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MLK Day march at Capitol

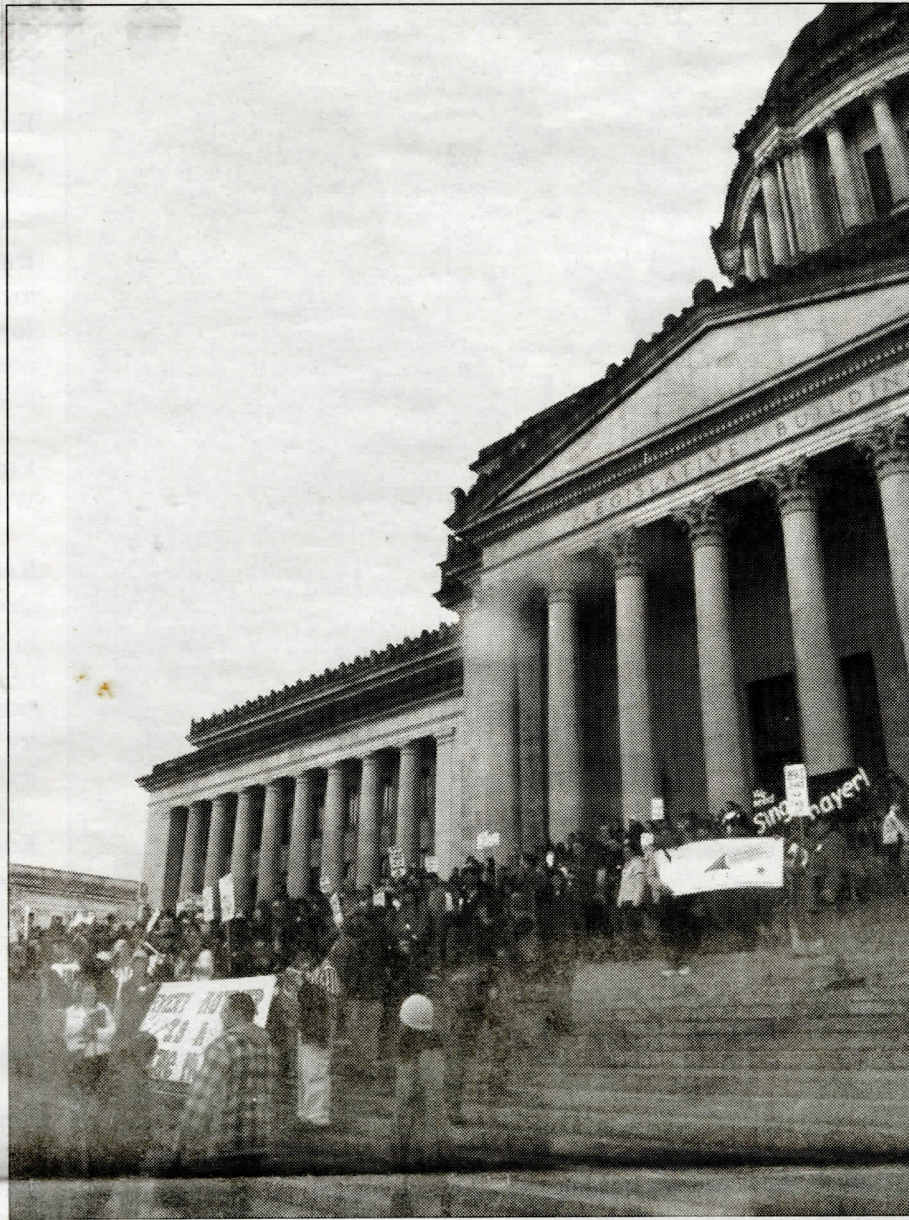
On a brisk clear morning Monday the 18th, a diverse collection of roughly 200-300 people spilled over the sidewalk outside of Capitol Theater and onto the street, signs in hand. They were there as part of the 2010 MLK Day People's Summit for a march on the Capitol. Proclamations like "Cap Interest Rates," "We need single payer!" "Tax the Rich," and "Classism Sucks" embedded the crowd. Working families with young children on their shoulders, street people, old hippies, young couples and everyone in between began their march down Capitol Way around noon.

~ R. YAZMIN SHAH

[BELOW] PROTESTERS MARCH ON 5TH AVENUE DURING THE PEOPLE'S SUMMIT PROTEST ON MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY.

[RIGHT] THE MARCHERS, MOST OF WHOM WERE CARRYING SIGNS, ENDED UP AT THE CAPITOL.

PHOTOS BY YAZ SHAH. MORE PICTURES OF THE MARCH CAN BE SEEN IN COLOR AT WWW.COOPERPOINTJOURNAL.COM!



WashPIRG: Helping the homeless

Evergreen students Christina Alves (left) and Andi Kopit (right) are working with WashPIRG to create a campaign that will work to spread awareness and action in the community towards helping those who are homeless and hungry. If you missed the kickoff meeting this past Wednesday (January 20), stay tuned for more information: there will be food drives, "Action" weeks and other activities scheduled for later this quarter.

~ EMILY WEISBERG



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Police Blotter

One individual charged with drug possession, 1/11. Two escorts performed, one verbal traffic warning issued, 1/13. Two traffic tickets and one MIP charge issued, 1/17. Three on-campus theft incidents: two tampon machines broken into, and one shoplift in the HCC, 1/18.

~ MARK CICCONE

OUTDOOR & RECREATION

Evergreen's Nate Menefee in national spotlight

by DARREN WOODS

Just one day after receiving Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC) Player of the Week for the third time of the 2009-10 season, Nate Menefee was announced as National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Player of the Week.

Both awards were given to Menefee as a result of his outstanding play over the past weekend against Concordia University of Portland and the nationally ranked Warner Pacific College. The former, Menefee torched for 38 points in a 107-97 blowout while he added 4 rebounds, 5 assists, and 3 steals. Menefee's 38 point performance marked the seventh time he's scored over 30 points in a game this season. Against the WPC Knights, Menefee had 25 points, 4 rebounds and 5 steals. In two games,

the senior Geoduck team captain managed to scorch his opponents with 63 points, 8 rebounds, 8 steals, and 7 assists. The Tacoma native also played every minute of both games accumulating 80 minutes out of a possible 80.

Menefee leads the CCC in points per game as the only player in the conference averaging over 20 points per game with 27.5. The next closest player is WPC's Jake Glisson with 19.1 per game. Menefee also leads the conference in steals with 55 total this year, averaging 2.89 a game.

Nationally, the Geoduck senior ranks among the top 30 in three major categories, points (3rd), steals (14th) and assists (28th).

Darren Woods is a junior enrolled in Images of Women

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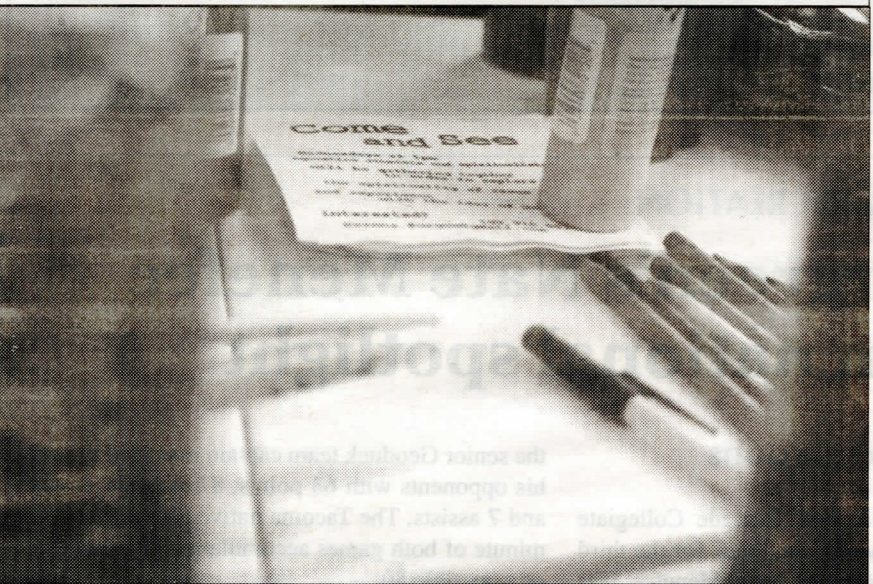
God loves everyone and so do the Evergreen Jesus Folk!



[ABOVE] AT THE OUTDOOR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY THE 13TH, SOME MEMBERS OF EVERGREEN JESUS FOLK TOLD THEIR FAITH-RELATED STORIES AND TESTIMONIALS. RACHEL FLOYD SHARES HERS ABOVE.

[BELOW] EVERGREEN JESUS FOLK WILL BE HOLDING A MONTH-LONG "COME AND SEE" EVENT, WHERE NON-CHRISTIANS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME TO TALK TO CHRISTIANS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY, FAITH, AND GOD.

PHOTOS BY EMILY WEISBERG



by EMILY WEISBERG

Emily: I'm here with Rachel Floyd [pictured at left], a member of Evergreen Jesus Folk. Tell me, Rachel, what does Jesus Folk do?

Rachel: Well, Jesus Folk is a group that meets together to discuss the life and spiritual teachings of Jesus Christ. The group is made up of Christians and non-Christians, but no matter what, our community is very loving and accepting of all people.

Emily: Tell me about your event in Red Square on Wednesday [the 13th].

Rachel: There were a few students who felt like sharing with the campus how God has been good in our lives. We played music, and made art and ate food. It was definitely a student-led project. And we were inviting people to – in the same way you would try Korean food for the first time – try out Christianity, without being a Christian.

Emily: Tell me more about what you're inviting students to do.

Rachel: We're doing a four week study called "Come and See," meeting once a week to study scriptures and look at aspects of Christianity in a mostly non-Christian group setting.

Emily: How would one take part in this study?

Rachel: If people are interested, they should email Deanna.burgum@gmail.com

Emily: When does this study start?

Rachel: The first meeting will be next week sometime. It's designed to be Wednesday nights, but it's flexible; we want to work around students' schedules.

I'll be participating in the study myself. Check back in Student Voice each week for an update on Evergreen Jesus Folk and us non-Christian participants who are "testing the waters out." If you'd like to take advantage of this unique opportunity to expand your knowledge of Christianity, be sure to email Deanna.burgum@gmail.com, or stop by an Evergreen Jesus Folk meeting, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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Calling all shooters

by JILL STORLIE



Greetings, readers! It's your friendly neighborhood Arts & Entertainment Coordinator here. The Cooper Point Journal is planning an all-photo issue for Week 4 of winter quarter and is actively soliciting your submissions. So if you're the type of person with a maxed-out Flickr feed and more photos on your Facebook than days in your adult life, chances are you have what we need: great photos of student life at TESC, campus events, and original works of art which express what it means to be a part of the Evergreen community. To submit your photos go to www.cooperpointjournal.com, and if you're not yet registered do so now, then click 'create content' and show us what you've got! The submission deadline is Monday, Jan. 25.

Cheap Date: Dorkumentarian edition by JASON TRENT

"Heavy Metal in Baghdad" (2007, dir. Suroosh Alvi, Eddy Moretti)

If war is God's way of teaching Americans geography, then perhaps occupation is our crash course in social anthropology. This movie (brought to you by the fine folks at VICE magazine) tells the story of the nearly impossible to pronounce metal band: Acrassicauda.

It's hard to be a heavy metal fan in a fundamentalist regime. You can't grow your hair long without distinguishing yourself in a negative light and head banging is considered Satanic. You know, like America in the '80's.

Heavy Metal in Baghdad tells the story of this brave band of dedicated rockers who risk everything to play the music they love. They are cited as being the first and only heavy metal band from Iraq by those authorities that count Iraqi metal bands. Perhaps they are the same authorities that determine the most dangerous road in the world, which we are told is the one from Basra to Baghdad.

My favorite member is the bass player Firas Al-Fateef, who talks like every metal head in the world by punctuating everything with 'fuckin' as a catch-all modifier. "You can't even fuckin' grow your fuckin' hair in Iraq" he complains. Or, "They fuckin' blew up the fuckin' practice space with a fuckin' rocket." Any band knows it's hard to find a good practice space. That's why you play *Guitar Hero*, spoiled American. What if your practice space got blown up by rocket propelled grenades? Think how awesome your songs would be if you had that to sing about. [...] These guys in Acrassicauda don't need imaginary evil; they already spend seasons in the abyss and the sky rains real blood.

Jason Trent is a junior enrolled in student originated studies

[Note: this is an excerpt of the whole article. To see the full piece, visit www.cooperpointjournal.com/arts/]

poetry corner

The Leaf

by HILLARY STEVENS

I watch it swirling,

With balletic grace,

And as it spins,

I see my face.

And writ upon its façade
Like ink upon its parchment
skin

Penned in line and wrinkle,

In meandering veins

And black bug bites

The story of myself.

I spring from Stem
Which branches off from Tree,
Which once a lowly Acorn was,
As will my children be,
To sprout and grow,
To curl and green

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Men's basketball unstoppable in Oregon

by DARREN WOODS

The Evergreen men's basketball team was on the road this weekend in Portland, Ore., to take on Cascade Collegiate Conference powerhouse Warner Pacific University and Concordia University.

Friday night (Jan. 15)

In game one of two of Evergreen's road trip, the Geoducks faced off against Concordia University in Cavalier Gymnasium in Portland, Ore. The Cavaliers proved to be no match for the Geoducks as they fell to Evergreen by 10 points in a 107-97 loss. The Geoducks sank 8 three's in the first half on top of 18-40 shooting in the first half to go into the locker room at halftime 54-51.

Concordia could not match Evergreen's intensity in the second half and the Geoducks began to pull away with superior shooting and scrappy defense. The Geoducks out shot the Cavs in every category in this conference slugfest. Nate Menefee was his normal self leading all scorers with 38 points, adding 4 rebounds, 5 assists, and 3 steals to his line. Most impressive of all Menefee's stats was his near perfect 17-18 shooting from the

free throw line on the night. Josh Troyer added another 15 points and 6 rebounds to Evergreen's total while Ben Wilson and Desmond Martin had 14 points each.

Saturday night (Jan. 16)

Game two of two would prove to be a tough test for the up and coming Geoducks, for they would be taking on the nationally ranked Warner Pacific College Knights.

WPC jumped out on Evergreen 36-31 in the first half in front of a crowd of 500 screaming fans.

The Geoducks improved their shooting in the second half and stayed close to the very end, nipping Warner Pacific by one point with a final score that read 73-72. Nate Menefee again led all scorers with 25 points and showed his defensive prowess, grabbing 5 steals from the Knights. Julio Feliciano bamboozled WPC with a double-double scoring 11 points and snatching 12 rebounds which proved to be huge in this match-up. Warner Pacific out-rebounded the Geoducks 50-35, so every rebound Evergreen pulled down was an important one. Another notable Evergreen performance was that of Josh Troyer's 21 point, 5 rebound and 4 steal showing in the CCC squeaker. The Geoducks complicated the

CCC standings with their two wins this weekend, putting themselves in a four-way tie at the top at 7-2 in conference play. Oregon Tech, Warner Pacific, and Oregon Tech are the other three in a dead heat with E-State going into this weekend.

Player of the Weekend: Nate Menefee- While Menefee accounted for 59 points, 8 rebounds, and 8 steals it is also important to note that he played in every single minute of both games. That is 80 minutes out of 80 in two nights of basketball. Menefee is the third leading scorer in the country in NAIA Division II basketball.

This Weekend: The Geoducks are back home for a two-game home stand that welcomes Northwest Christian University and Corban College. Both teams hail from Oregon, and the Geoducks hope to spoil their roadtrip by improving upon their 7-2 conference record and hopefully move up in the CCC standings before it's all said and done. The Geoducks tip off at 7:30 p.m. on both nights. Admission is free for Evergreen students with ID.

Darren Woods is a junior enrolled in Images of Women

Candidates on campus this week

by DARREN WOODS

Many Evergreen students may be unaware that our current director of recreation and athletics, Dave Weber, is stepping down at the end of February. According to Andrea Seabert, a member of the Evergreen hiring committee, 130 applicants applied for the vacant position. Over the past few months, the hiring committee has narrowed the candidate base down from 130 applicants to 10 applicants to the final four. These finalists have been invited to our beautiful and diverse campus for final interviews. This event is important to Evergreen's student body because the replacement will be in charge of overseeing Evergreen's recreation, intercollegiate, and intramural sports programs. As a student body, we have a unique opportunity to be involved in this hiring process. The finalists will be on campus this week. Bob Kickner was on campus Wednesday, Jan. 20, for his final interview. The following is the schedule in which the final three candidates will be available to the student body for questions.

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| Sarah Works | Friday, Jan. 22 |
| 10-11 a.m. | Sem II C2105 |
| Paul Cantrell | Monday, Jan. 25 |
| 10-11 a.m. | Sem II C2105 |
| Brad Fields | Wednesday, Feb. 3 |
| 10-11 a.m. | Sem II D1107 |

It is understood that many of us may be in class during some of these times. For those who can make it, this hire is an important one for Evergreen as a whole. Many of us have great ideas for activities we would like to see happen on our campus. Just because we do not have certain activities and sports on campus right now, does not mean that we can never have them. It is a glaring reality that we can indeed improve on what we already have. The above candidates have excellent ideas on how to improve Evergreen's recreation and athletic department. What makes them more valuable to the student body is our input because essentially, the director of recreation and athletics is here to represent us, the student body. If you are available, please bring yourself and your ideas to any or all of the above meeting times. Who knows, you could meet the next director of recreation and athletics before anyone else.

Darren Woods is a junior enrolled in Images of Women

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EMILY WEISBERG

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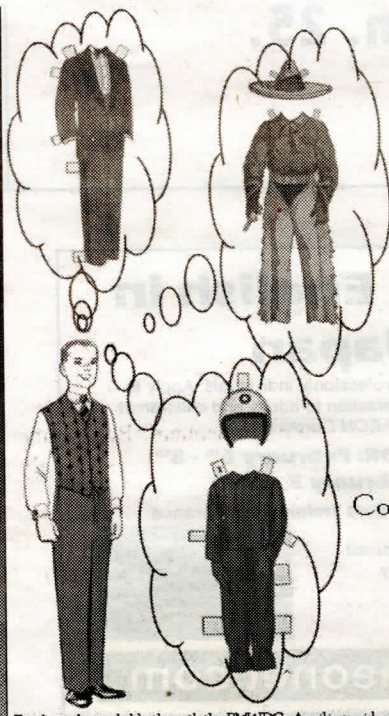
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The greater of two evils: My take on the Mass. election



by MARK
CICCONE

Reading the results of the Massachusetts special election Tuesday night, the line "We're gonna be sinkin' soon"

from my favorite Norah Jones song ran through my mind. In what may be the most bizarre act of this newly-begun decade, the voters of Massachusetts put a Republican, one who favors waterboarding, opposes carbon emission reductions, and who very well may derail the current health plan in Congress which Ted Kennedy spent his whole career fighting for, just out of sheer GOP spite, into what was once a rock-solid Democratic seat. With such small acts is calamity --namely, another eight years like what we've just had-- begun.

Though the political fighting in Washington, D.C., the last two years have greatly soured my views on both parties, but I still believe that the Democrats, or at least the more progressive faction of the party, have better ideas than anyone else at the present time. When the global economic crisis began, and hundreds of thousands of Americans lost their jobs and/or homes, the vast majority of Republicans and Blue Dog Democrats either sat on their hands or blamed those suckered into crushing debt, foreclosures, and unemployment by gargantuan Wall Street firms and banks for causing the problem themselves. During this time of uncertainty, it was the liberal branch of the Democrats,

buoyed by young voters and others wanting real change, who sought to alleviate the worst of the crisis and to attempt to reverse it altogether. Now, though, thanks to misinformation, outright lies, and stonewalling by the GOP in Congress and the newly risen Tea Party nutcases we all saw parading around town-hall meetings this past summer with guns and outlandish claims of a "government takeover of Medicare," the people of Massachusetts have elected the polar opposite of Ted Kennedy as their senator, less than a year after his passing, and may very well have started this country back on the road to Bush-era economics, torture sessions, pointless wars, and civil rights destruction. So much for enduring legacies and gratitude. I'm willing to bet that after another eight years of what I just described, we'll be in the same dismal spot we were just before the 2008 elections, and I'll be telling the same people who previously voted Republican: "I told you so." Doing nothing --which seems to be the Republican motto at this time-- is NOT better than what the government is doing now, but last night that common sense was abandoned.

I still have faith in our country and our system of government, and its capacity to bring about real, needed reforms for its citizens. It's a fair number of voters in Massachusetts, and across the country, that I don't have faith in right now.

Mark Ciccone is a junior enrolled in Religion and the Constitution

Typical Greener: Ben Anderson

by MADELINE BERMAN

Though Ben Anderson has always been an entrepreneur, he has never been in business for the money.

"I've been selling lemonade and doing a bike shop since I can remember, you know, it was like anytime playing out in the yard, it was like let's sell this or make this or let's have a bike repair thing. And it wasn't like about money; it was about helping other people.

"I grew up in my family's business with selling Sky Chairs and going to arts and crafts shows. The first business I ever owned was Big Chief Indian Goods. I was about 12 years old and I sewed pouches, I made dream catchers, earrings, necklaces and key-chains out of leather. I had my buddies from school work for me and we made these arts and crafts and sold 'em at craft fairs."

When Ben was first accepted to Evergreen in 2000, he initially took science courses but dropped out because he'd felt partying was more important than academics. Ben returned to Evergreen in 2006, and that was when he first started considering business as an academic major.

"My friend Tanner in my first class at Evergreen in [2006] said 'Ben, you like business, why don't you take a business program?'"

Since then, Ben has been studying business and is currently in an internship with the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce.

"I got hired with the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce in the summer. They hadn't really advertised it as an internship, but they said, 'Well, what are you going to do when school comes around?' and I said, 'I'm going to turn this into my senior year class.'

"I'm tutoring with the QuaSR [center]

also. Economics, business, finance, accounting, everything Evergreen has taught me in the last three years about business, I get to tutor. It's fun. You get to put your own liberal twist on things also.

"I'm a lefty all the way, I'm a liberal, you know. We have left of left here at Evergreen, and even more left in anarchists."

Though Ben is a liberal at heart, he can often be seen wearing suits, ties, and shirts with collars so that he'll be taken seriously as a contender in the business world.

"I feel like if we're going to play this game, society's game in the business world, if I want to be involved in politics or have people really take me serious, and I come in dressed like this versus with my long hair and my tie dye and I'm reeking like weed, who's going to take me serious?"

"In high school I was a long haired hippie, tie-dye shirts ... I was in punk bands all throughout high school.

"My dad says I'm a sheep in wolf's clothing ... or would it be wolf in sheep's clothing?"

Ben's father was whom he'd originally heard about Evergreen from. "Dad was a logger, got busted up ... injured in logging accident, had to go into a retraining program and they sent him here. He told me how cool it was that they didn't have grades and that you can write your own degree."

Though he has his concerns about the current economic atmosphere, Ben seems excited to graduate this year and apply what he has learned at Evergreen to the real world.

"I'm passionate about working with youth, working with inmates and giving back to the community and Evergreen has been a portal to do that, huge. There's so much opportunity here at Evergreen."

"We find our little niches where we can

I'm staying down



by R. YAZMIN
SHAH

I'd like to begin with a big hearty "Fuck you" to everyone who's told me to cheer

up. I am not a television, you giddy idiot. I cannot flip my feelings from one end of my emotional spectrum to the other. Your presumption that I can and that I should clearly illustrates how much you actually care about me and my inner state, which is not at all. You care about your inner state, and how I seem to be -- merely by being myself -- pissing all over it.

Well, I will continue to piss all over it, because you are a self-centered jackass masquerading as a philanthropist in your heavy-handed way. How dare you believe you can demand others to stop being themselves for sake of your feelings, which obviously take precedence over the feelings of all else. They have committed no graver sin but to depress your pretty vapid head. And so they must banish these feelings beneath a big shit-eating grin or else be banished entirely. Just for you.

It's time these people were called out for being what they are: thoughtless, self-involved assholes. And let's stop pretending we're happy when we're not for their sakes. Fuck them, they're liars. These over-jubilant twits don't have the courage nor the wherewithal to grapple with the inevitable sadness that will accompany human existence; that is part and parcel of the range of human emotion. It is okay to feel sad. It's okay to see other people sad. It's something we all have to feel. So let's let ourselves and everyone else feel it.

Let's not deny our sadness. Or demand that any evidence of sadness be wiped from our awareness. It's stupid, cowardly, and childish. The more one runs from anything, the more it will consume them. I would rather be in the company of the most morose man available than hang around a bunch of chirpy smiley idiots. At least the miserable person is honest, and I am not harassed for being honest either. Fake happiness is far worse, in my experience, than utter misery. At least with utter misery I know where I am and what I'm feeling.

But how should one approach a sad person, in light of the fact that demanding them to be the polar opposite is an ass move? I don't know. You could say "What's up, sunshine?" I would. I'm an ass, though--but at least I'm an honest ass. So upon death I may still get a chance to sneak through heaven's backdoor or at least more people will like me in hell. If you really are the philanthropist type, you could do the one singular thing that everyone wants and many people need--a need that funds an entire industry of overpaid professionals: you could listen. You could care. And by doing that single thing you will dramatically improve someone's life.

But listening is hard. It requires a giving, compassionate soul and that's tough to maintain. I'd rather be my cynical, inattentive, stupid self, thank you very much. And I'd rather you in all your miserable, lethargic, doom-bringing glory if that's truly how you feel. It's beautiful because it's real and so ugly when it's denied.

If you'd like to send a rude email to RY Shah you can at cakefire@gmail.com.

Yaz is a senior enrolled in Writing the New Journalism



MADLINE BERMAN CONDUCTED A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS THROUGH HER FIRST QUARTER INDEPENDENT LEARNING CONTRACT CALLED "TYPICAL GREENER." IT EXAMINED THE PARADOX OF THE EVERGREEN STUDENT STEREOTYPE.

thrive in this community.

"Evergreen has prepared me ... here at Evergreen you're given enough line to hang yourself with and I mean that in a sense where you have so much freedom that you can do what you want and probably get by and not do much for four years...or you can tear this thing up. Take advantage of every resource and opportunity to us and become big fish in this little campus. Which isn't an ego thing, but it just means we're going to leave Evergreen with skills other people from other colleges may or may not have.

"I doubt I'll be unemployed next year."

Ben Anderson is a typical Greener.

Madeline Berman is a senior enrolled in an independent learning internship

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

Brown Bag Lunch

Students are invited to attend a brown bag lunch at noon to 1 p.m. in Lab 1 Room 1060. Conversation will be centered on natural history, evolutionary biology and supporting student research.
Free

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Hip Hop 4 the Homeless Benefit Weekend

Hip Hop 4 the Homeless Benefit Weekend kicks off in The Loft on 525 Cherry St., downtown Oly from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Event hosted by DJ Luvva J. Performers include Jace, Wojack, Junkyard Gang, XP, Jay Barz, Josh Riezeburg, and more. All ages. \$5 or donations of food, clothing, blankets or tents.
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Northern Show

An all ages show featuring Black Tall Door, Eleanor Murray, Shenandoah Davis and Kayleecolde will be playing at Northern in downtown Oly. Show starts at 9 p.m.. Tickets \$6.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Laurence Ebersole Poetry Reading
Laurence Ebersole will be reading his "Mural Poems: Human Rights and Antiwar Poems" at the GSU Kick-Off in the Longhouse at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Ebersole's work has been described by historian Howard Zinn as "eloquent outcries against war and injustice. Their lyricism is undiminished by their political power, and they boldly proclaim that poetry must be reckoned with in the struggle for a better world." Event is sponsored by Amnesty International. Email olyamnesty@riseup.net for more info.
Free

WRC Concert

The Woman's Resource Center is hosting a concert Saturday from 7 p.m. to midnight in the performance hall of the COM building. Artists Sugar Short Wave, Tara Jane O'Neil, Tender Forever and more will be performing. Tickets cost \$5 and can be obtained at buyoly.com, Rainy Day Records and the Evergreen bookstore. Email wrc@riseup.net or call (360) 867-6162 for more info.
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Mathematics Teacher Educator Candidate Speaks

Candidate for Evergreen Mathematics Teacher Educator, Kristen Lesseig, will be speaking from 12 to 1 p.m. in Sem II A2107. All members of the Evergreen community are welcome by Faculty Hiring to offer their feedback about the candidate.
Free

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

Candidate Science Teacher Educator Speaks

Candidate for Evergreen Science Teacher Educator, Amy Slack, will be speaking from 12 - 1 p.m. in Sem II D2107. Once again, all members of Evergreen are welcome by Faculty Hiring to offer their response to the candidate.
Free

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

Alumni Entrepreneur Speaks

Alumni Kim Gaffi from the class of '97 and co-director of Garden Raised Bounty (GRuB) will be speaking in LH3 from 4-5:30 p.m. about how her college experience at Evergreen shaped her entrepreneurial credo.
Free

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Paddling!

Go paddling in a big voyager canoe! A group of paddlers meets at 1:30 p.m. in Red Square, whereupon they will walk to Evergreen beach where canoes shall be waiting. Every week the group paddles to a new place. This week's destination is the Southernmost point of Eld Inlet. Life jackets and paddles will be provided. Remember to bring rain gear, rubber or leather boots, water bottle and a buddy. Email wicada20@evergreen.edu for more info.
Free

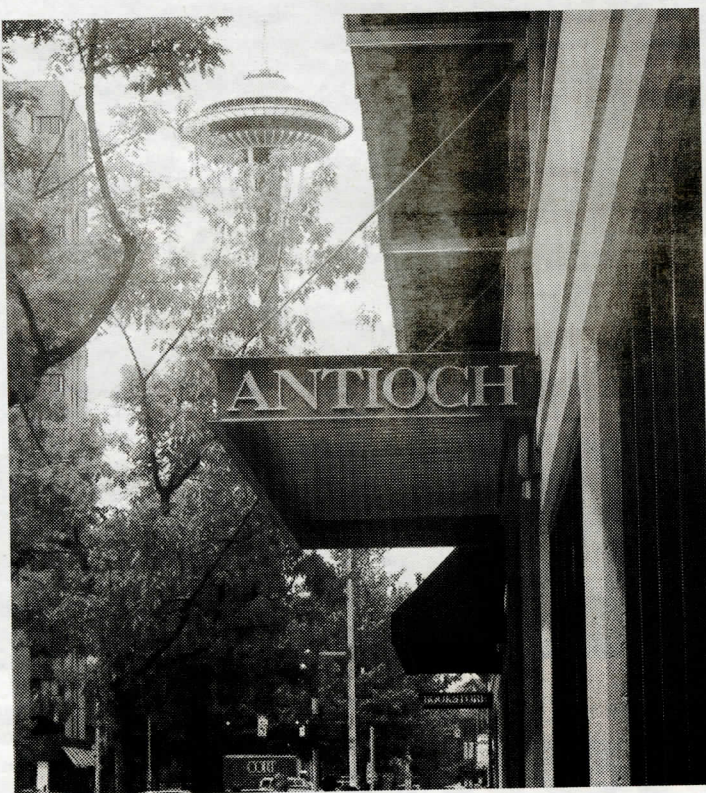
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M.A. in Whole Systems Design

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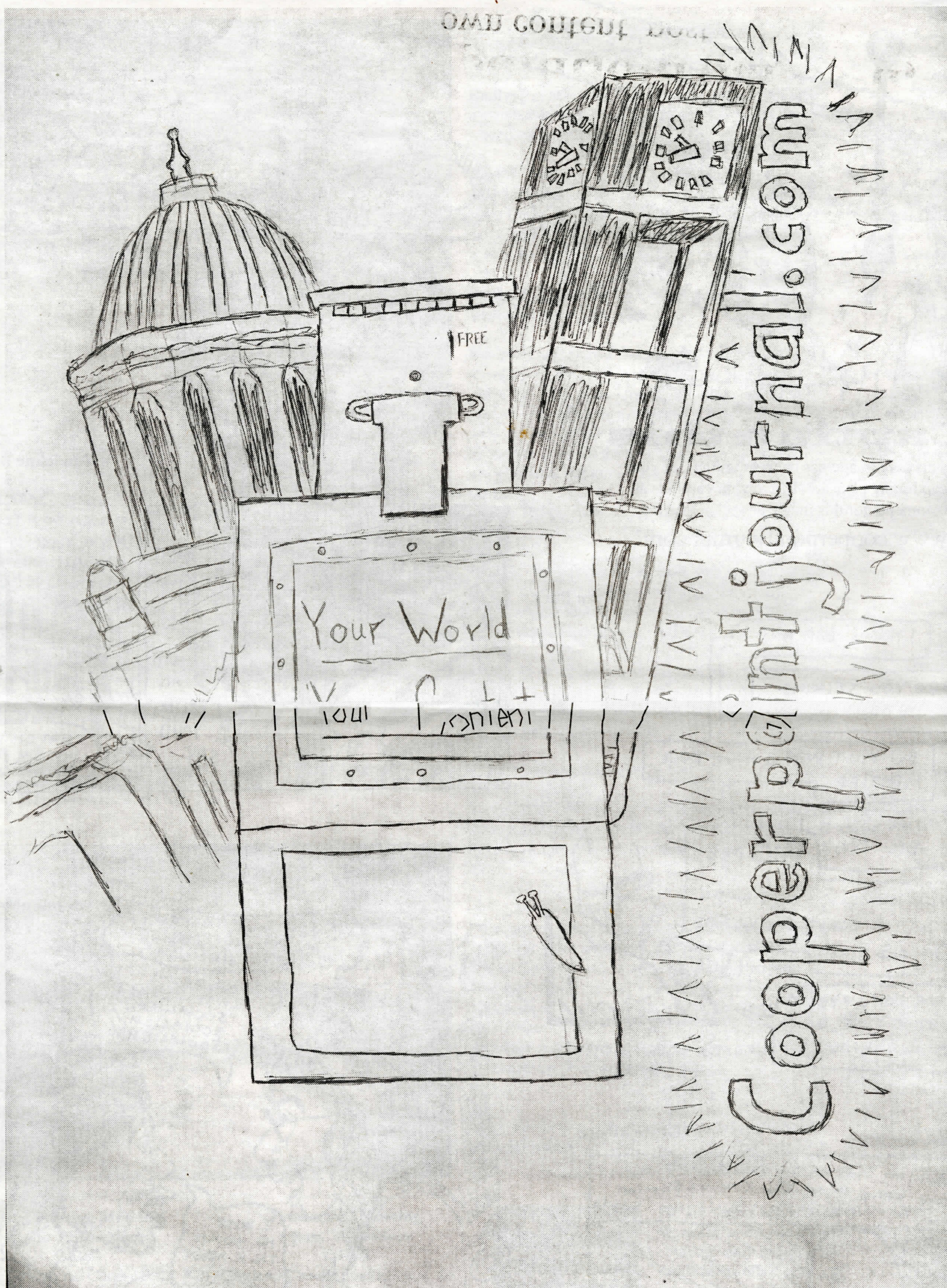


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