

Nisqually R. Floods:

Native Am. Land Washed Out

by Jill Stewart

Last week's floods hit the Native American communities of Western Washington hard. The tiny plot of land called Frank's Landing faces possible extinction if floods come again before they reinforce their land. Last Thursday, the Nisqually River's swelling waters knocked out electricity and water supplies, devouring a great deal of land as they passed. By Friday afternoon, the river had gone down and electricity was being restored.

Friday, Dec. 5, the area looked quite normal at first glance, despite the mud-brown river churning and swirling by. It was only upon closer inspection that telltale signs of the past two-day drama began to show. In the kitchen of Maiselle Bridges rested half a tree, the other half protruding out into the front yard. A corner of a storage shed hung over the river's abrupt edge. Where a pump-house once stood, there now remained only a large metal pipe sticking up from the water.

The water began slowly rising last week as the mountain snow melted and the runoff fed the Nisqually River. The real trouble started Wednesday, according to resident Maiselle Bridges.

"We notified the B.I.A. Wednesday to start sending in some kind of equipment," she said. "The river was really rising and the Army Corps of Engineers was helping upriver, but they never came down here. Logs lodging behind the water-break were forcing water closer to our land. The ground began to crack so we knew the water was going underground," she said.

The tremendous force of the river was also an immediate threat to people and houses near the water. "Trees would come down the river and hit that water-break and stand straight up. We wanted the Army Corps to blow it up but they said they were not given permission. We later saw documents saying they had the right to come into a disaster situation and make that decision. We know the Army was giving us a bunch of nonsense," she said.

The Native Americans who live in this small community have been working against floods for years. Car bodies and logs had been built up in a dike to protect the land from flood. The community worked all summer to reinforce the area, but around 7 p.m. Thursday as the residents and volunteers fought the river with sandbags, the big dike gave way to the urging of the river. Car bodies and logs were swept away with the current, and the river began pulling down pieces of land, eventually consuming a three block long strip of earth, 20 to 50 feet wide.

The group of volunteer workers and residents, who fluctuated from 150 to 300 people, worked under miserable conditions. Those who were lucky enough to wear boots and rain gear found themselves soaked along with everyone else as they stood in two feet of water, filling the 40-pound bags of sand. While the group stacked bags near the river edge a large mass of slow-moving water moved in behind them. "The whole time we were sandbagging there was a chance you could go in. There was a constant danger. Some people were on their toes because the main dike broke. Water went through the sand pit and surrounded them," said resident Hank Gottfriedson.

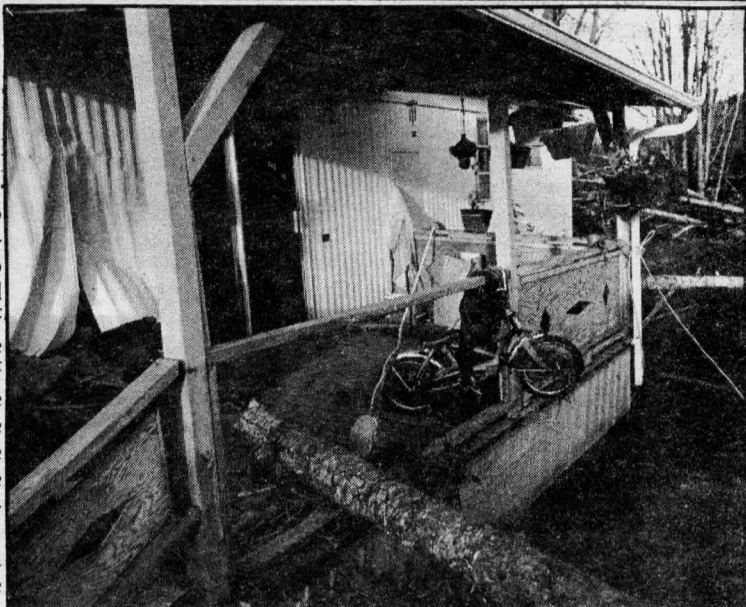
There were other dangers besides the river. A power pole was surrounded and bombarded by the water, evoking fear that if it fell in with the live wires attached, many could be in danger of electrocution. Puget Power was contacted continuously through the rest of the day, and did not actually unhook the wires until that night. Minutes after the power was unhooked the pole teetered and fell.

Problems caused by external forces were some of the major handicaps the residents had to deal with. The river began to slow its attack by 11 p.m. Thursday and by 11:30, most people had gone home. They weren't sure that the sandbags would hold, but had no choice — they had run out of bags. According to Gottfriedson, "The county took 2,000 bags Thursday morning that we had got from Seattle. They said they needed them upriver. But when we ran out they wouldn't share theirs. If the water had come up one more time it would have come over everything."

The sheriff's office was telling people that Frank's Landing was being evacuated and officials stood at the entrance, turning volunteers away. "I don't think they really knew what the situation was. They were trying to turn people away," said resident Andy McCloud.

The group of volunteers was a strangely mixed crew. It included Nisqually Indians, El Centro people (a Seattle-based Chicano activist organization), Evergreen students and Lacey community members. The Salvation Army supplied some of the food and clothes.

Even with this diverse group there were few conflicts. "Most of the people were concerned about helping us save our place. They weren't concerned about differences. Not too many people knew what they were doing but they wanted to help," McCloud said. Gottfriedson confirmed this, saying, "We were glad to have the people show up. We couldn't have



A flood-borne log went through a resident's kitchen.

done it by ourselves. They just jumped right in and never thought about nothing."

At one point in the day, the group took some time out for relief. According to student Elluage Anthony, "I saw one of the Native Americans sneak off into the woods to get some wood. It was really wet so I got some gasoline. People gathered around the fire and started singing to deter the mana of the brown god — the river."

Anthony, director of Ujamma, organized Evergreen volunteers and supplied transportation and food with money from Ujamma's budget. He says "I saw a common need and moved on it. This was a community concern and I acted as a member of the community."

Anthony bought food at Mark-It Foods in Olympia after a hesitant OK from Ed Kormondy. According to a message relayed to Anthony from store employee Scott Claybaugh, Kormondy called and said, "That man is crazy. He may be in jail tomorrow but give him what he wants."

A transportation and communication system was set up through KAOS and Evergreen volunteers were taken to the flood site in vans rented by Anthony.

The small community of Frank's Landing has gone from six to two acres in just a few years. Each year the river looms up, consumes a portion of land, and then recedes. They have appealed to the B.I.A., the county and the state for assistance to reinforce their land. Each group has their excuse for not helping them out. Hank Gottfriedson sums it up this way: "Frank's Landing has been a thorn in the state's side. Everybody's opinion is that the state would like to see us wash away."

by Chris Cowger

Over 100 people greeted Julie Forsythe Dec. 6 at the Unitarian Meeting House in Tumwater as she showed slides and spoke about her recent two and one-half year experience in war-torn Vietnam.

Forsythe, a member of the American Friends Service Committee, returned Oct. 7 with her husband Tom Hoskins after observing the transition from the old South Vietnamese government to the Provisional Revolutionary Government following the April surrender.

The Friends were recently one of the few groups to obtain clearance from the U.S. government for a shipload of medical and educational supplies and food to Vietnam. The U.S. would not permit items like rototillers, yarn, and fishing nets to be sent, however, so the Friends collected contributions earmarked for the illegal goods accompanied by signed statements of complicity. On Nov. 10, those goods were sent and rallies were staged across the country.

About 2,500 people marched to the White House bearing over 5,000 complicity statements and volunteering themselves for arrest. However, the government refused to prosecute and issued retroactive licenses for the illegal shipments.

During most of their stay in Vietnam, Forsythe and Hoskins worked in a civilian rehabilitation center in the central city Quang Ngai, which before the surrender was 80 percent refugees. Work at the center consisted of making and fitting prostheses, and Forsythe said 70 percent of the injuries treated there were war-

related. The center continues to operate with the same employees under the Ministry of Health of the new government.

Her slides evoked an impression of an attractive, hard-working people in a verdant, agrarian paradise which she could only describe as "lush." Although destruction abounds in Vietnam, Forsythe dispelled the myth that the countryside has been totally devastated by conflict.

"Working together is very important, and family bonds are strong," she said. "The difference between the northern and the southern governments was one of self-reliance."

Women play a very vital role in Vietnamese life, she added, both in agriculture and as soldiers.

At the time of the surrender, the couple found themselves among the hordes of fleeing South Vietnamese soldiers and refugees in Da Nang. Tom, a doctor, was asked by Buddhist monks to stay on and assist with casualties, but Julie was requested to evacuate to Saigon because the monks could not insure her safety. "The fear was that the South Vietnamese would bomb Da Nang — a typical wartime pattern," she said.

She spent 12 hours without food or water in the middle of the South China Sea on one of the last barges to Cam Ranh Bay.

One of the first policies of the PRG as they liberated an area, including Saigon, was to displace rural inhabitants to the

countryside. As an illustration, Quang Ngai's population progressed from 7,000 in 1966 to 100,000 in 1973 to 20,000 only one month after liberation.

External postal service was restored to Vietnam December 1. Travel there from this country is still virtually impossible, since the U.S. has placed Vietnam on its "Z" or enemy list. However, bills currently being sponsored by Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., and Rep. Jonathan B. Bingham, D-N.Y., would remove Vietnam from that list.

"I was struck by the pragmatism of the PRG," Forsythe said. "They make use of everyone, no matter what his political record, and all the officials I met were not northerners but southerners." She added that many lower-echelon civil servants and government employees still hold their former positions. The PRG is also quick to admit they are faced with serious difficulties in attempting to control rampant prostitution and unemployment, she added.

General policy is established by the Politburo and then adapted to the individual locale to avoid alienating a people very much accustomed to Western lifestyles. "The policy of reconciliation is dear to the PRG," Forsythe said.

The Vietnamese do not consider themselves Maoists or "stick-in-the-mud socialists," Forsythe said, but true Marxist-Leninists. While recognizing Vietnam's grave problems, she predicted a "very hopeful" future for the newly-united nation.

**FORSYTHE:
WITNESS
TO
REVOLUTION**

LETTERS

RETURN TO WHAT?

To the Editor:

Evergreen from the beginning has been an institution of crises. The events of the past three weeks merely seem more intense due perhaps to a lack of historical perspective in the few years of the college's existence. The tremendous concern that I see pressing Evergreen is not the call for student power, that I can handle, but what I fear is the call for student power without an underlying educational philosophy. All too often during debate for power — and its location — concern with what that power is for was lost, and thus a real opportunity to reaffirm the college's mission was ignored. If much can be seen from the effects of the teach-in and its related activities, it would be a call for power for the sake of power. No one questioned the validity of some student desires in light of what I see the school attempting to do. By not questioning these motives, I feel a shaky step has been taken to separate the college into diverse sections and may split the very thing that makes Evergreen a powerful institution.

The proposals put forth by Merv Cadwallader are in sharp conflict with the kind of educational philosophy on which Evergreen is founded. His proposals point by point are a return to traditional college education built on the model of the high school experience we all wanted to leave behind. And agitating for power for the sake of power will only lend itself to that kind of experience.

A four-college system, with its own deans and its own budgets, will point this institution to the

type of departmental backbiting that plagues most, if not all, colleges in the country. Evergreen's insistence on interdisciplinary study attempts to get past this idiocy and instead recognizes the need to teach composite education with heavy emphasis on reading, writing and thinking. If you can agree that high schools and traditional colleges are models of fragmented supermarket educations, then formulate a student power group on refining and maintaining Evergreen's mode of innovative studies. After all, it is clear to see what is wrong with education without substance, do you wish to return to that which you disliked so much?

The Council for Postsecondary Education for Washington recommended that Evergreen's primary function be that of providing interdisciplinary instruction in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences, and that this charge be specific to Evergreen. Among the many things said for and about Evergreen, perhaps the most thought-provoking was stated by Maxine Mimms of the 1974 Evergreen seniors. She said that she hoped Evergreen had not trained them for specific job skills, but rather had taught them to learn how to learn. Student power, without accompanying educational philosophy, will only serve to return this college to the past, in my estimation, a dreadful alternative to the present. The most important thing to know when you wish to change something is to know what it is that you have, and only after exhausting every means possible to make that system work, to consider something else. I am not satisfied we have come close to exhaust-

ing those means, and in reality the college is still better than anything else presently existing or being offered as an alternative.

George S. Wood

\$ FOR RED & AFRICA

To the Editor:

A message for all my friends and acquaintances out there in the Evergreen "community." As you may or may not know, I am in the Africa and the U.S. Program, which is planning to study in Africa next year (1976-77). To that end, I am raising money to finance myself. I need approximately \$3,000 to do it right. I am therefore asking you, my friends and acquaintances, to send me \$5 donations for Christmas presents instead of material objects. This may sound presumptuous, but surely grosser things have been done in the name of money, so I feel sure you will accept this helpful hint as a helpful hint and not a devious method of obtaining funds.

I also am an excellent typist and will type for you at 75 cents a page for regular typing (double-spaced) and \$1 per page for evaluations. I also am available for odd jobs (but not too odd!) and am a hard worker (with common sense — a bonus). I would also add that I am spending Christmas vacation here at school and will be happy to water your plants in your absence for a small fee (50 cents/day), provided I have a key and proper instructions for your little dears. I am not liable for plants that may die of loneliness in your absence, so be sure to explain to them before you leave that you will return.

My address to mail donations is Bldg. D, Room 515, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, Wash., 98505. My phone number is 866-5169 if you have need of my services. Thank you for your kind consideration and have a happy holiday!

Red, also known as Fran Allen

WTR. QTR. LANG. STUDIES

To the Editor:

During the last two weeks of November, a questionnaire on foreign language instruction at Evergreen was available for interested persons to fill out. This questionnaire was compiled by concerned students and faculty who feel this area of study is inadequate and ignored at Evergreen.

We received responses from about ten percent of Evergreen's campus population (nearly 200 people). Only a small percentage of those who filled out the questionnaire have actually studied

languages here, yet the results in general show a concern for the lack of attention Evergreen has given to foreign language learning. Several feelings expressed address themselves to why so few students have studied language here, and why nearly half the questions were answered by a majority of "don't know." Lack of publicity and information on language classes was one such widely expressed feeling — several persons commented that classes, their times, levels, and meeting places should be listed in the supplement along with other programs. Time was in various ways an important factor also. Some felt that more time offerings for language classes should be available so people could fit them into their schedules. Others felt that more time should be allotted aside from programs which would allow them to attend a language class.

This last problem deals with an important reason for this questionnaire — the advocacy of coordinating languages into programs. Questionnaire responses to this idea were indeed positive. This would resolve many of the problems expressed through the questionnaire. How this could be done is a question to be explored, as there are various ways in which it can be done, but the question at hand is — Should languages be a definite inclusion into the educational goals of Evergreen? It was widely expressed that languages would be an appropriate and valuable inclusion into Evergreen's interdisciplinary structure.

We think the questionnaire, despite its deficiencies, illustrates two very important points: that foreign language instruction is presently inadequate at Evergreen, and that there is definitely enough interest from Evergreen's student body to expend the necessary time, effort, and money to improve the present situation.

We would like to thank those who took the time to respond to the survey. For all interested persons, copies of the specific results are available at the Information Center.

Deanna Smith
Anita de Give

Members of the Linguistics Group Contract

ZIONISM

To the Editor:

I was greatly saddened by the vote of the U.N. General Assembly to equate Zionism with racism. What is especially sad is the fact that the U.N. does in fact mirror world opinion. This is not only an issue for Jews throughout the world; it is an issue which concerns all peoples, especially minority peoples. That

the Third World nations joined to condemn another minority people is ironic. What motivates "the block" nations? Perhaps it is an effort to get back at the U.S. — i.e., scapegoating Israel; or perhaps it is economically motivated (Arab oil); or perhaps individual countries are making their own power plays (e.g. Mexico); maybe it is pure and simple jealousy of the success the Israeli's have had in the development of their "undeveloped country."

We should not be surprised. Throughout its history, the Jewish people have never escaped the scorn and hatred of some of its brethren. What is terribly scary is that not since Hitler has anti-Semitism been sanctioned by governments as official policy. The United Nations, a world body committed to world peace, has once again hurt the chances of peace.

It is now one week after the infamous U.N. vote on Zionism. Already nearly absent from the news media, most people will soon forget the significance of this dastardly act. I shall not forget. Millions of Jews will not forget; we know the legalized and "legitimate" anti-Semitism of Nazi Germany. We now know legalized and legitimate anti-Semitism in our world body.

I am saddened but not surprised with the U.N. resolution. But it is interesting — and scary — how conditions in the world resemble the conditions of Germany in the 1920's and 1930's. Economic difficulties gave rise to Hitler then; history, once again, finds its convenient scapegoat. President Ford, letting that happen.

I was both saddened and surprised at his reaction, or more aptly, lack of reaction. He lost both my respect and my support. His weak stance, his lack of severe condemnation and his willingness to substitute humanitarian values and personal integrity for what I consider a political and economic sellout to the Arab nations — leaves me with a lack of confidence in him and his administration.

I urge him and our Congress to make restitution in the following ways:

1. Refuse to give weapons and foreign aid to countries which voted for the U.N. resolution. The countries that voted for the resolution are not interested in democracy; many are interested in the destruction of Israel — the only democratic country in the Middle East.

President Ford and those who sell arms to countries calling for the destruction of Israel are as guilty of genocide as Hitler was. In the event of a war, they bear responsibility for the deaths of men, women, and children.

2. Curtail U.S. contributions to the U.N. I do not feel we should withdraw from this body. Although sick and dying, it is all we've got. Demon-

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COOTS, ETC.



Coots cruising neutral waters.

I don't know why,
I love coots like I do.
I don't know why,
I just do.

by John Dodge

I am not an ornithologist. Nor am I an avid bird watcher. However, in three years of lakeside living, I have come to admire an innocuous, obscure bird that makes Patterson Lake its winter home. The bird on my mind and in my heart is the coot.

Classified under the genus name of *Fulica Americana*, coots (mudhens) are members of the Megalornithidae family, which includes cranes and rails. Coots are partially migratory and inhabit lakes, swamps, and marshes throughout the Americas from Canada to Panama.

A small bird, 13 to 16 inches in length and a little over one pound in weight, the coot acts and looks like a duck. Coots have slate grey bodies, black necks and heads and white bills. They swim bouyantly, nodding their heads while paddling their lobed toes. They dive with an upward jump before submerging to search out algae and other vegetable matter. Their flight is clumsy and heavy, legs trailing behind. The coot, not a noisy bird, has a single note call that sounds like an ungreased wooden axle.

The Pacific Northwest coot first receives mention in the Lewis and Clark journals. On November 30, 1805 they note the presence of coots at the mouth of the Columbia River. They are still a common wintering bird there.

Over 250 coots spend their winter months on the waters of Patterson Lake. Sporadic coot observations have graced my own journal since October 17, 1973. On that uneventful day, I have asked myself — How long can a coot stay underwater? I decided not more than a minute. . .

The first few days of January, 1974, Puget Sound was in the grips of an Arctic freeze. The lake froze and the coots seemed caught off guard, wondering if they'd migrated far enough south. They clustered together in the middle of the lake, wiggling their tail feathers and flapping their wings to keep a small pool of lake water from freezing over. The rest of the day they slipped and skittered over the icy surface like feeble old men on bowed legs.

And then, a month later, this note. . .
2/9/74. . . Today the fog is thick as soup with the

water, sky and fog all the same bronchial grey. No depth perspective to the casual observer. The coots gliding by look like actors on a one-dimensional stage.

The coot's physical appearance is mirrored in their chosen winter environment. Slate grey bodies against a slate grey backdrop. When they arrive unheralded from the north, October takes on the look of inevitable winter. . .

10/16/74. . . The coots return to Patterson Lake, the lily pads slowly sink and the air is thick and wet in the mornings. Maybe you could return to me with your gift of lost love. . . (You return again only to disappear. Meanwhile the coots drift by — their heads like periscopes, scouting neutral waters in this winter of discontent.)

1/20/75. . . There must be 100 coots within my vision. Some float in their sphere of vacuity. Others cluster together, occasionally disappearing underwater to secure slimy strings of algae. If I were to open the door right now, let the screen door slam, and view the results, I would see 100-odd coots paddle-flop their way, motivated by instinctual fright, toward the middle of the lake.

No matter what approach I use; offerings of stale bread, stealthy footsteps, or coaxing sounds, the coots keep their distance. They have yet to realize my compassion, my attempt at friendship. . .

2/6/75. . . The coots swim past the dock. Coots so unknowing. Content, in fact, pleased by rain. Yee-yaw goes their necks as they paddle-lurch their dumb grey bodies over to the summertime rolling log. They peck miniscule specks of algae off the anchored log, bobbing and ramming their insignificant heads against the log. Then they hop up on the dock and stand silly and stick-legged, surveying the rainy lake scene.

Coots are on the game bird list for Washington State, making them fair game during hunting season. But I can't see shooting coots, let alone eating them. . .
3/18/75. . . "Coot corpses float into the beach like driftwood." No, not really. It's only a nightmarish image from my dreamworld, a thought triggered by a story of a grade school principal who lives on nearby Long Lake. He blasts coots right off his lawn into oblivion. I don't understand his gross behavior. A coot's most offensive move would be to waddle up on the murder's lawn, dabble for food like a barn-yard duck, and possibly leave a coot dropping or two on his lawn. Hardly grounds for the death penalty. (I

wish I could convince the coots on Long Lake to fly over to Patterson Lake and live. Over here speedboaters, waterskiers, and hunters aren't allowed. We have a peaceful ecosystem.)

3/18/75. . . I sit here with the coots waiting for the next storm. By 6:00 hail pounds the lake and looks like popcorn popping. On a grey horizon a shaft of sunlight squeezes through. The dime-sized hail slowly melts on shore. I wonder if the hail gave the coots a headache. . .

And then, with spring about to burst upon the scene, the coots wing it north. As hard as I try, I can't conceive of a coot making a migratory flight. Around the lake, their attempts at flying are awkward and labored. They seldom fly higher than three feet above the water. But records show certain flocks from the southwest and Florida migrate as far south as Costa Rica and the West Indies. . .

The Patterson Lake coots appear to be North Pacific Rim coots, possibly spending their spring mating season in British Columbia waters. In British Columbia they weave their floating baskets and anchor them to tules or other aquatic vegetation. Mate up to produce eight to twelve buff-colored eggs with black/brown dots. Tend to their nest until May 10th or June 1st when a black ball of down with a fiery red head emerges.

I began to scan the lake for coots the middle of October. My first sighting soon followed. . .
10/16/75. . . The coots are back. Why, today I saw four, five, maybe eight coots chug by, looking like they'd never left. Seeing those coots makes me feel good.

11/15/75. . . Wind that ripped a million leaves away — you remain today. Looking back a year, I see the same kind of wind and rain journaled, the same alder trees fighting a losing battle to keep their leaves, the same 107 coots floating by in their own seventh heaven. . . their graceful arced dives for another bit of smuck. . .

My mind trips back over W. C. Fields film dialogue. I recollect W. C. Fields calling someone "a silly coot." It was just another line in a Fieldian stream of quips and sarcasms. But I have a peculiar feeling that the coot was W. C.'s kind of bird.

Nuclear Industry's Trial

BY TIMOTHY LANGE
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The nuclear power industry will go on public trial in 1976.

Led by Ralph Nader and the People's Lobby, citizens' movements in 22 states are turning to the ballot to try to block construction of nuclear plants they consider unsafe.

The nuclear industry, in turn, is gearing for a media advertising blitz to counter the movements, with its trade organization, the Atomic Industrial Forum, doubling its public relations budget for 1976 to \$1.2 million.

In California and Oregon, nuclear safeguards initiatives have already qualified for the November, 1976 ballot. Petition drives are actively underway in Montana, Maine, Massachusetts and Colorado. The other 16 states are now beginning the initiative process.

Although five of the states are east of the Mississippi, they are collectively called the "Western Bloc." Under initiative provisions in the constitutions of only these 22 states, laws can be proposed to the citizenry at the behest of a certain percentage of the states' registered voters.

Though each state's organizers are working independently, the initiatives differ mostly in detail. All would require utility companies to prove three things in public hearings before building new nu-

clear plants: that safety systems are adequate; that radioactive wastes can be stored and protected against theft, sabotage, war, revolution and acts of God; and that a plant can get its own insurance against any potential accident.

While initiative proponents doubt the industry can prove any of the three with current technology, the last one is the real kicker. No private companies have been willing to fully insure a nuclear plant. Plants are now federally insured for up to \$560 million liability by the 1957 Price-Anderson Act, which is up for renewal in Congress next year.

A "worst case" accident has been estimated to have potential for thousands of deaths and crippling plus up to \$280 billion in property damages.

Even if the initiatives were to pass in all 22 Western Bloc states, the rest would still be without such nuclear safeguards — and those states currently contain most of the reactors already in operation or under construction.

Nuclear initiative backers are counting on success at the polls to convince politicians in these other states and the U.S. Congress that nuclear power is losing its popular support.

TOUGH FIGHT

The movement has enjoyed considerable early success. California petitioners were able to gather the needed 313,000 signa-

tures within 150 days. Oregon citizens pulled in 60,000 signatures in only six weeks, 12,000 more than required within 14 months. Chances appear excellent that at least 12 more states will eventually qualify initiatives.

But the organizers' real fight won't begin until the initiatives make the ballots.

Joining Nader, the People's Lobby and other environmental groups backing the initiatives are a number of former Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) employees and scientists such as Nobel physicist Hannes Alfvén; co-discoverer of uranium 223 Dr. John Gofman and author Dr. Paul Ehrlich; and a small number of legislators like Sen. Mike Gravel of Alaska and Rep. Hamilton Fish of New York.

But arrayed against them are much of the scientific nuclear establishment and the federal Energy Research and Development Administration, successor to the AEC. One particularly powerful group opposing the initiatives is Americans for Energy Independence, headed by retired Admiral Elmo Zumwalt and Nobel physicist Dr. Hans Bethe. In California, former Gov. Edmund G. Brown heads the non-industry counter-initiative group, Citizens for Jobs and Energy.

President Ford is strongly committed to nuclear power, encouraging construction of at least 145 more nuclear power plants by 1985 and 1,000 reactors by the turn of

the century, which would supply 55 percent of U.S. electrical power. Fifty-five nuclear plants are now operating in the U.S., supplying about 8.5 percent of the nation's electricity.

LONG WAY TO GO

But for the Western Bloc organizers, perhaps the toughest fight will be convincing the voters themselves. In a Harris poll this August, 63 percent of the respondents said they favored moving ahead with nuclear power because they felt it was clean, safe and inexhaustible. Nineteen percent wanted more caution, and only five percent said they favored a nuclear plant construction moratorium. The rest had no opinion.

Western Bloc organizers say they can convert enough voters to pass the initiatives, however, because their safeguard arguments are sound and their approach moderate.

Indeed, the People's Lobby campaign is straight out of the consumer handbook, taking pains to praise free enterprise and the need for competition within an un-bureaucratically regulated free enterprise system.

According to Lobby chairman Ed Koupal, an ex-Chrysler salesman, "We, as consumers, allow industry to sell a product and make a profit. Industry, in turn, has an obligation to make a safe product that will not harm us in the process."

Gary Plautz, the Journal Managing Editor, and long-standing Evergreen journalist, graduates this quarter.

This issue, then, is for "the Plautz" and his long hours spent on this side of the copy desk.

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strate our displeasure with its functioning by urging a severe cut-back in funds that we give to the U.N.

3. Support a strong, defensible Israel through continued economic and military support. To support both Arab countries and Israel is to simply "up the ante" and bring the Middle East and perhaps the world closer to war.

Finally, it is easy to encourage Israel to deal directly with the P.L.O. from the safety of the United States, and the lush gardens of the White House. Consider, for example, the recent bombing in Jerusalem. Eight people died, and almost 50 people were injured. Israel is a small country with a population of about three million. The equivalent — if this happened in the U.S. — would have the following headline: "640 killed; 4,000 injured in bombing." How willing would our President be to "negotiate" with those who perpetrated the bombings?

I sincerely hope to see these recommendations implemented. I will do all I can to actively support and campaign for candidates that agree with the above views.

I urge those people who have feelings about this to discuss the issues; to make their views

known; to write to their representatives in Congress. The most unpardonable and irresponsible act is passivity and lethargy. Will we be like so many Germans and millions of people in the world who, when confronted with the reality of Hitler and the murder of six million Jews, proclaim, "We didn't know it was happening?"

Theodore Gerstl

REASON

To the Editor:

Reason, we are informed, is that which separates the human species from other beasts. Agreed. But what is the force behind the word that has keyed its development?

According to Darwin, Man's position in Nature's hierarchy is the result of our species' ability to adapt to, and overcome, our competition in the natural selection/survival of the fittest game.

This adaptive ability common to our species does not owe its success to the ability of a rational mind to make logical decision. Rather, I propose that our ability to reason is the product of a more primal force: fear. As our brain size/mass ratio has evolved as a function of the necessity to develop a tool to overcome our competitors, a survival mechanism is keyed by a correspondingly evolving sense of fear, a sense more rudely displayed in the reflex, survival instinct of the simplest one-celled animal and progressing, by stages, to the instinctive movement of baby turtles to the sea, and beyond, increasing in complexity with the greater the brain size/mass ratio.

How is fear in Man exhibited? Its essence, it seems to me, is the act of dishonesty resulting from an inability to trust for fear of rejection.

To know and step beyond fear, then, let me suggest this: strive to be completely honest, and in place of fear, let it be resolved this New Year's to replace

it with trust based upon knowledge. Reason.

Bob Herron

PARKING PROGRAM

To the Editor:

The paid parking program is going fairly well this fall after a two-year period of free parking. There are, however, a few individuals who haven't received the word that a valid parking permit is required when their vehicle is parked on campus between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Warning notices are written in these cases and occasionally vehicles are impounded for repeated offenders.

Parking in prohibited areas continues to be a problem. The following areas are prohibited parking areas and vehicles will be impounded by towing away:

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More information on parking can be obtained by calling extension 6140.

Carl Renshaw
Parking Supervisor

FOOD STAMPS

To the Editor:

You've enjoyed the convenience of being certified for food stamps right on campus, right? You'd hate to have to go clear out to the Tumwater office for your food stamp appointments, right? Well, that's what's going to happen if people keep failing to show up for their scheduled interviews. DSHS is threatening to withdraw its interviewer from Evergreen (she comes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays). By all means, call Financial Aid (6205) for an appointment. And, by all means, get yourself over here (Lib. 1213) at the appointed hour!

Betty

FI AID

To the Editor:

Many of you who have knowledge of and concern for student financial aid matters may be aware that there is cause for concern in current happenings on the national scene. Congress approved a budget last summer which includes funding for all the financial aid programs currently available, but there is tremendous pressure from the Administration to severely cut back and even eliminate them; SEOG and NDSL are particularly threatened at this time.

I must point out that the Washington delegation has been very supportive of financial aid programs in the past. Senator Magnuson, in particular, has long been a knowledgeable and steadfast proponent of student assistance. With the election year coming up, our representatives are likely to be even more responsive than usual to letters

which thank them for past support and encourage them to "hang in there" in the face of Administration pressure. I hope you will take time during this winter break to write them, particularly if you are a recipient of financial aid funds. Your own words to them on your need for aid will make a difference.

Kay Atwood

• Sno-Line, the Washington State Highway Department's mountain pass road condition report, has begun. The number to call in Olympia for information about the state's 11 mountain pass highways is 943-4600.

Hilah

Chilled and frosty scene.
Stars are glinting, oh so small.
Clouds dance in their airy hall,
They sweep across the sky in skirts of gold.
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Anne Jacobs

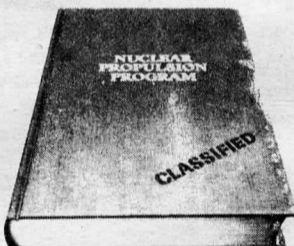
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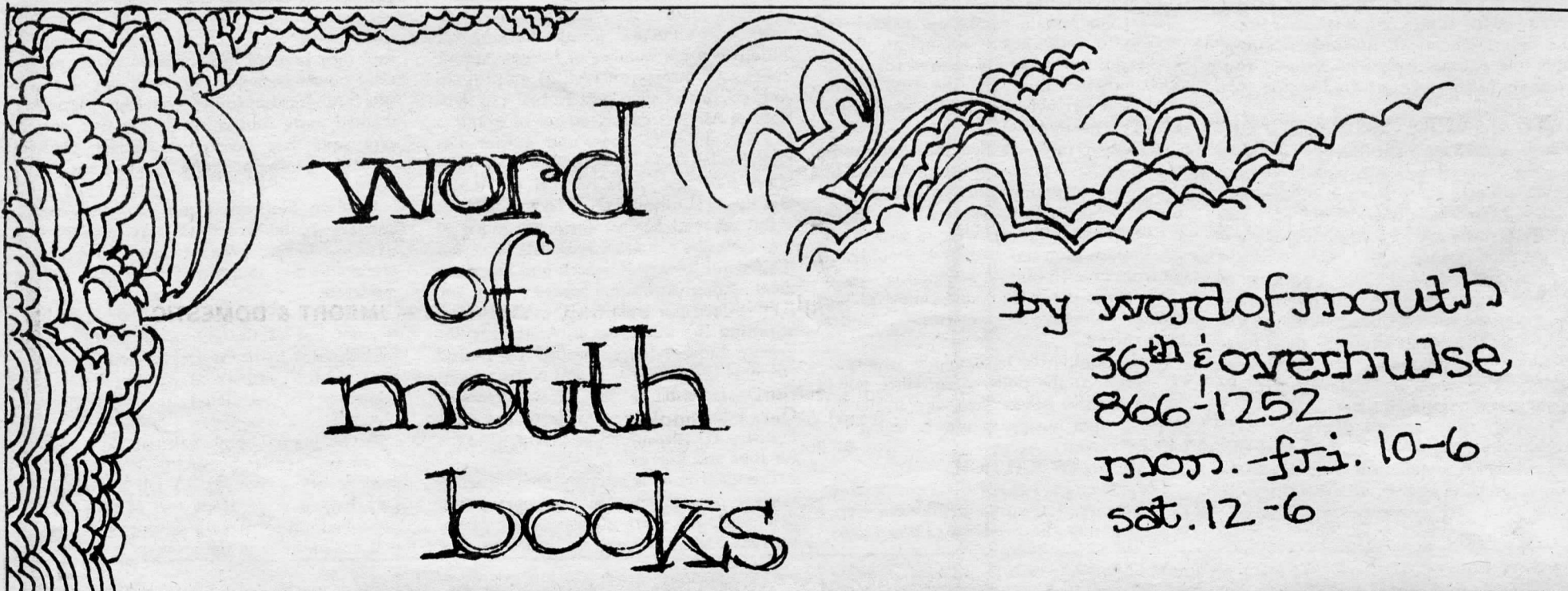
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IN BRIEF

Curriculum

by Neil Marshall

Interdisciplinary studies are what attract many of Evergreen's students here. Yet, the process of generating these study programs forces students to adopt certain educational goals which they may not have in mind for themselves.

The process of generating new programs each year has several purposes. One purpose is to get programs to emphasize material and the process of merging disciplines on a central and common theme: another, is that programs will be the creations of their sponsoring faculty, the act of offering them will be the final catharsis of this creativity.

Yet, for students, this yearly generation means they spend one year at most, studying a set of problems. Study which occurs through a cluster of disciplines, while they accept the values and emphasis of the faculty who sponsor it. In the following year,

no program is intended to carry on the emphasis and structure of the student's previous year's work. Rather, students are expected to adapt to a new cluster of problems, to faculty with different values, and perhaps, to totally different disciplines.

The classic problems with curriculum relevance at Evergreen result from students wishing to continue work they have begun in programs the previous year.

EXISTING CONTINUITY

The kind of continuity students create within the curriculum offerings, when they are able to do so at all, has striking differences from the more usual "specialization" that occurs at most universities. President McCann describes it in a letter he sent out this summer.

"... (After reviewing) the academic work of each student who graduated this year after spending four years at Evergreen, three general patterns emerged. 1) All of the ... students began studies in coordinated studies.

Eighty percent eventually undertook individual contracts ...

2) As the mode changed, so did the content, the students' self-directed programs moved from general to specific, both in academic content and in career focus.

3) ... When concentration begins to emerge in the student's record, it's in the form of a discipline conceived not as a 'body of knowledge,' but as a way of knowing."

The courses that students make for themselves are "interdisciplinary" and are "ways of knowing," not knowledge acquired about a specific discipline. In effect, they are solo coordinated studies. When this continuity does occur, in large part, it does so through individual contracts — outside the general curriculum generation processes.

Currently, there are several proposals and much talk of ways to improve the likelihood of providing this kind of continuity in the curriculum proper. Most of these proposals offer a bureaucratic systematization of curriculum planning; but attempt to preserve the originality of each specific program within broad planning guidelines.

It seems that each of these plans approaches the problem from the wrong end, that is, from the top down. A relevant

curriculum would be one that began with student and faculty interests and possessed a process for program generation which aided these interests in coalescing into programs for the coming year. So far, no such plan is on anyone's chalkboard.

• The Canadian mail strike has been settled, and mail is now being accepted and processed. If questions, call either 866-6224 or 866-6315.

FIRE PROTECTION COURSE

Fort Steilacoom Community College will join hands with Evergreen and the McLane Fire Department winter quarter to offer a three-credit course on "Fire Protection Equipment and Systems."

Captain Paul Pedersen of the McLane Fire Department is organizing the program, which will be offered Tuesday evenings, beginning Jan. 6, from 7 to 10 p.m. in Building 212 on the Evergreen campus.

Enrollment in the program is open to members of all organized fire departments, and to those employed in occupations closely related to the fire service. Persons interested in enrolling are invited to contact Capt. Pedersen at McLane at 866-6348.

NEWS FROM CAREER PLANNING



by Molly Wright

In October I mailed out an alumni newsletter to all Evergreen graduates. Included was news about the interests and activities of some grads, and information about the services we offer that are available after graduation, such as employment counseling and Credential Files. Accompanying the newsletter was a survey card requesting graduate school/employment standing and an explanation of a new program we are initiating called *Alumni Job Visitation and Advisory Service*. The purpose of this new program is to coordinate Evergreen graduates with students who wish to gather career information and explore specific work environments.

As an undergraduate student, you will make decisions about your career. It is important that you have a good over-all view of the areas you are considering working in. One way to research a career, to assess your interest and potential, and to gain job experience is to participate in the internship program facilitated by Cooperative Education, located at Lab. 1020, 866-6391. Another direct research method that goes beyond books and on-campus career related advising, is to

utilize the Alumni Job Visitation and Advisory Service.

Many Evergreen graduates responded to the alumni survey, and have offered to act as career advisors, which entails having a student visit them on the job. These are folks who can tell you about the nuts and bolts of a career decision: such as how a particular occupation would influence your life, what the requirements are for entry-level positions, the best way to get a job in a given career area and the future in such a career. We now have graduate advisory resources in a variety of occupations, locally, throughout the United States and abroad. For example: Teresa Baldwin, Project Planner and Consultant in Law Enforcement Administration, New York City; Michael Hall, Director of Financial Aid, Colegio Cesar Chavez College; Elizabeth Bjeland, Radio News Reporter, UPI, Capitol Campus; Lawrence Hall, Planning Director for the Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

If you are interested in these kinds of resources, contact Career Planning and Placement, Lib. 1220, 866-6193. Happy Holidays and don't forget to schedule in Senior Seminars next quarter: Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

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ORNITHOLOGY

During Christmas break, the faculty of the "Ornithology: From Avocets to Yellowthroats" contract will begin selection procedures for the spring quarter contract.

Students interested in participating in this intermediate to advanced level contract should submit their Evergreen portfolio (or in the case of transfers — a copy of their transcript and other reference material) along with the essay described below, to the contract secretary Pearl Vincent, Lab 2013, by December 19th. The essay should state in a concise manner (not more than four pages, typed double-spaced on white 8 1/2" by 11" paper) how the proposed material and experience of the ornithology contract will apply to the student's academic goals and interests. The essay should describe relevant academic and non-academic background as well as career goals if applicable (i.e. the essay should describe what you are bringing to this contract and what you expect to get out of it).

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WHO ARE THE TESCANS

by John Dodge

After poring over computer readouts supplied by the Registrar's Office, here are some statistical figures for perusal.

- Student breakdown by sex (breakdown by sex?) is 51.3 percent male and 48.7 percent female.
- Minority enrollment for fall quarter is 11 percent. This figure is based on the following ethnic groups: Black Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Spanish Americans.
- The average age of a TESCANS is 23, while the modal age is 21.
- Students in the age group 35 and over total 259 or 13.3 percent of the Evergreen enrollment. The majority of these students are off campus, working on individual contracts and internships.
- Washington residents comprise 81.5 percent of the student population. Five states — California, Oregon, Illinois, New York and Massachusetts — supply 88 percent of out-of-state TESCANS.
- Food for thought: While entering freshmen (or should I say freshpersons) add up to 812 (32 percent) of the student body, only 13 of these students come from Thurston County high school graduating classes of 1975.

WALK AGAINST WAR

Thirty years after Hiroshima, war remains a crime against humanity. The Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice calls for an end to this crime, and an egalitarian world focus on dealing with problems of sexism, racism, militarism and other roots of war.

The walk — which is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, Fellowship of Reconciliation and Women Strike for Peace, to name but a few — will begin in San Francisco, Jan. 31, and end in Washington, D.C. about seven months later.

A car caravan from Vancouver, B.C., however, will be leaving for San Francisco on Jan. 1. On Jan. 8, this caravan will come through Olympia, and there will be an open forum concerning such issues as disarmament, nuclear power and nonviolent resistance in Evergreen's library lobby from 12 to 2 p.m. A demonstration at the Capitol is also in the planning.

People interested in helping with the walk or any of the Olympia planning should contact David Rabin at 866-1089.

RAPE RELIEF NEEDS HELP

Attention women: Looking for a worthwhile project for Christmas vacation? The YMCA needs your help.

Every month approximately ten women call Rape Relief seeking help. The Rape Relief staff needs four volunteers to work in a supportive role with rape victims. Work may include helping the victim through her medical exam and legal process. Volunteers also work in an educa-

tional capacity at the high school level.

The YWCA is prepared to educate and train volunteers. For further information contact Ethel Roesch or Linda Lombard at the YWCA (352-0593).

SOUNDING BOARD

Wednesday's Sounding Board meeting opened with a progress report by Provost Ed Kormondy on the short range curriculum planning DTF.

The DTF held its organizational meeting Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7 a.m., at which time they broke into four groups to evaluate and review the 75-to-100 program proposals put forth for the next two years. The group will make their first cut in the numbers of proposals by the first week of January. They will then gather community reaction on the proposals, make final cuts and get them ready for the catalog, which should be out between March 15 and April 1. A filing system of all proposals, open to the community, should be assembled by today, Dec. 11, in Lib. 2005, according to Kormondy.

Members of Pat Sparks' weaving contract spoke in defense of their program which will be cut after winter quarter. The contract is currently overenrolled with a waiting list, and Sparks has been turning down interested students who've been calling from as far away as the East Coast and Hawaii. Yet, Sparks has confirmed a grapevine rumor that the program will be dropped due to "budget cuts."

Several SB members were openly angered with the decision, but all agreed with Stone Thomas that they needed more information. All persons involved in the decision will be invited to Sounding Board to discuss the matter.

Rainer Hasenstab proposed that the group adopt a motion to reaffirm their commitment to offer those programs that are overenrolled and currently active. The motion carried with no dissension.

GEODUCK SOCCER

Geoducks invading the University of Washington's Husky Stadium? Strange, but true, and it happened Sunday, Dec. 7, when Evergreen's men's soccer team played the Husky Soccer Club on the hallowed Astroturf.

But the Geoducks' elation on being on a playable field for once was short-lived. The (as usual) undermanned Evergreeners (a fullback had to play the goalie position) spotted the Huskies two quick goals in the opening minutes of the first half. They settled down to hold the Dogs pretty much at bay the rest of the game, but were not able to generate the kind of offense they needed to win, and fell 3-0.

But it wasn't a complete day of infamy for Evergreen sports fortunes. The women's soccer team beat the Husky women's squad, 2-0. Barb Wootton scored both of the Geoduck goals.

GEODUCKS

Evergreen's men's basketball team has begun its third season in Olympia City League competition.

This will be the third year Gerald Nelson has coached the Geoducks, bringing the team from a 2-8 first-year season, to an 8-6 third place finish last year. This season's team should be just as good as last year with tough competition expected in the league.

The season started Dec. 3, and all games are played at Jefferson Junior High, just off Division on the Westside, on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Last Monday night, Clapping beat the Cascara Streaks, 40-38, in the finals of fall quarter 3-on-3 men's basketball.

In winter quarter, 3-on-3 basketball will resume, so interested players should start getting teams together, and stop by the Sport Kiosk the first two weeks in January for an application.

MORE ASH PROBLEMS

by Gary Plautz

Don and Lauren Van Cleave have been fired as assistant managers at Evergreen's Adult Student Housing complex, and they are angry about it.

"Last Monday (Dec. 1), we were called into David Bierman's office (Bierman is the manager at ASH) and he told us we were fired," said Don Van Cleave. "We had no warning at all this was going to happen, and as far as we know, we were doing adequate work."

Van Cleave said Bierman told them the reason they were fired was because of "incompatibility."

Bierman himself refused to comment on the firing, saying it was a personal matter and that it was company business.

Bierman did say the complaints the Van Cleave's have made about his management at ASH are not shared by all of the complex's residents.

"I work with these young people and I hear them through when they have a complaint," he said. "People come up and say to us that they're glad we're here."

"We have no personal vendetta against Mr. Bierman," said Lauren Van Cleave. "We just think we were treated unfairly and without consideration."

The Van Cleave's biggest complaint is not that they were let go from their job, but rather that they were not given the opportunity to resign rather than be fired. This is an extreme hardship, Don Van Cleave said, because they (they have two children) have been forced in short notice to look for a new job around the Christmas holidays. Also, Don Van Cleave will be forced to drop out of Fort Steilacoom College.

"We don't want our job back," said Lauren. "We just object to his tactics."

This is not the first problem the ASH management has faced this year. Problems with dogs, parking and the recreation center at ASH have also occurred.

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SOUTH SOUND CENTER

ENTERTAINMENT

by Gary Kaufman

There's a photo essay up on the third floor in the library . . . One of the most interesting things for me this past week has been my rediscovery of The Pub on the corner of 5th Ave. and Columbia. As I sat there last Friday night, my back pressed against the high cushioned bench running the length of one of the walls, I watched the sculpted faces around me each time they paused to sip on a beer or light a smoke or rest up for the next shot at the pool table, propping themselves up with a pool cue. I listened to a lonely, bitter man talk about the five years he spent in Folsom Prison without parole. I watched the one time New England Puritan try to drown the old ways in the foamy glass before him. I watched Dustin Hoffman's Mrs. Robinson try to forget the dreariness of her drug-store job while she pretended, to the rhythm of the barroom clock, that she was Katherine Ross instead. And then Monday I went to see Bill Hirshman's photo essay in the Library. For a moment I could have sworn I was back in The Pub, watching the miserable faces and the happy faces and the lonely faces, all frozen by technology's magic. Go see the essay. Go see The Pub.

Olympia, bustling metropolis that it is, has already managed to roll up the carpet for Christmas break — and there's still one day to go! Woody Allen's at the State Theatre, it's a triple feature (see review).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Friday Night Film Series presents John Ford's "How Green was My Valley" at 7 and 9:30 in Lecture Hall One. Starring Maureen O'Hara and Walter Pidgeon, it's the story of a farm family being shafted by mining interests. The flick as I remember it, is a bit hokey, but that's okay; it's Christmas.

Applejam is dedicating the evening to Sea Songs and Chan- teys with Dale Russ and Jon Bartlett leading the festivities. Door opens at 8.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

A troupe of Seattle actors, a group of Native American dancers and storytellers and a Walt Disney flick are all part of a "Children's Festival" scheduled at Evergreen from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Activities will also include two surprise guests after the scheduled 10 a.m. registration in the main Library Lobby. Cost is \$2 per child. Youngsters may then choose between the Disney film or live performances by Native American dancers. Both events will be repeated in the afternoon. The Piccoli Theatre, a group of Thespians, will highlight the afternoon along with the arrival at 3:30 p.m. of two special guests rumored to be a famous deer and his master (I didn't know Bambi had a master!). Youngsters are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch and younger children are being asked to be accompanied by adult supervision. Free milk will be provided. For additional information check with the Office of Recreation and Campus Activities.

Applejam is having Centralia's bluegrass quintet. They're damn good!

And that's pretty much it for Oly.

SEATTLE:

The Rosebud Palace, on the corner of Third and Washington in Pioneer Square, is showing Jean Harlow in "Bombshell" from Dec. 11 to 14. This film put Harlow into the limelight and on the list of top ten Hollywood favorites. The film is a funny and wisecracking satire on

Hollywood and acted as a perfect vehicle for Harlow's comic talents.

The Seattle Film Society at Bloedel Auditorium, 1229 10th Ave. E. is showing Antonini's "Cronaca di un Amore" (Story of a Love Affair) on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. SFS Members get in for a buck, all others \$2. It is considered to be Antonini's best flick; but he's not dead yet.

Skid Road Theatre at 102 Cherry St. presents the musical play "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" on Thursdays - Sundays at 8 p.m. For reservations call 622-0251.

Plans for the Seattle Art Museum's Annual Family Holiday Party have been finalized. It will be held Saturday, Dec. 13, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Volunteer Park Museum and is free to the public. The program this year will begin in the Garden Court with a selection of seasonal vocal music presented by the Cornish School Chorale to be followed at 3:15 by the Cornish School Ballet. At 3:55, the Society for Creative Anachronism will perform songs and dances of the Medieval period, in authentic costume. The Seattle Puppetry Theatre will also perform at both 2:45 and 3:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the Activities room throughout the party.

In celebration of Mark Tobey's birthday, the Pacific Northwest Arts Council of the Seattle Art Museum is sponsoring an exhibition of Tobey exhibits starting Dec. 12 at 95 Yesler Way. Hours are noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

An exciting exhibition of contemporary art by area artists will open Dec. 13 at the Seattle Art Museum Modern Art Pavilion, Seattle Center and continue through Jan. 11, 1976. Entitled "Northwest Artists Today, Part II: Painting and Sculpture," the exhibition is part of the Museum's series of exhibitions presented in cooperation with its Pacific Northwest Arts Council.

For this exhibition, the focus is on the art of Washington and Oregon artists. Artwork for this invitational exhibition was selected by the Museum's Modern Art Department through visits to studios, exhibitions and collections. Viewers will find a selection which includes art by both familiar and new faces in Northwest art, with emphasis on high quality current work. Over 40 artists are represented by more than one work each. There are a large number of paintings, a strong representation in sculpture and a limited number of works in other media.

Hours at the Modern Art Pavilion are 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily (closed Monday); Thursday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Museum docents will conduct free public tours on Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. Admission to the Modern Art Pavilion is \$1 for the general public; 50 cents for Senior Citizens and students. Thursday is a free day for the public.

PORTLAND ART MUSEUM:
"Masterworks in Wood: The

Christian Tradition" is still on view and will be until Jan. 4. The 50 wood sculptures in the exhibition represent religious subjects and were selected to "suggest the meaningful flow of the Church . . ." Music represented by most of the works will be featured in three holiday concerts by Early Music Calliope on Dec. 19 in the Galleries. The group will perform in costume and will give special attention to vocal and instrumental works of the early English Tudor period.

Graphic works and small sculptures by Dmitri Hadzi and Hugh Townley will be on view through Dec. 21. Four other exhibitions will close Jan. 5: Selections from the collection of Francis J. Newton; Photographs by Ernest Bloch; Four Buildings, A Walking Tour; and Wooden Musical Instruments, modeled on historical designs by local craftspeople.

If you plan on traveling north or south and have the time stop in the Seattle or Portland Art Museum; they're fine places to spend some time. If you're staying in Olympia for break, well, gee I'm awful sorry, but I hope you have a good break anyway (it is possible, I've been told). TOODLES!

ALLEN'S TRIPLE FEATURE

by Craig Sweet

I've never cared much for double-features when I go to the movies. Those dusk-till-dawn drive-ins could drive me berserk.

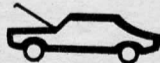
Sunday, I went and saw my first triple-feature since I was ten and my parents herded me off to a Saturday matinee. I even hitched in the rain to see it. I'd recommend the same to everyone.

Woody Allen does that to me. I lose all sense of normality and love every minute of it.

This week, at the State Theater on 4th Street, you can see, all at once, *Bananas*, *Sleeper*, and *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex** (*but were afraid to ask). It's worth the bucks.

Allen's comedy relies heavily on his ability to make himself out to be a total ass. His characters are consistently inept; the king's Fool who isn't funny; the loser who can't buy a porno magazine without bringing it to the attention of every old woman in the drugstore; or the health-food fanatic who awakens after 200 years to discover that science has proven cigarettes to be healthy after all. His characters win in the end both because of and in spite of their ineptness.

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If Woody Allen can win, who the hell can't?

When Allen strays from this basic character, the humor strays as well. In *Everything You Always Wanted*, etc., he plays the hero against a giant female breast. It's funny, yes, but it seems strained. The humor shifts from Allen's bumbblings to this great visual image of a huge breast ravaging the countryside, drowning people with its milk. The image works, but the film seems weakened.

In *Sleeper*, Allen fumbles around the future with Diane Keaton (the perfect female cohort for him) and once again becomes the hero in spite of himself. *Sleeper* is the strongest of the three films. Even the plot is more cohesive, although with Allen one shouldn't pay too much mind to plots.

Playing a character who has been frozen since 1973 and awakens in 2173, Allen is forced to use this futuristic society's complex gadgets, of which he has little or no understanding, to help pull off espionage against the evil of the society's ruling class. But the audience relates to the fact that our society gadgets may be less advanced but are equally confusing. Who at Evergreen could resist a giggle as Woody dangles from a giant computer tape, while Diane Keaton frantically tries to remember which button works fast forward and which works rewind? Or the unraveling of the defrosted Allen as if he were a TV dinner? It is on this level that *Sleeper* becomes great comedy.

Bananas is Allen's most chaotic film to date. The laughs are interspersed with filler, but the humor is some of his best. With all of Allen's films, one waits for special moments — in *Bananas*, you just have to wait a little longer.

Woody Allen has said that his one regret in life is that he was not born somebody else. I'm glad he wasn't. I haven't laughed so hard all quarter.

ACHILLES THE HEEL

by Curtis Milton

Sunday, Dec. 7, was the 34th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, a date which will "live in infamy." The date also marked the unveiling of the latest work by Evergreen playwright Malcolm Stilson, "Achilles the Heel," heralded as "the biggest bomb since Pearl Harbor."

"I take all the blame except for the ad libs," reads Stilson's dis-

claimer from the play program. Good thing, too, because at times it was almost impossible to tell which lines were from Stilson's script and which were being invented by the cast. No worry to Stilson who kept swigging something from a convenient hip flask as the play progressed from strange to weird.

The play's main focus (if there was one at all) concerned the Mafia's attempts to turn fictitious Wintergreen College into a profit-making organization. ("Now let's see . . . we got a hundred and fifty bucks from the Friday Nite Porno Flicks . . .")

The efforts of such money-minded types as Joe Achilles, Vice-President for Business (Dick Nichols), Charlie Cassetti, God-Dean (Darrell Six) and Zeus, the Godfather (Kevin Clark) are constantly being thwarted by President of Wintergreen Ashford Cann (John Moss) who insists on running the school "for the students." In the end, right triumphs over wrong and the entire cast (according to the program " . . . an indiscriminate mob recruited from rejected Evergreen student and faculty applicants, and cast-off staff members . . .") winds up singing the Geoduck Fight Song.

"Geoduck Fight Song?" I hear you cry. Yes, a real, live fight song for the hard-shelled little mascot ("Something to inject a little enthusiasm in the students," says Cann) and a lot more music as well, most of it conceived by Stilson. Music ranged from a Wintergreen alma mater ditty to something called "I'm a Vicarious Sicilian" (words and music by Dick Nichols). The Wintergreen Orchestra (Malcolm Stilson, his flask and piano) provided musical first aid for the cast numbers.

As a spectator to this debacle I'd just like to say that I hope my psyche hasn't been permanently damaged. (Although I have been feeling a little strange ever since.) As an evening of theatre at Evergreen it won't soon be forgotten (unfortunately).

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Gregory Krall

Sandbags along the Nisqually River, which flooded last week and swept away Native American land.