but not least, stilt walking.

Seattle Events
Friday, Nov. 26 and Saturday, Nov. 27, the 2,500 seat Benaroya Auditorium has been booked for an International Forum on Globalization. More information on this event is available at: www.ifg.org.

Monday, November 29, at 4:30 p.m., an interfaith delegation will gather at the First Methodist Church (65th and Columbia). The delegation will form a human chain around the meeting site of the WTO to protest Third World debt. More information is available at (206) 625-9790.

The Tuesday, Nov. 30 demonstration is aimed, quite simply, at "shutting down the World Trade Organization." Activists will meet at 7:00 a.m. at one of three locations: first, Seattle Central Community College, second, Victor Steinbrueck Park or as a last resort, Denny Park (see map on page 7 for locations). For the Tuesday demonstration, activists have been asked to form "affinity groups."

Direct Action Network organizer, Elizabeth Jones explains affinity groups as "5-20 friends that come together, acting as a support group for one another." The affinity groups will perform "direct action street theater, singing, dancing, drumming and puppet making."

Each affinity group is asked to abide by the Direct Action Network's four guidelines:
1. No violence, physical or verbal, against anyone
2. No weapons
3. No drugs, including alcohol

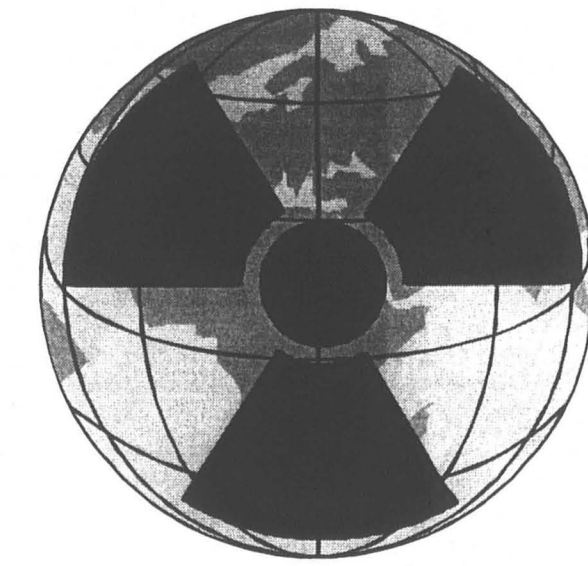
4. No destruction of property

These affinity groups aim to "create a system of organization that will replace the system we're trying to destroy. The concept of decentralization is what we're trying to achieve," Jones explains.

She predicts "beautiful weather, sun shining, people are happy and there's a huge party going on in the streets. People from all walks of life coming together to resist the World Trade Organization."

Talking Root
At an affinity group meeting recently held on a Saturday night in a West Olympia living room, fifteen people discuss tactics for the Tuesday protest over dinner. By the evening's end, the group has decided upon a "giant, paper mache salmon. Giant dams that are ceremoniously broken, forests that rise up in retaliation to the WTO's anti-environmental practices."

With similar scenarios happening in living rooms across America, and to some extent, the world, the upcoming WTO protests promises two things. First, a massive, chaotic display of creativity and resistance the streets of Seattle. Second, and possibly more important, the formation of a grassroots social movement that will no doubt deliver "a wake up call the world has never seen."



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W • T • O RESOURCES

Wanna fight for the cause? Need to get your facts straight? Just wanna know what the fuss is all about? Check out these resources below to find all the information you ever wanted to know about the W.T.O.

Campus Clubs

- Union of Student Workers x6098
- Evergreen Political Information Center x6144
- Environmental Resource Center x6784

Club offices open from **8am - 6pm**, Monday through Thursday and **8am - 5pm** on Fridays.

Web Pages

World Trade Organization's Website
www.wto.org

Public Citizen's "Global Trade Watch"
www.tradewatch.com

International Forum on Globalization
www.ifg.org

The Direct Action Network
www.go.to/directaction

Final Note - You can pre-register for the Convergence in Seattle by logging on to the Direct Action Network's site above, filling out the form and mailing it to danreg@angelfire.com. Pre-registering is important as it helps the organizers of the Convergence.

The WTO is coming, are you ready?

Á Point of view
Gray Ayer

The World Trade Organization (WTO) is coming to Seattle—are you ready? Do you know how to subvert their plan of continuing liberalization and opening markets? Do you know why you must do this to survive?

The WTO was formed out of the 1994 Uruguay round of GATT to "settle trade disputes." It was then ratified by 134 nations, creating a political legal binding court higher than any nation. The WTO exists to protect "free trade," the theory that markets unrestrained by government result in the most efficient and socially optimal allocation of resources. This assumes an unbiased media, the desire to use technology for the benefit of all, and a culture that encourages social responsibility versus greed.

But we don't. Even if we had an unbiased media and

a culture that encourages social responsibility free trade is neither efficient nor leads to the socially optimal uses of resources.

Basically, it encourages corporations to produce where profits are the highest, which may be the result of not paying social costs, minimizing wages.

Because of this, every decision the WTO has made for "free trade" has been against the environment, consumer safety, human rights, labor, and the future. This has come from the WTO ruling in every case in favor of the corporate complaint.

The WTO has threatened to not allow Massachusetts to boycott companies doing business in Burma—a country run by a brutal dictatorship. It has ruled the United States has to import oil from Venezuela—oil that pollutes our air since it is not subject to our Clean Air Act.

The WTO has ruled that the European Union is not allowed to boycott the

importation of cancer-causing beef from the US raised on growth hormones (they say only individuals can enact boycotts, assuming they have the knowledge of the product).

The WTO and the conquering system of globalization are creating a world run not by people, but by transnational corporations (TNC). Corporations have no basis in reality, and are recognized by citizens as having the same rights as people, but none of the responsibilities. They are institutions that exist "for the greater good," but they are able to usurp laws and ethics for their own profit.

They are coming to Seattle.

We have a great opportunity here in the Puget Sound, the Northwest, the United States, North America, the Western Hemisphere, and the whole planet to show these unelected bureaucrats (trade officials, CEOs of Transnational-Corporations) that we want to have control of our lives—that we want governance by the people, not by

greed. Generally, in a democracy, you recognize a problem, seek to educate people, garner public support, pass a law, and then it will hopefully make a difference.

Since the WTO is accountable to no one, they meet in secret, and there is no higher authority to report to, our opposition cannot follow the safe reformist path taken by large authoritarian groups like the AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations).

Although the AFL-CIO national leadership has succumbed to big business, many Seattle local labor unions like the Longshoreman, Baristas (cafe workers), and the IWW are invoking a city-wide walkout to shut the city infrastructure down. Seattle high school and college students are organizing city-wide school walkouts. We must complement their walkout.

We must take direct action!

DIRECT ACTION WORKSHOPS

All of these workshops will be offered at the Convergence.

- Giant puppet theater
- Giant puppet creation
- Banner hanging
- How to climb a building
- Sitting up an affinity group
- Street blockade methods
- Propaganda production
- Stilt walking
- Self defense
- Music
- Dancing
- Jail solidarity
- Legal observation and defence
- Radio communication
- Media

CONVERGENCE INFORMATION

The Direct Action Network is hosting a nine-day conference which will bring together hundreds of amazing people from around the world to share skills and plan for the Nov. 30 action.

To register:

Bring a completed registration form (available outside the Women's Center or at the Convergence) to the Welcome Center at 420 East Denny Way. Or you can pre-register online at the DAN website at www.go.to/directaction and click to the Convergence site. You can call the Welcome Center at (206) 654- 6779 for the information hotline or talk to someone live at (206) 448 - 7872.

Registration Donation:

Paying what you can allows others to participate who cannot afford the admission fee. Work exchanges are available. No one, however, will be turned away.
Cost: \$0 - \$30/day
\$0 - \$200 for entire Convergence

Accommodations:

Food (except for breakfast), housing, and child care will be provided for those who can't arrange their own.

So you want to go to the action on the 30th? Better not leave on the 30th, because organizers expect Seattle to be crazy. If possible you should go to Seattle at least the night of the 29th.

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Sunday, Nov. 21
5:00 pm
Woodland Park Presbyterian Church
Meeting of the Fellowship of Reconciliation with training in non-violence following potluck.
Call 206-789-5565.

Friday, Nov. 26 (Buy Nothing Day)
7:00 - 10:00 pm
Benaroya Hall
"The Multiple Impacts of Economic Globalization," an International Forum on Globalization (IFG) Teach-in with Vandana Shiva, David Korten, Lori Wallach, Maude Barlow, Jerry Mander, and more!
Contact 415-771-3394 or <http://www.ifg.org> for information and tickets.

Saturday, Nov. 27
8:30 am - 6:30 pm
Benaroya Hall
IFG Teach-in, continued.

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Benaroya Hall
That's right, even more of the IFG Teach-in. This time, though, it's "Views from the South."

Sunday, Nov. 28
10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Musicians Union
"The Growing Divide," a participatory workshop on wealth and economic disparity.
Sponsored by United for a Fair Economy.
Call 206-910-8296.

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10:00 am - 12:30 pm
The Labor Temple
"Building the People's Movement: Where We Are and Where We're Headed"
Sponsored by the Alliance for Democracy.
Contact the Temple at 206-770-9044, Ronnie Dugger at 781-894-1179, or call toll-free 877-STOP WTO.

1:00 - 5:00 pm
The Labor Temple
Alternatives to Corporate Globalization Conference featuring representatives from the United States, Great Britain, and France at 1:00 pm, theater by United for a Fair Economy at 3:15, and representatives from the US (different ones, though), Canada, Malaysia, and the Philippines at 3:30.
Contact Dave Lewit at 617-266-8687.

1:30 pm
Filipino Community Center
"The Need to Advance the People's Resistance Against Imperialist Globalization" by Jose Maria Sison from the National Democratic Front of the Philippines. This is the keynote address of the People's Assembly, which continues through Tuesday.
Please call 206-763-9611 or mail passembly@yahoo.com by Nov. 25 to register.

3:00 - 5:00 pm
Musicians Union
"WTO for Beginners," a participatory workshop. Sponsored by United for a Fair Economy.
Call 206-910-8296.

Monday, Nov. 29 (Environment and Public Health Day)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Musicians Union
"Getting Your Message Into the Media"
Another participatory workshop.
Sponsored by United for a Fair Economy.

12:00 - 1:30 pm
First United Methodist
"Make Trade Clean, Green, and Fair"
March from the church to the Convention Center (the WTO's base of operations) for a rally.

2:00 - 4:00 pm
Musicians Union
"Globalization, Corporations, and Democracy" with Charles Derber
Sponsored by UFE.
Call 206-910-8296.

2:00 - 5:30 pm
Various venues around downtown - call Kathleen Casey at 206-378-0114 x306 for details.
Educational workshops that help explain the WTO's effect on fisheries, forests, public health, genetic modification, investment rules, toxic substances, and sustainable development.

4:30 - 6:30 pm
First United Methodist
Gathering and procession to join hands in a human chain around the Exhibition Center (site of the WTO's Opening Gala) to call for the cancellation of Third World debt.
Sponsored by the WAC.
Call 206-625-9790.

6:00 pm
Filipino Community Center
"The Golf War," a film about large corporations trying to steal land from Filipino peasants to develop golf courses, shown by the People's Assembly.
A Q&A session with the film's maker will be followed an International Solidarity Night, including songs of struggle, words of action, and dance of resistance.
See above for contact information.

7:00 pm
Key Arena (it used to be called the Coliseum)
"The People's Gala" with Laura Love and Michael Moore.
Sponsored by Citizen's Trade Campaign, Body Shop, United Steel Workers of America, City of Seattle, and King County (so who's for this WTO thing, anyway?).

Tuesday, Nov. 30 (Labor Rights, Human Rights, and Standards of Living Day, AKA The Big Day)

7:00 am
Victor Steinbrueck Park and Seattle Central Community College.
Mass non-violent direct action against the WTO.
Contact the DAN at 206-632-1656.

8:00 am
First United Methodist
"Trading Away Human rights? The Role of the WTO"
A civil society teach-in.
Contact Malini Mehra at pdhre@aol.com or visit www.pdhre.org for full program and registration form.

8:00 am
Filipino Community Center
Youth caucus assembly, march, and rally.
See above for contact information.

8:30 am
Denny Playfield
Join other environmentalists to make trade clean, green, and fair! You'll gather to pick up signs and banners. Carl Pope, executive director of the Sierra Club, will then lead you to Memorial Stadium, where you'll join the People's Rally at 10:00 am.

9:00 am
Red Square (the UW's, not ours)
Gather, march, rally, just don't mention the Rose Bowl.
Sponsored by People for Fair Trade and NO to WTO (UW chapters).
Mail webwalk@u.washington.edu.

10:00 am
Memorial Stadium
"The People's Rally," with speakers such as Vandana Shiva and John Sweeney (AFL-CIO President) and inspiration by Sweet Honey in the Rock.
Doors open at 8.
Sponsored by just about everybody.

12:30 am - 3:00 pm
Memorial Stadium
"The People's March"
Join tens of thousands of like-minded individuals from labor unions, environmental organizations, and student groups from around the world in a march against you know who. You'll meander through the streets of Seattle in high style and end up back at the Seattle Center.

7:00 - 8:30 pm
Town Hall
WTO debate with Ralph Nader, Vandana Shiva, and John Cavanaugh.
Sponsored by Public Citizen, IFG, and The Nation.
Contact Jerry Mander (IFG) at 415-771-3394.

Wednesday, Dec. 1
Women, Democracy, Sovereignty, and Development Day

8:30 - 5:30 pm
United Methodist
Civil society teach-in on the topics of the day, including a morning panel of women from around the world, with five native women drummers beginning the program.

Next, a march to Freeway Park where, after you rally, you'll enjoy the Raging Grannies, street theater, and speakers (to be announced).
Then it's on to various venues downtown for afternoon panels.
Contact Alexandra Spieldoch, with Center of Concern, at aspieldoch@coc.org.

2:00 pm
United Methodist
If you missed the boat to Freeway Park you can still join the United Steelworkers in their march to the docks. The theme is "Stop the Job Loss Now."

3:00 - 6:00 pm
Labor Temple
A workshop on bringing the anti-WTO message back to your campus (i.e., Evergreen) will consist of media skills and divestment/socially responsible investment training.

5:00 - 10:00 pm
United Methodist
"Celebrate Resistance: A Concert and Theatrical Performance"
Join the Alliance for Sustainable Jobs and the Environment for FREE BEER AND FOOD!
Live music by Jim Page and theater by Human Nature.
Contact Sam at 415-383-4314 or at batfish@earthlink.net.

Thursday, Dec. 2
Food and Agriculture Day

8:30 - 4:00
Various venues - call Renske van Staveren, from the Institute for Agricultural and Trade Policy, at 612-870-3423 or rvanstaveren@iatp.org, or Darci Andressen, Public Citizen, at 202-454-5196 or darci@citizen.org.
Enjoy an organic breakfast before rushing off to yet more panels, rallies, street action, workshops, and strategy sessions.

Friday, Dec. 3
Corporate Accountability Day
8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Gethsemane Lutheran
"Corporate Accountability: Who Rules?"
Civil society teach-in featuring John Cavanaugh from the Institute for Policy Studies, Tony Clarke from the Polaris Institute, and David Korten from the People-centered Development Forum.
Contact Mike Dolan at 202-454-5122.



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The Power of the Willing

by Eric Thomason

A wise woman once said, "Journeys are truly complete only when you are ready for them to be completed." TESC faculty member Sally Cloninger has come to the end of a journey she embarked on long ago.

Cloninger is a media artist/activist, educator and independent producer who teaches at The Evergreen State College. Her new 16mm/digital film, *Your Willing Power*, will premiere Dec. 2 in the Recital Hall (COM 107) at TESC.

Your Willing Power is a film Cloninger considers "experimental" because of the way it explores forms from frame rates to expressive sound. Cloninger didn't want to make a travel guide video of Malaysia; rather she set out to create an experimental ethnographical film that would strive to reproduce the emotional moment she'd experienced.

The film's subject is *Thaipucam*, a festival that occurs annually in Kuala Lumpur and is connected to the worship of Lord Muugan. The festival is celebrated by Hindus all over South East Asia and was brought to Malaysia by Indian Tamils, who were forced there by the British to work the rubber fields.

In Malaysia, during the early 80s, Cloninger and fellow Evergreen faculty member Lynn De Danaan began collecting the information about the Hindu festival. Cloninger and De Danaan spent months meeting expatriates and locals who would help them understand what takes place during the festival. A famous Indian dancer named Sony helped the team achieve entry into the festival. Inside the exotic sights and fantastic sounds astonished them.

The Hindus celebrate the *Thaipucam* festival by expressing their devotion to the Lord by surrendering themselves. In devoting themselves they perform acts of piercing and the performance of an act called the *Kavadi*. The *Kavadi* takes place when a devotee runs up 282

steps carrying a personal possession which, Cloninger says, can be anything from an elaborate costume to a jug of milk.

The experience is now surreal to Cloninger. "I look back at the footage and cannot believe that I shot it," she said. Inside the festival, Cloninger had a difficult time shooting the experience with over one million people dancing in trance and non-stop activity swirling around the young artist.

The project has become much more than a film to Cloninger. Through *Your Willing Power*, the veteran filmmaker has been able to reflect on an experience that has taken her 18 years to understand. Through travel, personal growth, and spiritual and philosophical learning Cloninger says she understands the experience more clearly now than she had almost 20 years ago.

When Cloninger returned to the US, she tried to make a "smart documentary" but was not satisfied. Cloninger said she was afraid "people would see [the Tamils] as oddities of curiosity." Cloninger didn't want the personal meaning of what she'd experienced to be lost and now views her first effort as a failure.

For many years she resigned herself to the thought that her great experience was not going to be shared with the rest of the world. Cloninger reflects back at the first attempt to make the film and wonders if she wasn't yet ready to make the film.

Now, with the help of faculty members Peter Randlette and Allegra Hinkle, Cloninger has finished her trek and found a form of expression able to communicate her experience.

Randlette (a composer and sound designer) and Cloninger have been long-time collaborators. Randlette, as co-producer, worked closely with Cloninger to design sound scales and original music. The end result, Cloninger says, is music that reflects the cross-cultural context of their project. Allegra Hinkle helped to expand the vision of



Cloninger documentary will premier on Dec. 2 at TESC.

the film with her knowledge of technology, digital composing and structuring, Cloninger said.

Cloninger says teaching at Evergreen demands a lot of time from faculty and refers to it as "labor intensive." However, the philosophy Evergreen has towards collaboration and the encouragement of it, allows faculty to complete projects such as, *Your Willing Power*.

"At another university, I'd have more time" Cloninger said, but adds that she doesn't know if she would have the freedom.

Your Willing Power is the completion of a journey filled with growth. Years have given Cloninger a greater understanding of what the *Thaipucam* festival means to her and to the people who devote themselves to it.

Cloninger has delivered her film, carrying it much higher than 282 stairs, and you can experience it through her vision Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. in the Communications Building's Recital Hall.

See de CDs?

by Nick Martin

The TESC Student CD Project is once again underway. Since 1980, the project has sought out original student music and experimental sound for an extravaganza of aural delight composed, produced, designed and released entirely by students.

The disc is typically released in the latter part of the spring quarter, which means that each year, the process of finding and selecting student material must be completed by the beginning of winter quarter. This year's project aspires to greatness with a double "enhanced" CD, including digital art and possibly short animation pieces in addition to music, spoken word and poetry performance. The project hopes to represent a diverse selection of work and encourages anyone and everyone to submit their ideas and demos, regardless of style, subject, conventionality, or technical sophistication.

The submission process works like this: You create a demo tape or CD of your stuff using whatever resources are available to you. This can be a recording of any quality as long as the point gets across. Digital art submissions should be on CD-ROM, Zip disk, or floppy. The demos must be submitted to the CD project drop-box in the Media Services area (first floor of the library building) no later than the Dec. 13 deadline (Monday of eval week).

After all the submissions are gathered, it is time for the selection committee to convene for a day of listening and evaluation wherein every demo is carefully scrutinized. However, as there is a limit to how much we can get onto a CD, not all submissions are guaranteed a spot. The primary task of the selection committee is to select a cross-section of material that represents the unique work of students. The selection committee is NOT an exclusive body and anybody interested in being a part of the selection process is encouraged to be present at the meeting (yet to be scheduled).

After the submissions are selected, artists will have the opportunity to record final versions of their pieces in the Evergreen recording studios. The recording sessions will be handled primarily by students in Peter Randlette's Multitrack Composition class, and will take place in either the 8-track or the 16-track studios, depending on the needs of the individual pieces. Once the pieces are recorded and mixed to everybody's satisfaction, the selections will be mastered and sent off to the CD plant.

The CD project is a great force seeking to expand Olympia's musical and artistic heritage so don't delay. Start putting together your rough project demos and turning them in to us. We want to hear your innermost sorrow and/or silliness poured out on tape or disc in words, music, or digitally rendered ludicrousness. We don't care what it is. Music/Audio submissions should not be much longer than five minutes and digital art pieces are limited to around 50 megabytes.

The project needs all sorts of assistance. If you are interested in helping out with graphic design, advertising, selling CDs, being on the selection committee, or have any questions about the project, leave a message with Nick at x5848, drop a note in the Student CD Project mail stop at S&A on the third floor of the CAB (#7). Better yet, come to the weekly CD Project meeting every Monday at 1 p.m. on the third floor of the CAB, in the sunken lounge area.

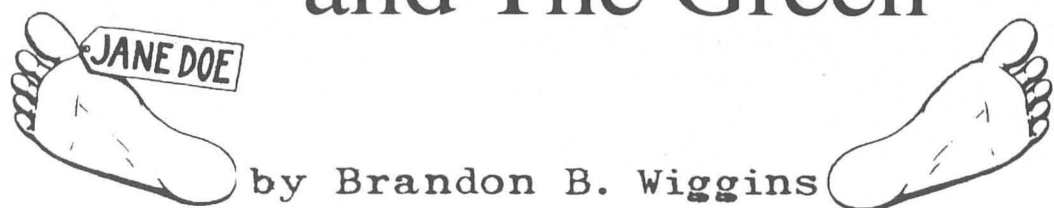
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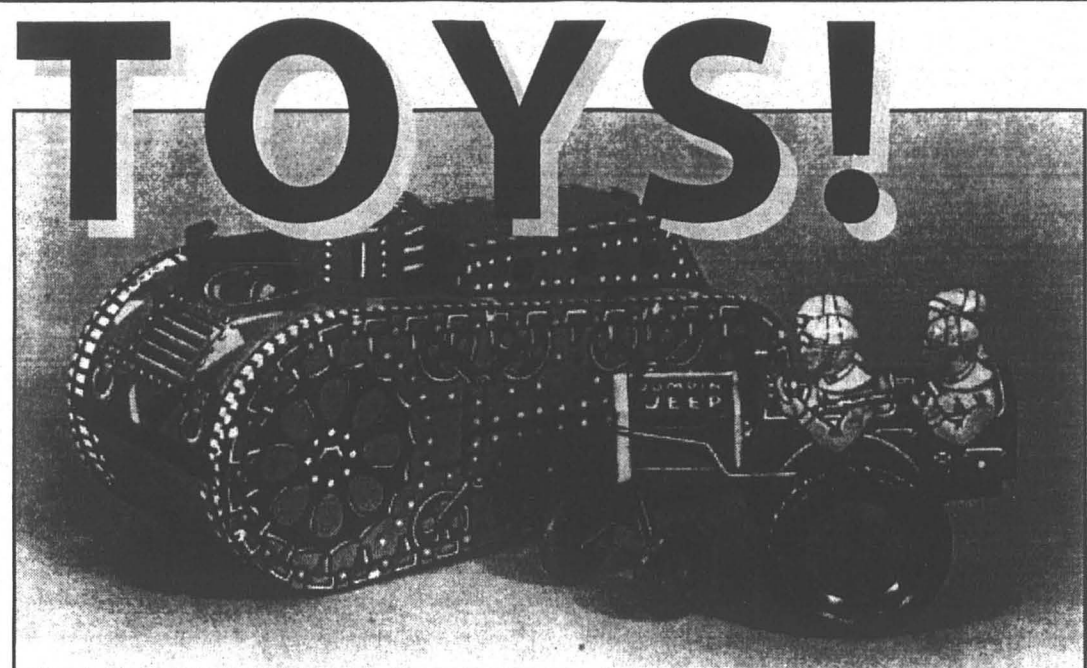


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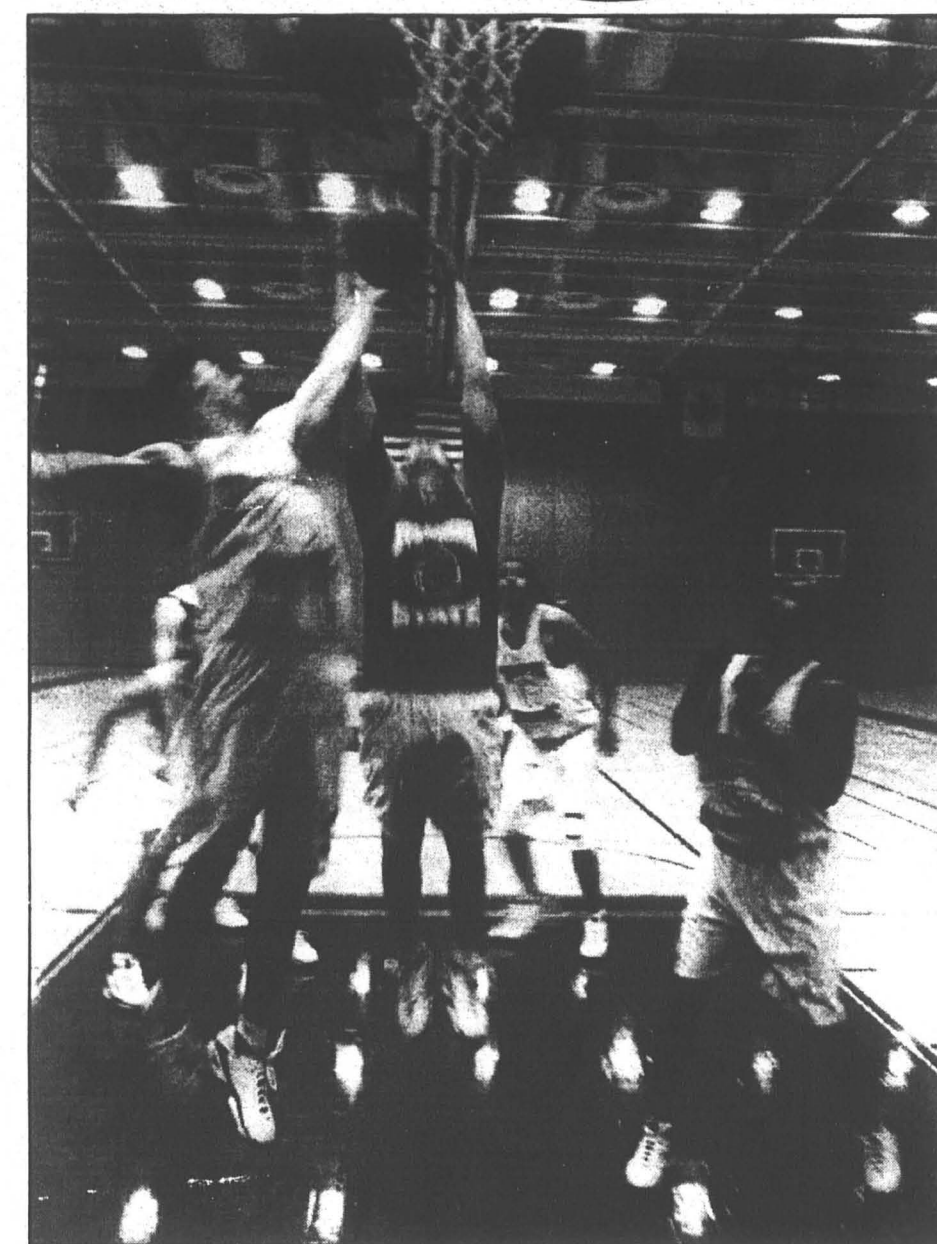


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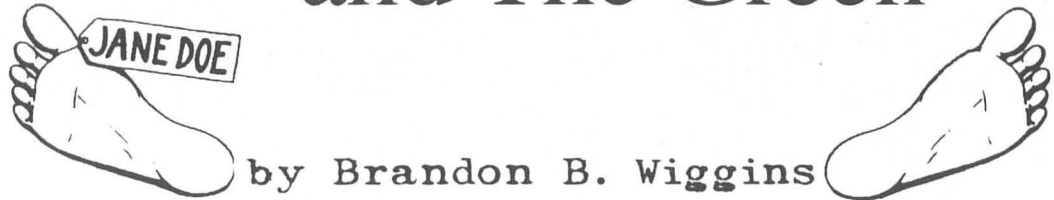
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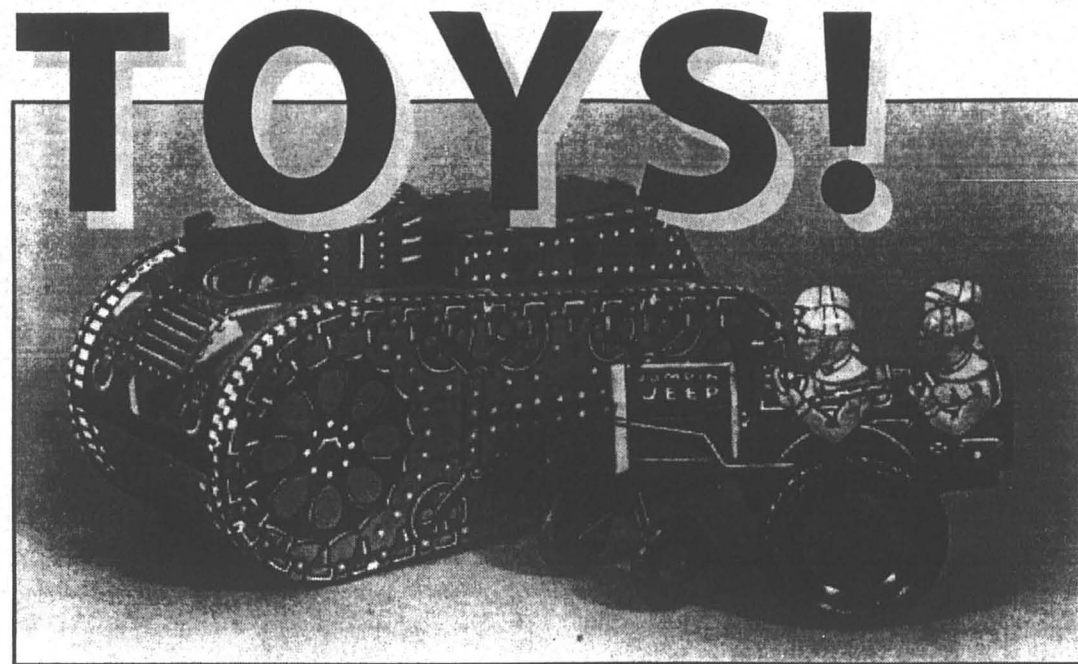


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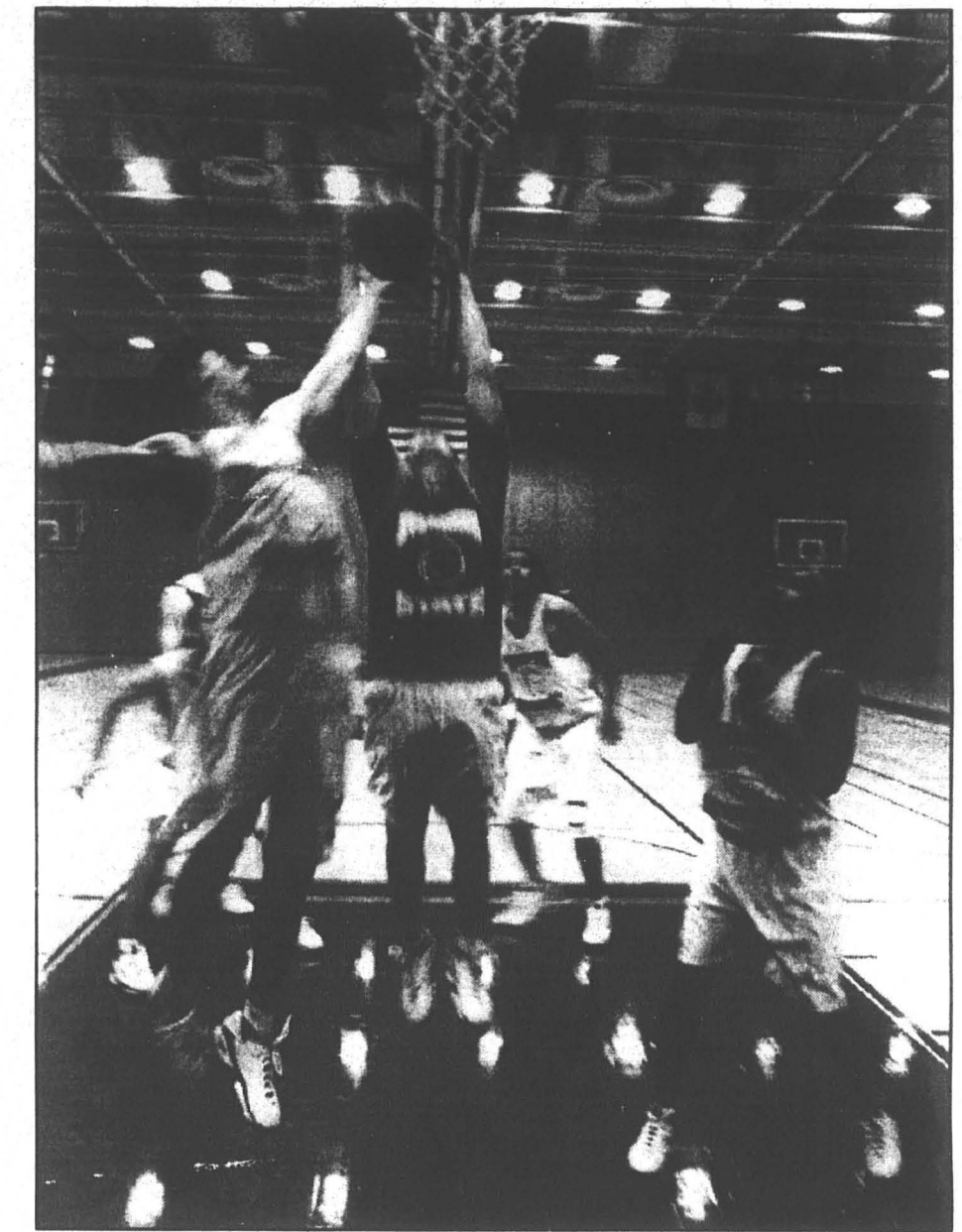


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said senior, Jen May. "That's one thing about our team: we are a lot of very hard workers, we're pretty determined, so we'll be back and we're going to be tough." This is May's second year playing for the Geoducks.

The CPJ Announces...

Ashley Shomo, the previous Managing Editor, is now the Editor-In-Chief for the '99-'00 school year.

Applications for a replacement Managing Editor will be available in the CPJ office beginning November 11, 1999. The applications are due Monday, December 6th at 4 p.m.

Questions? Contact the CPJ at x6213 or stop by.

COMIX!

Freedom Through Submission by J. Warren

Constructive Activism

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Evergreen Events

Drawing Revisited
Gallery II in Library from
November 4th-December 30th.

Photography: Selections from the permanent collection by Marsha Burns. Located in Gallery IV in the Library Building.
For information call: 866-6000 x5125.

Workshop: "What is Case Management?" facilitated by Liz Nyman, Director of Evergreen's Health and Counseling Center. In LIB 2118, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Communications Buildings Winter Quarter 2000 Production Proposal Deadline must be submitted by the end of Week 9, December 3, 1999. Packets available outside of Communication Building Room 303A.

Film

All events held @ the Capitol Theater. Call 754-6670 for times.

18th- 6:30 p.m.- The Man Who Drove Mandela
FREE MUSIC: Therefore

9 p.m.- The Red Violin
19th- 7 p.m.- WTO discussion w/ Dan Leahy
9 p.m.- The Big One
20th- BACKSTAGE: Huff, JED
21st-24th: Julien Donkey-Boy & Citizen Kane

Orson Welles, yeah baby yeah!
Come see the K-man in all his glory!

25th-27th: Gone with the Wind added to the lineup.
28th-1st: Black Cat, White Cat & Where is the Friend's Home?

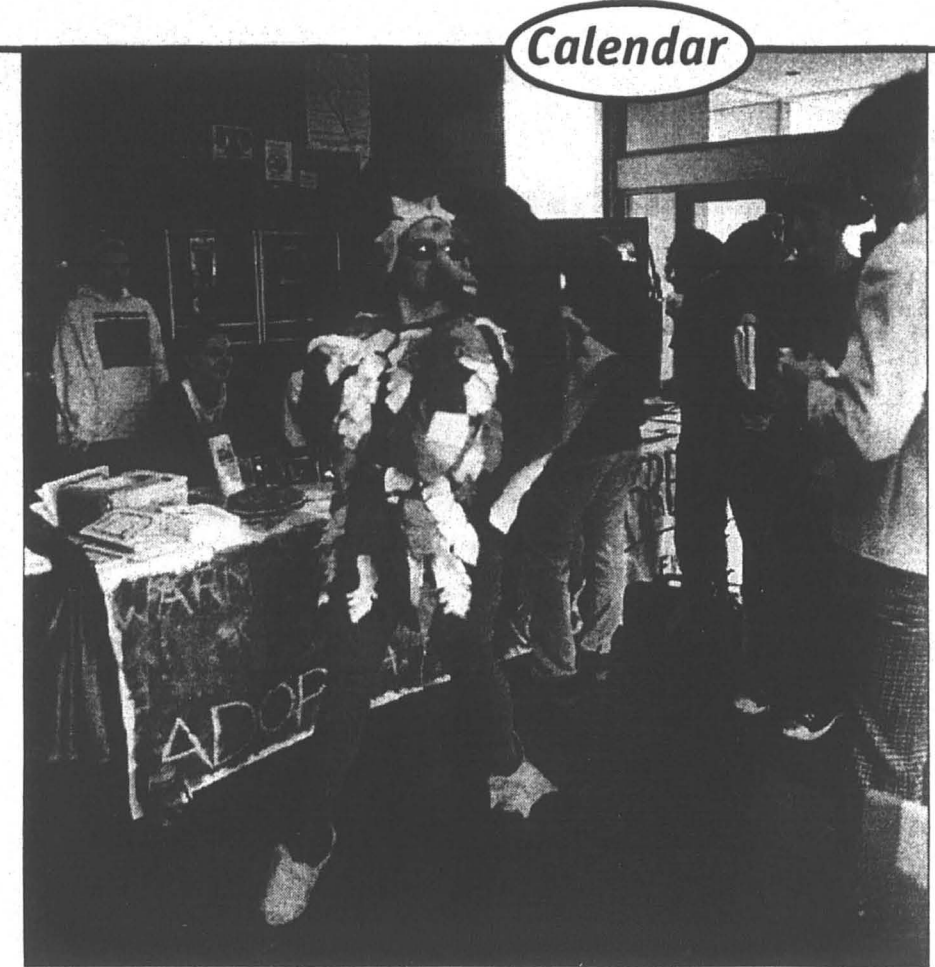
Shows

18th- The Paperboys @ the 4th Ave. Tavern. Starts @ 9 p.m. \$8 advance \$10 @ the door.

19th- Hafacat, Misery Seed, The Lesbians, & Ruga @ The Midnight Sun. Starts @ 8:30 p.m. \$4.

20th- The Ritz & Kung Fu @ The 4th Ave. Tavern for \$4, 21+, starts @ 9 p.m.
- Static: Sights & Sounds from the Northwest Underground. Performers are: salvia, atone, amazia, marshia, jahschwa, philly g, & lue. Starts @ 10 p.m. @ The Metropolis, \$5.

- Drag For Revolution: A benefit for Direct Action Against the WTO. 7:30 p.m. @ The Midnight Sun, \$3-\$10 sliding scale.
21st- Sainte: Cup of Tea - 7 p.m. @ The Capital Playhouse. Advanced ticket sales, call 357-7800.



EARN captures its own kind of turkey.

Photo by Brandon Beck

26th- Bloody Hard Core Night: Dead and Gone, The Hoodwinks, Razed, Phalax, & Last of the Juanis. @ the Midnight Sun, 9 p.m.

For more information call: Kashani @ 360-459-3694 or Berube @ turbotek.net .

Community Events

20th- Middle Eastern Rhythm Workshop @ the Yelm Dance Shoppe from 1-4 p.m.

28th- Downtown Olympia for the Holidays: Noon-2:30 p.m.- entertainment, pics w/ Santa @ Washington Center, & Wagon Rides @ Sylvester Park. 3 p.m.- Santa Parade. 4 p.m.- singing christmas tree & tree lighting ceremony.

Student Group Meeting

The Bike Shop is a place where you can come fix your bicycle with tools provided by the shop. Schedules for their hours are posted in the CAB and the Library. For more information call Murphy or Scott at x6399.

EARN works to promote awareness about animal rights & vegetarianism on and off campus. Meetings are on Wednesdays @ 4:30 p.m. in Longhouse 1007B. Contact Briana Waters or Deirdre Coulter @ x6555.

Emergency Response Team (ERT) is a student run team that is trained in advanced First Aid and Urban Search and Rescue in preparation for a disaster or emergency. It meets on Mondays @ 5:30 p.m. in the Housing Community Center. Contact Ian Maddaus for more info: ert@elwha.evergreen.edu.

ERC is an environmental resource center for political and ecological information concerning local bioregional and global environmental issues. Meetings are Wednesdays @ 3 p.m. in LIB 3500. Call Kassey at x6784, 3rd floor of CAB building for info.

The Evergreen Medieval Society is Evergreen's branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism. They meet Tuesdays @ 5 p.m. CAB 320 couch area. For info call Amy Loskota x6412.

Evergreen Students for Christ meets Mondays @ 7 p.m. in LIB 2219 for Bible study and discussion on activism.

The Evergreen Swing Club welcomes ANYONE who is interested in dancing to join us for free weekly lessons. We provide a place to learn and practice both East Coast and Lindy swing. Meetings are Tuesdays @ 7 p.m. in LIB 1000 (1st floor lobby), and @ 2 p.m. Saturdays in the ICC. Contact David or Ahniwa x6879 for info.

Film This Hands-on Filmmaking, Film Forum, and visiting artist. Meetings are every Wednesday 3-5 p.m. in Lab 11047. Contact Will Smith @ 867-9595 or e-mail him @ film_this@hotmail.com for more information. Meeting times are Thursdays @ 7 p.m. in LIB 1000. Contact Mog: the mon@bigfoot.com or Kuo: kuonjoi@404error.com. x6036.

Jewish Cultural Center: strives to create an open community for Jews and others interested on the Evergreen campus. Meetings are 2 p.m. in CAB 320 in J.C.C. Call Samuel or Dayla @ x6493 if interested.

Middle East Resource Center: strives to provide an academic resource and cultural connections to students and the community at large. They meet on Monday 5:30 p.m.- 7 p.m. Contact Yousuf Fahoum 352-7757 for info.

Native Student Alliance is committed to building cross-cultural awareness to better conceptualize how people from diverse ethnicity can stand together with other indigenous groups. They meet Mondays @ noon in the third floor of the CAB. Call Megan or Corinne @ x6105 for info.

The Ninth Wave: The Evergreen Celtic Cultural League is dedicated to exploring and transmitting cultural traditions of the greater Celtic Diaspora. Meetings are Wednesdays in LIB 3402 @ 2 p.m. For info call x6749 or email @ http://192.211.16.30/users/mabus/ecclframes.html.

Peer Health Advocacy Team (PHAT) is committed to providing health information and resources to Evergreen's student population. Their meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the 3rd floor of the CAB. We are looking for new volunteers to carry us into the new year. For more info call Joanna La Torre Hurlbut or Becca Giffen at x6724.

Percussion Club seeks to enhance percussive life at Evergreen. It meets Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. in the Longhouse. Call Cloud or Elijah at x6879 for info.

Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Education (SHAPE) offers resources, plans events, and educates about the prevention of sexual violence/ assault @ Evergreen and within the larger community. They meet Mondays @ 3:30. For more information call at x6724 or stop by the office in the third floor of the CAB.

Slightly West is Evergreen's official literary arts magazine. Meetings are Wednesdays 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., and office hours are 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Call x6879, or go to the 3rd floor of CAB to find out more.

The Student Activities Board is a student group responsible for the allocation of student fees. Meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. Get in touch with Joe Groshong for info.

Student Arts Council specializes in all art and fun shows. Meetings held Wednesdays @ 4 p.m. in the pit of the 3rd fl. CAB. Get in touch with Laura Moore x6412 or in the S&A office for info.

Students For Free Tibet meets Wednesdays @ 1 p.m. in Lib 2221. Contact Lancy at x6493 for more information.

Umaja (a Swahili word for Unity) attempts to capture the interest of the Evergreen community who are of African descent. Their purpose is to create a place in the Evergreen community which teaches and provides activities for African-American students at Evergreen. Meetings are @ 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in CAB 320. Call x6781 for info.

Union of Student Workers seeks to create and maintain a voice of collective support for student workers. Meetings are Wednesday @ 2 p.m. in L2220. Info: Steve or Robin x6098.

Women of Color Coalition seeks to create a space that is free of racism, sexism, homophobia, classism, xenophobia, and all forms of oppression, so we can work collectively on issues that concern women of color. Meetings are the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month @ 3:30.

Call Fatema or Teresa @ x6006 for more information.

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