

Drag Ball Headshots



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By Morgan Rozacky

She is a sophomore enrolled in Self and Culture. She is studying video.



Evergreen student found dead in Capitol Forest

By Joe Jatcko

Evergreen student Eden Shirman, 20, was found dead beside a dirt road in Capitol State Forest Sunday night. He had been missing since the previous Friday.

His roommate said that Shirman had left to go mountain biking at around 11 a.m. on Friday and never returned. Shirman's father drove down from Seattle and notified police after not being able to reach his son all weekend.

The police report indicated that Shirman most likely hit a tree or other obstacle, ruining his bike, and caught hypothermia while attempting to hike back to his car. His bike was later found about 2.5 miles from where he collapsed. His clothing was said to be inadequate for wet conditions. The road Shirman was found by was a dirt Forest Service road that is sparsely traveled.

This was Shirman's first academic year at Evergreen, after transferring from Seattle Central Community College. He was enrolled in *Contemporary Social Issues* in fall quarter and was currently taking *Nietzsche: Life, Times, Work*.

According to those who knew him, he had already made an impact on campus through both his academic and volunteer work.

Joe Jatcko is a junior enrolled in Seeing the Light. He is the News Coordinator at the CPJ.

Military shipments at the Port of Olympia: The saga continues

By Crystal Lorentzson

Back in November there was a walkout on Evergreen's campus to protest the use of Olympia's port for military shipments to Iraq. The demonstration that followed the walkout was given much attention, but the commotion has since died down. While the noise may have subsided, the energy has not, and there is still much happening in the ongoing struggle and debate over the shipments. Here's what's been happening since the walkout:

Demonstration at the Port of Olympia: Following the walkout on November 18, folks gathered at the port, where the Cape Intrepid had docked the day before, loaded cargo, and was planning to depart that evening. The demonstration started

The making of Synergy



Photo by Eva Wong

Synergy volunteers work together in Red Square to construct domes made from sycamore and apple tree clippings, cut from trees on campus and in the surrounding community. Synergy is an annual four-day student-run conference that addresses issues of sustainable and collective living.

Greener activists to show off greener cars

By Kerry Gutknecht

Evergreen students are about to get a preview of some of the newest clean car technology on the road. This Saturday on Evergreen's Red Square, as part of the Synergy Conference, a fleet of vehicles representing the state-of-the-art of high fuel efficiency and low emissions will be on display.

Student organizers with Evergreen's WashPIRG chapter have assembled the vehicles, which are designed to limit the environmental impact of driving.

"We want people to know that there are a variety of choices, including hybrids, diesel and just plain cleaner versions of

conventional engines," said Jess Tweedy, project coordinator of the campaign at Evergreen.

The students planning the event expect as many as a dozen cars to be on display, from the popular Toyota Prius and Honda Accord hybrids [to Volkswagen's new Jetta Diesel] and the Ford Escape Hybrid SUV.

The Public Interest Research Group's activists planned the Clean Cars Show as part of their continuing campaign to pass clean car legislation through the Washington State Government. The proposed law would

To get involved right now, come to the next meeting Monday February 14 in CAB 315.

See "Clean Cars" Page 5

News In Brief

Show love for the community by giving blood

Puget Sound Blood Center will be on campus Tuesday, February 15 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:15 p.m.-4 p.m. The drive will be held in the Lecture Hall Rotunda. If you have questions and/or would like to sign up for an appointment, please contact Kathy Dean at ext. 6804.

Want to study in Japan?

Evergreen is seeking applicants for an exchange scholarship to study at Miyazaki University and Hyogo University in Japan. There are three one-year scholarships for Miyazaki and two for Hyogo available for the 2005-2006 academic year. The scholarships cover living expenses for a one-year stay in Japan.

Applicants must show a strong academic background and interest in the Japanese language and culture. The scholarship requires a completed application form, a statement of purpose no longer than five double-spaced pages, an Evergreen transcript, two letters of recommendation from faculty members and one writing sample. Application packets must be turned in by February 25 at the Study Abroad offices in Academic Advising on the second floor of the Library building. Application forms are available from the Study Abroad Coordinator.

Commuter Contest begins next week

The Evergreen Commuter Contest starts Monday, February 14 and runs until Sunday, February 20. By recording how you commute to the college for the week, you can win one of \$700 in gift certificates and help the college obtain grants to fund alternative commuting programs.

Despite its name, the commuter contest is not just open to alternative commuters. Participation from people that drive alone is very important for providing grant statistics and developing commuter programs.

Turn in a completed survey by February 25 to Parking Services or complete one online at <http://www.evergreen.edu/commute> and receive a \$1 drink card for use on campus.

Thanks.
Brady

Moving on up

Evergreen has been named 21st in the nation among small colleges and universities for alumni involved in the Peace Corps. The category contained all small colleges and universities with enrollments under 5,000 students.

This designation is due to 18 Evergreen graduates currently serving in the Peace Corps.

CORRECTIONS

Last week's Synergy pull-out section contained an article about underground mycelium that contained an incomplete definition of the plant. An article with the complete definition, written by the author of last week's article, appears on page 5.

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Voices of Color

Swirl Inc.: The young hustler

By Chris Frank

A community for interracial/ intercultural / interfaith people and families

By Natsumi Paxton

Swirl Inc., a New York City-based non-profit organization, was founded in 2000 by Jen Chau shortly after her graduation from Wellesley. Jen sought to create a meeting place for mixed-race people, couples and families. Swirl Inc. hosts social events like dine-outs, picnics, karaoke nights, book readings and film screenings. Swirl has also been involved with efforts such as voter registration in communities of color. Within four years, chapters had formed in Arizona, Denver, Boston, Philadelphia, the Bay Area, Los Angeles and, recently, right here at Evergreen. The Olympia chapter will be the first campus based chapter of Swirl. If you are interested in joining, you can attend meetings on Mondays at 3 p.m. in the Women of Color Coalition Office, right next to the Market in the CAB, or you can contact the coordinator at (360) 867-6636.

Natsumi Paxton is a sophomore enrolled in Self Determination, Indian Education and Native Art in the 20th Century.

I come from a place that white America would like to forget exists. With a history that reminds them of their stupidity, not mine. Straight out the lower development housing where they don't believe that my constituents and me can make it out. But I remind them of the debt, the massive and unpaid debt that they owe my forefathers and me every time I step into their grocery stores, their exclusive golf courses, or their upscale neighbourhoods. Once they wave at me like it's all good I flash gang signs as a gesture of disrespect. My attitude and demeanour bear my affiliation. As soon as they smile like it's all good I shyne my gold grill to display my increased defiance. They claim that they don't understand why I am so angry but they are lying. Yet they use my hand to reach their demographic. It's me that all those white kids in suburbia want to be like, even though they look silly to me in their attempts to rock the baggy pants and the backwards cap and even try to flow like me. They get nervous when I remind them that hip hop came out of the black community and stems from Ancient African expression. But it's cool, they can rock the dreads and the baggy pants and look as affiliated as they want as long as they pay tribute and recognize the fact that I'm associated with the real deal, and don't you ever forget it.

Chris Frank is a second-year student at Evergreen.

The CPJ apologizes to Chris Frank for the typo in his poem last week. The sentence should have read: "What you couldn't Have/ Then you can't Have now is/ What the situation might be."

On campus club connects student musicians

Isaac Rivelle

The Musicians Club is an organization of enthusiastic individuals who just love connecting musicians and giving people a place to experience the same joy for music that they all share. They are currently planning some collaborative work with other clubs but are not producing anything on their own.

"Right now, we have a small crew of minitemen who are ready to produce some ideas but have no ideas to produce," says co-coordinator Isaac Rivelle. "We want to put on something that is exclusively ours to get our name out there."

The Musicians Club keeps a free talent list for anyone to use. Whether you are in the club or not, you can send an e-mail with your name, contact information, instrument played or instrument needed, genre specifications, and additional requirements for hire to

ikerivelle@hotmail.com. By letting them know about you or your band, they can also look you up for future productions where musical talent would be needed.

Weekly meetings and jam sessions for the Musicians Club are on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. on the third floor of the CAB. Bring your instrument and your ideas.

"Come jam with us and you will be cool," cause we all rock and roll this school... This is why I don't write lyrics," sings Isaac Rivelle, a drummer by trade.

Isaac Rivelle is a freshman enrolled in Interrogating American Culture Through the Arts. He is a coordinator for the Musicians Club.

Vox Populi

What's your plan of attraction for Valentine's Day?

By Joe Jatcko and Arland Hurd



"Going home and seeing my boyfriend."
Max Heller
Junior
Poetics and Power

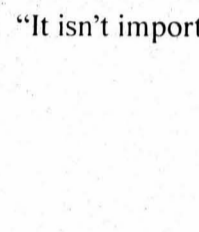
"My wits. I'm going to impress men with my wits."



Abigail Anderson
Freshman
Negotiating Cultural Landscapes



"I'm going to fly 1,200 miles."
Lauren Fujii
Senior
Contract dealing with national health



"It isn't important to me. I think every day should be Valentine's Day."
Kaelie Pharrah
Junior
Articulating Power



"Just find a cute guy and ask him out."
Jackie Koala
Freshman
Imaging the Past

"Stand on the corner of 4th Ave. and wait for someone to pick me up."



Mathew Wolpe
Senior
Poetics and Power



"Look inside for my love line."
Lucas Claussen
Senior
Poetics and Power

Do you need health insurance? Getting to know your STDs: Human Papilloma Virus

By Lauren O'Connell-Fujii

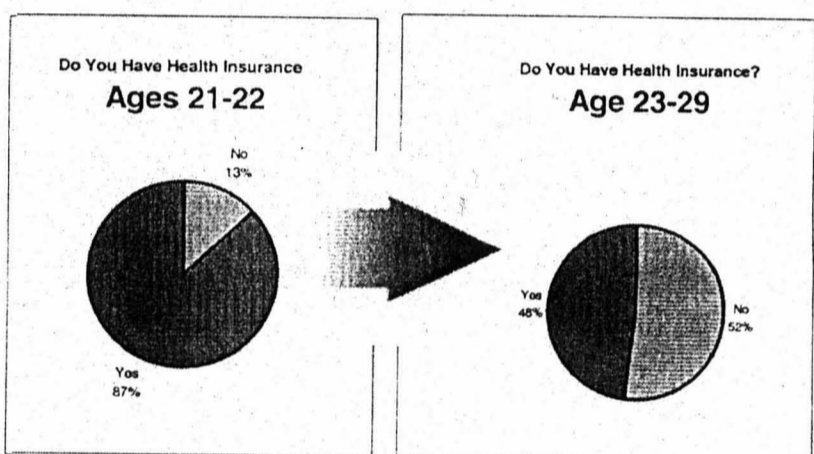
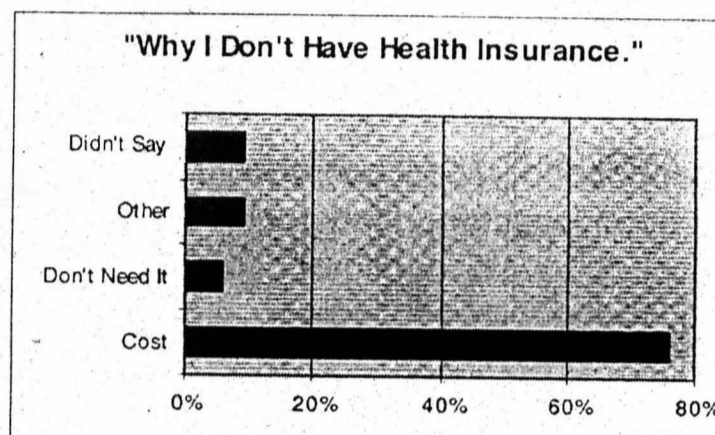
Almost 20 percent of full-time college students in the U.S. do not have health insurance, according to a Commonwealth Fund report. A Fall Quarter 2004 survey of 181 Evergreen undergraduates echoes these findings. Of the sample, 18 percent did not have health insurance and a total of 37 percent had gone without it at some point in the last four years.

Students without health insurance tend to go without preventative care such as screenings, tests and counseling, and tend to delay a trip to the doctor's office even if it's needed, says the report. In the Evergreen sample, 64 percent of uninsured students had not sought much needed care due to the cost compared with 36 percent of insured students.

Having health insurance gives us the peace of mind that if a major accident or illness happens to us, we won't lose all our savings and go into debt. One day in the hospital averages about \$3,000

new employer will cover them after they graduate and get a job. But during the job search and in the time before benefits kick in, or if the job is part-time, there is likely to be a period in which they go without insurance. Some take the relatively small risk that they will get injured or sick rather than pay for insurance.

Students are under-insured as well. College plans are notorious for offering only "bare-bones" coverage. Evergreen offers a plan through HTH for \$300 per quarter, but it is far from complete. Even



and is going up. Sixty-one percent of insured Evergreen students in the survey were covered by their parent's plans. At age 23 the parent's employer will usually kick them off the plan. This was evidenced by a gigantic increase in un-insurance among 23-to-29-year-olds. Students may figure that their

people with insurance can get into financial trouble due to "under-insurance". Medical debt is a major factor in personal bankruptcy.

Seventy-six percent of uninsured Greeners who took the survey did not have coverage because of the costs. There are some options to look into in Washington State if you need health insurance. Some are low cost and some are sliding scale.

This is the first in a two-part series on health insurance for my contract, *National Health Insurance and The Evergreen State College*.

Lauren O'Connell-Fujii is a senior studying health care policy.

By Casey James and Jenn Kratzer

Though it's not something we welcome, Sexually Transmitted Diseases are now as much a part of adult life as taxes or parking tickets. Long past is the idea that only promiscuous or unclean people contract these sexual side effects. These diseases are more widespread than most people think, and encountering one of them is not out of the ordinary. In this article we will introduce you to the HPV virus. This is the first article of a series detailing the characteristics of a variety of STDs, offering a frank summary of some of the things you may not know about the most common down side to sex.

HPV

Genital HPV is caused by Human Papilloma Virus. Human Papilloma Virus is a group of viruses that includes more than 100 different strains. More than 30 of these

viruses are sexually transmitted and can infect the genital area of men and women, including the skin of the penis, vulva, anus and the linings of the vagina, cervix or rectum. Most people who become infected with HPV will not have any symptoms but are still carriers.

Approximately 20 million people are currently infected with HPV, or about one out of five people over the age of 12. At least 50 percent of sexually active men and women acquire genital HPV infection at some point in their lives.

A portion of these strains are higher-risk and may cause abnormal Pap tests. In rare cases they may lead to cancer of the cervix, vulva, vagina, anus or penis. Other low-risk strains may cause mild Pap test abnormalities or genital warts. Approximately 20 million people are currently infected with HPV, or about one out of five people over the age of 12. At least 50 percent of sexually active men and women acquire genital HPV infection at some point in their lives.

HPV vaccines for type 6, 11, 16 and 18—the types linked to cancer—are showing success in clinical trials. Much of this vaccine research is taking place at the University of Washington. If you are interested in being part of any of this paid research, contact the UW Virology department or Harborview Medical Clinic.

If you have any other questions, please call or stop in at the Evergreen Student Health Center. On Wednesdays during normal walk-in hours (1-3:30 p.m.), we focus specifically on sexual health. Screenings and treatments are at-cost and completely confidential.

Information for this article came from the Center for Disease Control and the University of Washington Department of Medicine.

Casey "strap yo boots on" James and Jenn Kratzer are Student Medical Assistants at the Evergreen Student Health Center.

Table with 2 columns: Role and Name. Includes Business manager (Adrian Persaud), Editor-in-chief (Renata Rollins), and others.

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Meetings. Our meetings are open to the Evergreen community. Please come and discuss with us! Organizational Meeting 5 p.m. Monday. Content Meeting 5:30 p.m. Monday. Paper Critique 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Friday Forum 3 p.m. Friday.

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Legislative updates from the week of January 31

By Jaime Coplan

There are many issues pertaining to Evergreen that are heard every week in the state's House of Representatives and Senate. It is important for students to be aware of these issues, as the policies affect us directly. If we are knowledgeable of the bills and proposals that are being discussed at the Capitol, we can take action and get our voices heard. The following is a summary of last week's House and Senate activity:

The Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) heard discussion of education centers that provide services to students who would otherwise be unable to attain a four-year degree. These centers are defined as off-campus sites that provide instruction geared at acquiring professional certificates, and degrees. Those in attendance were representatives for Eastern, Central, Western and Evergreen. Evergreen has three such centers: in Tacoma, in Gray's Harbor and in the Tribal Reservation community. These centers serve mainly those over 24 years old, minorities and women, many of whom are working and/or raising families. The HECB will assess and explore the cost-effectiveness of these centers, and ultimately oversee their creation and progress.

Governor Gregoire testified in front of the House Early Learning, K-12, and Higher Education Committee on January 31 in regards to her House Bill 5441 (Senate companion Bill 5441). This bill would enact "a comprehensive study of higher education [and] must include options for creating a new funding system" pertaining to enrollment at two- and four-year universities, cost of instruction and how much should be funded through tuition, general state-fund subsidies and financial aid. It will "identify strategies and costs for increasing access to baccalaureate

degrees." Finally, higher education governance process in relation to fiscal policy would be reviewed.

Legislative Activity for January 31-February 4:

Monday, January 31: The House Capitol Budget Committee heard HB1272, which would require all state-funded buildings to be built over 5,000 square feet and all renovations costing 50 percent or more of the building's estimated value to comply to LEED standards, a complex points system that assesses a building's sustainability and impact. Seminar II is currently in the process of qualifying as a Gold LEED building, and if passed, this bill would apply to the scheduled renovations to the Library building.

Thursday, February 3: The House Higher Education Committee heard a public hearing of Bill 1174 regarding veterans' tuition waivers. In addition, the bill would provide for an appropriate refund of tuition money for active service members who are called to duty and unable to complete their term. One hundred Evergreen students are either active service members or veterans.

Friday, February 4: The House Higher Education Committee heard a public hearing of Bill 1191, proposing amending the definition of a resident for tuition purposes for those who hold non-immigrant visas, "the issuance of which is conditioned on an intent not to abandon a foreign residence, or an intent not to seek domicile in the United States." Less than one percent of Evergreen's students are attending on visas (not including the EF program).

If any of these bills interest you, there are a couple of ways to get involved. For more information, visit the State Legislature website at <http://www.l.wa.gov>. Also, students are allowed and encouraged to attend hearings. If you are interested in this, or in working on passing or preventing any of these bills, please

Clean Cars and Hot Bikes

By Cassie Barden

The largest ever study of climate change reported last week that global warming could be twice as disastrous as previously thought. The shift is already manifesting with melting glaciers, cataclysmic and abnormal weather conditions and rising sea levels. According to the study, temperatures may rise another 20.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

Since the Industrial Revolution, our dependence on oil has skyrocketed. Cars, especially the gas-guzzling behemoths that have been so popular the past few years, are in large part responsible for the catastrophic changes we are now experiencing. Changing our driving habits could turn the numbers around, but it might not seem as easy as it should be. A small-business owner with an eye out for tax loopholes can write off up to \$100K on his taxes for a Cadillac Escalade or any other monster over 6,000 lbs. At the Olympia Auto Mall you can take your pick of any number of SUV's to drive home that day. But the wait time for a Prius, Toyota's gas-electric hybrid? Ten months.

Hold fast, intrepid traveler, not all is lost. Communities around the country are evolving into bike and pedestrian-friendly enclaves, so you can forego the car altogether. Otherwise, even GM is considering a hybrid Hummer for 2008. Among all the doomsday headlines about global warming, gas price spikes and dangerously depleted global oil reserves, we all have plenty of choices, however you prefer to travel, that can help turn things around.

Consider your options on Saturday, February 12 on Red Square, at "Clean Cars and Hot Bikes," a part of Synergy's Alternative Transportation Day. An assembly of bicycle-related activities and information will cover all the bases, from bicycle advocacy and maintenance workshops to art bikes and utilitarian bicycle contraptions for the pragmatist in all of us. The Evergreen Bike Shop will be on the square giving short maintenance demos. The Bike Shop will also have a repair stand out for anyone who needs a quick tune-up. Even if you haven't used people-power since Big Wheels, after exploring the world of hot bikes you'll wish everything had a pair of pedals.

As the sexy sidekick to all that two-wheeled action, Evergreen's WashPIRG chapter is hosting a Clean Cars Show as part of Alternative Transportation Day. Hybrid and low-emission vehicles will be on display with representatives explaining the benefits of clean car technologies. Additionally, expert speakers will talk about the need for stricter automobile emissions standards in Washington.

Whatever your transportation fancy, you'll find enough locomotive inspiration at "Clean Cars and Hot Bikes" to carry us all into a cleaner, greener future (handlebar streamers optional).

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contact me at jaimecoplan@gmail.com. The information provided here is courtesy of the Director of Governmental Relations here at Evergreen (Evergreen's lobbyist), Edie Harding, and the Legislative web page. Edie puts out a weekly newsletter and general legislative information, which can be accessed

at <http://www.evergreen.edu/president/legislative2005/home.htm>.

Jaime Coplan is a sophomore taking a contract called Making the Grass Greener: Implementing Change Through Grassroots and Political Action. She is studying creative writing.

Port of Olympia

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3, the Olympian ran an article about plans for a massive phone-in to officials and commissioners at the Port of Olympia by people objecting to the military shipments. It was later determined that the action, organized at the last minute by the Olympian Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP), was not released to the Olympian but rather discovered by an Olympian reporter who had subscribed to OMJP's listserve. The article used quotes from long-time activist and Evergreen faculty member Larry Mosqueda's e-mail, giving the appearance that he had been interviewed directly. On December 11, after the phone-in did not prove to be "massive," the Olympian gave OMJP and Mosqueda a "thumbs down," saying "the telephone protest... was a dud. The phone-in flopped."

Militarization of the Port of Olympia: On October 12, 2004, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published in the federal register plans to establish the Port of Olympia as a "Security Zone." One of the stated reasons for this "national security" action was to protect the port from threats from Al Qaeda. The proposed plan would give military control of Olympia's port to the Captain of Port Puget Sound in Seattle whenever a military ship or military cargo are at the port. The plan called for comments to be made by November 26, 2004. Although there was great controversy over the use of Olympia's port for military shipments at the time, the port commissioners—whether they were not informed of the plan or were withholding information—did not inform citizens of the proposal, nor did they make any comments themselves. On December 10, the USCG and DHS made their final ruling, stating that "no written comments were made and a public hearing was not requested and none was held." No one, except perhaps the port commissioner, found out about all this until nearly a month later, when a local activist stumbled across it.

"New Horizons" Humanitarian Aid Shipments: The first military shipment of 2005 was a humanitarian aid shipment which was part of a "humanitarian

mission" to Nicaragua and Haiti called "New Horizons." The Olympian ("Army Prepares for Shipments," January 4, 2005) applauded the program, while anti-war activists have criticized it as being both a public relations ploy and U.S. military training in disguise. The military itself has stated that "the primary objective remains providing excellent, comprehensive training opportunities to U.S. military personnel." Government officials and activist groups in both Latin America and Haiti have also been very critical of the shipments, seeing them as yet another form of strategic U.S. military presence in the area.

What Now?: As the Port of Olympia continues to be used for military shipments both to Iraq and elsewhere, activists are organizing to respond to and publicly denounce the shipments as well as educate others and plan for future actions. The Port Response Steering Committee was formed out of the Port Community Debriefing—a meeting of about 50 people who came together to share their reactions to the port situation and to organize for future strategies—in December. Its agenda includes creating a better communication network to alert others of incoming shipments, of which there is often little warning. Ongoing resistance efforts include writing letters to the editor and attending the twice-monthly Port Commissioners' meeting. For more information, or to find out how to get involved, go to the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace's website, <http://www.omjp.org>, and click on the "Port of Olympia" link.

The information in this article was compiled from various sources, including Peter Bohmer's article "Building a Movement Against the Shipment of Weapons to Iraq" in the January edition of *Works in Progress* (WIP); Larry Mosqueda's "The Militarization of the Port of Olympia and Humanitarian Aid from the Port" in February's WIP; and various articles from the Olympian.

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For the record: a deeper definition of underground mycelium

By Adrienne Barrett

In my most recent article, several mistakes I had written went into print. Most of them just reflect the sloppiness of my editing, but one particular detail is an instance of untruth. In paragraph seven, I described mycelium as "the complex roots system beneath the mushroom sprout." A more in-depth definition would have been more appropriate.

Mycelium is the vegetative part of a fungus that grows below the ground or within another substrate and is made up of an interwoven mass of threadlike hyphae. Through these hyphae the fungus absorbs nutrients from the environment by first secreting enzymes to break down polymers in the food source into monomers, and then absorbing the monomers into the mycelium through facilitated diffusion and active transport.

Mycelium is a crucial element of an ecosystem because it increases the effi-

ciency of water and nutrient absorption of many plants and aids in the decomposition of plant material into organic soil, a process that releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

The sprouted hat-like structure recognizable to many is merely the reproductive stalk of the fungus. The mycelium is really the mass of the organism. In fact, the largest living fungus has a mycelium extending over 15 acres and weighing 22,000 pounds. This 1,500-year-old Honey Mushroom is the oldest and largest living thing on the planet.

This definition was compiled from information on wikipedia, the online encyclopedia.

Adrienne Barrett is a sophomore enrolled in In Search of Sustainability, Introduction to Ecology, and Environmental and Community Journalism. She is studying ecology (sustainability, evolution, biodiversity, eco-ag, botany and ecosystems).

Clean Cars

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require that 10% of new cars produced for Washington State be classified as low emission or zero-emission vehicles.

If the Clean Cars legislation passes, the number of options for cleaner vehicles will further increase to 25 or more low-emissions versions of models already in production. "This law will help to give consumers even more choices," said Megan Blankwise, WashPIRG's Clean Cars Campaign advocate in Seattle.

In addition to limiting cars' environmental impact, cleaner automotive technology will improve the public health. According to WashPIRG's campaign literature, the clean car standards have been shown to

reduce dangerous air toxics like benzene and formaldehyde by as much as 25%.

In addition to the car show, biodiesel vehicles and technology will be on display Saturday at the Organic Farm, also as part of the Synergy Conference.

The Clean Car Show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, February 12 in Evergreen's Red Square. Car sellers and owners and campaign representatives will be available for questions all day.

For more information, call WashPIRG's campus office at (360) 867-6058.

Kerry Gutknecht is a junior enrolled in Telling the Truth. He is the Media Coordinator for WashPIRG's Clean Cars Campaign.



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Greeners attend press conference with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez

By Ethan Schaffer

Editor's note: Ethan Schaffer, Evergreen senior, and Sarita Role are in South America until this May. Schaffer and Role are there for their non-profit organization, Organic Volunteers.

On Sunday, January 29, Hugo Chavez, President of Venezuela, held a press conference at the World Social Forum. Sarita and I attended as reporters from the CPJ.

Chavez has intrigued me since I heard reports on Democracy Now! on the 2002 U.S.A.-backed attempted coup. During the coup, the military seized the presidential palace and Chavez was flown out of the country. However, the loyal palace guards and one million people in the streets took the palace back and returned Chavez to power. The entire episode was captured in the documentary *The Revolution will not be Televised*.

Chavez supporters hail him as a president of the people, the most progressive in Latin America. His opposition considers him to be a communist dictator with too-close-for-comfort ties to Cuba. I jumped at the chance to hear him in person and decide for myself what kind of president he is.

The press conference was held at the hotel São Rafael in Porto Alegre. When we arrived, the line for registering as press was already wrapped around the room three times. We waited in line for forty-five minutes until someone yelled, "That's it, no more press." The line of reporters exploded into chaos. Everyone ran for the room where Chavez would speak. The crowd pushed up against the door and demanded to be let in. They started chanting, "Somos periodistas, no somos terroristas." We're journalists, not terrorists. We could see through an open door that there was plenty of space in the pressroom.

Finally, the organizers succumbed to the crowd, and the mob of reporters flooded into the room. Sarita and I were surfered to the front of the room. We sat on the floor about ten feet from the podium.

I highly doubted that Chavez would speak at such an insecure event. No one went through any kind of security clearance and there were no armed guards in sight. Yet after fifteen minutes of chaos, Chavez walked into the room and the room exploded with blinding camera flashes.

Five names of reporters were called

ask one question each were picked from a hat. He was asked about the role of the military, how the Brazilian media covered the 2002 coup, Venezuela/Cuba relations, Venezuela's international relations with the EU, the U.S. and Colombia and the situation in Haiti.

Chavez was cheerful and witty as he answered the questions in true South American politician style, rambling into long speeches about topics he felt were more important than the questions asked. Here are some of the salient points that Chavez made:

- The role of the military should be that of "liberators," an anti-imperial force that protects the people. He stressed the need for the people to be more involved in the defense of the country. In addition, the military should be more involved in society through civic and education projects.

- The world is in the middle of a severe environmental crisis. He referred to the planet as a living body that has "a pulse, temperature and equilibrium." He said, "If we don't transcend the capitalist, neoliberal model, the planet cannot resist anymore." He stressed that it is necessary to join with the people of the North the fight for a better world.

- The people of the U.S. are victims of a "media dictatorship." The media are controlled by a few large corporations like CNN, FOX, etc.

- Chavez described his visit earlier that day to a settlement of the MST (Landless Workers Movement). He was pleased with their regard for the local ecology. He described their polyculture method of farming rice using organic fertilizer. Carp that swim in the rice paddies do the tilling by burrowing into the soil and eat parasitic insects. He was impressed with the MST seed saving program and signed a paper showing his intent to start a seed trade with Brazil. He spoke against genetically modified crops.

- Chavez defined the free market neoliberal thesis as, "Privatize everything, wait twenty years, and when everyone is dying of hunger... the economy will magically begin to flourish." He is opposed to free trade agreements like the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). He explained that his version of the FTAA would be neighboring countries trading resources they are rich in for resources they badly need. As an example he said Venezuela sells Cuba oil at a 20 percent discount. They pay the oil right back by providing social services

News In Brief

Learning Gaelic

The Evergreen Resurgence Element (EIRE) is hosting a lecture/workshop next Wednesday entitled "All About Gaelic," which will take place at 5 p.m. in Seminar II D1105. If you've ever been halfway curious about Ireland's still-thriving indigenous tongue, here's your chance for enlightenment! TESC professor Séan Williams will offer an informative and entertaining perspective on the past, present and future of the Irish Gaelic language. Learn a little background, some basic vocabulary and grammar, and maybe even a song or two. Séan won't be teaching her ever-popular summer-quarter Irish classes this year, so those of you who were hoping to learn a little Irish this year will not want to miss out on this one.

Thanks, Zane Haxton

Need knowledge?

The Multi-Media Lab is hosting open workshops to help students, faculty and staff with media projects this quarter Mondays from 2-4 p.m. in Library 1316. They are offering workshops in iMovie, Final Cut Pro and iDVD. Sign up soon at Media Services in Library 1314.

Garage sale for relief

The tsunami relief coalition is hosting a garage sale on Thursday, February 10 on the first floor of the Library from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (8 a.m.-10 a.m. to sell, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to buy) They request people bring used goods to donate and sell, as well as browse what other people have brought. All profits will go to the Tsunami Relief Fund. It is requested that only manageable, clean and unbroken items are brought to be sold.

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in Venezuela. Thousands of Cuban doctors are working in Venezuela and Cuba is helping them develop a sugar industry.

• In regards to the recent coup in Haiti, Chávez said there is only one president of Haiti and it is Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

• Chavez was very explicit when addressing U.S./Venezuela relations. He said, "We are anti-imperialist; they [the U.S.A.] are imperialists." He responded to a recent comment that Condoleezza Rice made referring to Chavez as "a negative force in the region." He said, "The biggest negative force in the world is the U.S.A." He also mentioned that Bush constantly talks about fighting for freedom and justice "but never speaks about equality." He said Bush should take a lesson from some of the

Police Services

Hello, hello, my fellow Geoducks! I am writing this article to inform the Evergreen community of my position and responsibility as the newly selected chair of the (PSCR) Police Service Community Review Board. As the chair of the board I will help promote community based policing and encourage the community to be involved in important decisions that are and will be made regarding police services. I will work hard to represent our diverse community and facilitate meaningful, productive dialogue between the police and the general campus population. I encourage any and all community members to get involved in policing our community and ensuring a healthy, i.e. safe atmosphere regarding these issues. As you know the WRICOPS visited our campus a few weeks ago and the report will be coming out soon. I will be following up next week on the WRICOPS as well as the hiring of two new members of our community. Indeed, when more information is released, I will write another lengthier and more detailed article regarding these issues. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me at (360) 866-4839 or e-mail me at afsheenfatemi@hotmail.com.

Afshen Fatemi

Environmental Citizen Lobby Day

On Wednesday, February 17, people are encouraged to meet at the S&A office to arrange carpooling and to ride the bus together to the Capital. For time and events, please contact Kerry at cobracommand@hotmail.com.

American heroes like Martin Luther King Jr.

After the press conference we rushed to the stadium where Chavez would speak to thousands of participants from the World Social Forum. However, that is a different story and Chavez didn't cover anything new in his speech.

More stories on our adventures in South America can be found at <http://polyculture.blogspot.com>.

Ethan Schaffer is a senior enrolled in Patience. He is studying social revolution.

Jason Anderson's Wreath is uneven but occasionally propulsive

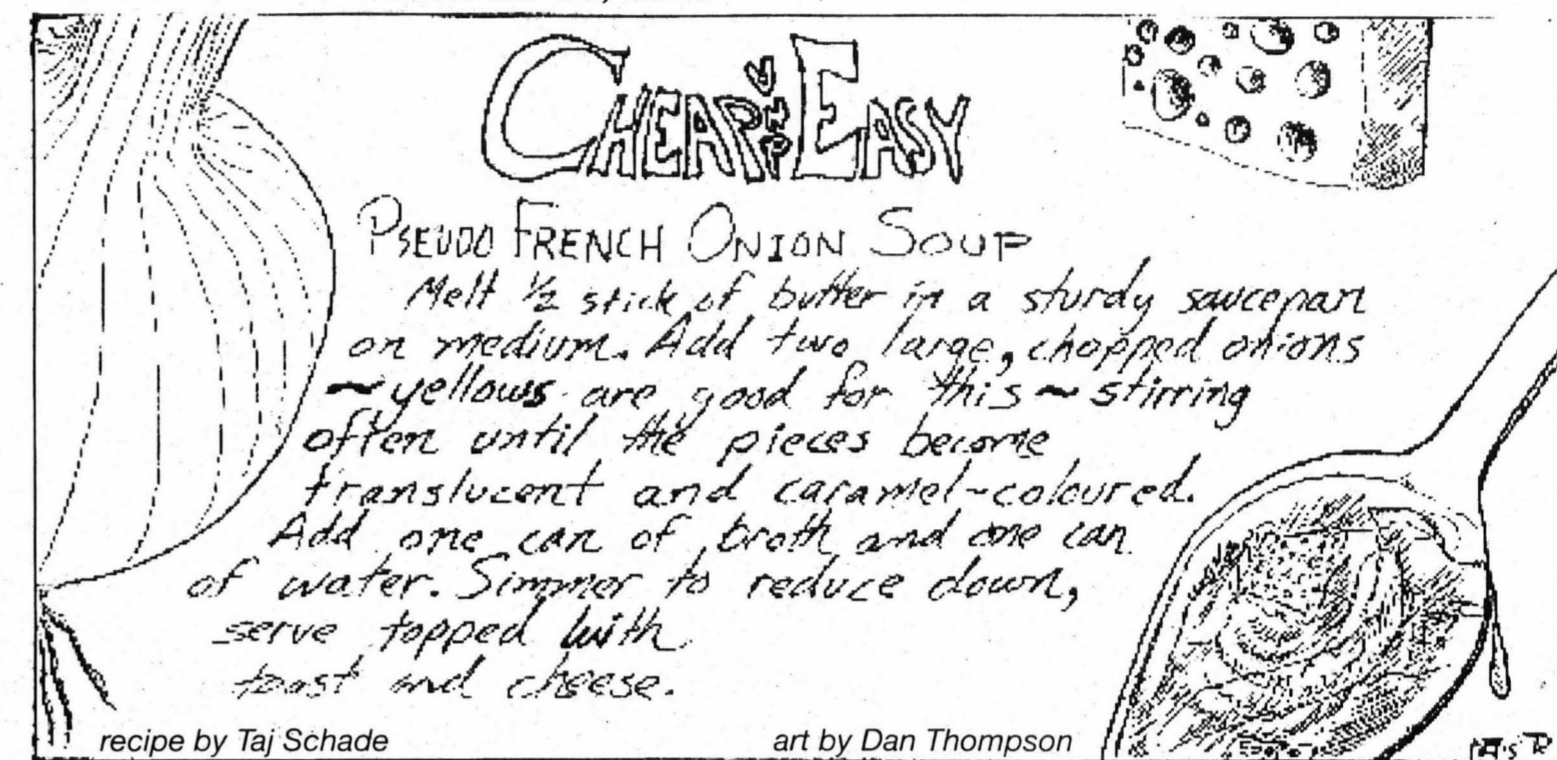
By Christopher Alexander

Jason Anderson—The Wreath (K Records, 2005)

My life is a cliché, example number 15: I am a music journalist who is a frustrated musician. I spent several perfectly useful years of my life playing in woefully awful rock and ska bands, and all I got out of it was this lousy word processor. People have suggested that the experience left me embittered, especially towards successful bands. This is partly true, but I think it's more accurate to say that it's left me... well, angry. Not angry that our band didn't sell as many tickets, or records, or whatever, but angry that we could've never, ever done anything as good as what some of them do. For as many giddy returns multiple spins through my favorite records give me, there's always a pall somewhere north of the headphones. It's worse than my general feelings of ineffectuality, worse than the reminder that I basically

wasted my time. Rather, it's that the best artists can do it so effortlessly, automatically. They make it look easy, in other words.

This is why I find comfort in Jason Anderson. He reminds me how hard it really is. The erstwhile Wolf Colonel frontman writes earnest indie-folk with a very awkward tendency. "I'm slowly embracing the concept of you as a ghost," he sings in "If I'm Waiting." It's a fine beginning, but the rest of the



recipe by Taj Schade

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verse unfurls like an excerpt from Noam Chomsky's diary: "such pedestrian dreams/such sexless visions of triumph, and e-mail, and phone calls." You can practically see the sweat from his effort, but as a picture of flustered romantic ambiguity, the song works.

If that sounds like a backhanded compliment, it kind of is. *The Wreath* is significantly stronger than last year's unmemorable *New England*, but I still have misgivings about Anderson as a lyricist. "My Balancing Act," a self-pitying piano dirge, recalls both *New England's* watch-checking tempos and its unfortunate attention to solipsistic detail: "You're on a planet and every 'hi, how are you?' sounds so foreign/every Applebee's sign, every 'hey how's it going?/I guess I'm fine.'" (A

similarly garish Arby's sign gets similar treatment in "The Library.") He clearly wants us to feel what he feels—the

words are more muttered than sung, giving the song an appropriately dolorous feel. Whatever significance the restaurant has to him, though, he doesn't give us enough context to empathize.

I don't wish to over-criticize. *The Wreath* showcases several memorable songs. The aforementioned "If I'm Waiting" is a succinct coffee-house acoustic love song, too short to wear out its welcome. "O, Jae!" is more patient, multiple instruments building on the opening's simple guitar chords before an understated chorus naturally blooms. "Citizen's Arrest" is a propulsive power-pop pastiche, marred at its end by an incongruous Casio-horn line. He rediscovers his fuzz pedal on "Our Winter," faithfully recalling Wolf Colonel's Guided by Voices impersonations.

This leads to Anderson's other problem. After five albums, he still fails to weld his influences into his own language. "I Was Wrong" is a laughable Neil Young homage, complete with off-tune harmonica and rambling run-time (seven minutes). Even an enjoyable track like "Citizen's Arrest" stands out not on its strength, but how it seems to be plagiarized from any modern rock single released in summer

1996. Anderson's throaty, over-emotive warbling has led some to cry an intended Connor Oberst aping, but I think Soul Asylum's Dave Pirner is the more likely source.

Still, the album is a much more immediate success than *New England* was. Jeremy Jensen's hands-off production is partly responsible (former bandmate Phil Elverum proved to be an ill-fit), and Rachel Jensen's diaphragm-heavy alto is a welcome addition to Anderson's sonic palette. I think it's no accident that she supplies the album's most clear-eyed self-criticism. "You're trying so hard," she says, attempting to advise him in the otherwise turgid "My Balancing Act." It's advice he should take to heart: It's when *The Wreath* sounds the most relaxed that he's at his best.

Christopher Alexander is the A&E Coordinator for the CPJ, which is pretty amazing considering that he once lost a \$10 bet because he was absolutely convinced that "Come Sail Away" was a Journey song. He is also a senior enrolled in Patience, and it's not like anyone gives a shit about Styx, either.

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Sage Francis is out of it: New record foists MC unwillingly into the spotlight

By Christopher Alexander

Sage Francis—*A Healthy Distrust* (Epitaph, 2005)

When Rolling Stone did their first article on Definitive Jux, El-P told them that independent hip-hop was still considered a euphemism for "not working." That was four years ago. Today, putting Def Jux on a flyer will attract at least fifty heads even in the lily-white preserve of Olympia, Washington. Making fun of white kids for "dressing black" is passé, only slightly less in touch than the fifty-year-old rock music—or even the thirty-year-old punk scene—the haters cling to. Madvillain shows up on every year-end list I read, Anticon has become the new SST, Buck 65 is being promoted by V2 as the new Tom Waits, and even my drama-major partner knows who Jean Grae is.



Photos courtesy Epitaph records



Popularity has the paradoxical effect of both expanding and diluting a genre's sound, setting the stage for the eternally internecine battle between rabid purists and the rest of us. (I have several good friends, some of whom are very intelligent, who insist The Beatles are "the worst thing to ever happen to rock n' roll.") Sage Francis, perhaps the most popular indie MC, seems acutely aware of this tension. "When I first got into magic, it was an underground phenomenon," he raps in "Escape Artist." "Now everybody's like 'pick a card, any card.'" On 2003's *Hope*, Sage brilliantly railed against the "lowest common denominators let(ting) their art suffer," using a Mobb Deep sample to memorably place himself outside of the mainstream. Now, with *A Healthy Distrust*, he finds himself in the unsavory position of

having the mainstream inch closer to him. "Escape Artist" is his mission statement: a commentary on his own career ("I shot my load when I came out of the box"), his desire to turn his back on the whole thing (rapper as magician, magician as escape artist, "leaving naysayers stumped like rainforests.") and the lack of new ideas coming into hip-hop ("I'm not revealing any tricks of the trade, it's just there ain't no magic in the breakdown, baby!").

A Healthy Distrust is Sage's first release with significant backing (Epitaph is an independent label only in the most technical sense of the word), so it makes sense that the record finds him somewhere between self-reflection and outright transition. He gets help from old friends Joe Beats and Sixtoo, so the album's beats sound comfortable enough. "Sea Lion," though, features help from Will Oldham, of all people. It's a smooth fit: Oldham brings a weathered tone to Sage's road-weary tale of disillusionment. "The dance floor is packed and the louder they clap/the less he is able to make the connection/between what he sees when he sees certain notes/and the hurt that is shown in his facial expressions."

The album's title at first seems like an allusion to his political convictions, especially with leadoff single "Slow Down Gandhi." The song takes well-written swipes at a litany of targets, among them campus military recruitment (the album's best lyric: "It felt like Kent State the way they targeted the students") and features his unabashed love for his music: "The cool kids were rocking votes/I shit you not/I was slinging rocks at cops for hip-hop." *A Healthy Distrust*, though, takes on different hues after differ-

Celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year, February 13

By Michelle Reynolds

Last year at the Evergreen Longhouse I experienced my first Chinese Lunar New Year celebration. I danced with the dragon. I moved with the ebb and flow of the universe in the two-day Tai Ji movement workshop taught by Master Chungliang Ai Huang. I was enraptured by the off-scale yet oddly melodious warblings of the traditional Jing-Hu fiddle. I gasped at the fantastic, gravity-defying "monkey dance" performed by a genuine Peking Opera acrobat. I swooned to the hypnotizing "swan dance." I learned to gracefully move my entire body while performing the ancient art of Chinese Calligraphy. Needless to say, it was a life-changing event and something I will remember with great fondness on my deathbed.

Lucky for you, this year's festivities are scheduled to be even more spectacular than before. This Year of the Cock promises to be the biggest blowout ever. Under the benevolent organization of

MCs Alexander, Hirsh and Mukti, many of the old favorites will return, as well as a world-premiere puppet show that includes hand-made puppets and a broiling "flag storm" breaking before your very eyes. The Snail Goddess will be in attendance. A Mongolian dance will be performed. Zhi Yi and Zheng Er will entertain with Chinese poetry and music. Linda Waterfall and the Evergreen Singers will serenade with two songs from the Dao De Jing.

The Tai Ji movement workshop will be held Friday and Saturday, February 11 and 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The actual Lunar New Year celebration will be on Sunday, February 13, beginning at 2 p.m. All events are in the Evergreen Longhouse. Tickets for Friday and Saturday are a steal at \$40. Sunday is only \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the campus bookstore, Traditions and Bao Bei Gifts at 208 4th Avenue West. See you there!

Michelle Reynolds is a senior enrolled in Arts and the Child. She is interested in psychology, particularly of children.

ent songs: For most of the record, it sounds like Sage is more distrustful of his incipient fame than of the Bush administration.

That's its best strength. Many artists have tried to marry the political with the personal in the wake of the Iraq war, to varying degrees of success. The reason Sage does this most expertly is because both are well-worn territory for him. The result is not so much a flexing of creative muscle as much of a mere amalgamation of past efforts. Take "The Buzz Kill." The song starts off as a personal meditation on the vacuous and pernicious effects on drug culture. He mostly stays on point, but over the course of four minutes he careens into asides ranging from Clear Channel to "freedom kissing the French for their political dissent." It's his "Welcome to the Terrordome," and like that song it works because of its lack of focus, not in spite of it. Similarly, "Gunz Yo" is an unblinking exploration of violence and its connection to masculine identity (key line: "I got more back issues than Guns and Ammo") that hits its home truth not on his trademark

vicious word-play but on his choice of first-person narrative.

A Healthy Distrust is a two-fold title. It implies not only a well-honed skepticism, but also that said distrust is good for you. A healthy distrust is imperative in leading the examined life, the only one worth living. It forces you to ask uncomfortable questions, and, getting the answers, acting on them. It's no surprise that Sage Francis continues to turn his scalpel inward as much as outward, and that he continues to yield such outstanding results. With two landmark albums already under his belt (2002's *Personal Journals* is one of the few truly great indie hip-hop albums), *A Healthy Distrust* cements his reputation as a gifted lyricist. The only question is whether he can handle the game. If he drops out, that's a shame, because it's our loss.

Christopher Alexander is the A&E Coordinator for the CPJ. He is a senior enrolled in Patience, and is no good at coming up with jokes under pressure.

The Vagina Monologues: a past performer's perspective

By Pennie Bumrungsiri

Performing in *The Vagina Monologues* last year channeled me through a steadfast journey into myself. It caused a personal maneuver through a character, a woman I was chosen to represent, her life through mine. One week after another, monologue lines began to fall into memory. They fell so deep that soon lines created boxes, and my own memories fell into a combination of the senses. Blends from my past and present escaped with the future of this character. That I was retelling her story meant as much to me as I was telling my own. Bringing attention to such issues as marital rape and domestic battery and threats are issues that are raised through her monologue.

For this Valentine weekend we have assembled a cast of twenty amazing individuals, narrating the story of our mothers, our sisters and our daughters. Most importantly, through this collective voice we find ourselves, a specific tonality that was never there before. This year I am assisting in the direction of *The Vagina Monologues* and it appears that focusing on the whole production rather than an individual monologue has taken me through an amazing flux of response, words to each woman's story.

The cast has worked so graciously in devaluing their character for themselves and for everyone else. The support in this community we have built shows the beautiful exchange that results from a will to change the ever-present realities of violence imposed on women and young girls. Last year I found so much of myself in my performance. This year I find all of myself in the hard work and dedication of this upcoming production, and the immense support all around.

V-Day is a rapidly growing movement that extends to 76 countries and raises awareness and funds for anti-violence work. Such a campaign has provided the funds that have opened the first shelters for women in Egypt and Iraq, and sponsored annual workshops and three

national campaigns in Afghanistan. This year's V-Day Spotlight is "Women of Iraq, Under Siege." The environment for Iraqi women is constrained to the degree that they are losing their basic rights, even the right to choose their own clothing. With cause of these trivialities they are kidnapped, tortured and killed. Let us bring these issues home. I encourage all to experience this year's *The Vagina Monologues*. Listen with your eyes and speak with your ears; continue the dia-



Several cast members rehearse The Vagina Monologues before taking the stage.

Photo by Eva Wong

logue. For more information of the V-Day Campaign, visit <http://www.vday.org>.

Pennie Bumrungsiri is in her third year at Evergreen. She is working independently this quarter, focusing on discriminatory behavior towards women inherited from early philosophical works.

Annual Vagina Monologues production coming up this weekend

By Jordan Lyons

A Valentine's Day production of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* has become a tradition on Evergreen's campus. And if you saw it last year, see it again.

More than a play, *The Vagina Monologues* is a political act. As Kate Arvin, one of the show's actors, put it: "These issues aren't over." And each new cast puts its own spin on the monologues.

the show's director and assistant director, are studying theatre in their courses.

However, there is a strong bond between these women, instantly visible to the outside observer. From the first audition in fall quarter, this group of more than 20 has gathered regularly to moan orgasmically and commiserate over oppression in the outside world.

A number of actors commented that *The Vagina Monologues* gives a unique venue to their own experiences anonymously. The play combines resounding personal narratives about women's issues with the identity confusion of theatre to make a safe space.

More than its political implications, though, the production is lively and interesting, at times funny and at other times deeply moving. And everyone is encouraged to attend, not just women. "Men should know that the show is safe for them," says director Daisy Montague. "We need them as allies."

The *Vagina Monologues* can be seen in the recital hall in the Communications Building on Thursday-Sunday, February 11-13. The performances are at 7 p.m., and admission is \$6 or an equivalent amount of women's products.

Jordan Lyons is a sophomore enrolled in Memory of Fire.

Curiosity

By Jim Jordan

Curiosity of where the old days've gone,
Drives me to inquire
Why people, when used as another man's pawn,
Don't explode into great balls of fire!

Jim Jordan is a junior/senior enrolled in Foundations of Performing Arts.

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How I became a vegan

By Cassie Barden



I was on a country highway near my parents' town one evening when I drove past the body of a mule deer stag. A sudden insistence compelled me to pull over at the nearest opportunity. I turned on my emergency flashers and walked down the dark, twisting road to where the deer's body lay prone. He was stretched out so naturally, eyes wide and dark, that I hesitated. There was no blood, no sign of injury. He looked very much alive, as if he had lain down quietly for a rest by the highway. He was gorgeous, with a glossy, dun-colored coat and a mature rack of antlers. I knelt down in front of him, expecting at any moment that he would surge to life, lift his great head and sniff the wind, then leap off into the woods. Tentatively I reached out a hand and touched fingers to neck. He was still warm, his muscles strong under the smooth hair.

I regarded the deer thoughtfully. I wasn't used to communing with the dead. "I'm so sorry," I said, voice hoarse. My sudden self-consciousness, talking to a dead deer on the side of the road, saddened me. I stroked his neck slowly and watched his dark eyes.

Seeing lights coming around the curve, I knew it was time to go. I didn't want the overstuffed local cops coming to see what I was all about. I said a silent goodbye to the stag and returned to my car.

Four years ago I told a friend I could never be a vegetarian, and certainly not vegan. I was even planning a fancy cheese-tasting party. Around that time I vowed to learn how to cook; convenience foods were taking a toll on my wallet.

Despite my self-assurances that I would never stop eating meat, I spent an afternoon searching for vegetarian recipes on the internet. Weight-conscious at the time, I figured veggie food was all low-cal, low-fat. It didn't occur to me, of course, that cupcakes, three-cheese pizza, and Doritos are vegetarian.

A funny thing happens when you search for vegetarian recipes on the internet: You run into a whole lot of information that

meat eaters, in general, don't want to know about. I learned that the beaks of "layer" hens are seared or cut off when they're chicks because, packed six to a cage the size of a folded newspaper; had they had sharp beaks they would peck each other to death. I learned that pregnant sows on pig farms are chained for months at a time in metal crates barely larger than their own bodies; forget standing up and taking a step. I learned that the calves of dairy cows, who in a natural situation would suckle from their mothers for eight months, are taken instead within 24 hours of birth and sold to the veal industry.

Being a curious sort and generally undaunted by uncomfortable facts, I read every tragic story and every terrible statistic. By the end of that afternoon, I'd made a rather sudden—I seem to remember my ex saying "rash" and "extreme"—decision: I was going vegan. This meant giving up not just meat, but all animal products.

Being vegan is like being in love: It can be frustrating and confusing, but it's also the greatest thing I've ever done. And, like being in love, when you go vegan you get to eat a whole lot of really good food.

To non-vegans, giving up so many familiar foods must certainly seem like a hardship. Far from it. For each food I stopped eating I discovered ten I'd never tried before.

Food, I quickly learned, is a delicious passion. Think rich, coconut-scented curry with creamy butternut squash and the tang of lemongrass and Thai basil. Or earthy chanterelle mushrooms sautéed in white wine. Roasted red potatoes and lemons with rosemary. Sweet-hot hoisin-glazed tofu with crisp stir-fried broccoli. A smooth, sweet mouthful of lemon tart, bursting with sour citrus. Bright spears of asparagus, garlicky and browned, roasted, tender, sweet, melting. Balsamic vinegar drizzled over impossibly red, glossy strawberries. Toothy sunflower bread, brilliant orange heirloom tomato slices, creamy

avocado, and smoky, spicy chipotle mayonnaise. A deep chocolate mousse, like velvet on the tongue, with a bitter nip of cocoa sounds delicious, doesn't it? Yet people who would otherwise leap at these mouth-watering dishes suddenly recoil when we give the food a name: vegan.

Words have only as much power as we give them, and for many people, hearing the term "vegan" stops them in their tracks, but it's just a word. Too often the term brings to mind images of bland, quivering blocks of tofu, bowls of naked sprouts, or loaves of bread as heavy and tasteless

as the bricks they resemble. On the contrary, vegan food is the freshest, most delicious and most varied on the planet. I eat better now than I ever did. In addition, I feel better, have more energy, and spend less money at the grocery store.

But if the promise of delicious food isn't enough, take it from Cornell University's Dr. T. Colin Campbell: "The vast majority, perhaps 80 percent to 90 percent, of all cancers, cardiovascular diseases, and other forms of degenerative illness can be prevented, at least until very old age, simply by adopting a plant-based diet."

Eating meat has other ramifications beyond the possibility of poor health. A quick check on the Bureau of Labor Statistics website shows meatpacking to be one of the nation's most dangerous jobs, yet it remains one of the lowest-paid industrial jobs. One quarter of the Amazon rainforests have been destroyed to make room for cattle. And that Big Mac? Enough wheat went into the production of those two greasy patties to make five loaves of bread. As for the pastoral, rolling hills depicted in the movie Babe, modern hog farms consist of giant metal buildings built over man-made reservoirs that collect the multiple tons of solid waste from the thousands of pigs packed inside. These vast lakes of manure breed the microorganism

pfisteria, which causes its nearby human victims to suffer from memory loss, skin lesions and incapacitating fatigue.

As I learned these facts about the consequences of eating animal products, I was stunned by the difference I could make by such small changes in what I eat, the clothing I wear, even the stuff I buy to clean my toilet. I also realized that my little world isn't little at all; I am connected to everyone and everything on the planet, and everyone and everything is, in turn, connected to me. Being vegan reinforces this connection daily.

As I spoke to the deer that night, I thought about what I wanted the world to be like. I see a world in which my human neighbors are happy, healthy, and compassionate; where the earth is green and vibrant and teeming with life; where all beings are respected and appreciated for what they bring to the world.

Webster's defines civilization as "an advanced state of human society in which a high level of culture, science, industry, and government has been reached." It cannot be denied that human ingenuity has helped us realize this definition of civilization. This is, however, only one understanding of the word. Webster's says nothing of love, compassion, friendship, community, connection, enlightenment or beauty. As a society, we can create a new definition of civilization. It is our responsibility to ourselves, our families, our futures and the world we are a part of to rise up to the nobility of what civilization can be.

John Muir said, "Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and places to pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike." We live in participation with nature. In our efforts to heal the wounds of the natural world, we will in turn heal ourselves. Becoming vegan was the first step in reawakening my own connection to the earth, and I feel it each time I see a fog-sheathed sunrise, feel the warm, rough skin of a cedar tree, or look into the dark eyes of a deer.

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U.S. Constitution: "Too Radical," say students

By Jacob Stanley



I found an article and set of surveys recently that surprised me. The article detailed the fact that 30 percent of students questioned throughout the United States felt the Constitution "goes too far." The key issue here is that our rights are taught to us and not experienced first hand. You don't feel a strong need to stand up for your rights if you haven't had them called into question. I've been discriminated against for not pledging allegiance to the flag, which is why I support freedom of expression quite vehemently, since I've had my rights hindered. But for regular people, why would you care about freedom of expression if you haven't been censored,

or freedom of assembly if you've never been in a protest or organization?

In the issue of ignorance among students, there is evidence to show how little most know about the current laws or power of the government. The survey shows that 75 percent of students surveyed thought flag burning is illegal, and it isn't. It is amazing to think that we once criticized Saddam Hussein or China for regulating television and the Internet when 50% of students surveyed believe the American government can restrict indecent material on the Internet when it cannot. These examples just go to show how much

personal opinion on how the government works, or whether a law is right or not, dictates opinion among students, rather than the facts.

Fifty percent of students felt that newspapers shouldn't be able to publish freely without government approval. In other words, people actually feel our freedom to say what we want in the press should have the men who use a black marker to censor sensitive information in the government working full time in the media. It is strange to think that only 83 percent of students believe unpopular views should be allowed to be expressed, considering the ability to dissent is as American as the

Declaration of Independence. Although the number of students that believe in such extremist positions of somewhat fascist control is small, the fact that the number is higher than it should be is a clear sign that strides need to be made in the education system to teach students why their rights matter more than what their rights are.

I'd almost think that these students have practically been brainwashed by apathy towards their self-evident rights because they haven't lived in an age where those rights were questioned, but I am one of these students and I survived the age just fine. The issue of ignorance in this case might as well be one in which those involved either learn from the past like educated people should or continue onward into the future, doomed to repeat the mistakes of it.

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Evergreen survey ignores important student issues

By Caroline White



In response to last week's article, "Evergreen survey shows decline in student involvement" I would like to point out some key things. While I am generally impressed with how the article said the survey results are worked into "faculty planning institutes," I would like to point out parts of Evergreen culture that may not be taken into account by TESC, since they are not necessarily curriculum oriented.

First on the menu: The survey indicated that freshman students "have a decreased sense of how supportive the campus environment is, especially when it comes to thriving socially." I think that if the college wants to improve the student social experience, they need to take into account these things:

- The ability of all students to express unpopular views in front of their peers. The controversy surrounding the Presidential election, the war on Iraq and hordes of other issues leads some students to find themselves chastised or afraid to speak their mind. The college community should be aware that scaring people out of expressing themselves does not change opinions or beliefs, but can lead to hatred and misunderstandings. In

my opinion, students and faculty should do more to support discussion and education, not exclusion and plugged ears.

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of the dormitories, forced meal plans for students, closing the student-run food service in the HCC and giving the student-run Corner Store to the corporate food service provider. This would appear to fall mainly under the jurisdiction of Housing, which operates as a non-profit organization. Housing has to manage its money and upkeep, but it does not have to listen to anything students or

student staff say. It's nice when the people who live in an area have some control over how things are.

- Removing the student-run food service from the HCC has decreased its traffic and quality of atmosphere. It appears that Housing has tried to replace the hustle and bustle of socializing with a flat-screen TV.

- Aggressive policing of the dorms is unfriendly to those who are “out there.” I have been told that Campus Police are routinely not specifying that a gun was drawn in their reports, preventing a review by the college Deadly Force Review Board. This undermines the check we have to ensure accountability

to the community. We need to make sure that the cops are pulling their weapons out for a good reason or take their weapons away.

- Finally, increasing tuition causes more stress for many students. Students must work and work longer hours. Students who receive work study don't make enough money to save and use to pay off their loans. We should put some pressure on our state and put a lot of pressure on the federal government: Ask them where the taxes are going. And educate yourself on how important education is for us.

I'll add my more controversial two cents on how to make the Evergreen social experience more socially supportive, or “thriving”: Students of Housing can invite students living off campus to hang out more often and

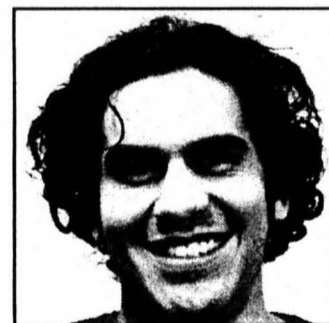
vice versa. Use less recreational drugs and alcohol to “socialize” because the quality of socializing is higher without, and addictions don't lead to “thriving” social conditions, duh. Students in Housing could show more respect for neighbors by getting to know them, so that you know whether or not playing your stereo at a volume that rocks the floor above you and the rooms across from you is cool. Students could put together petitions advocating for specific changes in an attempt to make TESC more accountable to the students. Students could come to Student Union meetings on Fridays at 5 p.m. in CAB 315 in S&A to share the issues they are having and learn how to do something about them. We're trying to create a sustainable or permanent organization of student positions to advocate for students on issues that affect us, which we currently have a lot of trouble doing anything about as individual students. You can also sign onto the student union listserv to find out what we're up to at www.riseup.net, student activism, tesc_studentunion, subscribe.

As for the “senior decline rates,” I don't have nearly as much to say: Decline rates “in student-faculty interaction” could be due to larger class sizes or more apathy. I don't know why there has been a “decreased frequency of conversation with peers of a different race or ethnicity.” “Lower involvement in co-curricular activities such as internships, community service, and study abroad” is probably due to a number of different factors, including increasing tuition rates or requirements students are trying to get for graduate school or the BS degree.

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Letter to the Editor: Clarifying the Student Union and enrollment

By Javier Berrios



In Adam Hilton's article, "The Student Union and enrollment: Diluting our community" (CPJ, February 3, p. 13), Mr. Hilton states that Evergreen's Student Union accepted a proposal from the State Legislature that would increase the student population. That is simply false. The Associated Students of The Evergreen State College, a.k.a. the Student Union, is not responsible for, nor do we support, the Legislature's plan to increase Evergreen's population by 1000 students in ten years. As the Union's Co-coordinator for Student Life, I have made it clear in our meetings that the enrollment growth plan runs the risk of tearing the fabric of Evergreen apart.

In fact, the Student Union is partially responsible for the press this issue is currently receiving. The Enrollment Growth Disappearing Task Force (DTF) has been meeting for months

right under our noses. The Student Union realized that students needed to be better informed of this issue, so we wrote articles for the CPJ and suggested that enrollment growth be the subject of *Vox Populi*. I was actually in the process of writing a letter to the DTF expressing dissatisfaction over the lack of student input solicited when I got word that student focus groups were being formed to examine enrollment growth. In addition, to better protect and defend student's ideals, the Student Union is recruiting another student representative for the Enrollment Growth DTF.

In conclusion, the Student Union never has been and never will be “taking orders from above and shunting the ideals of students.” We are unpaid, unsolicited students who take time out of our busy schedules to create a power structure that will serve as an advocate for the student body.

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Satire by Sean Paull



Dear <name>, I <love you/miss you> so much. Your <long/short> <red/black/blond> hair reminds me of <fire/the night/sunbeams>. Your deep <blue/brown/green> eyes remind me of <the sea/a chocolate donut/jade>. <We've been together/I've admired you> for a <long/short> time, and you are the only <man/woman> on my mind.

I remember a time before I met you. I was <sad/lonely/angry> before then, but now I'm <better/different/regretting it>. When you're around, I feel <like I'm floating on air/like I'm living in a dream/terribly horny>. Your body <is beautiful/drives me wild> and I want to <hold/caress/touch> you so much.

Remember that one time when <insert pertinent story here>? I felt so <happy/sad/confused>. <Every time/sometimes> when we are together, I <remember/forget> about it and <relax/get tense/get turned on>. All I want to say is <stay with me forever/I'm very attracted to you>. There will never be another <man/woman> like you.

Love,
<name>

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Medically accurate sex education

By Ryan A. Tompkins

An important part of public schooling is its role in teaching sex education. Although it is widely acknowledged that parents should be largely responsible for their child's knowledge of topics like birth control and reproductive anatomy, it is important to realize that parents often rely on schools to teach the bulk of sex education. This makes sex education especially important since it is such vital information for living a healthy life for the six out of 10 women and seven out of 10 men in the United States who, by age 18, have had sexual intercourse. Right now in Washington State most public schools teach some form of sex education, but many of these schools have programs that leave out vital information and distort the facts.

Abstinence-only sex education looks only at a small part of a much bigger picture. In school, when they teach math, it is expected that along with addition, subtraction, division and multiplication should be taught as well. If addition is the only thing that students are learning, there is a much larger piece of the picture missing from their education. It is no different when it comes to sex education; it

is important to give students the all the information, not just parts of it like abstinence-only programs do.

A recent report prepared for Representative Henry A. Waxman, a Democrat in the United States House of Representatives, reviewed curricula of programs funded by the SPRANS initiative, which gives grants to abstinence-only education groups. The review of federally funded abstinence-only curricula found that “over 80 percent of the abstinence-only curricula, used by over two-thirds of SPRANS grantees in 2003, contain false, misleading or distorted information about reproductive health.”

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In the interest of public health, it is key to make sure that schools give all the information available. A bill has been introduced in this legislative session called the Healthy Youth Act. The bill would see that “abstinence may not be taught to the exclusion of other methods of preventing teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, including HIV infection.” It would also set guidelines for what should be taught, taking into account that “[materials] be age-appropriate and appropriate for use with students of all races, genders, sexual

orientations, and ethnic and cultural backgrounds and students with disabilities.” Past efforts to pass similar bills in Washington State have been made by the NARAL Pro-Choice America and Planned Parenthood, but this year the bill is also supported by the Washington State PTA, the Association of Washington State Principals and the Washington State Medical Association. Helping to support the Healthy Youth Act is a good way to be involved in our state's democratic process. On March 15, Planned Parenthood will hold a lobby day for this bill. The event will have a morning workshop on talking to legislators. James Wagoner, the president of Advocates for Youth, will speak; there will be a provided lunch and time to speak to those who make decisions in the Washington State House and Senate. If you are interested taking part or getting involved in another way, please contact VOX in CAB 310, Workstation 17, or e-mail VOX_tesc@yahoo.com.

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Further responses on the Middle East

By Jacob Stanley



In response to last week's articles:

I'd like to thank Alan Williams for clarifying the definition of pacifism, as I had been looking at the wrong definition when I originally wrote the nonviolence article.

As to Riley and Joanna's article, I would just like to say that although their analysis was useful to understanding the other side of the fence, they offered no real solutions to the problem, aside from simple, idealistic peace. Of course the answer to Middle Eastern violence is peace, but until we find a reason to make them stop killing each other, we have to work critically with the options they've already left open for us. I speak of solutions to problems in pure practicality because even

I know that you can't just tell countries to stop fighting and expect them to resolve their issues rationally, let alone peacefully. My point about nonviolence not being an option for Palestinians was made in a critical manner by knowing how the idea of nonviolence is supposed to work and realizing through simple probability that it won't work out too well in their conflict because of factors I mentioned in the article.

It's easy for people to take the moral high ground and say, “Stop war. Make peace,” but life isn't that simple. Conflicts come and go, but unless the more powerful and offensive side is shown a reason to stop their fighting, the other, less powerful side will do all it can to continue fighting so as not to be destroyed in the process. Better to die with dignity than be swept under the sand in shame.

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NOT IN OUR NAME!

By Gabrielle Sloane

In the past three years, George Bush and his administration have started two preemptive wars, instituted racist policies against Muslim and Arab immigrants and trampled free speech rights. The war in Iraq has claimed almost 1,500 American soldiers and 100,000 Iraqi civilian lives. When Bush was elected last year by 51 percent of the electorate—this 51 percent being less than 25 percent of the population of this country—he called it a “mandate.” To him, this is a blank check for continued war abroad and repression at home.

Indeed, it appears that a third war is on the way. Seymour Hersh, journalist for *The New Yorker*, recently reported that U.S. agents are covertly scouting for attack targets in Iran. Bush may be president, but this is not the time to feel helpless. As people of conscience, we must do everything in our power to stop our government from attacking

the rest of the world. We can't afford to wait for 2008. Action must be taken now.

I invite you to a planning meeting to start a Not In Our Name group at Evergreen on Friday, February 18 at 6 p.m. This will be a time to discuss the current political climate and brainstorm on how we can build a powerful anti-war movement in Olympia and across the country. We are in the process of finding a meeting space at the time of writing this, so please gather in front of the CAB and we will walk to the meeting space from there. If you have questions, please email notinournameolympia@yahoo.com. More information about Not In Our Name can be found at <http://www.notinourname.net>.

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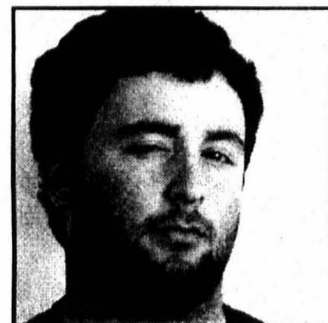
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- Check your email and voice mail over the weekend, as an editor may contact you.

If you have questions regarding submitting or just want to talk about ideas, please stop by the CPJ office in CAB 316 or email me, Sam, coordinator of the Letters and Opinions page, at golsam21@evergreen.edu.

The Curmudgeon: On flu vaccines

By Lee Kepraios



Most of Evergreen is or was recently sick with the flu. I want to talk about the flu. I'm amazed because I don't remember, in other years, people wanting a flu shot so badly. Earlier last fall, the flu vaccine was in hot demand because the American people were told they couldn't have it due to a shortage. That's the public for you: Tell them they can't have something, they have to have it. First Tickle-Me-Elmo, now this.

This particular flu took a serious toll on my asthmatic conditions in the past few weeks: I had trouble breathing; my normal medications weren't helping very much; I couldn't go anywhere. I desperately needed to see a doctor. I'm one of those people who rarely get sick—the immune system of the male Greek is astoundingly tenacious—but this was an instance when I needed to go to a clinic.

When I told the doctor that I just had the flu, she asked me if I had gotten a flu shot. I told her I had not, and she "tsked" and very briefly shook her head. I could tell she wanted to smack me with her clipboard for not trying this year's brew.

I don't believe in the flu vaccine. Sorry. Early in life I thought it was a good idea, but now I realize that it's a bunch of shit—like campaign finance reform.

But I proudly stated that I don't get the

flu vaccine. I wish I could have actually conversed with the doctor a little while longer, asking her if she thought, as I do, that it is unproductive for the media to cover only one medical view. I hear people on TV arguing about why we don't have flu vaccine. Doesn't she think that we would benefit from hearing at least some people who think the cure is worse than the disease?

You don't need the flu vaccine if you don't need it. You don't need it, I don't

need it. But the fact is, if you are someone in your 70s or 80s and you have lung disease, the flu can surely kill you. It can be dangerous. It can cause pneumonias. And those people do need it. But that's only a handful of people.

But the vaccine attacks a flu that they don't know exists. I mean, they make it a year before. There are hundreds of different flu vaccines that they're shifting and drifting. So they're making a vaccine that they're only guessing will work. Dr. Anthony Morris, who is the former chief vaccine controller for the FDA, said, "There is no evidence that any flu vaccine is effective in preventing the flu. The producers of these vaccines know they are worthless, but they go on selling them anyway."

Again, the flu cannot be ignored. The flu is smarter than we are, and it finds a way to engineer around the normal defenses of our bodies. So every year, if

you want to avoid the flu, you're going to have to remember it is something your body hasn't seen before.

But the flu itself is not the issue here; it's that you never hear this side of it. I'm talking about the theory. On his deathbed, Louis Pasteur renounced what he said was his life's work. He said that in fact, Antoine Beauchamps was right. And Beauchamps is the guy who said it's not the germ, it's the terrain. In other words, the mosquito finds a swamp and it breeds in it. But if you're not a swamp, it can't breed.

The reason we have low defenses is because we overuse vaccines and antibiotics. Some say vaccines have been a phenomenal advance in medicine. I say they're overrated. Don't forget, most disease has been wiped out because of things like indoor plumbing. And don't get me wrong: Everyone overuses medicines sometimes, even me. If we're talking about you-know-what, then yes, I do consider that one of my abused medicines. But you can't get it at a drugstore.

I know I'm preaching to the choir here, but the problem with Western medicine is that it seeks to conquer the disease, to stuff it back in your body. The most popular medicines are Pepto Bismol, Gas-Ex, Dristin—all things designed to stuff the problem back inside you. Our bodies are rejecting the effects of our toxic food supply and we're responding by stuffing the disease back inside us, laying the ground for cancer 20 years

down the line.

And as I see it, the flu came about because people in China are a little too chummy with their animals. But sitting there in that wax paper-covered bench in the clinic, I could not relate these thoughts to Dr. Kwon.

Lee's New Rule of the Week: Even lawyers can have a sense of humor! Founders for a group called Americans For Legal Reform charged that two lawyers waiting in line to enter the Long Island Courthouse were overtly making lawyer jokes, which mocked those in the legal profession. They said that the remarks were offensive, inappropriate and hurtful, which is another way of saying that they were really funny guys, and slapped the two with a disorderly conduct and misdemeanor suit. Here we have another possible violation of First Amendment rights because of some people's hurt feelings. My biggest cultural pet peeve in the world: fake outrage. Are you outraged by lawyer jokes? Nobody is really outraged by this, and if you are, go back to the legal reform center and do something that actually helps our fucked up legal reform system. I mean, isn't this why people make lawyer jokes in the first place?

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How the government still favors white guys

By Ted Reinbold

It's been a good week for white guys again. I am applying to law schools right now and I am happy to report that the government is going to help me out through one of their affirmative action programs and I didn't even have to apply. Yes, that's right, affirmative action for me! White, male, middle class me. Can you believe it?

It seems aside from my day to day white privilege—you know, that whole being looked upon as a golden boy and what not—the government decided that I need an even larger step up in life, and boy did they do an amazing job. It is quite impressive what an investment in the future can accomplish, but I am getting ahead of myself.

In the late 1800s the United States Government gave away land, all over on the eastern side of Washington, as part of the Homestead Act. Oh, man, was there

a lot of land, all of it uninhabited. Well, except for indigenous tribes here and there, and they were

by no means using the land—I mean they weren't even chopping down the trees or tearing up the soil. So, the United States Government did what any good industrial nation would do: they took it. Now some of you may be thinking, "Didn't the United States sign treaties for some of that land?" Well, yes, but that is very complicated and,

for the sake of simplicity, let's just assume that none of the tribes was giving up its homelands for shits and giggles.

Well, back to me. My nice German ancestors, having clear white skin and being of European decent, had no problem securing some of that land right at the confluence of the Spokane and Columbia Rivers. After a few generations of toil, cutting the trees and tearing up the soil and what not, the land turned into a very profitable farm and parents lived comfortably on the land and my grandparents got rich off the land. My dad went to law school—farming ain't worth what it used to be. And, well, aside from paying for my undergraduate education, my parents and grandparents also set aside \$20,000 for me to go to law school, so I'm set, at least for the first year. Shit, it would be hard going if I had to go to law school without help. But thanks to the United State Government, I don't have to worry about that.

I wonder how other people do it? And why doesn't the government invest in everyone? It worked so well for my family and the government got their money back tenfold in taxes. Oh well, we white guys don't have time to worry ourselves with such trivia; we have graduate schools to apply to.

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TESC women to compete in post-season tournament

By Meredith Lane

Even with a loss in overtime on Saturday, the Evergreen Women's Basketball team is in the running for a top five berth in the Cascade Collegiate Conference playoffs. In the last 10 games, the girls have won seven. As of right now, they are the fourth seed in the conference, with more than just a chance of moving up into the top three depending on the results from the upcoming weekend.

Friday night's play against Concordia resulted in the fourth consecutive win against the Cavaliers in two years. The fab four, consisting of Heather Hyde, Stephanie MacDuff, and freshmen Jenny Olson and Kamrica Ary-Turner, led the team to victory again, dominating in points and rebounds that kept Concordia at bay for another season. Thanks to the Geoducks, the Cavaliers have a slim chance at getting back into the top six and going to playoffs.

Though it didn't result in a win, Saturday's game had all the fans on the edge of their seats. Regulation play wasn't enough for the game versus the number three ranked Western Baptist. Even with the Ducks losing 64-70 in overtime, Kamrica and Heather still managed to lead the match in rebounds and scoring, respectively.

The Ducks will be home this weekend for their last regular-season games of the school year to play Cascade and Warner Pacific, who are ranked seventh and eighth, respectively. Earlier this year, down in Portland, the Ducks used these contests

to start off their season strong, winning by nearly 20 points.

Get to the game a little before 5:30 p.m. in the CRC on Saturday night to celebrate the end of collegiate careers for the team's seniors.

A 5'5" guard from Portland, Oregon, Alicia Riddle transferred to Evergreen from Cascade College. She attended Benson Polytechnic High School.

Number 24, Kristin Zompetti, is a 5'6" guard who transferred to Evergreen from Highline Community College. She is from Seattle, WA and attended Kennedy High School.

A 5'6" guard from Tacoma, WA, Shiantee Reed transferred to Evergreen from South Puget Sound Community College. She attended Foss High School.

These girls have been here to see the Evergreen women's basketball program go from a pre-coach Heuer record of no more than five wins a season to placing in the top of the conference. Though the end of their basketball careers may be on the horizon, the girls can be proud to say they were a part of developing one of the top programs in the Cascade Conference.

I hope you'll join me this weekend in wishing them congratulations on an awesome season, and good luck with graduation this spring!

Meredith Lane is a senior currently interning with the Washington State Legislature. She will be at the games this weekend, and so should you.

Team effort leads to revenge

By Kip Arney

Another ranked opponent was on the schedule this past weekend, but the Geoducks saw it as just another game. It's actually become a theme for the Geoducks to play to the level of their opponents as three of their last four outings have been against teams ranked in the top 25, resulting in two Evergreen wins and one loss, which was a double overtime defeat that could've easily gone the Geoducks way.

On Friday, February 4, Evergreen traveled to Portland to take on the surging Cavaliers of Concordia University. It was a battle for the seventh position of the Cascade Conference as Evergreen held a slight half game lead. However, when the night was over, Concordia held the half game lead as they walked away with a 79-60 victory, sweeping the season series.

Turnovers plagued the Geoducks again as they turned the ball over 26 times. That marked the fifth time this season they eclipsed the 25-turnover mark in a single game and the 13th occurrence they've committed over 20 giveaways. The Geoducks lead the conference in the dubious category of turnovers, averaging 18 a game. In the Geoducks' losses, they average two more turnovers a game than when they win. Big whoop, right? Not so fast, my friend. Two turnovers a game means possibly missing out on six points per contest. Still with me? In games decided by six points or less, the Geoducks are 6-4. Take two of those losses and place them in the win category, and you've got yourself a squad sitting at the five spot in the conference instead of their current eighth seeding.

In the loss, Evergreen actually had a lead late in the first half but allowed Concordia a 16-4 run to end the half and found themselves down by eight at intermission. The Geoducks would get as close as five but Concordia seniors Brandon Erlanson and Jon Lee combined for 39 of the Cavs' 79 points to help pull away and coast to their fourth straight victory. Senior Barson Collins was the only Geoduck to hit double digits in the scoring column. Senior Dennis Flynn ended the game with nine points, all coming from beyond the three-point line.

After the game, the Geoducks continued south to Salem to face the Western Baptist

(WB) Warriors the following night. This wasn't the same Warriors team Evergreen had seen back on January 7. Back then, the Warriors were ranked number one in the country, had just run over Evergreen to go 18-0 and seemed like they were preparing themselves for a championship run. Since that victory in the CRC, the Warriors had dropped to number 16 in the country, gone 5-4, and in three of those victories needed overtime to win.

There would be no overtime on Saturday night as Evergreen became the first team all season to beat the Warriors on their home court with a narrow 86-84 victory. It was a collective effort from the Olympia squad as five players all reached a double-digit scoring total and four players snagged at least six rebounds.

Evergreen won the game in two areas. Rebounding was one of them as, going into the game, WB led the conference in rebounds, averaging 39 a game. But Evergreen was able to outboard them 40-29, including 10 on the offensive side, leading to crucial second chance opportunities.

The other area where the Geoducks flourished was at the charity stripe, where they were ranked dead last in the conference. Those stats didn't seem to matter as they connected on 17 of 25 from the free throw line, including Walt Tucker's 10-12. In the closing 12 seconds of the game, Tucker was forced to shoot free throws to preserve their slim lead, and he did just that by going six for six, showing why he is near the top in the conference in free throw percentage. Tucker finished the game with a team high 20 points, 18 coming in the second half, and a team high eight boards.

Northwest College from Kirkland, Washington is next on the schedule, and they'll be looking for revenge as Evergreen defeated them last month, sending them into a tailspin by losing five of their next seven games. The game is on Friday, February 11 in the CRC at 7:30 p.m. or 20 minutes following the end of the women's game, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

Kip Arney is a junior enrolled in Forensics and Mystery Writing. He is studying creative writing.



Collins (#42) making a running jumper in the men's basketball team's win over Oregon Tech last week.

Photo by Kip Arney

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I love you all! Happy Valentine's Day.

From Coast to Coast, thanks for being a good friend: Marabelly shuzuk, planko jones, big dog, T.I. and Jillinno. I love you. Pancakes can be eaten and they should.

*Hey Binty,
You're the intern
of my heart.
Love, Natska*

Allison, Hallie and Eli,
Our plumbing is falling apart and we have mice in the walls, but I love our house because you are there.
Stab ya! Eva.

Superfaus! We love you! Thanks for everything!

Bradley Thomas
You are my shining paladin in mithril scalemail that gives +5 key to my heart. The murlocs of my loins burble at the very thought of your mighty enchanted hammer. Please twink me all night long!

*To my beautiful
roommate/friend/
SOULMATE,
Elizabeth Ann
Lieberknecht: I like
you!*

Maritza-
Girl you've got more legs than a bucket of chicken.
Big girls unite!

♥
Dolly

Anais-
Here's to our many victims.
-Henry

*Mariah,
I appreciate all that you do and all of the unconditional love that you share. You are so beyond your years! To say I love you isn't enough.
Always, Markus Maceo (AKA) DAD!*

Dolly,

You give me a headache but! I love you anyway. Big girl power! lol



I dream of eating cold sushi off your hot body.

Tobey-
"Hottie WHOO!"
♥ Dolly & Kandi

Dear Aaron,
You're an awesome dancer. And you don't smell too bad.

To Andrea, Lab Partner extraordinaire:
*Andrea was a chemist
But Andrea is no more.
What she thought was H2O
Was H2SO4!*
P.S. Apryl smells

*TeeTee- I never told you this but I found your red dress, only now it's a golden key to the other realm. Let's break codes.
I love you. T.I.*

ANN ROCKS MY WORLD!



For shizzle boy, you make me weak in the knizzles and have stolen my hizzle.

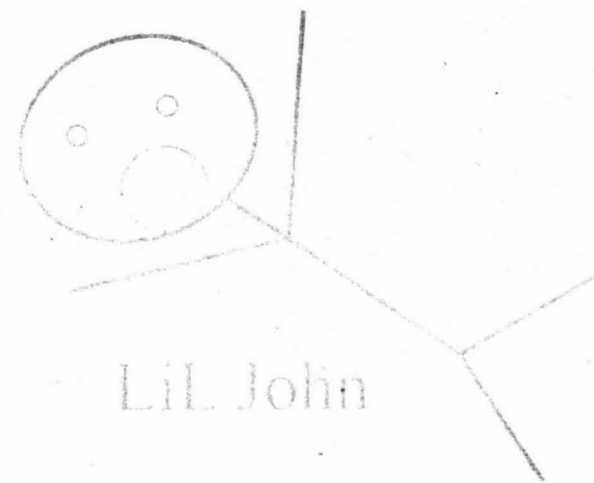
Dear Mom and Dad,
Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
St. Valentine is dead
And disco is, too.

To the girls of R-308:
May Saint Valentine grant all of your wishes and prayers.

Soon I will be gone, and it will be cold. There will be no trees, the fruits and veggies will be old. It won't be long until I'm missing my friend, Eva Wong.

P.S. - call me for barge schedule
Ann rocks

UMOJA
"yeahhh"
♥ DOLLY & Kandi



To my wonderful family in Olympia, Washington: Pennie Lane, Philly Phat, Afsheen, Elizebeth, Dyami, Brianna, and Benny Ben. My world turns more smoothly because you're here. Thank you and I love you all so very much.

*To everyone celebrating:
Freely suck yourselves!*

To my Phil. These days that have turned into weeks have been fun, inspiring, and full of love. Thank you for your words, ears, and beautiful eyes. I look forward to more days to come.

Dear insignificant man,
Your emotional capacity is as pitifully small as your penis. Your intuition to women want is so sub-par, sometimes I think you are a robot. When I am with you, I feel like I am hanging out with a thumbtack. Thank you for proving that the male species pales in comparison to women.
p.s. you are bad in bed. I was faking it the whole time.

To the Vagina Monologues 2005.
You are amazing. I am so impressed with your individual talents and enthusiasm towards breaking barriers and challenging the silence. There will always be a moan in my heart for you.
-Your Po Po Catapital ♥♥♥

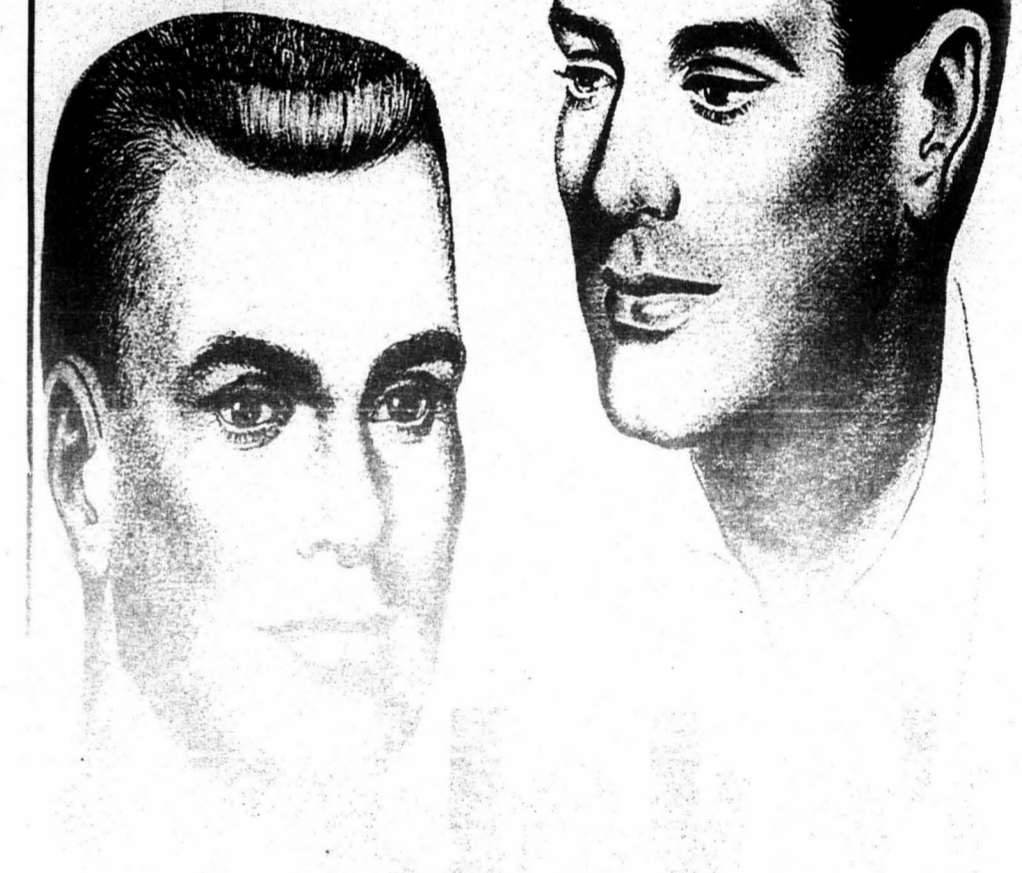
To all the beautiful women who have worked so gracefully in planning International Women's Week. Thank you for all your determination and friendship.

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Events This Week

Friday, February 11

5 p.m. The Writer's Guild presents an evening with Irish poet Knute Skinner and special guest Patrick Hill. Seminar II E1105.

7 p.m. The Vagina Monologues will be performed in the recital hall in the Communications Building. Bring donations of feminine necessities.

Saturday, February 12

7 p.m. The Vagina Monologues will be performed in the recital hall in the Communications Building. Bring donations of feminine necessities.

8 p.m. Come see Dan Blunck Jazz Nouveau at the Spar.

Monday, February 14

Lunchtime. CASV will be in the CAB selling V-Day goodies and passing out free condoms.

Soon The Women of Color Coalition present Nhoji, a Caribbean musician and fiddler.

Tuesday, February 15

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Puget Sound Blood Center will be on campus in the Lecture Hall rotunda.

4 p.m.-7 p.m. United Communities AIDS Network will be giving a presentation on AIDS and AIDS prevention.

Wednesday, February 16

1-3 p.m. A forum will be held at Seminar II E1107. All are invited to attend and voice opinions and concerns. Presented by students in Organizing for Democracy.

5-7 p.m. F.I.S.T. will be giving a self-defense workshop in CAB 110.

7:30 p.m. Common Bread presents Dances of universal Peace in the Longhouse.

Thursday, February 17

10 a.m.-3 p.m. All-campus garage sale! Your old junk is someone else's desired treasure! Show up at 8 a.m. to drop off your stuff in the first floor library lobby, or pull your car around to the loading dock.

1 p.m. EF students will present cultural information on Korea in Lecture Hall 1.

4-6 p.m. The Evergreen Queer Alliance will be giving a workshop in Seminar II C1107.

6:30 p.m. An all encompassing, no-nonsense STD and birth control discussion with members of the Peer Health Team will be held in Seminar II C1107.

Weekly Group Meetings

Monday

4-6 p.m. The S&A Board meets in CAB 315.

5 p.m. Evergreen Kung Fu meets in the Longhouse.

5 p.m. The Cooper Point Journal meets in CAB 316. Come participate in the organization and the planning of the newspaper.

6-8 p.m. Racquetball League in the CRC.

7 p.m. Improvisational Theater, Seminar II C1105.

7:30 a.m. Yoga Club, CRC 116.

9:30-11:30 p.m. Late Night at the CRC. Come join in late night activities like Badminton, Ping-Pong, Basketball, Volleyball, and 4-Square.

Tuesday

4 p.m. Prison Action Committee meets in CAB 320, Workstation 10.

4 p.m. STAR, Seminar II B2109.

4 p.m. Racquetball in the CRC.

4:30 p.m. The Evergreen Compost Club meets in the Organic Farm workroom. For more info, email carjay13@evergreen.edu.

5 p.m. Evergreen Kung Fu meets in the Longhouse.

5 p.m. Soccer in the Pavilion.

5 p.m. Yoga Club, CRC 117.

7 p.m. Students for Christ, Seminar II A2100.

9:30-11:30 p.m. Late Night at the CRC. Come join in late-night activities like Badminton, Ping-Pong, Basketball, Volleyball, and 4-Square.

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Yoga Club, CRC 116.

1 p.m. Evergreen Queer Alliance, Seminar II C2107.

1:30 p.m. Environmental Resource Center. Seminar II E3105.

1:30 p.m. Radical Catholics meet in CAB 320.

1:30 p.m. Native Student Alliance meets in CAB 320, Workstation 13.

2 p.m. Evergreen Capitalists Organization, Library 1308.

2 p.m. VOX - Communities for Choice, CAB 320, Cubicle 17. Office hours: Wednesday, 1-2 p.m., CAB 320, Cubicle 17.

3 p.m. Jewish Cultural Center, Seminar II E2105.

3 p.m. SEED, Seminar II E3109.

3 p.m. Women of Color Coalition, CAB 206.

3 p.m. Writer's Guild, Seminar II A1107.

3:30 p.m. Environmental Alert, CAB 320 on the couches. Help defend Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

4-6 p.m. The S&A Board meets in CAB 315.

4 p.m. EPIC, Seminar II A2105.

4 p.m. CPJ production night. Come participate in putting together your student newspaper.

5 p.m. Evergreen Irish Resurgence Element meets in CAB 320, Workstation 4.

5 p.m. Evergreen Kung Fu meets in the Longhouse.

5 p.m. Gaming Guild, CAB 320.

5-7 p.m. Scrabbelicious presented by the Writing Center in CAB 108. Coffee, treats, and prizes!

6-8 p.m. Racquetball League in the CRC

9:30-11:30 p.m. Late Night at the CRC. Come join in late-night activities like Badminton, Ping-Pong, Basketball, Volleyball, and 4-Square.

Thursday

4 p.m. Carnival, Seminar II D1107.

4 p.m. Women's Resource Center, CAB 315.

4 p.m. Racquetball in the CRC.

4 p.m. CPJ paper critique. Come voice concerns about the week's paper.

4 p.m. ASIA meets in the CAB third floor conference room.

5 p.m. Yoga Club, CRC 117.

5 p.m. Evergreen Kung Fu meets in the Longhouse.

5 p.m. Dodge ball in the Pavilion. Come play!

6 p.m. EARN meets to discuss animal rights in CAB 320.

6 p.m. Men's Center meets in CAB 320 in Workstation 2.

7 p.m. Percussion Club, basement of the Library Building. All are welcome and drums are provided!

7 p.m. Geodance meets in the bottom floor of the Library.

7 p.m. Juggling Club, Seminar II B1107.

6-8 p.m. Olympia Men's Project meets every second and fourth Thursday at UCAN. For more information, call (360) 352-2375.

9:30-11:30 p.m. Late Night at the CRC. Come join in late-night activities like Badminton, Ping-Pong, Basketball, Volleyball, and 4-Square.

Friday

3 p.m. CPJ Friday Forum. Come put your ethics to the test, learn about journalism, and discuss issues in journalism and group dynamics.

5 p.m. Electronic Music Collective, Seminar II C2107.

7 p.m. Giant Robot Appreciation Society, Seminar II A1105.

5 p.m. Evergreen Kung Fu meets in the Longhouse.

5 p.m. ASTESC Student Union meets in CAB 320.

Sunday

1-3 p.m. Ultimate Frisbee in the Pavilion.

3 p.m. Kickball on the field next to the HCC.

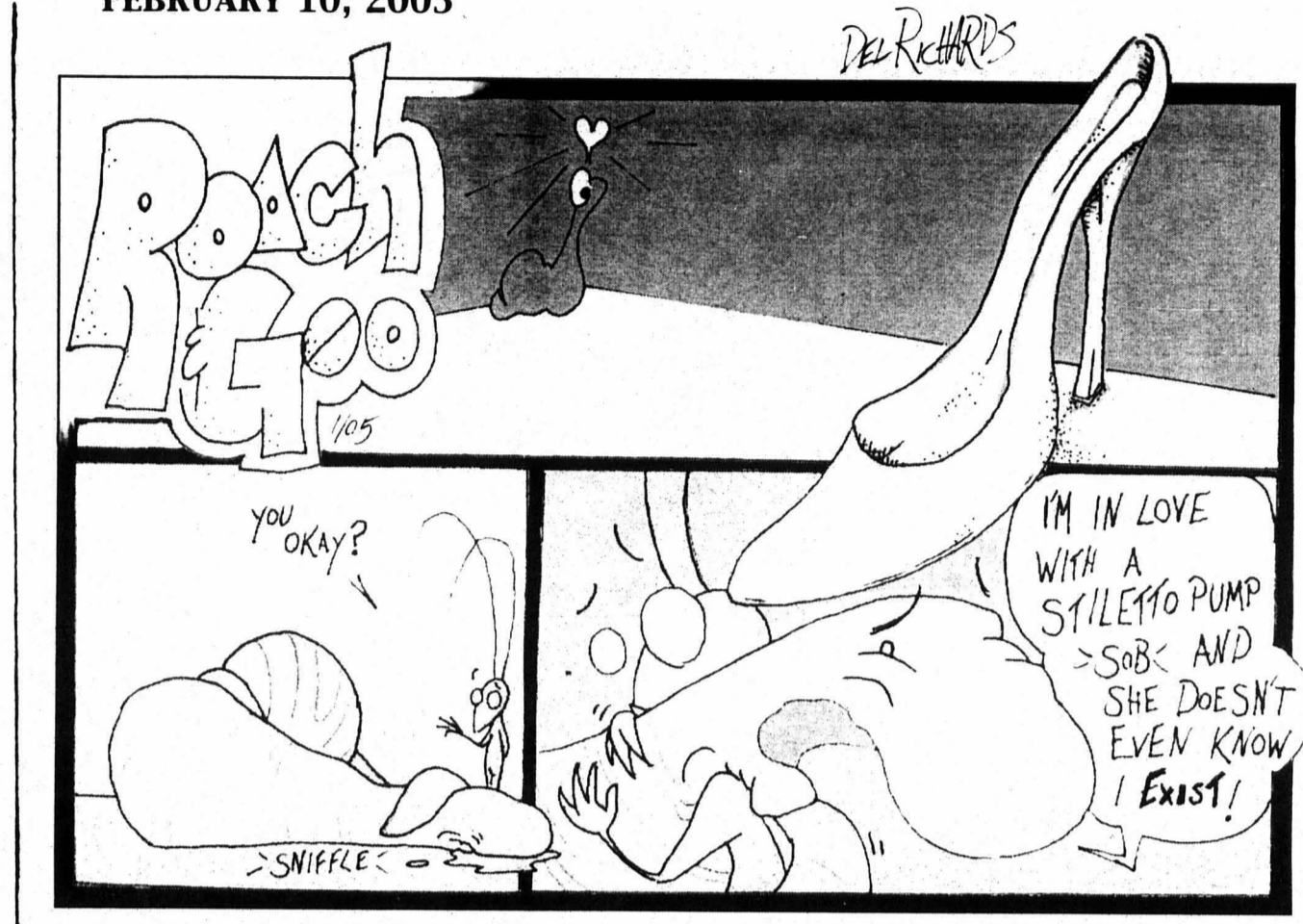
5:30 p.m. Yoga Club, Lecture Hall 3.

6:30 p.m. Common Bread, Longhouse Cedar Room.

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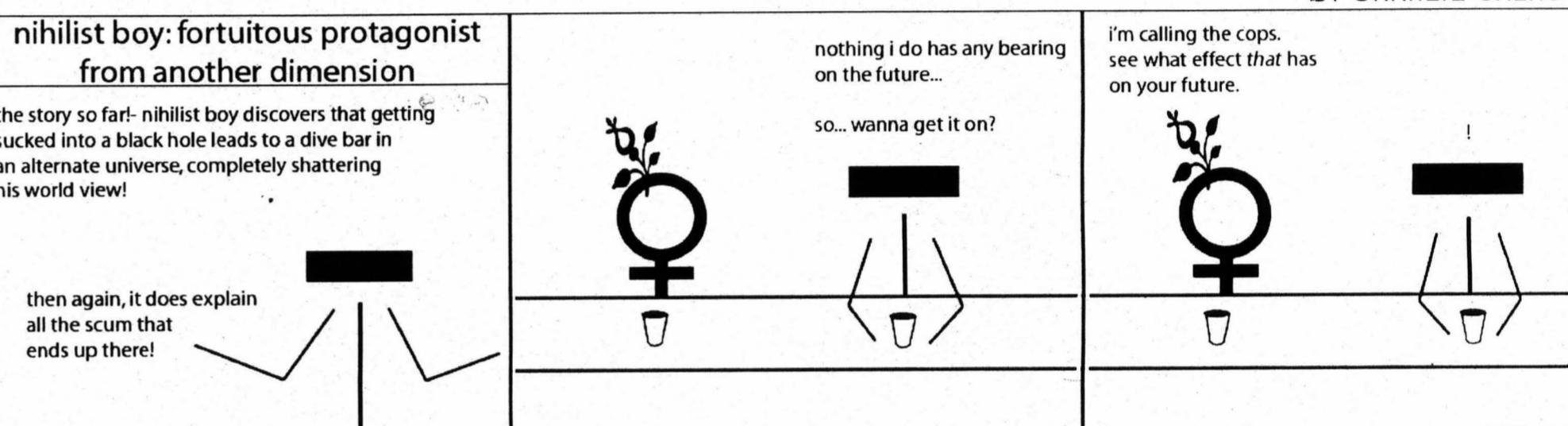
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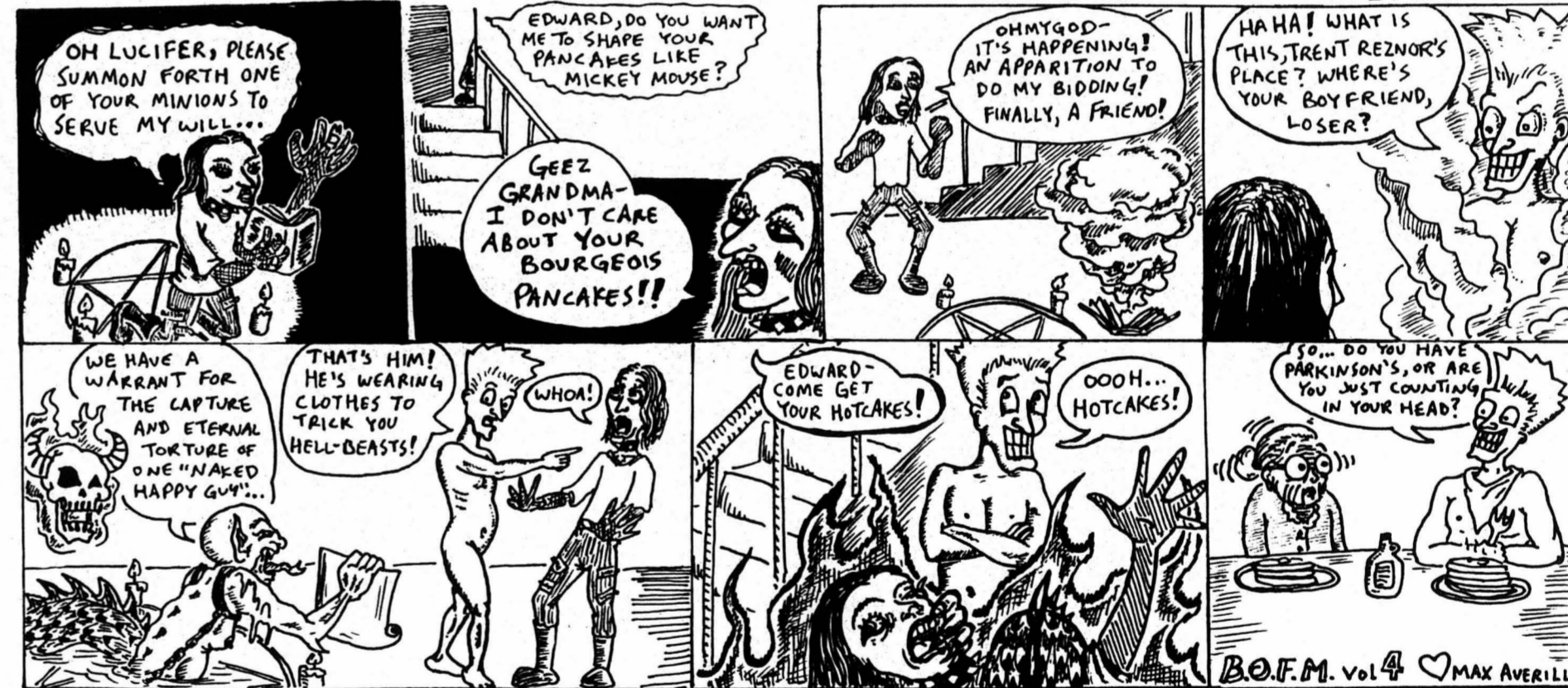


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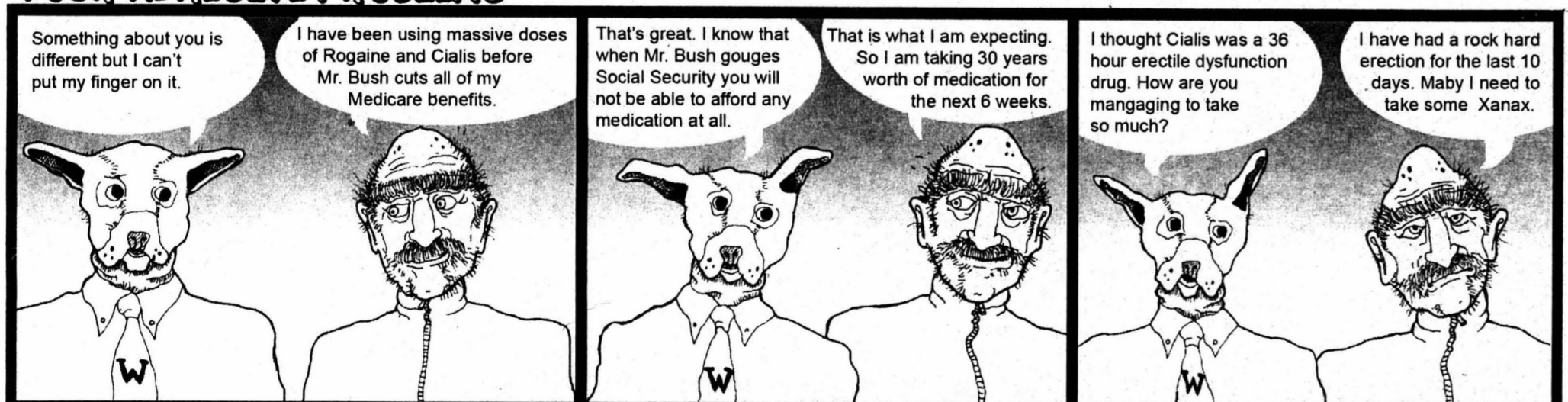


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