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Welcome to the 13th Annual

# Disorientation Manual

Undoubtedly, as a new student, you have received countless mailings and glossy handouts from The Evergreen State College admissions office and administration attempting to "orient" you to the little world unto itself that is Olympia and the Evergreen experience. Well, to their attempts to appeal to mom and dad we say, "Fuck your whitewashed, glossed-over view of this place we love and thrive in." Thus, we desire to disorient you. In this manual, we want to give you some idea of what's really been happening at Evergreen and in Olympia lately, and to provide you with some ideas on how to get involved in the hectic, enriching community outside Evergreen so as to make the most of your time here.

We hope to expose you to some potentially new ideas and perspectives that you will likely come across during your time at Evergreen. Depending on where you're from, issues such as race privileges or food politics may or may not have occurred to you before. But, be sure, they will come up in seminar. We want to prepare you here with overviews of such inflammatory ideas to help you begin your process toward a life of thinking more critically and empathetically.

Every year, we work all summer to publish the DisMan so that you don't have to start your Olympia experience from scratch. Hopefully you can use this manual to inspire your own projects and feel more comfortable with Olympia as your new home.

We recognize some of the articles may have holes, be out-dated, or offensive. Deal with it. Or, better yet, get involved next summer to make the DisMan better for those newbies to come. That said, we hope you enjoy this year's Disman. Feel free to contact the Sabot Infoshoppe if you have questions or comments.

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AT EVERGREEN, MORE SO THAN AT OTHER COLLEGES, YOUR EDUCATION IS IN YOUR HANDS.

THINK OF EVERGREEN AS YOUR METAPHORICAL SANDBOX.

**GET INVOLVED. PARTICIPATE.**

READ THIS MANUAL & LEARN ABOUT WHAT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED HERE.

PERHAPS SOMEONE HAS ALREADY BEEN HERE WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS THAT YOU HAVE NOW AND HAS LEFT SOMETHING BEHIND (A STUDENT CLUB, A PROJECT, RESEARCH) THAT YOU CAN PICK UP & BUILD FROM.

**ASK AROUND.**

YOU CAN'T LEARN TO RIDE A BIKE JUST BY READING A BOOK. AT SOME POINT YOU'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO GET ON THAT BIKE AND EAT SHIT A FEW TIMES.

UNFORTUNATELY, EVERGREEN IS ALSO LOSING ITS ALTERNATIVE IDENTITY. ITS SEEN 30 YEARS OF STATE FUNDING CUTS. FEDERAL HIGHER EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS HAVE RISEN AROUND MAINSTREAM METRICS AND THAT'S WHERE THE MONEY IS. THE "DINOSAURS" ARE RETIRING AND TAKING THEIR CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE WITH THEM WHILE FACULTY ARE BEING HIRED WHO HAVE ONLY WORKED AT MAINSTREAM COLLEGES. FEDERAL AGENTS HAVE ILLUSTRATED STUDENT GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES AND OVERALL CRACKED DOWN.

AND IN GENERAL THERE'S A CLEAR DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE IDEALS OF THE STUDENTS AND THEIR MATERIAL/PHYSICAL REALITY. I'M SURE YOU HAVE GREAT INTENTIONS, BUT HOW ARE YOU EMBODYING SUCH VALUES, PRACTICING, PERFORMING, PLAYING WITH THEM?

# DECOLONIZING SPACE<sup>7</sup>

## *An Indigenous Perspective of the Evergreen State College*

As new students walk onto The Evergreen State College for the first time it is important to reflect upon whose footsteps we follow. American high school education does an enormous injustice to the histories of Indigenous peoples and many first-years arrive with limited in-depth knowledge pertaining to the history of colonization and the many ways in which we continue to benefit from it. Having the ability to walk freely on the territory of the seven inlets of the Squaxin Island peoples without a second thought is one of those privileges. The land that Evergreen occupies belongs to the Squi-Aitl people of Squaxin Island and although it is also home to Greeners and Geoducks, it will always remain the home to these Native peoples since time immemorial. Only since 1854, under unscrupulous circumstances set in motion by Governor Isaac Stevens through the Treaty of Medicine Creek, has this territory “belonged” to Washington State as a result from the theft of Squaxin, Nisqually, and Puyallup peoples.

As we enter this environment of higher learning it is important to reflect on how and why we are here. Even as a Native person living in Olympia I do my best to remember whose land I walk on because it is not mine. It is as much of my responsibility as it is for anyone else to be knowledgeable of the history here—our presence is made possible by the displacement of others. We cannot be complacent towards acts of erasure nor will ignorance be a waiver away from our own accountability. We need to acknowledge and respect this place; it is not just land, it is ancestors and memories to the Indigenous people who continue to live here. We are not remnants of the past bound only to reservations or Hollywood movies.

I have been reflecting upon my time at this institution and have had many joys and frustrations while being away from my own homelands. I have had the pleasure of attending a school that is home to the first Longhouse on any U.S. college campus as well as having students, faculty, and staff who led a movement to revert the racist and misogynist place name of Squaw Point to its ancestral title, Bushoowah-ahlee Point. Equally, I have had frustrations of combatting colonial frameworks of space and entitlement—which often consist of a disrespect of tribal protocol—in and out of classroom environments. I would like to place an emphasis on the term protocol.

Protocol is simply the rules or customs that tribes observe and practice within their societies as a means of maintaining proper conduct and respect. Proper protocol can be seen as acknowledging whose land we are on when it is not our own. This is especially of significance when there is any formal event or ceremony. An excellent example of this acknowledgement occurs during Tribal Canoe Journeys where hundreds of Tribal Nations give recognition to the domain of the hosting tribe and ask permission to come to their shores, respecting historical protocol and nation-to-nation relationships. Protocol is not limited to ceremony or grand gatherings but should be a conscious daily habit.

In the spirit of tradition, reciprocity has remained an everlasting Indigenous concept and practice. As we take advantage of the opportunities available to us here it is important to give back in the ways that we can. That is how the tribes of this region and beyond continue to function and as guests in their homelands we should act accordingly. Tehoovko’po’a mii.

For further reading please see: The Squaxin Island Tribe : <http://squaxinland.org/>

Treaty of Medicine Creek : [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty\\_of\\_Medicine\\_Creek](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Medicine_Creek)

TESC Longhouse : <http://www.evergreen.edu/longhouse/home.htm>

Bushoowah-ahlee Point : <http://thenativecircle.org/2011/10/reindigenizing-place-names/>

Tribal Canoe Journeys : <http://www.paddlettoquinault.org/>

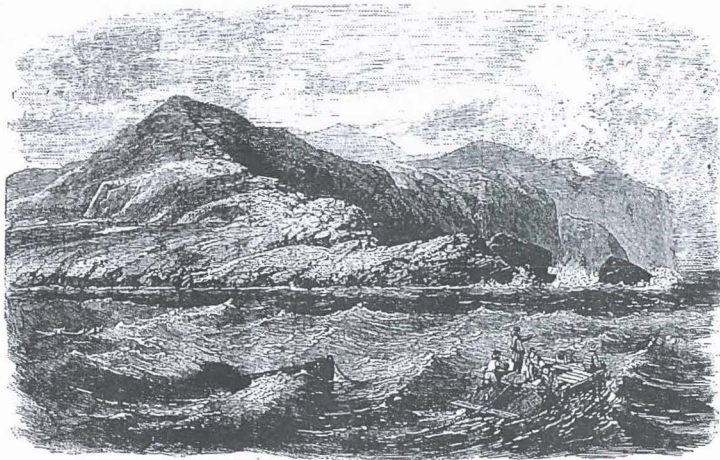
The Native Student Alliance : <http://blogs.evergreen.edu/nativestudentalliance/>

# A Matter of Place

## *Where Evergreen Lies & The Notion of Bioregionalism*

Long before Evergreen was built, the land our school now stands on was stolen from the Indigenous people of Puget Sound. This led to the Puget Sound Indian war, a rarely-mentioned but important piece of local history. When the white settlers forced Indigenous people off their land, the traditional techniques of land management went with them. While our Western mythology frames pre-invasion America as a wilderness, there was actually little land that wasn't traditionally maintained for production of food, medicine, fiber, and other necessities. In the Northwest, this often involved the pruning of berry bushes to maximize production and the burning of lands to encourage certain plants and provide forage for game animals. Areas such as the dwindling prairies south of Olympia were developed by the native tribes through their land stewardship efforts hundreds of years ago.

Today, Evergreen rightfully boasts that it is the second largest college campus in the country. For, while it is not uncommon for colleges to set aside a bit of land as a nature preserve, the scale and setting of Evergreen's approximately 800 acres of undeveloped land make it unique. Although all of the land has been logged within the last hundred years and there are no old-growth trees remaining, the woods at T.E.S.C. are quite amazing. Rumor has it that Evergreen is the largest piece of wild land left anywhere on Puget Sound. Yet, there is potential danger to Evergreen's undeveloped land. In that, being owned by the state, the woods are at the mercy of the developmental whims of politicians and their ilk. Potential expansion of our organic farm into this pristine wilderness is another possibility. The Campus Land Use Committee (CLUC), a group of various staff members with a token student, is charged with the responsibility of recommending management plans for Evergreen's land. For the most part, though, they leave things outside the core campus area alone.

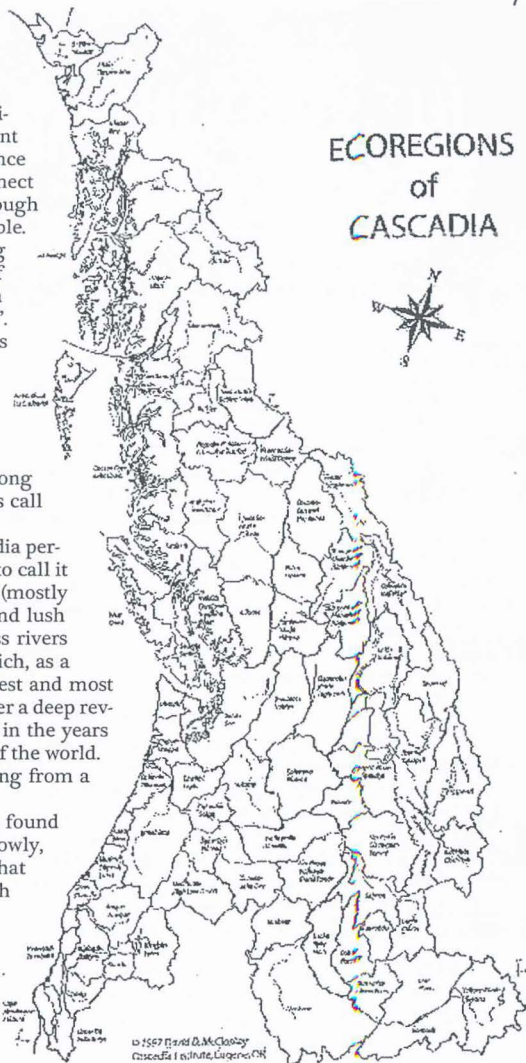


Many greeners, and non-greeners alike also enjoy the trees by setting up shop with a permanent camp site. A very pleasant and cheap way to live, most would agree; especially in the summer months. Sweeps of the woods have been made, and the people found living there have been ousted. Rumor has it that Facilities is looking to hire someone to trek around in the woods, marking the location of all campsites using GPS units. They will then hire an outside contractor to demolish these campsites. Thus, if you should choose to post up in the cut, make use of the free lockers around campus to store your valuables and consider changing location from time to time.

A discussion of the land around us, the place we (at least for four years or so) call home, would not be complete if we were to dismiss the beauty, uniqueness, and importance of our entire bioregion, not just the small patch on which TESC resides. A bioregion is an area identified by natural features such as geology, climate, water courses, and plant and animal communities, as opposed to political boundaries. The importance of making such distinctions lies in the natural desire humans have to connect with their land and homebase, to understand the world around them through its history and habits, and to interact with it on as many levels as possible. Each bioregion hosts its own peculiarities and is usually named according to physical features. The northwest coast of the US and the west coast of Canada compose the bioregion called Cascadia, named for the mountain range that extends north to "British Columbia" and south into "California". This mountain range was, in turn, named for the abundant cascading waters which define the area (twenty of the forty largest rivers on the North American continent are located in Cascadia). Some unique features of Cascadia are that it boasts the longest migration of salmon in the Pacific ocean and hosts the second highest densities of bald eagles. Mt. Rainier, visible from Oly, is Cascadia's highest mountain at 14,410 ft. And, more locally, Olympia sits in the Salish Sea "ecoregion" (a subdivision of a bioregion) along the southern edge of Puget Sound, one of the largest inland seas in what is called the United States.

Still, beyond such attempts at classification and definition, Cascadia persists as a special place for all those who visit it and for those lucky enough to call it home. Thanks to the more than 50 inches of rain we get a year in Olympia (mostly between November and January), we are blessed to be surrounded by a land lush with old growth temperate rain forests, abundant flora & fauna, countless rivers and watersheds, mountains, and of course the beautiful Pacific Ocean (which, as a side note, should really be at the center of any world map as it is the largest and most distinguishable feature of Earth from space). Such a settling has helped foster a deep reverence for the natural world in many that come to visit and stay. We hope, in the years ahead of you, that you come to learn ever more about this wonderful part of the world. The Evergreen woods are a great place to start, especially if you are coming from a largely urban background.

The woods surrounding campus host many of the native plants found throughout Cascadia. If it interests you, try to learn some of them. Start slowly, learning a few at a time. Learn the poisonous ones, the edible ones, the one that provide you with natural medicines, and the ones you can make things such as cordage or baskets out of. Or learn about the different animals, their calls, tracks, and habits alone are an endless field of study. Learn the fungi and lichens and the rhythms of the seasons. Or just get out and explore! A relationship with this land will help you develop a sense of place here at the college, and in Olympia. As students we have the great privilege of having this land all to ourselves. The woods are there for your learning and enjoyment, don't squander them.



## A Letter From The Lorax



As beautiful and special as the woods surrounding Evergreen are, it seems that some people will never learn to respect what is shared by all. It used to be that "the meadow" was "the place to go." Now bits of melted plastic, corroded aluminum and broken glass lie scattered around a charred bit of land as a reminder of all the parties that took place there. Now, "the bluff" is the "happenin' spot" because who really wants to kick it at that ugly old meadow? Now I find trash at the bluff every time I go to look out over the sound. So I ask you, as the next generation of greeners, please don't let this pattern continue throughout our enchanting woods. By all means, toke, trip, drink, and run amuck in general, but take only pictures and leave only footprints. Please save your tagging for our urban wastelands that need beautification and leave the woods as the sanctuary from such signs of society that they are supposed to be. Learn to recognise the endangered plants such as Wild Ginger, Pipsissewa, and Trillium and take measures to protect them. If you decide to camp, please pack out what you pack in and don't leave another festering campsite abandoned. And, above all, I implore you, learn to develop an overall respect for the natural world and for what we leave behind for future generations. That said, I leave you with the words of our beloved Lorax: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."



# SHIT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HOUSING

When it comes to housing, Evergreen is not your friend. Living on campus at a state school in this day and age is not a wise decision. Not only due to the ongoing hunt for dissidents, but also due to the fact that living on a state campus exempts you from any tenant rights otherwise guaranteed by the state of Washington. You're also going to end up paying a lot more to live in these cramped little compartments. Incoming first-year students are generally told that they have no option but to accept the cramped little apartments and exploitative meal plans. You can appeal these on financial grounds, dietary preferences and restrictions, religious or faith-based reasons, fears of various sorts of discrimination, or due to neuro-atypical conditions. Find a way around the system to get what you need, especially if you have a need, a concern, or a condition that legitimately requires unique accommodation. This is not straightforward, but by going up the chain of command at Evergreen, you can find a way. If your parents support you, see if you can get them to do it in person – Evergreen fears legal action.

**Cost:** Despite the fact that you'll have no limit aside from your conscience on using utilities, Evergreen Mods and apartments are a bad deal, considerably more expensive than comparable spaces. You need only look across the street at Cooper's Glen. Regarding fees, fees for damage to property, cleaning fees and late move-out fees are exorbitant. Also, if a roommate moves out of your dorm, you may be charged hundreds of dollars for "Reduced Occupancy" unless you can find another roommate or move to another dorm.

**Theme:** These have changed considerably over the last few years. Currently, the break down goes like this: A, B, & C: first year students, D: first year quiet, E & F: first year apts., G: no theme, H: quiet, I & K: gender neutral, K: quiet, N: sustainability, R-U: no theme.

**Substances:** You can drink and have booze if you're of age, but despite Washington's recent cannabis legalization, TESC is federally-funded, and seems to have no interest in challenging the drug war. RAD services will likely ignore weed and paraphernalia, but police will not, an RA may or may not. You can also definitely get busted while an RA is doing nightly patrols, if they smell or see you smoking, so be cautious about that. You'll find that Olympia has a fairly friendly and open cannabis culture, but it is always better to be cautious. All it takes is for someone in a position of authority to have a bad day and decide to take it out on you. If you do get caught, keep your wits about you; first offenses are traditionally handled without criminal charges. The best option you really have is to use cannabis off-campus. As long as you're 21 or over, you are entirely legally in the clear.

**Contract:** There's no denying it, Evergreen housing contracts are a scam. As it stands, you are signing up for the full-year, it's not done by quarters. Breaking the contract means that you get very little of your money, unless you break your contract later in the year. In that case, you get no money at all.

Mandatory Meal Plan for Freshman: Some blame this racket on Evergreen's losses after previous food services, but there has also been a push from parents who are concerned about their children eating. Mandatory meal plans were implemented because of the financial backing needed to provide food for 4000 students (including the 900 students on campus); mandatory purchases of the meal plans ensure that Ara-mark, an unsavory corporation, makes a huge profit. (TIP: you can bypass this mandatory requirement by talking to your RA or RD and saying that you have special dietary needs that cannot be met by the food service.)

**RAs:** They are students, but they're working for a state school, and are in a position of authority over you. It isn't advisable to trust them.

**Tenant Rights:** According to Washington Title 59, RCW 59.18.040, you as a student living on state property are exempt from the Washington State Landlord and Tenants Law; you have no renter's rights to privacy. So essentially, if the police see fit, they are within the law to access every room of your house without a warrant.

**Companion Animals:** With the exception of fish and documented service dogs, it is almost impossible to get permission to live with companion animals. That does not mean that it is impossible to have them, though. First, check to make sure that it is alright with your roommates, and then, as long as you've got roommates or friends who can cover for you when Evergreen staff perform their scheduled inspections, you can easily live with a companion animal. Be certain that you have a social network in place first, though. A companion animal's life and comfort is your responsibility. Many Evergreen students adopt animals, and then abandon them when it is time to leave. Olympia is full of starving feral cats. Don't be a scumbag. Being responsible for another life is not a joke. Plan ahead.

Cooper's Glen is right across the street from the Evergreen campus apartments. The Glen is a cheaper alternative to campus housing, where you aren't under the watchful eye of agents of the state. 2-bedroom apartments run \$750 a month at present, and you can enjoy the nascent leftist community in the Glen. There are also single and 2-bedroom apartments, but these are usually occupied very quickly. Rent is a month-to-month deal, and minor damage to the apartments can easily go unnoticed by management due to the low level of maintenance. In the past, there have been weekly potlucks, community movie nights, and game nights. Nobody raises an eyebrow if you want to walk from one apartment to another with an open drink in hand, and no one much cares if you'd like to sit calmly in the field and have a smoke. Be respectful, though. This atmosphere exists only so long as others' living environments aren't being disrespected. It is also notable that as the local economy tanks more and more severely, what used to be a housing complex largely for students is now increasingly a place for young parents to live with their children. It is important to refrain from creating a difficult environment for these kids and their parents.

The Glen isn't all fun times, though. Make no mistake, Cooper's Glen is a slum. There are health risks posed by the pervasive black mold that grows on every surface in the Glen apartments. For most, these result in nothing but some minor irritation, but for others, the consequences are severe. It has spread deep within the walls, and though the management claims that there are no health risks associated with the mold, that is a blatant lie. Many people who have lived in apartments in the Glen have suffered massive respiratory issues due to the mold. If you have extant respiratory conditions, it is not advisable to live in the Glen, if it can be helped. In addition, maintenance on the apartments is minimal. This year, the new management has proposed renovations to the apartments, for which the rent will be increased. Among the proposed renovations are a couple that will end up increasing the monthly electricity bill. Action in response to these changes is still in the works, though it seems the new management does have some changes in mind that will be beneficial to the community. Still, never trust a landlord.

# FOOD

Every bite of food consumed can be viewed as a political, social, and environmental issue. It's hard to make it in this economy (yes, even with Obama) by producing high quality, truly organic, non-exploitative, sustainably-grown food. This makes the stuff your body actually needs either hard to find or so prohibitively expensive that your average person is forced to eat a bunch of cheap crap. For, although bright and shitty advertisements and conveniently overflowing grocery store shelves entice you to chow down on the brands you know and the names you trust as though they were good for you, a lot of the heavily marketed "food" in stores is full of horrible shit. The irony is that the most heavily advertised food, often making healthy claims

such as low-fat, reduced calories, and heart health, leave consumers obese, nutritionally depleted, and with sickly immune systems.

Of the many failures and societal issues agribusiness practices result in, associated health problems are possibly the foremost concern for most people. Looking backwards, obesity and cancer are only recent phenomenon, having become epidemics after the second agricultural revolution. Hydrogenated oils and genetically modified (GM) crops (such as the corn and soy products that are in most every processed food) have unknown, barely studied effects on human bodies. A survey of scientific studies of Aspartame (aka NutraSweet, an artificial sweetener) showed that 92% of independent researchers identified it as dangerous, linked to headaches, seizures, and brain-damage. (Curiously, none of the studies funded by NutraSweet identified any health concerns.)

The food industry is also replete with worker exploitation. In the US, migrant workers make up a large percentage of the agricultural work force. For them, safety on the job is a joke because they're either being exposed to toxic chemicals daily (pesticides, fertilizers, etc.) or working in the most dangerous job listed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, i.e. slaughterhouses. Coffee farmers throughout the Americas work in sweatshop-like conditions, earning less than \$1 (US) per pound of "gourmet" coffee.

The environment is impacted by industrial farming practices in more ways than can be discussed in this article. Monoculture farming, the excessive and hazardous use of chemical fertilizers /herbi/fungi/pesticides, shipping food half-way across the globe so we can eat mangos in February, and the destruction of rain forests to grow soy beans and raise cattle for US hamburgers are just tips of this frightening and completely unsustainable system of providing the food we eat.

You'll likely come to find that many people at Evergreen and in Olympia in general are pretty food conscious. Not a bad trend to follow. Here's a short run down of ways to provide some better food for you and yours at little or no cost.



**GROW YOUR OWN**



*Be sure!*



**GROWING YOUR OWN** - Be it gardens, farms, or guerilla gardening (gardening in otherwise unused space), growing your own food is extremely satisfying and surprisingly easy. Watching little hard seeds explode into luscious edible green things is intensely fulfilling. It is this connection to your food which makes you truly independent. It is also cheap and top notch. There are lots of opportunities around Oly for access to garden space. GRuB (Garden Raised urban Bounty, [www.goodgrub.org](http://www.goodgrub.org)) builds planter boxes for low income people for free! There are always unlimited places to grow food for free, year round, and they are probably near your home.

**THE GLEANERS COALITION** - This organization harvests non-saleable organic produce that would otherwise rot in the fields and distributes it to low income people through organizations such as the Thurston County Food Bank, Safe Place, and Food Not Bombs. Volunteers take what they need and share the rest. And there is always plenty to go around. Check [www.gleanerscoalition.org/](http://www.gleanerscoalition.org/) for volunteer information and scheduling.

**OLYMPIA FARMER'S MARKET** - This is a great place to support the livelihoods of locals with the purchase of their goods of unbeatable yummy quality. And you can use food stamps there. Open April-October: Thursday-Sunday, 10-3. November-December: Saturday & Sunday 10-3. 700 Capital Way (north of 4th and State)

**THE OLYMPIA FOOD CO-OP** - The Co-Op is a friendly, not-for-profit, member-owned store with high ethical and nutritional standards, and an emphasis on organic, local, and bulk food. They have comparable prices (lowest markup of any co-op in the west), vegan-friendly options, and community bulletin boards. The Co-Op donates any profit to various non-profits, and is always looking for suggestions on how to better serve the needs of our community. For a small fee (waived for low-income individuals) you too can become a member of the Co-op. Non-members pay 10% above the marked (shelf) price. Members can vote in Co-Op elections and also volunteer at the Co-Op and receive extra discounts. Low income discount + Volunteer discount + Bulk Order discount = 45% off the shelf price! Go to the Co-Op, it feels like home. 2 locations: West: (closer to TESC) 921 Rogers (754-7666); East: 3111 Pacific Ave (956-3870).

**THE THURSTON COUNTY FARM MAP** - A directory and map of small farms in the Olympia-area. Take a bike ride over to one of the farms, talk with the growers, and enjoy the beauty of small-scale agriculture. Putting money directly in the hands of the farmers is exciting for everyone. Pick one up at the Farmer's Market or the Co-Op.

**DUMPSTER DIVING** - All corporate grocery stores and many restaurants throw away lots and lots of food every single day. A prime example of this can be found on campus. Dumpster diving is a skill best learnt by getting out and doing it and not getting frustrated if you don't get immediate results. So legality (aka theft, tres-passing) varies from situation to situation so take that into consideration. But you may end up with thousands and thousands of dollars worth of groceries, doughnuts, beer for the dol-

and cost of a few lars of gas and a new headlamp. And trust me, you'll never cease to ask yourself, "Why the hell would anyone throw this away?"

**ROADKILL** - Don't knock it til you try it. A lot of happy animals are killed by humans in their metal death boxes (aka cars) every day. Why should they go to waste and rot in the ditches and not at least be honored by putting their flesh and hides to good use? Learning to skin and process meat is an ancient skill that is fun to learn and can provide you with healthy food, hand crafted bone tools, and useful leathers. Venison, raccoon, rabbit.. Welcome to Yumtown.

**FOOD NOT BOMBS** - Food Not Bombs is an all-volunteer global movement that shares free vegetarian meals as a protest to war and poverty. Each chapter collects surplus food that would otherwise go to waste then prepares community meals which are served for free to anyone who is hungry. The Olympia chapter meets at Media Island (816 Adams St.) on Saturdays at 2:30 to cook and serves at 4:30 at the downtown library (8th & Franklin).

**SHOPLIFTING** - The corporate grocery stores fuck over their workers, small and medium sized food producers, and you. Don't stand for it! Ultimately you'll have to evaluate for yourself whether it is ethically sound to steal from corporations. Consumerism is consumerism whether or not you pay for it (the manufacturer will still be paid, and the packaging will still need to be thrown away). Consider the consequences some workers may face by their employers if you shoplift. And be conscious of the possible class/race privileges you may be exercising while getting away with something others may not be able to.



To me, shoplifting and dumpster diving are reclamations of the purest elements of survivalism. These acts are part of a contemporary analog of the hunter-gatherer lifestyle. Not only can we survive off of the wastefulness of society, we are also afforded an opportunity to reject the overall exchange economy, and to live life closer to our terms. Shoplifting sets me apart from liberals and their condescending Buy Nothing Day, as if I had a choice in the matter. Aside from the many reasons that could be described as sociopolitical, I will tell you this: no 99-point wine has ever tasted as sweet as a \$5 bottle of rotgut that I stole from a grocery that would literally let me starve if I didn't have money.

Shoplifting in Olympia is not a difficult thing to do if you've got the right mix of confidence and cunning. I like to play characters. I like to think about the different sorts of shoppers that are likely to be in the store when I'm planning on doing it, and I try to see which of those roles I'd be able to pull off based on my appearance.

Think like the people the store is targeting, and then act like you're one of them: flustered housewife; self-centered hipster; yuppie; Fort Lewis muscle-head. Do I have the clothes to play the part? The haircut? Will a massive ACAB tattoo on a forearm need to be covered up? How does this character interact with workers? Is this person eye contact or small talk?

whether you simply want to shove something into a pocket is up to you. However, there are some tips that I adhere to, that might help you:

I never hit locally-owned independent businesses. There's no real benefit. It's just taking food from one pocket and putting into another. There are some exceptions with more high-end businesses opening up downtown, but they treat us like criminals no matter what, and you can believe they'll be watching.

Unless I have a hookup with an employee, I don't mess with really high-end businesses. The cops respond very rapidly, almost as if they treat businesses preferentially based on class.

I always scout the store first: pay attention to the number of employees, how hard they're worked, how much they're paid. You want employees that don't care, and with corporate greed being our country's largest product, that is usually the case. Note the cameras, and if you're uncertain about anything, assume that the camera is real and is being monitored. Better safe than sorry. If you're taking the bus rather than biking or walking, see how far the bus stop is from the store in case you need to run.

Whenever possible, buy or adequately inspect the product you intend on stealing. You need to be certain that there's no RFID or other security device that will set off alarms. If it's something that you really need, you might be better off finding a way to open the package in the store, and removing the product.

Be confident, but be smart. Minimize risk to yourself, workers, and whoever you might be working with.

Dumpster diving is another way to get what you want from the massive but inefficient jaws of the capitalist beast. It is dirty work, but so is a job, and you aren't going to be dumpster diving for 40 fucking hours a week. Dumpster diving can provide you with food, clothing, furniture, appliances, and even data, which is easily the most valuable thing you can find, if you know how to use it. Here, we'll only be talking about Evergreen, and Cooper's Glen across the street. At the end of every quarter, some of our less conscientious classmates throw away countless items when it gets too inconvenient to take those things back home for vacation. Each progressive quarter of the year excluding summer, there's more and more stuff, and the end of the spring quarter is a treasure trove. In my time here, I have furnished 3 entire apartments with items that I acquired dumpster diving, from beds and mini fridges to books and even a significant amount of cannabis.

Evergreen is clamping down, though. They have some sort of a deal with the Salvation Army, who purchase the items dirt-cheap for their stores, and Evergreen staff makes certain that none of it gets in the hands of those of us who need it. If you aren't familiar with the Salvation Army's hard-right evangelical rhetoric, do yourself a favor and search them (duckduckgo is a secure and anonymous choice for web searches) and their homophobia, misogyny, and transphobia online. One way to circumvent Evergreen's greed might be to spread the word about an alternate location for people to gather their stuff before they leave. This would allow us to get our pick before Evergreen's little exploitation scheme takes effect. Dumpstering at Cooper's Glen is a bit simpler. It's an unspoken rule that if you have something that's useful, such as furniture, bags of clothes, canned food, etc. you leave it outside of the dumpster enclosure rather than inside, so that folks can get their pick first. But the Glen is under new management, so it is difficult to tell whether this will hold true for the upcoming school year. Be smart and be safe while dumpstering: wear long sleeves and long pants, wear gloves, and wash up afterwards. You don't know what might be in there - treat cuts immediately with an antiseptic. For an added bonus, the chorus of Carl Douglas' 1974 hit, "Kung Fu Fighting," can be changed to "Everybody was dumpster diving!" and you can just whistle the rest of it.

**STEAL NOW..**  
**PAY NEVER**

# TESC FOOD SERVICE

As an entity, Evergreen, as well as most colleges around the country, don't serve their own food but outsource their "food service" to a "food service provider". In Evergreen's case, food service (like anything over \$3,300) is put out to bid by the purchasing department. Then companies make bids for the food service, with both amounts and changes they wish to make to the contract. The biggest food service providers in the United States are Sodexo, Aramark, Chartwells, and Bon Appetit. Once every 5 years, Evergreen's food service contract goes out to bid, opening the opportunity for a different food service provider on campus. Hopefully, some day Evergreen will transition to self-operated-meaning we operate our OWN frigging food service!

**1980** - Judith, an Evergreen student, founds "The Corner" student-run café after Saga/Marriott attempts and fails at a late night sandwich gig under the governance of housing.

**1988** - "The Corner" moves to the new Housing Community Center. Much of lower campus and Cooper's Glen residents are patrons of the café. Fine Host, the food service provider at the time, had poor quality traditional foods so "The Corner" made bank on being the only simple vegetarian option.

**1998-2000** - "The Corner Coup" charismatic vegans took over. Vegans at the time only made up six percent of the housing population and could not be sustained by only their business. Cliquey kids, exclusive food options, homie hookups, and "barbers" (nugs for sandwiches, eh, eh?) brought the demise of the corner, as best anyone can tell - the story seems somewhat lost to the ravages of time.

**1990-2001** - Fine Host is Evergreen's food service provider.

**2001** - Students wrote a business plan for a coffee/pastry shop and a pizza place, which became the Subterranean, located in the H.C.C. They did pizza delivery, but lost money.

**2001** - Food Service Disappearing Task Force committee decides it would be in Evergreen's best interest to make preparations for transition to Self-Operated. They also recognized the first priority of getting Evergreen's Food Program to be healthy. At the time of the DTF there was not enough time or money to make the transition to self-op (college run food service) before the end of Fine Hosts contract.

**2001** - The food service contract goes out to bid again, and Sodexo makes a pass. Masked students with a declaration to keep Sodexo off campus because of its human rights abuses attend an open meeting between TESC and Sodexo. The corporate executives were intimidated and retracted their bid to be Evergreen's food service provider due to an "anti-corporate climate" on campus.

**2001-2004** - Bon Appetit becomes Evergreen's food service provider and loses an average of \$1,500,000 a year.

**2003** - Subterranean reformed from pizza place to sub shop. They lose \$7000 in a year and the student-run café closes permanently. In 2-3 years the various incarnations of the H.C.C. student-run café lost \$134,000, at their worst losing around \$25,000 in a year.

**Spring 2004** - SOFA (Students Organizing for Food Autonomy) campaigns to end corporate food service and transition to a sustainable self-operated food service, collecting over 600 student signatures for their petition.

**Fall 2004-2013** - Aramark is the only bidder on Evergreen's food service contract, so they win the contract, despite not meeting Evergreen's specifications for the bid on the contract.

**Winter 2005** - SOFA organizes weekly potlucks with all of its members to show support for food service change on campus. Hundreds of members join and attend potlucks. Potlucks happened consistently for almost 2 years despite Evergreen's attempts at cracking down.

**Fall 2006** - Aramark's sustainability intern helps them achieve 17% local or organic purchasing (based upon their definitions of local and organic).

**Winter 2006** - Convinced going self-operated is unfeasible, SOFA members begin to direct energy into a side operation student run/owned café with hopes of eventually transitioning to self-op.

**Winter - Spring 2006** - Seven Evergreen students complete 44 credits in a group contract on food service issues and write a business plan and feasibility study for the café. Only at a school with such great freedom could we do what we're doing.

**Spring 2006** - Using the selling point of a student run café, students vote on and approve the Campus Activities Building redesign. This is a self-imposed fee of \$16 million, only \$300,000 of which goes to the student run café. Over the next 20 years, every full time student will pay



a few hundred dollars a year toward this fee.

**Summer 2006** - Students vote on the Flaming Eggplant Café as the name of the café. The Flaming Eggplant Café registers as an official student group and completes their first business plan.

**Winter 2007** - The Flaming Eggplant writes its budget proposal to apply to the S&A board for funding of the operation. The budget is presented to the board in March with a record turnout of about 75 students.

**Spring 2007** - The S&A board denies the Flaming Eggplant budget request, citing depleted reserves from funding the recent million dollar childcare center renovations. Undeterred, members of the Cafe add a fee proposal to a student vote process already underway through the Geoduck Union. The proposal requests \$2 per credit from each student registered in Fall quarter 2007. The vote passes with nearly 90% approval and grants about \$120,000 to the cafe for start up and operational costs.

**Fall 2007** - Evergreen and The Flaming Eggplant sign a Memorandum of Understanding, a contract that stipulates the conditions under which the cafe may operate. This contract represents official approval from Evergreen for the Cafe to operate.

**Spring 2008** - Evergreen Residential and Dining Services offers to buy a commissary trailer and lease it to The Flaming Eggplant until the space in the redesigned CAB is completed. RAD will then use the trailer as an emergency kitchen for its residents.

**October 10, 2008** - The Flaming Eggplant opens!

**2010** - CAB building redesign is scheduled to be complete. On the 3rd floor, there is a new space, the new home of the Flaming Eggplant, complete with rooftop greenhouse and dining.

**2013-2022**-Aramark was chosen as the Food Service provider with a nine year contract. This last contract allowed Aramark to bring Evergreen's first franchise food, Einstein Brother's Bagels, that owns over 775 cafes nationwide. In addition to recent research into Aramark's food purchasing, 92% of Aramark's food purchased for the Evergreen campus comes from Sysco distributing. As the country's largest food distributor with a virtual monopoly in the private sector and hundreds of millions of dollars in lucrative government contracts, Sysco teeters on the edge of bankruptcy and required a government stimulus last year. Evergreen may have an organic farm, but our hand in deep in the shit of corporate foods environmental, economic, and social destruction.

## How can you help?

-In less you are required too, DON'T buy a dining meal plan. Instead bring your lunch, eat at the Flaming Eggplant, or create potluck days with your classmates. Please refrain from as much as possible from buying Evergreen's corporate food.

-Let Aramark's market projections go to shit and DON'T eat at Einstein Brother's Bagels. Even if you are on a meal plan, eating in the Market is a better choice. Einstein's is not buying local meats, eggs, and beans, like the Market. Plus, it may scare Aramark (and other large food providers) away during future contracts.

-Talk to your friends about corporate food and read more about the effects of food on our economy, environment, and laborers.

-Freshman! Create food alternatives. A great way to create community on your dorm room floors or beyond is to hold no-bake potlucks and creative recipes food swaps. You don't need an oven/stove to cook. Get a crock pot, hot pot/water kettle, or a mini electric grill. Hell I used a clothing iron.

-Let Aramark know you want more sustainable food opinions and fucking transparency! Start petitions, give them online comments, and give them hell.

-The contact comes up for additions in 2017 and then up for other companies to put in bids in 2022. Keep talking about these issues, we need to keep our food organizing strong and community stronger.



The Flaming Eggplant Café seeks to nourish people with healthy ingredients, nurture the local economy, and help sustain a unified community. They strive to provide wholesome foods through a locally-oriented, collectively-managed, cooperative part of TESC. And they work to enable people to choose food that makes positive effects on the earth and that encourages economic and social justice. They are always looking for passionate people to get involved on staff, as volunteers, or as an internship.

### Vendors

#### **Magic Kombucha - Oly**

A new Olympia company that offers the only locally brewed kombucha.

#### **Lattin's Country Cider Mill - Oly**

Been making fresh cider for 31 years and is proud to have won a number of awards for having the best cider in the country.

#### **Hazelnut Milk**

We use hazelnut milk instead of soy because soy is one of the five agricultural commodities that farmers are paid to farm. This system leads to grown monocrops and destroys biodiversity and local economies. Our hazelnut milk is made from Oregon hazelnuts.

#### **Olympia Coffee Roasting Co - Oly**

The only entirely organic coffee roaster in Olympia and has worked with the Cafe and the Community Agroecology Network (CAN), a Santa Cruz organization that works directly with coffee cooperatives in Latin America. Because of the work that OCRC and CAN have done, we will have coffee from a coffee co-op in Nicaragua. OCRC is now working with CAN, a new relationship has been made and there is the potential for more CAN coffee to be used more widely throughout Olympia. Coffee is delivered to the Eggplant once per week and brewed daily.

#### **8 Arms Community Bakery - Oly**

This small business uses mainly organic ingredients in its pastries that we buy. Gluten free and vegan options available.

#### **Blue Heron Bakery - Oly**

The only organic bakery in town and has been here since 1977. The breads are a mix of whole wheat, spelt, and multigrain flours. For a fun down hill bike ride, go visit the bakery on Mud Bay Road.

#### **Northwest Natural - Oly**

This wild-caught Alaskan salmon is pro-

cessed in town with organic ingredients. Supporting wild instead of farmed salmon is important for the health of the ecosystem because farmed salmon get sick often and pollute waters.

#### **Oly Kraut - Oly**

Founded in 2008, by food activists and fermentationists Sash Sunday and Summer Bock.

**Calliope Farm - Oly** is only 1.5 miles away from the college and they grow food - 100% free of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. They add only organic amendments, manures, and compost to their soil, they buy certified organic seed, and they use minimal small scale machinery.

**Earthly Gourmet - OR** is an independently-owned, wholesale distributor of raw, vegan, gluten-free, gourmet, sustainably-harvested, local produce in Oregon & Washington State.

Organic produce from:

**Kirsop Farms - Oly**  
**Pigman's Organic Produce Patch-Lacey, WA**

**The Evergreen Organic Farm**  
**Organically Grown Cooperative (OGC) - Portland, OR**  
**Calliope Farm - Oly**

### DISTRIBUTORS

Through these distributors we are able to work with small producers on the west coast, including Jerusalem House, a company started by immigrants from the Middle East that makes out tahini; Surata Soy Foods, a Eugene company that makes organic tempeh; and Lundburg Rice, responsible for some of the only organic rice grown in California that is available on the market; and Sweet Creek Foods who supply our pickles.

#### **Glory-Bee Foods - Eugene, OR**

Provides dry goods, oils, spices.

*Monday* 8:00am - 2:30pm  
*Tues. - Thurs* 8:00am - 8:00pm  
*Friday* 8:00am - 2:30pm  
*Breakfast* 8:00am - 11:00am  
*Lunch* 11:00am - till close

find us

### WHO WE DO NOT WORK WITH

The Flaming Eggplant Café is committed to working with companies that have ethical and transparent practices. We want to work with companies that address health, environmental, and social issues proactively, and take responsibility for and implement changes to address mistakes made. We choose not to do business with companies that do not act accordingly. Some companies we boycott are as follows.

#### **The Coca-Cola Company - Atlanta, GA**

Most Coca-Cola products are full of high fructose corn syrup and other additives that are unhealthy. The company's bottled water has contributed to the privatization of water. The company is known for having violent relations in Latin America—those who are not complacent with imperial and oppressive practices have been murdered.

#### **Nestle - Vevey, Switzerland**

Nestle is responsible for making baby formula that has killed thousands of infants due to certain ingredients. The company has not taken responsibility for any of the deaths.

#### **Monsanto - St. Louis, MO**

Monsanto is the main agricultural giant that has steadily spread genetic modification from nation to nation, crop to crop, for the past two decades. Genetic modification creates dependence for farmers because they need to buy new seeds from Monsanto every year, due to the modified seed's inability to germinate. GM foods wreak havoc on biodiversity and detract from the health of land. Testing has not been effectively completed on the long-term effects of GM foods, yet conventional markets have been flooded with these crops and the United States government has not acted to stop it. The Eggplant avoids Monsanto by only buying organic food from distributors, which cannot contain GMOs. The Eggplant also strives not to buy from General Mills, and Hain Celestial who hold many mutual funds mainly invested in Monsanto.

# On Cops

**"Those who argue that the police sometimes do good things bear the burden of proving that those same good things could not be accomplished at least as well by other means." -Anonymous**

THE ILLUSION OF POLICE NECESSITY IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES IS SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE FROM COMFORTABLE, LIBERAL BACKGROUNDS OFTEN HAVE A HARD TIME QUESTIONING. "WE NEED COPS, OR ELSE WE'D BE KILLING EACH OTHER," THEY SAY. BUT I ALWAYS LIKE TO ASK PEOPLE, "WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME A COP REALLY HELPED YOU?" SURE, THERE ARE THE RANDOM ANECDOTES OF AN OFFICER RESCUING A CAT OR CATCHING A BURGLAR. BUT, IN REALITY, MOST POLICE OFFICERS (AND THE OLYMPIA POLICE DEPARTMENT [OPD] IS NO EXCEPTION HERE) SPEND MUCH OF THEIR TIME HARASSING POOR PEOPLE AND PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF THE RICH AND POWERFUL. THINK ABOUT IT: HOW MANY LAWS AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS COULD BE BETTER ADDRESSED THROUGH DRUG COUNSELING, JOB PLACEMENT, PSYCHOLOGICAL TREATMENT, OR ANGER MANAGEMENT?

BUT THIS IS NOT THE WAY OUR SOCIETY IS STRUCTURED. THE POLICE--AND THE STATE BODY THEY REPRESENT--PREFER TO KEEP THEIR POWER STRUCTURES IN PLACE SO AS TO KEEP THE PROLETARIET (THAT'S YOU) IN CHECK. THE RICH AND POWERFUL WANT TO STAY RICH AND POWERFUL AND THEY WILL USE THE LETHAL FORCE OF THEIR HIRED GOONS (AKA PIGS, AKA COPS) TO MAKE SURE THE PENDULUM DOESN'T SWING TOO FAR. ALL THE WHILE, THE CIRCUS OF CORPORATE MEDIA KEEPS US SO AFRAID THAT WE COULDN'T IMAGINE IT BEING ANY OTHER WAY. THUS, THOSE ON TOP TELL US TO BE HAPPY BELOW THE POVERTY LINE BECAUSE IF WE TRY TO GET FREE BY ANY MEANS, THERE'S A BOOT WAITING TO STOMP OUR



COLLECTIVE NECKS.

BUT WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE? WELL, IT STARTS WITH ADDRESSING MANY OF THE ACTUAL CAUSES OF CRIMES. THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN PRISON ARE IN THERE FOR CRIMES RELATED TO HAVING LOW ECONOMIC STATUS (THINK THEFTS, DRUGS, AND ROBBERIES). RAPISTS AND MURDERS ARE CERTAINLY HARDER TO DISMISS BUT, THEN AGAIN, MANY OF THESE PEOPLE LIKELY CAME FROM A VIOLENT, DESTRUCTIVE BELIEF SYSTEM IN THEIR FAMILY AND CULTURE THAT FOSTERED SUCH DISTORTIONS OF REALITY. BELIEF SYSTEMS THAT, IN TIME I FEEL, CAN EVENTUALLY BE ERASED FROM OUR COLLECTIVE CONSCIENCE THROUGH INTENTIONAL HEALING AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRULY NURTURING AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES ON A SMALL SCALE.

DEALING WITH SOCIAL DEVIANCING IS NOT AN EASY TASK. IT REQUIRES INTERVENTION AND HELP ON ALL FRONTS. BUT THE THREAT OF CAGES, FINES, OR DEATH IS NOT THE ANSWER. THESE ISSUES ARE EASY TO IGNORE IF YOU LIVE A COMFORTABLE LIFE. BUT THEY ARE CENTRAL TO MANY OF THE PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD TODAY. WHO KNOWS BEST HOW TO DEAL WITH A PROBLEM AT HOME? THOSE INVOLVED, OR A POLICE FORCE FROM ACROSS TOWN OR ACROSS THE GLOBE?

INTERACTING WITH THE POLICE IS THE ONLY WAY TO KNOW YOUR ENEMY. THE NEXT STEP IS TO KNOW YOURSELF, YOUR ENVIRONMENT AND WHO YOU TRUST. TAKING CARE OF OUR PROBLEMS OURSELVES IS THE FIRST STEP TO EMANCIPATING OURSELVES FROM THE POLICE.

## OLYMPIA COPWATCH

Copwatch groups monitor police activity by going out on foot or driving patrols in their communities and videotape interactions between the police and civilians. Some groups also patrol at protests and demonstrations to ensure that the rights of protesters are not violated by police officers. Olympia has had several generations of Copwatch organizations, all of which have called for citizens' review of police. The latest incarnation of



Copwatch is implementing citizens review without the participation of the City Council and has implemented audits of all use of force reports since 2002.

Olympia Copwatch as it exists now is NOT an organization, but a tactic that we will gladly teach you or your group. We teach "Copwatch 101" in Sylvester Park at 6PM on the 22nd of every month. Call 870-3127 or visit [www.olycopwatch.org](http://www.olycopwatch.org) for more information or to get involved.

# The Olympia Police Department

## An Ongoing History

June 1988 – In custody death of Danny Spencer, who was beaten and hog-tied by Olympia officers Cliff Maynard & Aldo Fantoni.

August 1988 – Inquest field in the death of Danny Spencer. Taped for TCTV. Inquest official findings reveal "positional asphyxiation" as cause. Death Certificate says "Homicide" as cause of death. Officers are not held responsible.

1991 – Citizens ask City Council to establish a Civilian Review Board to bring more public accountability to the OPD. Council rejects the idea.

1992 – Olympia City Council allows citizens to file complaints against police at City Hall rather than just at the Police Dept. Assistant City Attorney brought into investigating process.

March 1996 – Oly Copwatch established to push accountability. They organize public testimony on police abuses, propose Non-Violent/De-escalating Training for officers, are aggressive about the hiring and promotion of women and people of color as officers, call for adoption of a community oriented policing policy and establishment of independent civilian review board.

February 1997 – Forum organized by City of Olympia, which brought various experts to testify on structure and organization of police departments. Accountability is a side issue. Video taped for TCTV.

May 1997 – Copwatch sets up meeting with expert on law enforcement, Eileen Luna, to discuss issues with Olympia city officials. She says citizen review is good for the city and the police.

August 1997 – Gary Michel (of Oregon) hired to replace Chief John Wurner after 18 years with OPD.

1998 – \$15,000 of Olympia's City budget earmarked to conduct police accountability study.

2000 – A police accountability study is done by John Walters with components of case review and small public sessions. Study finds accountability system lacking, technical system flaws, and recommends corrections as well as a different intake system.

January 11, 2001 – Kent DeBoer, a mentally ill man who lives in Olympia, is shot six times by Officers Jeffrey Dale Jordan and Gregory Thornton Brown while Cliff Maynard uses his TASER on the man. DeBoer lives, but experiences severe health problems as a result of his injuries. His federal lawsuit was dismissed.

2001 – Olympia City Council decided to create an Independent Auditor to oversee police complaints rather than a civilian review board. Council elects to exclude citizen participation in the auditor process.

2001 – Olympia City Council buys riot gear for the OPD due to complaints about street festivals and conduct during May Day.

Summer 2002 – Oly Copwatch reorganizes after hiatus due to police harassment of homeless people in downtown.

November 7, 2002 – Officer Jeff Jordan TASERS Stephen Edwards four times in one minute outside Ralph's Thriftway for suspected shoplifting and punches him in the face, knocking him unconscious. Edwards is dead just 15 minutes later.

Spring 2004 – OPD extends their deadline to investigate citizen complaints from 30 to 45 days.

2005 – Oly Copwatch maintains records of police use of force and puts continued pressure on City Council to reign in the police.

Feb 2005 – TASER use drops in half.

Spring 2005 – Olympia City Council creates a "Chief's Forum," in theory to serve as a venue to citizen input and discussion about police operations and public safety.

Spring 2006 – Chief's Forum actually starts meeting.

May 2006 – Police display a complete lack of restraint and use excessive and unnecessary violence against protesters at the Port of Olympia protests.

August 2006 – Ron Nesbitt, an OPD officer fired in 2005, is calling for a citizens' review board as a check to police power and misconduct.

Nov 2007 – Multiple, coordinated uses of political violence against Port Militarization Resistance participants by OPD officers in full riot gear. The scene commander during these attacks becomes Professional Standards Lieutenant for 2008-2009.

November 15, 2008 – 23 year-old Jose Ramirez-Jimenez is shot in the back to death by OPD Officers Paul Bakala and Michael Hovda. The execution was justified as the three claimed he attempted to flee in his car. Present during the murder was a woman who's faced harassment from OPD officers several times since. Out of fear, she has removed herself from Olympia. Bakala, Hovda and Gasset are still with OPD.

July 2009 – John J. Towery is investigated and ousted as a military informant by local radicals. Towery had been planted and active in local anarchist and "anti-war" war groups for at least 2 years. Towery co-authored one of the most recent intelligence publications for the U.S. Military. During this time he went by 'John Jacobs' and provided the military and, as far as we know, local police with major protest and demonstration intelligence.

August 15, 2009 – OPD Officer Chris Cook shoots and kills Joseph Leonard Burkett at Saint Peter's Hospital in Olympia.





# TASERS

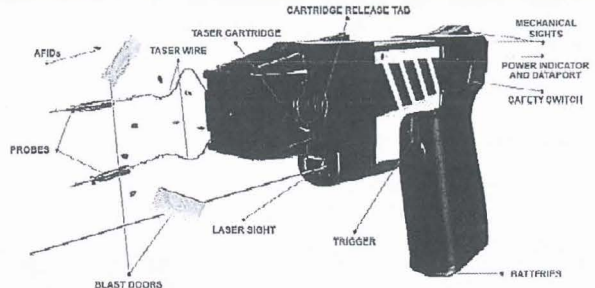
What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

TASERS (an acronym for Thoma A. Swift's Electric Rifle, taken from a science fiction story) are classified as "less lethal" weapons. This simply means that they are less-often-lethal when compared to fire arms. They are not, and are not intended to be, non-lethal. This is an important distinction. Today there is a booming, very lucrative industry in developing "less lethal" weaponry, and new TASER technology is constantly being developed and implemented. The intent of this industry is to put a more friendly face on police terrorism.

TASERS aren't nice. They can cause 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree burns; puncture wounds; bruising; cardiac arrest; and death. TASER-Nation, a watchdog group, puts the number of police murders from TASERS at 338 since 1999. Even Amnesty International reports that 277 people in the United States died after being tasered by police between June 2001 and October 2007. Contrary to popular mythology, one does not have to have previous heart problems to die from a TASER.

Legally, TASERS are only supposed to be used by the police in situations when otherwise lethal force, such as firearms, would be used. In reality, the upholders of law brandish these weapons at our community without any potential threat being posed to them and without second thought.

At Evergreen, the notoriously ruthless Officer Perez is responsible for training the department in the use of TASERS. In the course of one week, two Evergreen



students were TASERed on campus by the Evergreen Police Department (EPD). This is quite a drastic and rather frightening figure, especially considering that neither of these students posed any type of violent threat to the officers: the use of "less lethal" weaponry was purely offensive, not defensive. One student was TASERed for running **away** from the cops that caught him drinking. The other student was TASERed three days later while he was running around naked in the mods and yelling happily after allegedly taking some LSD. Evergreen police ordered bystanders to hold this student to the ground while an officer TASERed him four times. By the third time, the people holding him down said that they could feel the current pulsing through the victim's body. Clearly, neither student could not have appeared to be posing a violent threat to the police or his community. What the fuck?

## PEPPER SPRAY

ANOTHER FRIEND OF THE OPD IS OC, OR PEPPER SPRAY. ESSENTIALLY CHILLI OIL SUSPENDED IN A PRESSURIZED AGENT, OC IS A POTENT INFLAMMATORY AND WILL GENERALLY FUCK YOUR SHIT UP. IF IT GETS IN YOUR EYES, IT WILL BURN LIKE HELL FOR 30-45 MINUTES IF UNTREATED. IT CAN CAUSE BREATHING DIFFICULTIES AND SIGNIFICANT DISCOMFORT. IT CANNOT BE WASHED OFF WITH WATER BUT NEEDS A TREATMENT OF A 50-50 WATER AND LIQUID ANTACID (MAALOX) SOLUTION. THIS WOULD IDEALLY BE ADMINISTERED BY SOMEONE TRAINED, LIKE A STREET MEDIC.

THE OPD LOVES THIS SHIT, ESPECIALLY AT PORT MILITARIZATION RESISTANCE PROTESTS. IF YOU'RE GOING TO A PROTEST IN OLY, BE PREPARED TO SEE THIS STUFF FLY. ALWAYS BRING RUBBER (NOT FOAM) SEALING SWIMMING GOGGLES TO ACTIONS.



# HOW THE COPS GOT THEIR GUNS

## A HISTORY OF THE ARMING CONTROVERSY

**IN THE BEGINNING** - Evergreen was patrolled by unarmed, polo shirt wearing "Public Safety" personnel.

**Late 80's** - Rumors circle that administration was discussing arming our polo-clad pals.

**1995-96** - Arming the safety personnel was formally proposed by acting interim director for public safety, Under-sheriff Neil McClanahan. This sparked public outcry, protests, sit-ins and petitions.

**1996-97** - "Public Safety" personnel replaced by newly ordained "Police Services." Polos and shorts replaced by police uniforms. So-called "limited arming" meant they could carry their guns from 6pm to 8 am while patrolling on foot away from their vehicles. They could now also give traffic tickets and make arrests.

During the 1996-97 school year, complaints about the use of excessive force and allegations of sexual harassment of Police Services secretaries by campus officers arose. The officers involved are still patrolling your campus. By the end of the 1997-98 school year, rumors began circulating that the Administration was just waiting for students to forget the struggle to prevent campus arming before moving to full-time arming for all officers.

**September 2002** - Evergreen cops began carrying guns with them at all times of the day. At first, the excuse given for the 24 hour arming was that there had been specific threats made against students and faculty and the police had to respond by increasing their threat preparedness level. On November of that year, former Army Ranger and Evergreen sophomore Andy Mickel killed a police officer in Red Bluff, California with three gunshots to the back of the head. After this, it became clear that members of the administration, the police, and the Washington Federation of State Employees (which is the cop's union), were intent on keeping the Evergreen police's full time arming status permanently.

The cop's union claimed that they were concerned about the officers' safety and by not allowing the Police to have guns at all times, the officers were being forced to work in unsafe conditions. Vicky Peltzer, the chief of police for the University of Washington was brought in as an outside con-

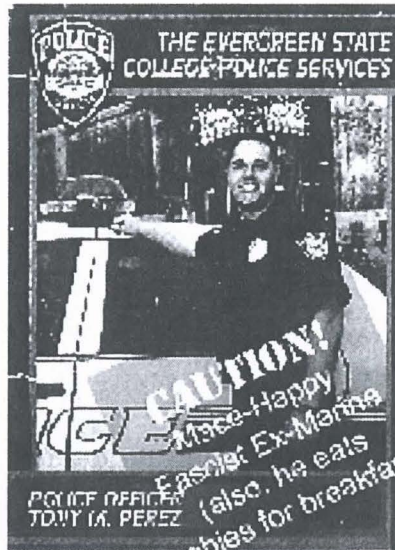
sultant on the issue and she too recommended that Evergreen police be armed 24/7. The Police Services Community Review Board held several forums around campus to discuss full time arming and in the end they also recommended that campus police be allowed to carry guns 24/7.

**2003** - Vice President Art Costantino recommends to President Les Purce that campus police be allowed to carry guns at all times. Finally, in May of 2003, Les Purce made his final decision to authorize a rewriting of campus police procedure to allow for 24/7 arming. He was quoted as saying, "the safety of both the campus and our officers will be enhanced by allowing our officers more consistent access to firearms."

**2009** - Announced around the same time as the school's budget cuts, the Active-Shooter Response Plan, or the "Rifle Proposal" as it's come to be known, purports to protect the college from the threat of an armed shooter intending to attack Evergreen students, staff and faculty. The proposal recommends purchasing high-powered AR-15 assault rifles, body armor and helmets, a sum total of \$10,000, and training Police Services in active-shooter tactics at a recurring cost of \$2000.

Some critiques of the Rifle Proposal include Art Constantino's pressure on the Geoduck Student Union to come to a decision without satisfactory campus input, unequal attention to a low-priority threat (active shooters) while what is widely regarded as a major threat (sexual violence) remains unaccounted for. The absence of any student representatives to the Police Services Community Review Board (PSCRB) until February is noted, as well as confusion over where money for the proposal will come from, and hostility to the notion of inflating the Police Budget as the campus is forced to cut 12.5% of its services. There is audacity to the police requesting rifles for a potential school shooting, when the college has not even taken the critical step in preventing a shooting by implementing a system where faculty and staff could "lock down" classrooms and offices in the event of an armed intruder. Lastly, none of the four private liberal arts colleges in Washington state have their security armed with rifles. In addition, most of these institutions have unarmed, unofficial law enforcement.

Over the summer, though, despite fears of the campus trying to pull a fast one on the absent students, the proposal is ultimately denied.. for now.



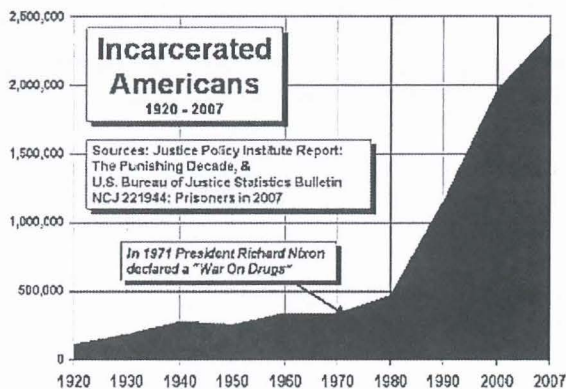
# EVERGREEN & PRISON LABOR

Despite what you may have heard, prisons simply don't work. Although incarceration rates have risen in the past decade, there has not been a corresponding decline in crime rates. In fact, increasing incarceration rates may work adversely against crime. Prisoners live with inadequate medical care, abusive guards, and lack of rehabilitation programs. Rape and the spread of AIDS is exacerbated by the absence of condoms. All this, coupled with an environment of criminal peers, often make exiting prisoners more violent than when they went in. They leave with pennies to their name after receiving little treatment or guidance within prison. With little chance of getting a job or being in a supporting community, it is not surprising that more than 60% of prisoners commit a crime after being released.

While many prisoners only need drug or alcohol counseling or help finding jobs, the government opts to throw these people in cages. More than 70% of prisoners are locked up for non-violent crimes, most for drug crimes or low level property crimes. Rehabilitation programs cost far less - and are more effective - than prison (which costs more than sending a person to Harvard, more than \$35,000 a year).

Most prisoners come from poverty-stricken neighborhoods that suffer from inadequate education, unemployment, broken families, social isolation and other factors that make criminal activity more likely. Prison time does absolutely nothing to address these root causes of crime.

Largely a result of the "War on Drugs," America's incarceration policies have disproportionately impacted minorities, especially African Americans. While African Americans constitute only 13% of drug users, they represent 74% of those sentenced to prison for drug possession. The result is that one in three black men between 20 & 29 is under some form of correction.



A few years ago, Evergreen contracted Correctional Industries (CI) to provide asbestos abatement in D Dorm for \$49,900 (the prisoners being paid \$2.00/hr.). When a custodian found out about these plans and confronted some of his supervisors, he was told that Housing/Evergreen always contracts out to the lowest bidder, which in this case "just happened" to be the prison industry.

Evergreen has contracted out to CI "several times" in the past (the furniture in Student Activities was made by prisoners 30 years ago). They do so under the provisions of Engrossed

Second Substitute Senate Bill 6489, which passed the legislature and was signed by the governor in 2004. Section 10, paragraph 3 of that law (RCW 28B.10.029) states that "higher education and correctional industries shall develop a plan to build higher education business with correctional industries to increase higher education purchases of correctional industries products..." Paragraph 4 states that "institutions of higher education shall...purchase one percent [now 2% as of 2008] of the total goods and services...from class II inmate work programs, operated by

the department of corrections."

Any money inmates make while incarcerated can theoretically be used to start paying their restitution or saved to help them transition when they are released. Jobs allow prisoners to learn skills and not have to sit in their cells for as much time. However, CI, as a business, takes advantage of the fact that taxpayers are paying for their necessities, and uses cheap labor for their own profit. Essentially, they get paid for prisoners doing work while undercutting local unions. With a law requiring the college to purchase some of its goods and services from inmate work programs, Evergreen's use of cheap prison labor will continue.

## A FEW WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN PRISON ACTIVISM AROUND OLYMPIA:

- **Books to Prisoners** - B2P Olympia is an all-volunteer effort to provide reading material free of charge to inmates in prisons and jails across the country. They are always in need of good books, stamps, volunteers, and donations (find donation boxes around Olympia and TESC campus). They meet every Sunday from 2-5 and Mondays from 5-8 on the corner of 6th and Thomas SW to answer prisoner requests, package books, eat popcorn, and chat. <http://www.bookstoprisoners.net> | [btopoly@resist.ca](mailto:btopoly@resist.ca) | (360)352-5460
- **Gateways For Incarcerated Youth** - This 16 credit program at TESC aims to bridge the gap between incarceration and education. It is a program held in a maximum security juvenile institution with Evergreen students being peer learners with incarcerated youth. This can be an amazing learning and growing experience for all involved. Stop By Sem II S2 E2131 or call Tony Zaragoza at (360) 867-6025 for more information on how to get involved.
- **Demand** that Evergreen includes labor and wage standards in RFP's (Request for Proposal) when searching for the lowest bidder to work for the school.
- **Write Letters** - The Sabot Infoshoppe (second floor of SEM I) plans to hold prisoner writing parties throughout the coming year. Get involved and give a shout to political prisoners everywhere.



## WHAT'S UP WITH THE ADMINISTRATION? WHO MAKES THE RULES AT THIS PLACE?

For most people familiar with it, Evergreen is viewed as a radical place. Go hang out in a bar in Lacey if you're not sure about the college's reputation. However, underneath this revolutionary reputation lies a hierarchical institution that often resembles the fucked up shit in society that we are considered radical for opposing.

One of the reasons there was no functioning student union or separate form of governance for students at Evergreen for so long (until the Geoduck Student Union was formed in 2007) was that the college was formed with the idea that students, staff, faculty and administrators were supposed to write policy and make decisions together. To this end students are supposed to be represented on the dozens of committees, boards, and Disappearing Task Forces (DTFs). DTFs are committees that come together to research specific issues, make a recommendation to the board of trustees, and then disband. The first ever DTF wrote the colleges leashed dog policy. There are dozens of DTFs, boards and committees although often the discussions and decisions that come out of them are simply viewed by the administration as no more than recommendations. Despite the existence of these (more or less) democratic decision making bodies, most decisions that affect the college are made unilaterally by the administration.

DTFs seem on paper to be very democratic as representatives of staff, faculty, and students are supposed to be having open discussions about issues affecting the college. In practice, however, the faculty, staff, and most often students are kept from having a voice. They typically have one unadvertised monthly meeting with a representative of the administration there along with at least two staff and a faculty and maybe a token student. The students are the only participants not compelled to be there, volunteering their time to work through a process that has rarely been proven effective. Maybe students too should be paid to be a part of a DTF.

Often, when controversial decisions need to be made (e.g. changes to housing, foodservice, cops, etc.) they are often made in the summer when few students are around. Evergreen is a bureaucratic maze that keeps many students from engaging in policy discussions. Check the campus governance structures of other progressive liberal arts colleges: some have student representatives with decision-making authority guaranteed by the colleges' charters. Some even have town hall meetings for the entire campus. The evidence suggests that Greeners have significantly less sway in the workings of the college than at nearly any other alternative college in the country.

### HOW TO JOIN A BOARD OR DTF:

1. Visit the Vice President for Student Affairs' office in Library 3236 and ask for a list of existing boards/DTFs.
2. Pick one that you are interested in.

3. Contact the Chair of that board/DTF and find out when and where they meet.
4. Show up, and keep showing up. Making a presence and raising a stink has proven effective.

Many students suspect that corporate interests dominate our college, but few realize how bad it is. The eight people serving as the Board of Trustees are at the top of Evergreen's hierarchy, and are responsible for everything from hiring and firing TESC's President, to determining the cost of on-campus living, to setting policies for the entire institution. The Trustees serve a term of six years, and are appointed by the Governor. They are generally prominent business and community "leaders" and political supporters of the Governor. Knowing anything about Evergreen is not a requirement.

The Board of Trustees is also responsible for how the college uses its multimillion dollar endowment fund. The Board has always kept a tight lid on what companies it owns shares in. Although some of that information in the past was recovered from the libraries paper recycling, the endowment is now administered as a part of the much larger University of Washington endowment; effectively removing the possibility of socially conscience investing & boycotts like those that helped bring down the apartheid regime in South Africa.

Biographies of the BOT are at <http://www.evergreen.edu/trustees/trustees.htm>

## Student Trustee

There is a single student trustee whose position rotates every year. The candidates are chosen by the GSU and presented to the Governor for final selection. It was a huge battle to get this position and can serve as a huge student voice. The trustee this year is Dixon McReynolds.

## The President

TESC's President is responsible for implementing the policies of the Board of Trustees and shapes the entire landscape of the college's administration. Although most everyone agrees that Evergreen's President, Les Purce, is generally a very nice guy (he has even been rumored to participate in late night jam sessions in the HCC) he is still a powerful bureaucrat who comes from a corporate background. Les Purce was formerly the Chief Operating Officer of Power Engineering, Inc., a multinational electrical engineering corporation.

In April 2000, Purce was a keynote speaker at a conference entitled "Advancing the Northwest Economy through Science and Technology". This conference was sponsored by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, which is operated by a private corporation called Battelle. Battelle works directly with chemical and biological weapons, counter terrorism, law enforcement, nuclear energy, human genome-mapping, the Army, the Air Force, the Marines and national security.

In the spring of 2008, Les Purce willingly co-operated with the Thurston County Sheriff's Office in their efforts to hunt down and prosecute students in connection to the Valentine's Day Uprising. He also pressured the S&A Board to use student funds to pay for the cost of the damaged patrol car, taking much-needed resources away from student groups on campus.

Although Les Purce has been generally supportive of students' efforts around organizing against the war, he has refused to make a statement against the war using the college's name.



## Admin vs. Students?

There are certain powerful figures in the administration that view Evergreen as dangerously radical and would like nothing better than to move the college in a more mainstream direction. However, you should not assume that all of the administration is bent on undermining the radical edge of Evergreen. In the past, students have found many allies within the faculty and staff. Just make sure you use your discretion when dealing with the schools bureaucratic process and don't let their actions discourage you and your efforts at making Evergreen a better place.

Then again, students at TESC have been known to take matters into their own hands. In 2008, members of the then-existing chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) held a successful sit-in for over a week in front of Vice President Art Constantino's office in response to the group being banned for hosting an event the administration unjustly cancelled.

# GETTING PAID TO SMASH THE STATE

## Student Activities and Alternative Sources of Funding

For being such a small college, Evergreen has a huge number of student groups and a very visible activist population—hence the school’s rowdy reputation. Starting a new student group is easy. Just get a few student signatures and BAM! you’re on your way to getting sweet sweet funding to support anything that you (and your contingent of co-conspirators) are interested in. Speakers, overnight trips (with gas and sometimes plane tickets paid for), movies, supplies, etc. can all be paid for by the school (which is really from the students, who throw down \$171 each quarter).

The Services and Activities Fee Allocation Board, or the “S&A Board,” divies up these funds at student group budget hearings and consists of nine students, a board coordinator, two staff advisors and an office manager. The board has traditionally been underpaid and overworked, yet it serves a very important role. They allocate and over see all funds for student groups and initiatives. The board’s mission is to distribute their 2 million dollars worth of fees to student groups who prove they have lots of students behind them and that what they propose benefits the student body’s desires.

A new process for selecting board members this year goes like this: half are chosen by the Geoduck Student Union (GSU) and the other half fill out an application and are interviewed by members from the previous year’s board. The GSU ultimately approves all of them. Board members are hired at the beginning of the school year. Normally, not more than a dozen people apply for the nine open positions, so your chances are good if you’re looking to get involved in the administration side of student activities. Decisions regarding funding levels of the next year’s student groups, the bulk of what the board does, have to receive final approval by the Board of Trustees.

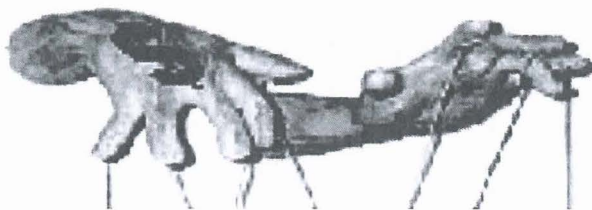
Student Activities funds most things around campus that are not specifically academic. KAOS radio, The Child Care Center, Cooper Point Journal, The Bike Shop, and The Women of Color Coalition are all granted funds through the S&A board along with many other student groups.

### TIPS FOR APPLYING FOR FUNDING

The Board, like any other administrative organ, operates like a hive-mind. The very fact that the Board has to operate in this way is a weakness that can be exploited. To make decisions easier the board uses the idea of “precedent” to aid in allocating

funds for a particular event or speaker or other types of funding. Be very careful when challenging these precedents; think of them as the ancestral traditions that the Board is indoctrinated with during its two day retreat in November. A challenge may incite a revolution or a reactionary retreat into narrow-minded thinking. If one succeeds in creating a new precedent, though, it clears the ground for other groups to spend money in similar ways. This hive-mind has good days and bad days. Straightforward, simple answers that reflect actual planning of a project and good documentation that the group is active are all they really ask for. The board operates quite differently depending on the make up of the board. The best way to feel them out and know

what to expect is to sit in on other peoples hearings, so you know what kind of questions they’ll be throwing at you. The worst thing you can do is to show up to your student group hearing alone. Then it really looks like not many students support the initiative. So, bring hella friends.



#### *Enter the room!*

As a former Board member, nothing was more frustrating than watching a group gather outside the glass prison where the board meets, while the board, inside, was discussing said group. Board meetings are open to the public. This lesson applies to life, too: no power structure is going to invite you to the table if you have demands for its change—you have to make your demands heard.

#### *Preparation*

This is the most important tip. Attach only relevant, well marked, and easy to understand documentation to your request. Cut and dry and to the point makes it easier for everyone and leads to less questioning that you have to defend. If you know what you are doing, it is very unlikely the Board will deny your request for funding. Having a clear idea of why you need money and what you are going to spend it on makes the Board very happy. And a happy Board is a spendy Board.

### OTHER OPTIONS

#### **Foundation Activity Grants:**

Foundation Activity Grants are offered by The Evergreen State College Foundation Board of Governors and administered by the Academic Grants office. This program supports the projects of individual students, student teams and student-faculty teams. Activity Grant projects are usually carried out in conjunction with academic programs and all projects must

have at least one faculty sponsor. In the past, the program has supported a variety of efforts, including theatrical productions, art projects and exhibitions, scientific research, video and film productions, student literary magazines, and expenses for students to attend professional conferences and present their work. Demand is high for these grants. The Foundation can award about 20 to 25 grants each year, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per student. A team of two students may apply for a maximum of \$2,000. Teams of three or more students may apply for a maximum of \$3,000.

<http://www.evergreen.edu/sponsoredresearch/foundationactivity-grants.htm>

### Clean Energy Grants:

In the winter of 2005, Evergreen students voted in favor of a self-imposed clean energy fee. As a result, every student currently pays \$1.00 per credit, every quarter, in order to purchase Green Tags from Evergreen's energy providers (Puget Sound Energy and Tacoma Public Utilities). Because of this student vote, Evergreen now offsets 100% of our electricity purchases with green, renewable sources. In fact, according to the EPA, The Evergreen State College is the 8th. largest purchaser of green energy in the country. The sole purpose of the Clean Energy Fund is to provide financial support for on campus renewable energy projects. Projects eligible for funding must fall into one of the following categories: 1) research into renewable energy and conservation technologies; 2) clean energy projects intended to save energy or produce electricity; or 3) demonstration projects which educate the community about sustainable technologies.

<http://www.evergreen.edu/committee/cleanenergy/grant.htm>

### Diversity Fund:

The President's Diversity Fund was established by Evergreen's Long range Planning Committee to provide funding for activities generated by the Evergreen community that educate the community and advance our efforts to become more effectively multicultural. Challenging speakers, national discourse and skill-building workshops are all examples of educational activities the fund is intended to support. In order to qualify for Diversity funds, proposed activities must aim to promote constructive community discourse about issues of culture and life-style differences faced by the Evergreen community, including but not limited to: issues of race, ethnicity, color, sex, class, sexual orientation, religion, disability, and veteran status. The fund currently consists of an annual budget of \$40,650.

<http://www.evergreen.edu/diversity/fund/home.htm>

### The Greener Organization (GO)

The Greener Organization is a group dedicated to giving the students a voice in Residential and Dining Services. GO seeks to have a broad representation of student residential life; one of its goals is to have a representative from every building in housing. Unfortunately, very few people actually stick with the group all year (or even all quarter), so the reality is that it tends to be made up of one or two people's extended friends groups who rubber stamp each other's proposals. Most of these proposals involve the GO's best publicized and most often used function, which is to fund events for Housing residents. GO is given a very substantial pot of money every year (literally thousands of dollars a quarter) to use as it sees fit, to throw substance-free parties, bring in guest speakers, throw concerts, fund plays or workshops, host a campus-wide pillow fight, whatever events the board comes up with or are brought to it that benefit Housing Residents as a whole. If one has an idea for an event but needs funding and/or logistical help to pull it off, present it to GO during one of their weekly meetings and convince them that it's an event that benefits the whole of housing (instead of a certain age group or dorm) and that the event has some sort of following that will attract people to it. Obviously, GO would benefit immensely in these activities if as many people from as many different backgrounds and housing styles joined it and gave their input. That representation is much more vital for GO's other main function, which is to act as a sounding board for Residential and Dining Policies, and proposed Housing improvements and projects (for example, GO approves murals or their removal if old ones have been



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damaged beyond recognition). While it can't generate or veto policy, it can send the policymakers back to the drawing board until they have a policy that the GO Board feels gets Housing's intent across without disenfranchising any group of Housing residents. In 2007-08, the GO contributed \$15,000 to campus events.

All that you have to do to gain full GO membership is to be a current Housing Resident (but not an RA) who shows up to three consecutive meetings. To join or propose an event to the GO, contact the RDP at 867-6655.

### Do It Yourself:

If none of these schmucks will give you money, talk to the Student Government. They can approve a vote for a new student fee. The Bus Passes, The Flaming Eggplant Café, The CAB redesign, The Clean Energy Fee, and the "drunk bus" were all student initiatives voted on by students and subsequently self imposed fees. It makes for a pile of fees, but some pretty cool projects. Or do your own fundraising or grantwriting. Or go raise hell at the Evergreen Foundation office.

# STUDENT GROUP DIRECTORY

The following is a brief list of TESC student groups as of summer '13. Stop by their location, call 'em, or look around campus for flyers for information on meeting times, events, or workshops.

## Asian Pacific Islander Coalition

We're here to create a safe and supportive environment for people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent to bring up issues that wouldn't otherwise be recognized in the dominant culture.

tesc.apic@gmail.com

## Astronomy Club

To engage the student body in activities and discussion that will educate them about the universe, and to raise awareness about the important issue of space exploration.

evergreen.astronomy@gmail.com

## Bike Shop:

Our mission is to provide cyclists with the proper equipment, information, and a reliable, friendly environment to work on their bikes. We have tools, parts (used and new), greases, supplies, resource materials, classes, workshops and volunteers to help people work on their bikes.

theevergreenbikeshop@evergreen.edu

## Black Student Union:

The purpose of BSU is to promote unity in the Black community at Evergreen and educate the community about Black culture.

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## campus Food Coalition:

The campus Food Coalition exists to provide space for Evergreen Students, faculty, and community members to discuss and raise awareness of food issues on campus. We will implement plans of action to work toward accurately reflecting Evergreen's sustainability goals and community ethics via our campus food system.

evergreenfoodcoalition@gmail.com

## Capoeira Angola

A group dedicated to celebrating and practicing this Brazilian martial art.

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1 3117, 867-6879

## Center for Ecological & Nature Skills Education

CENSE provides students with opportunities to increase awareness through exploration of wilderness survival skills, ethnobotany, wildlife tracking, bird language, and the cultivation of a land stewardship ethic.

Sem 1 3115, 867-6033

## Chemistry Club

A forum for the science community at Evergreen.

Sem 1 3166, 867-6143

## Circus Resurgence

The Evergreen Circus Resurgence is a deliberately inclusive student group devoted to the practice of circus arts.

## Coalition Against Sexual Violence

The Coalition Against Sexual Violence (CASV) provides resources and creates safe places for survivors and allies to support one another and to work to end rape culture. CASV works to dismantle the systems supporting sexual violence with empowering workshops, speakers, films discussion, advocacy, education and art. CASV recognizes that sexual violence affects people of all identity groups. CASV strives to focus on intersectionality so that one day all of us will be safe and happy in our bodies.

tesccasv@gmail.com

## Common Bread

An interfaith student organization where students and the surrounding community can attend meetings and programs involving the world's religious traditions.

Sem 1 3124, 867-6583

## Community Gardens

Our mission is to spread organic gardening practices to people who otherwise would not get the opportunity to love it; students just out the city/suburbs, people who live in apartments that don't allow space for a garden, people who are intrigued by the idea of growing their own food but intimidated about trying it on their own.

TESCcommunitygardens@gmail.com

## Cooper Point Journal

Cooper Point Journal members commit their efforts to two primary purposes: compiling submissions from students at large to create a newspaper that focuses on and reflects the student citizens of The Evergreen State College and examines how matters, particularly within the college, affect and involve students.

http://www.cooperpointjournal.com/

## Developing Ecologically Aware Practices

DEAP is a student organization intended to promote sustainability issues, ideas and projects through the practice of permaculture.

demetergarden@gmail.com

## Evergreen Anime Club

Our purpose is to promote cultural understanding through Japanese animation and Asian cinema.

Sem 1 3125, 867-6105

## Evergreen Conservation Corps

The Evergreen Conservation Corps is a community of students dedicated to education, awareness, discussion, and action for wildlife near and far.

## Evergreen Mycelial Network





The Evergreen Mycelial Network (EMN) works to promote the use of mycology (the study of fungus) at TESC. We emphasize teaching cultivation and remediation skills, identification, as well as the medicinal, spiritual and culinary benefits of fungi.

#### **Evergreen Psychological Society**

The Evergreen Psychological Society is a student group dedicated to providing space and resources for Evergreen campus members who share an academic interest in psychology and the mind.

#### **Evergreen Queer Alliance**

The EQA aims to serve the needs of the queer community at The Evergreen State College by providing a safe space, resources, advocacy, awareness, education, entertainment, and community.

#### **Evergreen Roleplaying Club**

The Evergreen Roleplaying Club exists to offer positive, enjoyable and informative tabletop and live action roleplaying game experiences to the Evergreen community.

#### **Evergreen Shakespeare Society**

The mission of the ESS is to expose students, the campus community, and the greater Olympia community to the thoughts, works, and craft of Shakespearean drama; to facilitate channeling learning into practice by providing plays and hosting group readings and discussions.

shakespeareorder@gmail.com

#### **Evergreen Shellfish Club**

The mission of the Evergreen Shellfish Club is to provide a hands-on and educational experience through shellfish aquaculture for the Evergreen community; to develop and maintain a strong commitment to water quality and our access to healthy marine resources on Geoduck Beach.

shellfish@evergreen.edu

#### **Evergreen Student Music Project**

The Evergreen Student Music Project has been in place for 25 years. Our goal is to produce a collaborative album made entirely by Evergreen students. We take submissions from students, produced by the Advanced Audio Program, and release the finished project for fellow students, staff, and faculty to enjoy.

<http://blogs.evergreen.edu/esmp/audiointern@gmail.com>

#### **Evergreen Students for Sustainable Animal Agriculture**

The mission of ESSAA is to create and encourage opportunities for experimental and practical learning in animal agriculture to Evergreen students.

essaapasturedlamb@gmail.com

#### **Evergreen Thinkers Society**

The Evergreen Thinkers Society will be devoted to facilitating free and open debate on any topic at The Evergreen State College, with a particular focus on some of the more fundamental questions of humanity and our reality. We will create a space and an environment where truly open debate and discussion on the topics and any other can be held.

#### **Evergreen Vocal Ensemble**

Evergreen Vocal Ensemble is a student group at TESC

dedicated to sharing and developing an appreciation for a variety of vocal music on campus and in the greater community.

#### **Fiber Arts Club**

The Evergreen Fiber Arts Club provides a supportive community space for many to come as beginners to learn or as skilled individuals to improve their craft. We seek to empower community members by teaching them practical skills in fiber work and assisting them in exploring the potential of this field as hobby, study, or profession. We do this through providing weekly gatherings, workshops, a library of resources, and networking with the larger community in a sustainable and intentional manner.

evergreenfiberarts@gmail.com

#### **FIST!**

To provide a space for discussion and community around mutual aid, anti-oppression, with an emphasis on marginalized communities and voices.

raiseyourfist@riseup.net

#### **Folk Dance Alliance**

The Folk Dance Alliance intends to make Contra and other traditional dancing available and accessible to the Evergreen and larger communities. Let's Dance!

Sem 1 3117, 867-6879

#### **Freedom First Dance Collective**

(formerly the Evergreen Dance Co-op) is a student-run and directed group of dancers dedicated to supporting and empowering the community.

We facilitate regular dances and workshops open to the Evergreen population and provide a space for honest expression and interaction.

#### **Freedom of Consciousness Club**

The FCC is a social resource for the psychonauts of Evergreen community. Promoting non-discriminatory, mindful exploration of consciousness through interdisciplinary means including psychedelia, the occult, magick, tarot, astrology, meditation, yogas, philosophy of mind, shamanism, radical world theories, diet and physiology, radial art, the paranormal, and lucid dreaming.

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1 3165, 867-6784

#### **Gaming Guild**

Dedicated to making gaming easier and more fun for all gamers in the Evergreen community.

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1 3125, 867-6105

#### **Generation Friends Comedy Arts Coalition**





Evergreen's student comedy troupe works to explore comedy in the form of improvisation, sketch, and short films, and to provide Evergreen students interested in comedy a place to develop their individual comic voice.

Sem 1 3168, 867-6036

### **Geoduck Campus Games**

We have the most unique and exciting theme and team-based games and related themed events for faculty, staff and students to play across the entire Evergreen State Campus.

[geoduckcampusgames@gmail.com](mailto:geoduckcampusgames@gmail.com)

### **Geoduck Student Union**

The Geoduck Union is the official representation of the student body at The Evergreen State College. The Union is committed to unifying students across all Evergreen campuses, serving their interests at the local, state, and national levels and empowering all students to participate in positive social and political change while fostering a fair and diverse community. The Union works to improve students' quality of life by advocating for students' rights and needs, facilitating communication among students, and ensuring a fair balance of power among faculty, staff, administration and students.

<http://blogs.evergreen.edu/geoduckunion/>

### **Giant Robot Appreciation Society**

To spread the appreciation of Japanese anime and culture across campus.

[evergreenchibicon@gmail.com](mailto:evergreenchibicon@gmail.com)

### **Greener Film Society**

The Greener Film Society allows students to collaborate and appreciate all aspects of film and its production through screening, workshops, and a general open forum for discussion.

[greenerfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:greenerfilmsociety@gmail.com)

### **Greeners 4 Christ/Evergreen Jesus Folk**

We are a community of people striving to be the family of God at Evergreen through scripture, prayer, and active love.

### **Heavy Hips Movement Club**

Heavy Hips embraces all forms of self expression through the vehicle of dance and movement practice. We are grounded in the essence of community and encourage members to share their knowledge of their art form in a safe, open-minded environment that welcomes all shapes and sizes.

[heavyhips@yahoo.com](mailto:heavyhips@yahoo.com)

### **International Languages Club**

The international Language Club is committed to educa-

tion through its meetings, to provide students with an environment of immersion into world language and culture. Keeping with the mission of Evergreen, the club will provide interdisciplinary educational opportunities, create interest and visibility of world languages on our campus. It will bridge the gaps between native and non-native speakers of languages. The international LAnguage Club plans cultural activities including special events, guest speakers, field trips, food, film, art, and music festivals.

### **Meditation Group**

Sharing a safe space to open our heart and mind. We welcome everyone, regardless of meditation experience. Together we seek ways of listening and speaking to each other, the universe and ourselves. Weekly sits hold unique meanings for each individual and we hold space for a diverse along with collective presence. Our hope is to create a supportive, mindful community as we travel through this journey called Life.

### **Mideast Solidarity Project**

The Mideast Solidarity Project (MSP) raises awareness about human rights, immigration, and U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, surrounding regions, and the diaspora.

[mideastsolidarity@gmail.com](mailto:mideastsolidarity@gmail.com)

### **Movimiento Estudiantil Xican@ de Aztlan**

We, the estudiantes de M.E.X.A. de Evergreen, are dedicated to furthering the education of our hermanas y hermanos, promoting chicanismo within the community, and continuing in the struggle of our Raza as indigenous peoples. By politicizing our Raza, we strive for the self-determination of our gente for the purpose of liberating Aztlan.

[tescmecha@gmail.com](mailto:tescmecha@gmail.com)

### **Native Student Alliance**

The Native Student Alliance (NSA) is committed to building positive relationships among Native and non-Native communities by hosting cultural events. NSA is an inter-tribal organization that brings awareness to Indigenous issues in and outside of the Evergreen community. We strive to support our members and promote a welcoming community environment that respects our varying backgrounds while encouraging our efforts in social activism.

[evergreen.nsa@hotmail.com](mailto:evergreen.nsa@hotmail.com)

### **Old Growth Poetry Collective**

The Old Growth Poetry Collective is dedicated to the creation, development, and nurturing of creative artistic expression through poetry. The collective does this through organizing events, performing in the Pacific Northwest, and regularly honing our craft or mentoring new poets

through workshops and skill shares.

### **Police Awareness and Student Safety**

We seek to foster and build a relationship and effective communication methods between the students, community, police, and emergency responders at the Evergreen State College. By working closely with the police and the emergency responders on campus and off campus, we strive to increase the level of education, self-awareness, and protection. We organize meetings and workshops on crucial safety protocols, police and emergency responses to incidents and many other safety measures.

Our goal is to foster a safe, healthy, non-hostile environment on campus to achieve this end. We support all student, faculty, and community members in creating a safe environment.

PASS has tried to get automatic rifles for the Evergreen Police through a petition that used scare tactics!

### **the Phrontisterion**

The Phrontisterion is an organization dedicated to the promotion of interest in and study of the classical, Greco-Roman and ancient Mediterranean world by means of weekly meetings, guest lectures, and theatrical performances.

### **Queer and Trans\* People of Color**

Queer and trans\* people of colors mission is to develop a space where conversations across intersections of race, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity can be had and explored through art, discussions, workshops, and other mediums of community building. We are building community through our common experiences, although we come from different backgrounds. QTPOC hopes to create safe space for growth by creating a supportive atmosphere to share ideas, opinions, and skills pertaining to QTPOC identity. We support community by holding consistent and stable space and providing peer support and resources.

qpocatevergreen@gmail.com

### **Riot to Follow Theater Productions**

RTFtheaterproductions@gmail.com

RTF Theater Productions serves to provide student theater to the students of Evergreen State College.

### **S&A Board**

The S&A Board is the student committee that allocates Services and Activities fees to all of the organizations you see here. This student committee renews itself annually and seeks new members every Fall.

You can work here, and you can apply to get money for a student group.

### **Sabot Infoshop**

Our mission is disseminate radical and anarchist information to the community through a variety of mediums, including but not limited to: films, zines, books, workshops, and speakers. In addition, we serve as a hub for people to hold meetings, network, and dialogue, publish zines, and

newsletters and collaborate.

This student group has been banned for the 2013-14 year. When they put on the Anarchist Convergence last spring, a shitty blogger came and wouldn't listen when asked not to photograph, so naturally someone threw his camera out the window. They'll most likely be back 2014-15!

### **Sacred Psychedelic Science**

Sacred Psychedelic Science is a group devoted to learning and discussing the values of psychedelics for spiritual, medical and other use. We do not encourage or discourage the use of illegal substances, but we are here to create open dialogue about psychedelic drugs.

### **Slightly West Literary Magazine**

Slightly West hopes to foster a community for writers of all kinds. We want to create an open and safe space for those who share an interest and desire to grow in all forms of literary expression. We welcome students, staff, and faculty to participate in our meetings and workshops and gatherings and readings.

This student group didn't publish anything for the 2012-13 school year, so join and make it rock!

slightlywest@gmail.com

### **Socialist Alternative**

Our mission is to enrich the Evergreen community through interactive education about socialist ideas and world events. We write and distribute literature, facilitate discussions and study groups, bring national and international speakers to campus, and organize campaigns for social justice in order to develop socialist perspectives.

evergreensocialistalternative@gmail.com

### **Student Gallery Organization**

The Student Gallery Organization (SGO) functions to maintain a space for enrolled students to showcase their creative works on campus. The SGO allows current students who are passionate about art the opportunity to be involved in running an art gallery.

studentgallery@evergreen.edu

### **Student Video Gamer's Alliance**

The Student Video Gamer's Alliance (SVGA) exists to



provide video game related services to the Evergreen community. Our three primary purposes are as follows:

1. To promote social gaming- We hope to help gamers meet each other and form lasting friendships while enjoying the recreational use of video games.
2. To educate the Evergreen community concerning video games and their social, political, and psychological commentary.
3. To create a space for individuals interested in game-design to share ideas.

**Students for a Democratic Society**

We're an anti-authoritarian, anti-capitalist, non-hierarchical, pro-queer, pro-feminist group dedicated to fighting all forms and systems of oppression, both locally and internationally, moving towards a free world based on joy and desire.

olympiasds@riseup.net

**Students for WashPIRG**

Students for WashPIRG will work to continue to fulfill the initiatives of the larger organization of WashPIRG at the Evergreen State College. When the voices of ordinary citizens are drowned out by powerful special interests WashPIRG stands up and takes action by combining student activism with professional organizing and advocacy. Students for WashPIRG will fulfill the mission of student activism through on-campus program work while fighting to win a student vote to gain the funds necessary to hire professional organizers and advocates to further our effort on a statewide and national scale. Students for WashPIRG welcomes any and all help through training research materials, etc. that can be provided by the professional campus organizer, and other WashPIRG staff to help fulfill this mission.

If you don't want to give money to WashPIRG, which is back on campus, you can go down to Registration and Records or one of its neighbors and opt out of the fee. People like this group, lord knows why.

**Transgender Resources and Education Xtravaganza**

To provide resources, outreach, education, health, support and advocacy for non-gender conforming students at the Evergreen State College.

xtravaganza@gmail.com

**Womyn of Color Coalition**  
WOCC is a community hub.

dedicated to creating a safe space for women of color. We collaborate with campus and community groups in order to organize gatherings, forums, performances, and events. We strive to educate and empower the women in our communities by honoring our unique experiences and celebrating our cultural ties.

**Womyn's Resource Center**

The WRC is a center on campus that provides free menstrual products, pregnancy tests and condoms, as well as houses a vast lending library of books, zines, and DVDs which are available to all. Our office strives to be a safe place to get information and connect to campus and community services. The WRC group is a student group that welcomes all womyn and their allies. Our mission is to meet the needs of womyn on our campus by providing free resources, hosting events and creating space for our members to express themselves and empower one another.

wrc@riseup.net

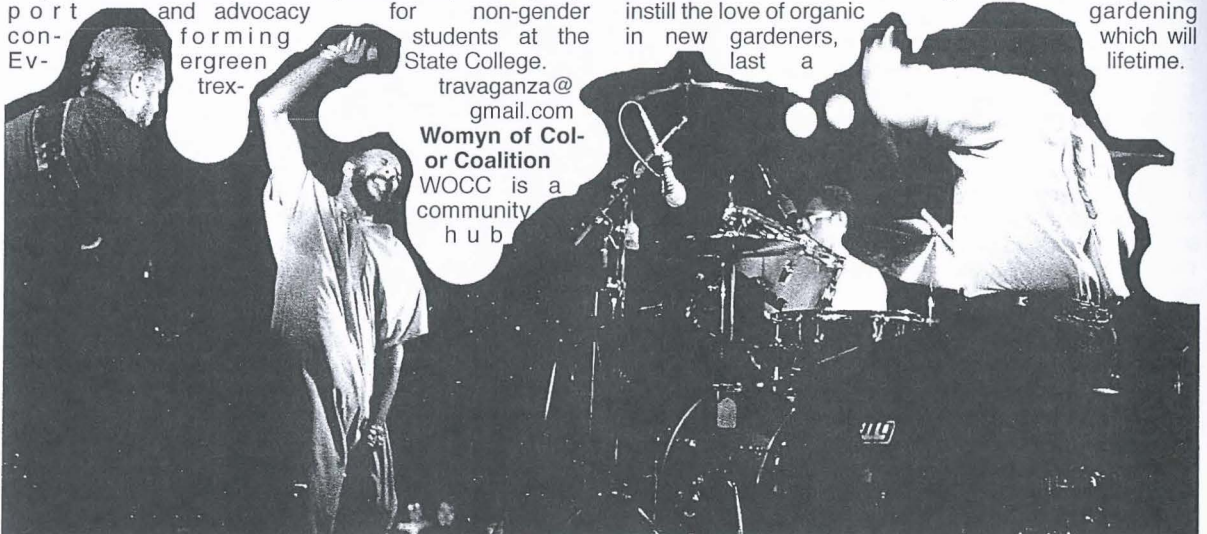
**Wonder Collective**

The Wonder Collective strives to enrich the campus community by hosting events and creating situations that create Awareness of the wonder which surrounds and abounds!

**Young Roots**

"To inspire the next generation to fall in love with their food, connect with their community, and with nature. Young Roots wants to create a safe place for nature-based activities that are educational, engaging, and fun. We want to increase community engagement by creating a structure that supports their growth-both as gardeners and as leaders within their families and communities."

Young Roots organizes workshops that emphasize stewardship of the land, gardening practices, and the importance of local food systems. Young Roots aims to form a strong and supportive community of gardeners in which all learn, teach, and grow together. The group also strives to strengthen the bonds between Evergreen, GRuB, families of the surrounding community, and to instill the love of organic gardening in new gardeners, which will last a lifetime.



These staple insititutions on campus are also funded by Student Activities and, thus, you!

### Children's Center

Provides low-cost child care to students and staff (3 months - 5 years). They're open M-F 7:30am to 5:30pm.  
Bldg. 201, 867-6060

### Clean Energy Committee

This committee is composed of four students, two staff, and one faculty, and is responsible for reviewing budget proposals for clean energy related campus projects. Student representatives to the committee are selected in the fall for one-year appointments.

Sem 3157, 867-6220

### KAOS Radio

Evergreen's non-commercial, community radio station plays a variety of independent music, news and public affairs programming. Students and volunteers run the shows and internships are also available for students. KAOS airs at 89.3FM.

Sem I Annex B, 867-6888

### S&A Productions

This group organizes stage events for the Evergreen campus, often bringing major acts to the school. S&A Productions provide opportunities for students to learn about, and gain practical experience in, event production and planning.

Sem I 3164, 867-6222

### KEY Student Services

KEY is a federally funded TRIO grant program that serves students who are the first in their family to go to college, low income, or have a documented disability and have a need for academic support. They are there to answer all of your questions and to get you oriented and comfortable with the new world that is college.

LIB L-2108, 867-6464

### Access Services for Students with Disabilities

Access Services for Student with Disabilities (ASSD) works holistically to empower students with disabilities by promoting self-reliance, effective problem solving skills, enhanced academic and personal development, and equal access to all aspects of college life. Their goal is to invite and celebrate diversity within our campus community. Services available include pre-admission counseling, academic adjustments, including alternate testing arrangements, scribes, peer note takers, alternative format books, auxiliary aids, such as sign language/oral interpreters, closed captioning, assistive listening devices, adaptive software and computers, and referrals to on and off-campus resources.

LIB L2129, 867-6348

## Public Service Centers At Evergreen

Evergreen has seven Public Service Centers, many of them useful but underutilized resources. The collective mission statement for the service centers addresses the desire to build relationships and form networks that promote and enhance Evergreen's integrative and collaborative approach to learning, in a variety of settings among a variety of groups.

### The Center for Community-Based Learning and Action

The CCBLA helps to link students and faculty at Evergreen with organizations working on a wide range of community issues. There are lots of resources here to learn about some projects happening around town. They can help you out if you want to get involved with something but don't know where to start. SEM II E2125 | 867-6137

### The Evergreen Center for Educational Improvement

The ECEI works to create partnerships with educational communities to improve teaching and learning in K-12 classrooms. Check it out if you are interested in education. SEM. II E3120 | 867-6388

### Labor Education and Research Center

Provides a safe forum for workers, community members and Evergreen students to look at their lives and work through the lenses of labor history and political economics. They develop educational programs in collaboration with organized labor and labor support groups to address relevant issues to worker's unions and work lives. To that end, the Labor Center works with an advisory committee to develop credit and non-credit educational programs for union and community members. Center sponsored programs examine the causes, consequences, and solutions to economic injustice, racism, sexism, and homophobia. SEM II E2126 | 867-6055

### The Longhouse Education and Cultural Center

The Longhouse exists to provide service and hospitality to students, the college, and the surrounding Native communities. With a design based in the Northwest Indigenous Nations' philosophy of hospitality, its primary functions are to provide a gathering place for hosting cultural ceremonies, classes, conferences, performances, art exhibits and community events. The longhouse is located past the library and lab buildings. 867-6413

### Northwest Indian Applied Research Institute

The NIARA expands the services which the college can offer the tribes, enabling Evergreen to assist local tribes to meet their economic, governance and resource goals. At the same time, the Institute provides additional, real-life learning opportunities for Evergreen students. SEM II 3122 | 867-6614

### Washington Center for Improving the Quality of Undergraduate Education

WCIQUE emphasizes collaborative, low-cost, highly effective approaches to educational reform. The Center works with faculty, staff, and administrators at regional and national levels to support student engagement and academic achievement, particularly for students underrepresented in higher education. SEM II E 2115. 867-6611.

### Washington State Institute for Public Policy

The Institute's mission is to carry out practical, non-partisan research—at legislative direction—on issues of importance to Washington State. The Institute conducts research using its own policy analysts and economists, specialists from universities, and consultants. Institute staff work closely with legislators, legislative and state agency staff, and experts in the field to ensure that studies answer relevant policy questions. If you're into the bureaucratic side of things, go for it. 110 Fifth Avenue SE, Suite 214 • Olympia, WA 98504 (360) 586-2677.

# GRAFFITI AT EVERGREEN

A little known secret that most new Greeners will not hear about is the amazing graffiti wall that used to exist behind the COM building. During the 2002-2003 school year, graffiti artists and the Evergreen administration brokered a deal to allow graffiti on the large blank wall on the back of the COM. Sadly, the wall was shut down before the 2004-2005 school year started due to the fumes entering the ventilation system from the back of the building and making people sick.

Adding insult to injury, the administration not only shut down the wall, but painted over all the huge pieces. Their "solution" was to buy two large corrugated cargo containers (now located behind the tennis courts along the path to Overhulse Rd. and the Childcare Center) for the students to paint on. Like one left blow after another, the provided metal boxes are not only too shitty for freehand pieces, but the corrugations makes stencil work utterly impossible as well.

With such disregard for creative expression, we should not restrict our artwork to the sanctioned areas if the administration cannot provide us with something better than a fucking shipping container. Creative people that feel stifled and marginalized being surrounded by uninspiring blank concrete should not be afraid to take matters into their own cans. Olympia has a ever-growing street artist population. Join them!



But remember, pick your spot carefully. Hitting places like the front of soup dorms, or the entryway to the SEM II cluster would be considered...bad. These well-lit areas will get you spotted and busted by Perez and Co. faster than you can drop your cans. Also, make sure you bomb places at the right time. Sunday through Thursday nights after 11 pm walkthroughs (from about midnight to daybreak is the best window to ensure your stealthy mission is successful), Friday and Saturday nights are pretty much bad because even though walkthroughs are done by 1:30, people still wander around getting fucked up till early morning.

Have fun, keep the art real and wear your respirators! And remember:

**"If you can't burn it,  
don't touch it!"**

# THE EVERGREEN MURALS

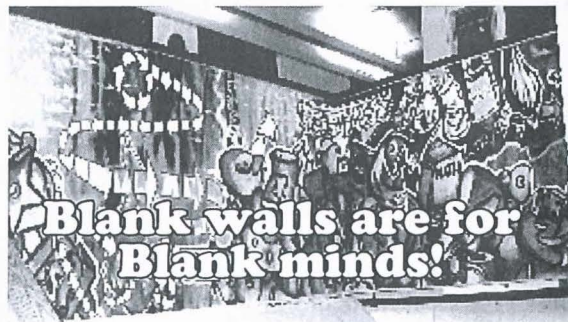
So Evergreen used to have some pretty sick murals, among them was this big Malcolm X portrait in C dorm and this huge panoramic anti-consumption mural in the lobby of A dorm, where the grey paint is on the stairs going down. In fact, there used to be murals scattered all around campus. But no more. Aside from the new mural outside the library, the only colorful piece to be found is in the stairwell of A building. It seems housing has covered almost all of their murals over the past few years. Housing states that they painted over the murals because of the cost and difficulty in maintaining them. They also say that when the murals were painted they were unaware of the level of fumes that the residents were exposed to. This new awareness has led to the policy that they will only allow murals in the fire towers of these buildings.

It's nice to art on the walls. It the active viewers disrupts the monotone for all who pass by. for artists to paint they live in is one of things a school can that our administration "progressive" or tend to be, are not job at this. It's obvious to figure out condition and 'nature' of expression, as well voices heard by the control our environment walk on.



live in a place with engages not only of the art but also one of blank walls Providing an outlet the environment the most important do, and it seems tradition, however "radical" they predoing a very good ous that we have a cerning the definition, freedom, and as how to make our figures that try to ment and the paths

If graffiti isn't your thing, there might still be a legal way of expressing yourself on the dorm walls, or at least the fire towers of these buildings (the fire towers are the well ventilated, nearly-outdoor staircases). All you have to do is design a proposal for the Greener Organization and they might even buy you the paints! And hey, if they say no, at least you can say you tried before you busted out your Krylon stash.



# Diversity And Evergreen

Diversity means a lot of things at Evergreen. TESC advertises itself as actively promoting diversity. Yet, the school's administrative policy does not discuss what they mean when they say diversity and how or with what they seek to support it. Do you define diversity as a quantitatively measurable appearance of inclusivity with statistics that depict the success of your institution because of its ability to attract and retain a broad enough range of constituencies? Is diversity solely a tangible element that is meant to enrich the lives and educations of the majority populace—the white middle class—while still abiding by laws of a state institution (i.e. that they cannot intentionally segregate or actively discriminate against certain constituencies)?

Another thing that struck me as especially strange was that, though the school's social contract, as well as its administrative policy, does not specifically discuss or define diversity or its commitment to diversity, The Evergreen State College Admissions page does. "The community of faculty, staff and students work together to ensure an environment that embraces differences, fosters tolerance and understanding, and celebrates a commitment to cultural, ethnic and racial awareness." How does the community of faculty, staff and students work together to bring about such an environment? Does the administration, or even the faculty and staff, demonstrate on a comprehensive level a sophisticated awareness of race and racism, let alone demonstrate a perceivable concern about students' lives concerning race? The reality is that students, administrators, faculty and staff actually don't work together.



In fact, there is very little in the way of communication across these lines, especially about diversity itself. Many of the administrative offices, as well as the board of trustees, are separated from the lives of students. And though they may believe that they know what's best for us and for the faculty and staff, they do not actively engage them in discussions about support and awareness.

I take the meaning of diversity to mean a full spectrum of experiences and lives that encompass a range of racial, socio-economic, religious, sexuality and gender, age and ability, political and nationality identities. All oppressions are not the same and this is one of the key elements that are missing from the vague statement the institution takes on diversity. Not all oppressions are treated equally in our society, so why should we pretend that we could cater to those different experiences in the same way?

Without creating a definitive community and an experience-driven definition of its commitment to diversity, Evergreen has failed to create what they say they already have: an open and supportive learning environment that protects and empowers underprivileged communities, particularly people of color. The problem is a far-reaching and multi-faceted one. Without the critical awareness necessary to create a commitment to concerns of diverse communities and methods for responding to oppression, the institution embodies a commitment to the status quo. It's not the numbers that matter or the bottom line, it is the experiences of people.

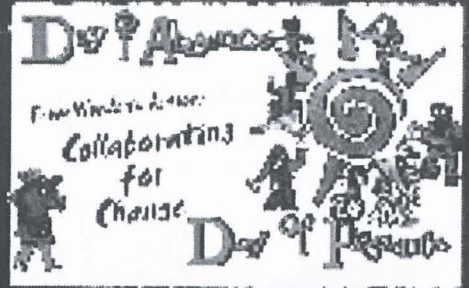
## Day of Absence / Day of Presence

The annual Day of Absence/Day of Presence program provides an opportunity for the entire campus to explore issues of diversity, equity, and multiculturalism. The program started at Evergreen in 1975 and comes from the play, Day of Absence, by African American playwright Douglas Turner Ward. The play is about a town where all of the African Americans disappear one day leaving their white neighbors. The town is unable to function as usual on this day and the remaining residents realize that all members of the town are vital and integral members of the community.

At Evergreen the Day of Absence, many of the faculty, staff, and students of color are absent from campus in order to participate in an off-campus retreat. Their absence from the college serves as a tangible reminder of the diversity present at Evergreen. While away, the community of color looks at issues within their communities and strategize ways to strengthen support for each other. The day is spent enjoying each other's company and looking at administrative and community-based solutions for providing a safe and welcoming campus atmosphere. Previous themes for the Day of Absence/Day of Presence are examining racial climate in the classroom, incorporating anti-oppression values in the workplace and seminar, exploring one's own internalized oppression.

In 1992 the Day of Presence was added at the recommendation of members of the Evergreen community in order to reunite the college community and honor diversity and unity. Today, the Day of Presence occurs the day after the Day of Absence and represents the uniting of our community and consists of campus-wide workshops, seminars, and performances.

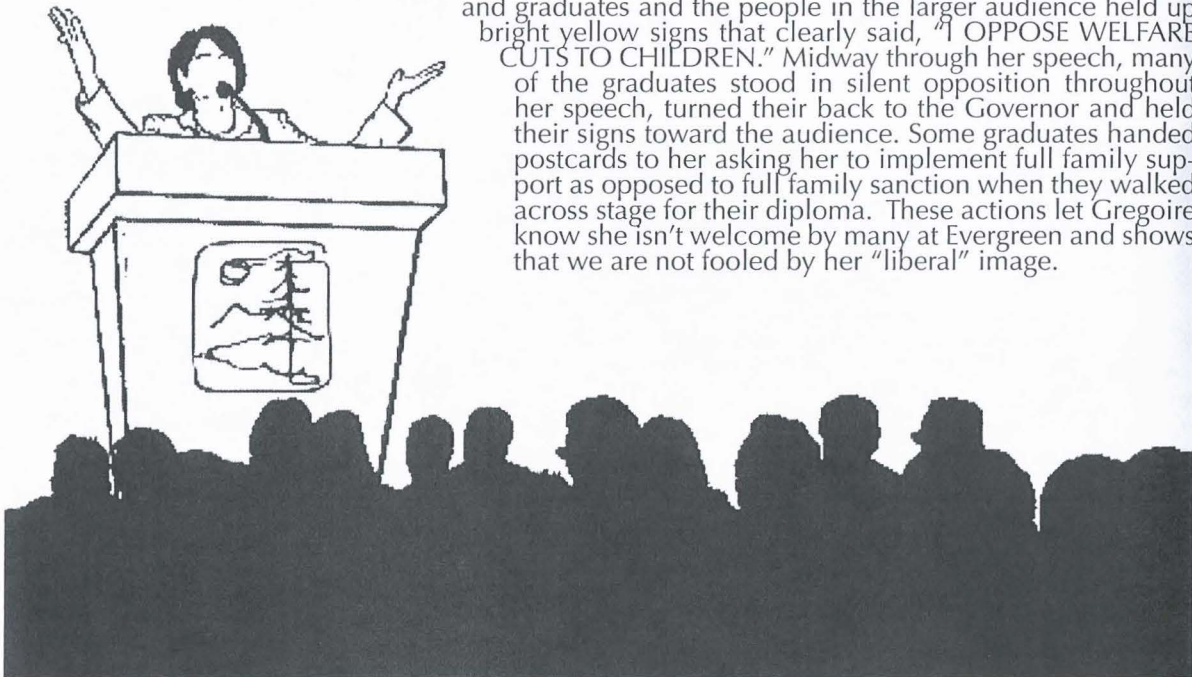
More faculty and administrative support is needed for students of color and white students to participate in the activities. The issues raised and the discourse undertaken on these days are things that we should be doing constantly. Two days isn't enough.



# GRADUATION SPEAKERS AT TESC

You may have heard about the controversy created when former MOVE activist Mumia Abu-Jamal spoke at TESC's graduation ceremony in 1999. One of the world's foremost political prisoners, Abu-Jamal has been on death row since 1982 for allegedly killing a police officer in Philadelphia in 1981. His trial was a case study in the corruption of the US Criminal Justice system, and nearly every human rights organization in the world has demanded a retrial. Students worked hard throughout the year to raise awareness about Mumia's plight and the problems of the criminal justice system, encouraging students to write-in Mumia for the graduation speaker vote. When Evergreen's first choice for graduation keynote speaker (Governor Gary Locke) fell through, Mumia was chosen as the replacement. Following significant media attention and pressure from the state government, the administration overruled the graduation committee and selected another keynote speaker, reducing Abu-Jamal's role in the ceremonies. Before graduation, rumors circulated that during Mumia's speech discontented seniors & opponents of Mumia would be playing horns or screaming to make his words inaudible, but the speech went on with no disruption. Instead, the majority of the crowd (students and guests alike) rose to a standing ovation.

Other notable graduation speakers in recent years have been Vandana Shiva and Derrick Jensen. Looking at the past list of Evergreen's graduation speakers, Governor Christine Gregoire, who was the keynote speaker at Evergreen's 2006 graduation ceremony, sticks out like a sore thumb. Graduation speakers are voted on by graduating students, but there are questions as to how or if Gregoire was selected. While Gregoire was spewing out bullshit rhetoric about how globalization just means "we're all more connected," four banners were dropped, reading things such as "Gov. Gregoire Please Stop Your Racist Welfare Policies" and "Work First = Kids Last," children were wearing buttons asking the Governor if they needed to get a job, graduates and attendees wore patches stating "I oppose Governor Gregoire's presence today," the Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition (WROC) had a giant mailbox set up where you could mail postcards to the Governor, and graduates and the people in the larger audience held up bright yellow signs that clearly said, "I OPPOSE WELFARE CUTS TO CHILDREN." Midway through her speech, many of the graduates stood in silent opposition throughout her speech, turned their back to the Governor and held their signs toward the audience. Some graduates handed postcards to her asking her to implement full family support as opposed to full family sanction when they walked across stage for their diploma. These actions let Gregoire know she isn't welcome by many at Evergreen and shows that we are not fooled by her "liberal" image.





# HONORABLE ALUM

*When I think of the amazing people that have graced this school with their presence, I feel proud to be a part of the history of the same place. No, I'm not talking about the alumni in the entertainment industry that get the most attention here (e.g. Matt Groening and Michael Richards), but those who really deserve our thoughts and avenging memorials. The best thing we can do to remember the nameless is dedicate ourselves to destroying the society that forgot them.*

## SCOTT SCURLOCK

Scott Scurlock enrolled at Evergreen in 1978 to study organic chemistry and biochemistry. He used this knowledge, along with supplies stolen from the school, to begin manufacturing crystal meth and eventually became one of the most successful meth dealers in the northwest. Eventually, Scurlock began to develop guilt over his job and finally quit after his main distributor was murdered.

With no more income, Scurlock once again had to solve the problem of subsisting without working, a problem many people you'll meet in Olympia also try to solve. His thirst for adventure and anti-work lifestyle eventually led to trying his hands at bank robbing. It's also thought that he was also inspired by the recently released films *Robin Hood* and *Point Break*, a movie about surfers who rob banks to avoid work.

Scurlock called on his friend and Evergreen alumni Mark Biggins to get involved. And, in the summer of 1992, they robbed their first bank in Seattle wearing masks like in *Point Break*. Not everything went as planned. They originally wanted to steal a bank employee's car to use as the getaway vehicle, but Biggins panicked and flooded the engine, so they ran away with dogs chasing them, escaping across a golf course. They netted \$19,971 from the robbery, but the entire experience terrified Biggins and he packed up and left.

Without help, Scurlock decided to start robbing banks himself. After netting \$252,000 on his sixth solo job in Seattle, a friend, Steve Meyers, was attracted into the mix and a year later they started working together. Meyers was the getaway driver and sat in the car monitoring police frequencies with a scanner, communicating via walkie-talkie to let Scurlock know if there was trouble coming. The pair robbed five banks in 1994.

Other than two banks in Portland, Scurlock only robbed banks in affluent neighborhoods in Seattle, often repeatedly hitting the same banks. He also studied FBI forensics manuals to take every precaution to make sure he left no identifiable trace behind. He was nicknamed "Hollywood" because he'd use pancake makeup and facial attachments like false chins to disguise himself. He figured out the shift changes for police in the area and would often hit banks in between the shift changes or when police were dispersed away from the area. Scurlock went to great pains to buy cars anonymously, including ones to leave as bait for the police to throw them off his trail. He paid banks employees to let him know when the most money would be in the bank and the best time to strike. He also built an underground secret room on his property with a mini makeup studio and place to count the money. Even now, Steve Meyers praises Scurlock's efficient approach: "Nobody ever was hurt, and nobody was ever intended to be hurt."

Making plenty of money, Scurlock certainly did not forget to spread it around. He would reportedly show up at benefit shows in Olympia and pay hundreds of dollars as his admission. He was a huge supporter of Earth First! and donated a good amount of money to their campaigns, as well as to rape crisis centers. A mix of Peter Pan and Robin Hood, Scurlock never wanted to grow up and face adult responsibilities, nor did he want to see those that needed money go without.

Bumbling police officers and FBI agents failed again and again to catch up with "Hollywood." One cop had the idea to stake out a bank Hollywood had robbed before and monitor

walkie-talkie frequencies. But his plan didn't work when Hollywood hit a bank in Seattle outside the range the officer was monitoring frequencies on and got away with \$141,405, laughing with his middle finger out the window of the getaway car (Okay I made up that last part). None of this was enough thrill or money, so Scurlock decided to rob three banks in two hours, a plan that would include jamming police frequencies. This plan was aborted though and they only robbed one of them.

On Thanksgiving Eve in 1996, Scurlock drove to Seattle with Mark Biggins and Steve Meyers for his 17th bank robbery, a robbery that would net \$1.08 million (Bringing his career total to \$2.3 million) and also be his last. Scurlock and Biggins walked into the Seafirst branch on NE 125th St. and whipped out their guns while Meyers was waiting in the car. A teller immediately hit the silent alarm. The robbery took longer than expected because the tellers initially gave them a smaller amount of money than Scurlock knew was there. He had a teller lead him into the vault where he stuffed bricks of cash into nylon duffel bags. Although there were dozens of officers on alert for Hollywood, they were all patrolling in the wrong neighborhoods and didn't respond quick enough to stop the job in progress. Almost in the clear, had Meyers made a left at one intersection instead of a right, the gang would have escaped successfully, but this wrong turn put them right in holiday traffic which the police were also stuck in. The cops say they saw Scurlock's van going back and forth in traffic and decided to do a traffic stop while the gang rummaged through the loot looking for tracking devices. Meyers says that the police knew it was them and began firing at the car, injuring Biggins and Meyers. Wounded and bleeding, Biggins returned 37 rounds at the cops out the window with an assault rifle as they sped away. Soon afterwards, Scurlock stopped the car again, getting out to fire three shotgun shells at the cops and speeding away again. Crashing into the side of a house on 77th St., Biggins and Meyers were wounded and couldn't run, but Scurlock managed to get away on foot. 200 officers rushed to the scene and couldn't find him anywhere.

Scurlock hid two blocks away in a camper on someone else's property. The next day, those in the house reported to police that they saw someone by Scurlock's description on the property and noticed the curtains had been drawn in the camper from the inside. Officers claim they went and knocked on the camper, threw tear gas inside and then sprayed two full canisters of pepper spray through the window, but didn't notice any sign of response. Sgt. Monta says he went closer to get a look with his flashlight when he heard a gunshot. The officers responded by firing 30 rounds into the camper and calling in all sorts of task forces and special units with armored cars, and throwing more tear gas in the camper. Finally, the cops busted the door down to find Scurlock with a gunshot to the head and five other gunshot wounds to his body, with a 9mm Glock pistol next to him and a discharged shell.

Meyers and Biggins were both given 21 years in prison. "I regret in a sense that it ever happened," Meyers says. "But I can't sit and look at this man and say I'm regretting that I ever knew the guy. Some of the best years of my life were with this guy." True crime writer Ann Rule wrote a book available at most major bookstores about Scurlock's life called *The End of the Dream: The Golden Boy Who Never Grew Up*.

## ANDREW MICKEL

While attending Evergreen, Mickel studied anarchist texts and wrote stories about riding freight trains and breaking into abandoned buildings on an independent contract. On November 7, 2002, Stephen Edwards was TAsERed to death by an Olympia police officer for allegedly shoplifting from Bayview Thriftway on 4th Ave. The next day, ¡Tchkung! was playing a show downtown and afterwards people marched into the street where an intersection was blocked with burning barricades. There is a good account of this event in the "Hijacking Events" chapter of CrimethInc.'s book *Recipes for Disaster*. I mention the Bayview Thriftway murder and its response because it is rumored that Andrew Mickel was inspired to do his action because of Edwards' death and it is likely that Mickel was part of the march the next night.

On November 19th, Mickel went to Red Bluff, California and killed police officer David Mobilio by shooting him twice in the back and once in the head at close range. He left a hand made "Don't Tread on Us" flag next to the body. He then posted a manifesto on San Francisco Indymedia and other sites under the name "Andy McCrae." In it, he says "Hello Everyone, my name's Andy. I killed a Police Officer in Red Bluff, California in a motion to bring attention to, and halt, the police-state tactics that have come to be used throughout our country. Now I'm coming forward, to explain that this killing was also an action against corporate irresponsibility." He also states "prior to my actions in Red Bluff, I formed a corporation under the name 'Proud and Insolent Youth Incorporated', so that I could use the destructive immunity of corporations and turn it on something that actually should be destroyed."

Besides incorporating to avoid responsibility for the killing, he also flew to New Hampshire and checked into a Holiday Inn because the New Hampshire state constitution contains a passage saying "Whenever the ends of government are perverted and public liberty manifestly endangered and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people may and of right ought to reform the old or establish a new government." Not surprisingly, these efforts at legal irresponsibility for the killing did not hold up in court. When Mickel told his parents over the phone what he did, they turned him in. After that, also not surprisingly, he refused to talk to his parents, especially after he was sentenced to death.

## RACHEL CORRIE

Rachel Corrie was raised in Olympia, WA and attended Evergreen before traveling to the Gaza strip in Palestine to participate in the International Solidarity Movement. She was murdered by a bulldozer operated by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) while attempting to act as a human shield to prevent IDF forces from demolishing the home of a Palestinian pharmacist. It is common to see pictures honoring her throughout Palestine and Olympia. For more information, visit: [www.rachelcorrie.org](http://www.rachelcorrie.org)

## KATHLEEN HANNA

Kathleen attended Evergreen in the late 80's and worked as a stripper to support herself while studying photography. When a photo exhibit she set up with a friend addressing sexism and AIDS was taken down by the admin before it could be viewed, Hanna co-founded an independent feminist art gallery called Reko Muse with friends.

Hanna also co-founded the "Riot Grrrr!" punk phenomenon and started the band Bikini Kill in Olympia. The phrase "riot grrrr!" is from a zine she put out with friends by the same title. Their first release was on Kill Rock Stars, a record label in Olympia.

## KIMYA DAWSON

Before the movie *Juno* made everyone in the US know who Kimya Dawson was, she played and performed for decades being known only in the underground anti-folk scene for her solo work and her band The Moldy Peaches. She was expelled from Evergreen by the much-hated Art Constantino for writing anti-rape graffiti. To find out more about his character, ask any student walking by. Kimya Dawson moved back to Olympia in 2006 and played at the SDS occupation of the Office of Student Affairs at Evergreen in 2008.



# The Queer People of Color Project

Both Evergreen and the greater Olympia area are considered, by the majority populous, to be places that are made up almost entirely of fairly liberal minded and at least queer tolerant white people. There is a lot going on in this construction of Olympia's population and its regard for underprivileged populations; the overarching issues have to do with exceptionalism—that through some virtue, our little corner of the world is exempt from the sway of racism and homophobia. Firstly, people of color communities are invisibilized by the white majority and because they are invisibilized, their needs are not being met by community organizations or social services provided within the area. Secondly, queer tolerance does not necessarily mean queer educated or queer loving. Homophobia is something that is still very much rampant even within queer communities themselves, so to say that Olympia, or even Evergreen, has already tackled queer acceptance is pretty ridiculous.

Queer community and acceptance in the Olympia area is something of a contention. Because there are queer people in the community who are out publicly, people automatically think that this is something of safe haven for queer folk, which is simply not true. Trans people still have a lot of difficulty finding health care practitioners that can actually serve them respectfully in the Olympia area and homophobia is imbedded in every institution we have here. There are community groups in Olympia as well as one at Evergreen that have organized spaces for queer people, but these organizations are a long way from meeting the needs of all of their constituents, partially due to lack of resources, but also because there just hasn't been enough time or consideration taken to create a fixed commitment to broader issues affecting the queer community.

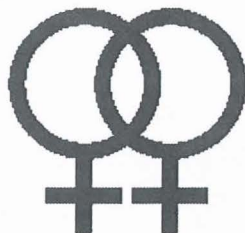
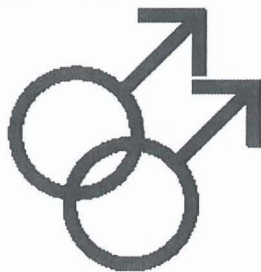
The problem that plagues most queer groups is a lack of political muscle and social awareness directed towards organizing efforts. There is a long standing presumption that queer folks are automatically better at understanding oppressions across the board, and that this understanding makes them immune from participating in or actively reinforcing oppression. Consequently, a lot of queer groups have not even begun to tackle the racism and cultural insensitivity

of their organizations and the members of their organizations and the membership of these organizations sorely reflects this neglect. If there was much more concentration on queer groups educating themselves on white privilege and racial/cultural issues, then these communities could begin to serve queer people of color in a much more intentional way. This is not to say that it isn't necessary for there to be more building and organizing, specifically in order to cater to the concerns and desire for communities of queer people of color, but this would create a greater and more concerted opportunity for coalition building and communication amongst all queer folks and their allies. A

queer group of color would also enable queer people of color to work through the issues that are specific to them without worrying about how it may be construed or misunderstood by those who do not understand racism and racialized experiences. For queer people of color, race is deeply intertwined to their experience as queer people, and though an all white queer group may be able to relate to confronting homophobia, transphobia and heterosexual thinking, they are not able to fully connect to the ways in which these issues have been treated and have affected people of color communities. Homophobia and sexism is a big issue in a lot of people of color communities, and in many of them, queer identities aren't dealt with at all, but are instead uncomfortably relegated to silence, or even discussions about the affects of assimilation on people of color, as if queer identities were a product of white people.

Oppressions are interlocking. Race oppression is closely tied to gender oppression and class oppression. The people of color community at Evergreen and in Olympia does not function, even in its most radical manifestations, as a wholly unsexist and un-homophobic entity because the racism that we deal with on a day to day basis is also one that is shaded with sexist and homophobic thinking. The Queer People of Color Project arose out of discussion on the need for safe space to discuss and tackle the issues we as queer people of color face, as well as to provide a forum for organizing and activities that can help us build our community.

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# HOW TO BE AN ALLY TO QUEER PEOPLE OF COLOR (QPOC):

A LIST BY THE CAMP PRIDE 2013 QPOC CAUCUS

*A few words before we begin:*

*There are so many facets to the LGBTQ community. In order to be able to truly support the LGBTQ community in its entirety, it is our responsibility to ensure we are able to see the breadth of diversity that exists within this label in regards to race and ethnicity, in regards to class, in regards to ableness, religion, etc. At this year's Camp Pride, we asked our Queer People of Color Caucus to brainstorm just a few things that white allies can do in order to better support people of color within the movement. What follows is a compilation of these points. As you read them, imagine how much closer we could be to a truly just and equitable world if we could see everyone in our community.* -J. Mason, Camp Pride 2013 Faculty Member

1. Understand LGBTQ Stereotypes and how they often do not include people of color.
2. Be open to different types of communication (restricting to modern/standard English is in and of itself oppressive.)
3. Learn all of the terms of the Rainbow Spectrum (downe, stud, same gender loving (SGL), dom, etc.)
4. Understand Appropriation (twerking, two-spirit, sass invoking of black womanhood stereotypes)
5. Just Listen (Defer until you understand)
6. Don't apologize for your privilege or guilt; don't thank me for sharing what POC folks have known to be true for years
7. Find other white folks to process your white guilt.
8. Understand how people of color have helped to pave the way for the work you do. (Inclusive LGBTQ History, Stonewall, etc.)
9. Don't just know who's missing from the room; invite those folks to create the space with you.
10. Know that our community experiences regarding race are more complex than simply just Black / White
11. Know that just because we do not discuss the impact of racism in our lives on a daily basis, that our everyday realities as people of color are in fact shaped by the continuous institution and perpetuation of racism especially when it goes unaddressed.

*About the organization: Campus Pride envisions campuses and a society free of anti-LGBT prejudice, bigotry and hate. We work to develop student leaders, campus networks, and future actions to create such positive change. Learn more at [CampusPride.org](http://CampusPride.org).*

# General GBLTQ Resources

## **Olympia Parents/Friends/Families of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) -**

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through support in coping with an adverse society; education to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

<http://pflag-olympia.org/> | [info@pflag-olympia.org](mailto:info@pflag-olympia.org)

## **Free At Last GLBT Alcoholics Anonymous -**

Weekly meetings are Mondays at 7 PM at United Churches on 11th and Washington

## **United Communities AIDS Network (UCAN) -**

Located 147 Rogers St. NW. UCAN provides AIDS awareness education and advocacy as well as prevention and care services such as a support group, a buddy system and a drop-in care program. They have a volunteer program.

360-352-2375 | [www.ucan-wa.org](http://www.ucan-wa.org)

**Gender Smash** – An open mic night for trans/queer folks & allies. Third Thursday of every month at Le Voyeur 8-10pm ALLAGES, 10pm-midnight 21+ only.

[www.myspace.com/gendersmash](http://www.myspace.com/gendersmash)

**Pastiche Foundation** - A nonprofit providing for GLBTQQIA grassroots action.

[pastichefound@gmail.com](mailto:pastichefound@gmail.com)

**Mpowerment** – Mpowerment Olympia (formerly the Olympia Men's Project) strives to create a diverse community of guys who like guys who like to have fun, hang out, and participate in a wide variety of events.

352-2375 | [mpoweroly@ucan-wa.org](mailto:mpoweroly@ucan-wa.org)

**Stonewall Youth** – LGBTQ support group for people under 21 years old. Stonewall Youth has a weekly support group on Wednesdays from 5-7

[stonewallyouth.org](http://stonewallyouth.org) | (360) 705-2738

**Evergreen Queer Alliance (EQA)** - Dedicated to serving the needs of all queer people through education, outreach, support and action.

Sem 1 3128 | 867-6544

## **Evergreen Queer Christian Alliance**

Student group working to create healthy, positive relationships between the Queer and Christian communities.

Sem 1 3166 | 867-6143

## **Gender Alliance of South Sound**

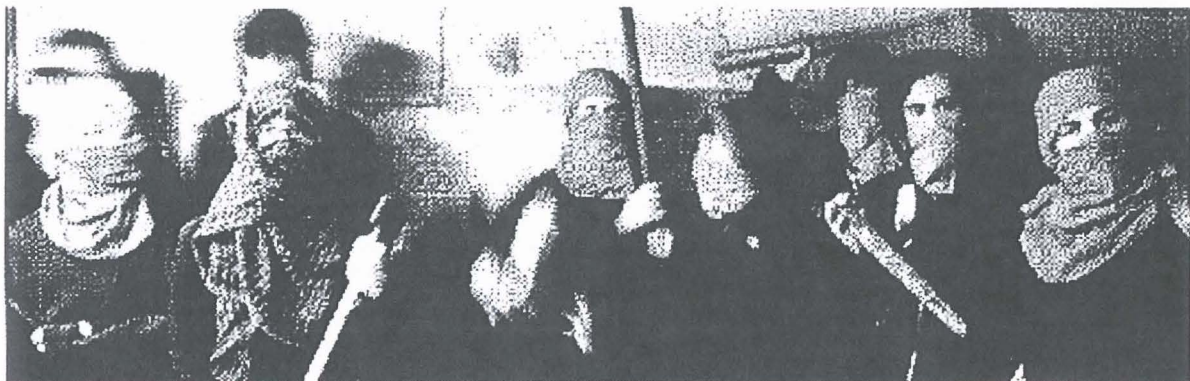
Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month, 7-9 at Fertile Ground Guesthouse, 311 9th Ave SE

[contact@southsoundgender.com](mailto:contact@southsoundgender.com)

## **The New Boyz Club**

Meets every other Tuesday, 7-9 pm, at an undisclosed location in West Olympia.

349-0134 | [niksavvy@hotmail.com](mailto:niksavvy@hotmail.com)



# TRANSPHOBIA AT EVERGREEN

Evergreen State College is known for its liberal students and faculty, but when it comes to issues of oppression and, more specifically, gender identity, people still have a lot to learn.

Transphobia is sadly a matter of fact everywhere you go and Evergreen is NO exception. While there has not been a history of violence against trans-folks on campus there is still a lot ignorance and slander against trans-people.

During the 2007-2008 academic year there were accounts of people making inflammatory remarks about gender identity via TESCrier and TESCtalk. These remarks included remarks about transfolks just wanting attention and that transfolks should just make up their mind. If this wasn't bad enough, these remarks remained largely unchecked. While a brave trans student crafted a response, only one ally "called out" the oppressive and ignorant language being used on the listserves.

Students, even radical students, have very little understanding of the oppression that transpeople face in their day to day lives, and usually contribute to that oppression. One way that this expresses itself on Evergreen's campus is through conversation. Many non-trans people assert that they understand what it means to be trans, that there is a right and a wrong way to be trans or that a person isn't actually trans. This language and the actions they inspire are forms of oppression and need to stop.

There is currently a student group on campus, Society for Trans Action and Resources (STAR), that works to help promote understanding in the administration, faculty, and students

about transgender and genderqueer issues. STAR looks to provide support for all gender variant students, educate allies within the community, and work towards gender-neutral campus policies.

One of the great things about Evergreen is the history we have of activism for transgender, genderqueer and intersex people. Such activism has been going on ever since the opening of the school. In 2000, Leslie Feinberg, a multi-issue trans activist came to speak to a large crowd in Red Square. Many authors such as Caitlin Sullivan, Kate Bornstein and Aaron Link have come to speak on campus over the years. For two years, Evergreen had a Trans, Genderqueer and Intersex film festival. The festival was one of only 3 of its kind at the time in the US. Programs have begun to include gender identity in seminar discussions, helping to bring a greater awareness of the subject to students.

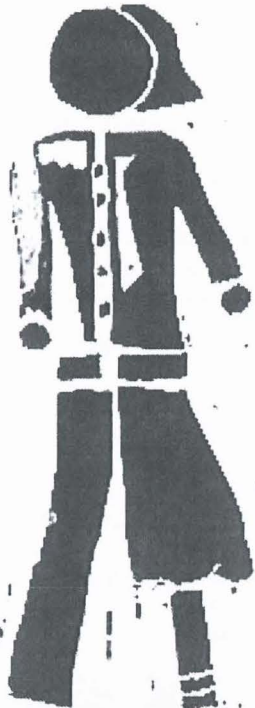
Through the hard work of students, the recreation center has installed two new single occupancy gender-neutral locker rooms. There have also been gender-neutral bathrooms throughout campus. All single stalled restrooms in SEM II have become gender neutral and there is one on the second floor of the library as well. The counseling center staffs counselors who are versed in issues of gender identity and the medical center is becoming more accommodating to trans-gender and gender queer folks.

In the past few years Evergreen and its student have made strides in becoming more trans-friendly, but it still has a long way to go. A good way to get there is to educate yourself. Look into the authors mentioned above, talk to STAR and learn correct terms and pronouns (as it is always good to ask what pronoun people prefer, regardless of their appearance). Below is a website that is good to reference with correct terms and definitions.

[www.banyancounselingcenter.com/tsterminology.html](http://www.banyancounselingcenter.com/tsterminology.html)

## GENDER NEUTRAL HOUSING

A relatively new housing theme on campus is "Gender Neutral," wherein one's gender is not the means by which one is assigned to college housing. This makes for a comfortable and safe living environment for members of the LGBTQA (Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Queer, Ally) community. Unfortunately, GN is first come, first serve, which means spots that could have gone to individuals who really wanted a safe space may end up going to straight couples who didn't want to do extra paperwork to live together. Yes, our Allies should be welcomed into GN but some kind of priority system needs to be developed. Personally, I suggest an essay explaining why it is necessary for a person to live in GN.



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# White Privilege

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The world is full of racial prejudice and bigotry. When these practices are institutionalized, racism is formed. When Stokely Carmichael first coined the phrase "institutional racism" he highlighted the fact that governance structures had failed to meet the collective needs of some of its people "because of their color, culture or ethnic origin." In other words, racism still plays an integral part in the very institutions that claim to protect and care for us. In 21st century society, racism still persists. Many rights, such as fair hiring practices, sitting anywhere on the bus, and integrated schools, although taken for granted by white people, have been fought for with great conviction by people of color, many of who are still alive today.

**BE RESPECTFUL. BE CONSCIOUS OF YOUR PRIVILEGE. BE AN ALLY.**

Although "race" is a social construct, the exploitation of this construct carries a lot of weight in our society. Racism is one of the vital ways that the powerful elite spreads systems of classifications in order to keep us divided, distracted, and conquered. These classifications are perpetuated in order to use our differences as an excuse to treat people as subhuman, and deny them the fruits of their labor. The end result of this is an accumulation of economic, political, and social benefits into the hands of a certain "race." The daily reiteration of this system through the myriad of human interactions is called white privilege.

The manifestation of white privilege is all around us. We see it in our bias Eurocentric textbooks, to banks giving statistically fewer loans to people of color, the disproportionate incarceration of people of color, and the high levels of profiling from the police. We can also see it daily in the habits of our schools and workplaces. The belief that people of color have overcome all the obstacles to true equality is a complete delusion. Racism, and the subsequent privileges that most white people benefit from, creep their way into many parts of our everyday lives in ways that most of white people are unaware of. This unawareness in itself is a large component of white privilege. In this way, racism is as personal as it is political. Just because a white person has experienced hardship in their life, and feels unprivileged in respect to their class, gender, and etc. doesn't mean that

they don't still personally, and systematically, benefit from white privilege. (If this is a concept that you would like to learn more about, see: intersectionality.)

Despite the lip-service paid to these issues, don't expect much to be different at Evergreen. Despite its reputation as a radical institution, Evergreen has its fair share of problems, especially when it comes to race. Evergreen is 77% white. That means diversity isn't too great here, and most of the time we don't live up to our progressive reputation. An example of white privilege, (and the lack of awareness that comes with it) that you're likely to come

across at Evergreen is the tendency for a white person to dominate seminar (especially when this privilege intersects with cis-male privilege) and interrogate a person of color about their culture. This isn't good for a lot of reasons. On one hand, it may alienate the person of color and, on the other, it forces them to become some kind of delegate of their entire race, even though they have their own unique experiences. Such tokenism sucks and only works to accentuate the disconnect many white people have from the concept of diversity. Also, when white people dominate seminar it comes off as intensely arrogant and this rarely sparks meaningful dialogue. When in seminar, I remember to try to check my privilege, especially when it comes to interactions with my classmates. I like to ask myself, "am I dominating, or is this a dialogue?"

Lastly, cultural appropriation (when a person takes parts of someone else's culture and adopts them as their own) also happens often at TESC via hairstyles such as mohawks or dreadlocks which, while seemingly sweet dos, are actually large parts of some people's cultures, not just the latest trend. These are important things to examine: your hairstyles and the clothes you wear. Again, a lack of awareness is a huge component of white privilege, especially when it comes to stealing a part of a culture from people that have been slaughtered and exploited by white people for centuries.

# Neo Nazis *and* WA State

Washington State has a long history of white supremacist and fascist activities. Dating back to the KKK's involvement in state politics during the early 1920's to Dudley's Silver Shirts (The SS initials were not incidental). While this may seem distant, during the revival of fascist movements in the U.S. in the 1970's some frightening groups started to mobilize. One such notable group was the white supremacist violent organization called "The Order" founded here in Washington. "The Order" existed throughout much of the 1980's, robbing stores, banks, and armored cars in an attempt to raise funds and stockpile weapons for a dreamed of white Aryan separatist nation based primarily in the northwest (not to be confused with the Cascadia independence movement). This group also perpetrated a string of bombings and murdered a talk show host in Denver, CO notorious for speaking out against such white supremacists. Though the Order was eventually caught and prosecuted by the FBI, many such violent white supremacists separatists exist. For instance an attempted bombing of a MLK Jr. Memorial march was foiled as recently as 2011 in Spokane, WA. The northwest is still seen as a viable area for a future white nation and many Neo-Nazi's and racists of all stripes move here in preparation for achieving this goal.

The work of Antifa (Anti-Fascist Action) and ARA (Anti-Racist Action) has done a lot to thwart Nazi groups both in Seattle and Portland. Portland in particular mobilized to stop a burgeoning racist skinhead group called White Aryan Resistance (WAR) from growing. It's important to remember that while these groups may appear to be irrelevant fringe groups, their very real capability for extreme acts of violence are intensely relevant to the ethnic and religious groups they target and play a part in institutional racism as well.

For instance, take a look at Shawna Forde. Shawna Forde assumed a leadership position in the WA chapter of the Minutemen Border patrol groups. They actually patrolled the Canadian border for illegal immigrants...No joke. They did catch an illegal immigrant once, a drunk U.S. citizen going to Canada. As much of a joke as this may seem Shawna Forde went on to organize a small group to go to Arizona and eventually was found guilty in the house invasion and murder of Raul and Brisenia Flores while they impersonated border patrol agents. Brisenia was nine years old.

Though generally inactive as of late, a group of neo-Nazis, called the National Socialist Movement (NSM), occasionally hold rallies in Olympia. Typically, they draw 10 or so NSM members and hundreds of protesters. They are usually separated (protected) from the protesters by the cops. They stand and throw out the disgusting hate speech for a bit while the protesters yell back or ignore them. Then the Nazis leave. These Hitler caricatures do pose a threat; they can and have committed hate crimes, and they attempt to recruit vulnerable lost souls. They should be confronted and know they are not welcome here, in whatever creative way that may be.

But really, they basically come to Olympia to get the attention-as-fuel they need to make themselves feel thoroughly victimized, and then go on their way (Think a Neo-Nazi version of the Westboro Baptist Church). It is debatable what should be done about them. They get mountains more media coverage than if we just let them holler and hate. just look around you. There are so many ways oppression is playing out and directly affecting people all around you every day. If they come to town again, handle the Nazis how you think fit, but always examine how you color, queer people, homeless people, and other minority groups are constantly being oppressed in ways that affect their daily lives more than a dozen vehement Nazis. Put some real energy into stopping that too. If that means building a community of resistance and support while opposing outright Nazi's in the streets, all the better.

Further info:

- The Anatomy of Fascism by Robert O. Paxton
- Blood and Politics: the History of the White Nationalist Movement from the Margins to the Mainstream by Leonord Zeskind
- Rose City Antifa



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# A New MENTality

How Male Oppression Relates to Sexism and Homophobia

How can men help women fight sexist oppression? How can straight men or women help fight against homophobia? The answers to those questions are also the answer to another question: How can men help other men (and themselves) overcome their own oppression and homophobia? As Terrence Crowley puts it: "As a man I accrue privilege simply by remaining silent." However, it should be acknowledged that men too are oppressed, consciously or not, in this patriarchal, heterosexist society. Especially men who overtly challenge our culture's gender stereotypes and socialization.

We live in a society where overt male to female physical violence is deplorable by many standards, but male to male violence is both accepted and embraced. More men have died at the hands of other men than have women. Much of this killing stems from institutions that are designed to assert male domination, or at very least a social norm of masculinity. Furthermore, we live in a society that accentuates the dominating traits of men and the submissive traits of women.

## Socialization/Gender Boxes

The process by which men are taught to be tough, aggressive, and in-control and women are taught to be pleasing, passive and controlled is called socialization. Socialization is subtle. It occurs when young boys are given toy guns and blue shirts as gifts, and their female counterparts are given Barbie dolls and pink skirts. It occurs when teen magazines, movies and music suggest girls will be feminine if they consider their body to be their best asset. Socialization occurs for men when we are taught that our masculinity is analogous to our sexuality, or that our ability to take control of a situation is a measure of our manhood. If we listen to the media, men are supposed to be aggressive leaders and/or aloof and mysterious. In fact, these myths of masculinity manifest themselves respectively through a domineering

personality or an inability to communicate, both of which inhibit healthy relationships.

The socialized gender boxes of patriarchy force men and women alike to present a false image of themselves to each other. These are images that lack both humanity and spirit, images that separate us and mystify us. While women in our culture have the license to show each other affection both physically and emotionally, the same is not true for men. If men do the same, fear or suspicion often follows. For men, homophobia keeps the gender roles in place. Should a man want to divert from any sort of social standard of masculinity (wear pink, act effeminate, cry in public), he may be, at the very least, silently judged by others as weak or as less of a man.



## Homophobia

The gender boxes that are put around both men and women can be devastating. Especially when gender is confused with sexuality. When we think of gender purely in sexual terms, men and women have difficulty forming friendships that are based on an understanding of each other's struggle. Instead, these friendships may be based on sexual definitions of gender. Many young men already associate their masculinity with their sexual prowess.

Same gender relationships, when seen through sexuality, become stigmatized and feared, especially for men. This is the essence of homophobia. Homophobia is not exclusively a queer issue. It is a straight issue. When gender is examined through sexuality, men fear each other. Men do not develop deep or lasting relationships with other men because of the fear of being labeled as gay. How often do men, in society at large, sit down and really talk to each other about their fears, passions, hopes and sorrows? Likewise, just as women get together and talk about their oppression and how to liberate themselves, so too should men.

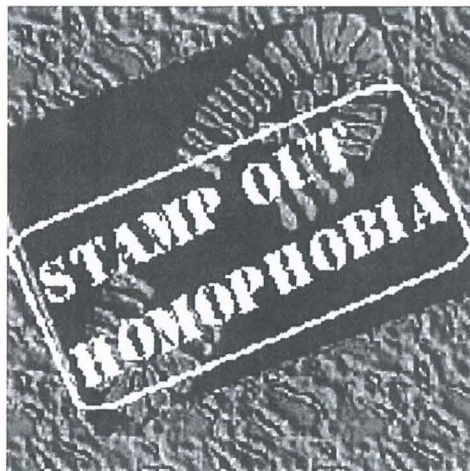
Socialized gender boxes also dictate who we



should be attracted to. How do we treat those who's sexuality doesn't fit the mold? As straight men and women we take our heterosexual privilege for granted. Besides the obvious challenges of being rejected and scorned by society at large, queer men and women face considerable obstacles in many aspects of life. As difficult as love can be, for queer couples it is even harder. Their validity as couples is constantly challenged. They rarely are allowed to live their lives outside of their sexual identity. While straight people can be congresspersons, lawyers, doctors or teachers, queer people are known most often for their sexuality, and secondly their talent or occupation. We as straight people have the right to raise children without the threat of state intervention; few queer couples have had that luxury. Queer men and women, just as straight men, do not have the social acceptance to share affection in public. Therefore, ending heterosexual privilege contributes to our own liberation as loving men.

#### Sexism at Evergreen

Some of you reading this article may be thinking, "This may be the case in the Midwest, or in some small hick town, but here at Evergreen, we are all evolved men." I wish that were true. Many female activists often talk about how domineering some men are, how so many workshops, activities, and trainings are led by men, and how often the majority of comments in meetings are made by men. If men are not willing to look at their own sexist, competitive, and aggressive or domineering behaviors, which are rooted in their own oppressive socialization, our revolution will only go so far. We may have a kinder gentler patriarchy, but the patriarchy will remain none the less. Furthermore, every year on the Evergreen campus women are sexually harassed and even sexually assaulted.



and thus our female comrades as well? Many believe it starts with self-examination. Where do my notions of masculinity come from? What did my father (or mother) teach me about being a man? Do I feel intimidated by a powerful woman? Do I feel competitive in the presence of a powerful man? Do I find myself dominating the conversation a lot at meetings, in class, or other social situations?

Examining ourselves and our actions, we will begin to see how the heterosexist, patriarchal systems we're involved in affect those around us. In our interactions with friends who are women or queer, we shouldn't feel a sense of politically correct alarm every time we try to interact. At the same time, our interactions shouldn't become interrogations of how we enact the oppressive systems of patriarchy and heterosexism. Above all, listening and seeking to truly understand, without reserve or defense, is the best way to learn how our actions affect those we love.

Furthering a commitment to a changed society, we can mentor our younger peers. We can provide them with healthier models of masculinity than what we may have received growing up. We can provide them with courage and support to stand up to derogatory comments, sexist and heterosexist stereotypes, as well as educating them about their own privilege as males and how not to abuse that privilege.

Most of all, I encourage men to talk to other men in deeper ways than you usually do, to create a new mentality behind our notions of masculinity. Equally important, I encourage men to listen more deeply to other men and to other women, queer and straight.

So what can we as men do to help ourselves,

# Consensual Revolution

**Trigger Warning:** This article may be triggering, or stressful, so before you read it we suggest you have some way to care for yourself prepared. There are resources at the end of this article that you can call or contact if you feel you need support. Contact SafePlace's 24/hr hotline if in need of immediate support (360 754 6300).

## STATISTICS

In the United States, 1/3 women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime, 1/6 men, and 1/2 transgender people. (a side note: 1/12 transfolk will be murdered in the U.S. a year, compared to cisgender folk, who have a 1/18,000 chance of being murdered in the U.S. 70% of reported LGBT related murders were of LGBT people of color). Also, approximately 2/3 of assaults are committed by someone known to the victim.

Our belief is that these statistics are low – that many more people than that will face sexual violence. Every person knows someone close to them who has been assaulted.

## RAPE CULTURE

We live in a "rape culture." This means that the prevalent attitudes, social norms and practices excuse, tolerate or even condone sexual violence. Examples of this are victim blaming, sexual objectification and trivializing rape. Blaming a survivor for wearing a short skirt, or for being drunk, or being in 'the wrong part of town' are all part of rape culture. Saying that men always want to have sex, or can't control themselves is a part rape culture. The myth that only men commit assault is a part of rape culture. Any gender can have their boundaries crossed and any gender can cross another person's boundaries. In rejecting rape culture, let's be conscious about how gender norms impact our expectations about what we do and what we should do, and what others do or should do.

Survivors of sexual violence often minimize their experiences, refusing to call what happened to them assault or rape. The WA law says that rape is "when one is penetrated in the mouth/vagina/anus, with a penis/digit/object." However, even if that doesn't happen, if you feel you have been violated, then you HAVE BEEN.

## SEXUAL VIOLENCE

### AND POWER DYNAMICS

There is a correlation between societal power structures and instances of sexual violence. Not only does patriarchy affect sexual violence, but also racism, misogyny, ableism, classism, homophobia, heterosexism, ageism, and much more. Rape is about power, not about sex. Looked at within the context of this correlation the trends exhibited within sexual violence reinforce the dynamics that permit certain social groups eminence over others.

We believe that sexual violence is employed by capitalism to make controlling the masses easier, to make us more compliant workers. If we spend all of our time healing from this monstrous event in our life, we will have no time to revolt. The effects of capitalism impact the perpetuation of racist and patriarchal mentalities, with in turn permits the use of sexual violence as a means of control.

Consent, sexual choice, and sexual freedom are ways to resist!

## WHAT IS CONSENT?

Consent is enthusiastic participation from all parties before, during and after an event. In this article, we are referring to sexual activity, but consent is important in all aspects of life.

In terms of consent, it's important to be aware of how intoxication affects cognition. Whether alcohol, weed, or other intoxicants, reasoning capabilities and cognition are impacted, heightening the sensitivity of the situation, making it all the more important to apply good communication and consent skills. Remember, legally, you cannot give consent when intoxicated, but it is possible to have a positive sexual experience when intoxicated.

Consent is an active process of willingly and freely choosing to have sex with someone. No one can force you to give consent. Saying 'yes' is an active process on both (or all) partner's ends. Giving consent has to happen at every stage. It is not implied or assumed. You do not automatically have permission to have sex with your partner, and they do not automatically have permission to have sex with you. Giving consent is an important part of a healthy relationship.

Remember, communication is key! Talking is the most important thing you can do before, during and after you engage with someone sexually. It's important to talk about triggers, and how to handle a situation where you or your partner becomes triggered.

## BASIC TIPS FOR CONSENT

Talk about what you want, what you don't want, what your partner wants/doesn't want before you engage in sexy stuff. Pay attention to body language, it can help you understand what is going on before, during and after sex.

## HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO ASK IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT:

May I \_\_\_\_\_?

touch \_\_\_\_\_?

Kiss \_\_\_\_\_?

Put my \_\_\_\_\_?

Are you into this?

How are you feeling?

What would you like me to do?

I think it's hot when my partner does \_\_\_\_\_ to me.

What do you like?

Would you like it if I \_\_\_\_\_?

**“This isn't just for long-term partners; it is possible to have a consensual one night stand!”**

**REMEMBER:**

No means no, not now means no, I have a partner means no, maybe later means no, no thanks means no, you're not my type means no, fuck off means no, I'd rather be alone means no, don't touch me means no, I really like you but... means no, let's just go to sleep means no, I'm not sure means no, you/I have been drinking means no, silence means no.

Self care!

Every person has crossed someone else's boundaries, and every person has had their boundaries crossed. Your experiences and feelings are valid, and you are valid. You are not alone.

# Resources

**EVERGREEN:**

Office of Sexual Violence Prevention: provides brief, advocacy-based counseling for survivors. In order to access this counseling a survivor can make an appointment Monday-Friday by calling 360-867-5221.

O.S.V.P. can also make referrals for free ongoing therapy for survivors in the community.

Counseling Center: 360-867-6800. Provides counseling for crisis and healing, as well as referral to agencies off campus, when applicable.

Coalition Against Sexual Violence: A student group located in Student Activities in the CAB building. Provides advocacy for survivors, resources, and education. Contact tesccasv@gmail.com or 360-867-7074.

**OLYMPIA:**

SafePlace: Provides advocacy for survivors, counseling, and referrals. It's 24/hr advocacy line number is 360-754-6300. [www.safeplaceolympia.org](http://www.safeplaceolympia.org)

Crisis Clinic: 24/hr anonymous crisis line: 360-586-2800. [www.crisis-clinic.org](http://www.crisis-clinic.org)

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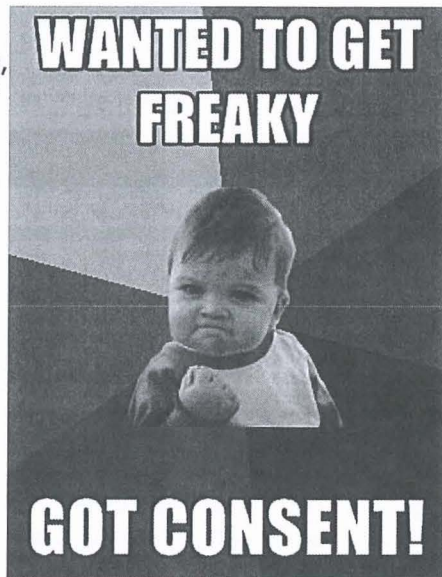
[www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

[www.basicrights.org](http://www.basicrights.org)

"Thinking Class" by Joe Kadi

Learning Good Consent Zine

What to Do When Someone Tells You that You Violated Their Boundaries... Zine

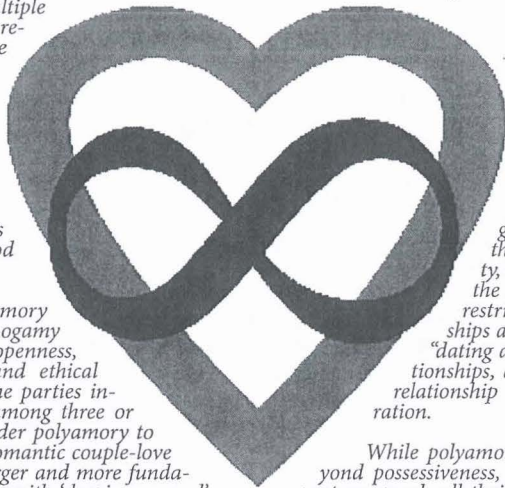


# Polyamory

## On the Notion Of

Polyamory is a term used to refer to the practice of having or being open to having multiple lovers. Poly's (as practitioners of polyamory are sometimes called), are not just concerned with sex, but also with developing multiple supportive and mutually beneficial relationships. The word comes from the Greek word Poly which means 'many' and the Latin word Amor which means 'love.' Monogamy derives its suffix from the Greek word Gamos which means 'marriage.' Polyamory differs from polygamy, which refers to multiple marriages. While polyamory is more common at Evergreen and in the Olympia than other places in the U.S., it is still poorly understood and often misused.

What distinguishes polyamory from traditional forms of non-monogamy (i.e. "cheating") is an ideology that openness, goodwill, intense communication, and ethical behavior should prevail among all the parties involved. Powerful intimate bonding among three or more persons may occur. Some consider polyamory to be, at its root, the generalization of romantic couple-love beyond two people into something larger and more fundamental. Polyamory is not synonymous with 'sleeping around' or the practice of having multiple casual sex partners, although they aren't mutually exclusive by any means. Polyamory is not a way to have many lovers and avoid deep emotional investment;



to the contrary, it is a belief that we should more deeply love our partners without constraints. Polyamory is not for everyone.

The dominant culture of 'serial monogamy', or having multiple loves, doesn't always work out with everyone having their needs met. It establishes a hierarchy of relationships with all attention going to the latest prospect of 'the one.' It discourages deep loving connections with friends, since love comes loaded with expectations and commitments. Keeping to one lover can feel very stifling to queer people that have to reconcile their attraction to different genders.

Polyamory does not imply dysfunctional relationships. It requires respect, communication, trust, emotional maturity, and lots of talking with all people involved. With multiple partners, special attention to safe sex and sexual health is a very important part of expressing love for those you sleep with. Polys go through a lot of the same struggles that monogamous folks go through in their relationships. Ideally, they are built upon values of trust, loyalty, negotiation, and compassion, as well as the rejection of jealousy, possessiveness, and restrictive cultural standards. Such relationships are often more fluid than the traditional "dating and marriage" model of long-term relationships, and the participants in a polyamorous relationship may not have preconceptions as to duration.

While polyamory seeks to grow our relationships beyond possessiveness, it's still ok to feel jealous when your partner spends all their time with their new flame; hopefully you can understand and love them for their passion and still have your needs met. Honest and constant communication of your feelings, as in any relationship, is the key.

## P o l y f e s t o

> I respect that each connection in my life will find it's own right place, time, and spirit – with an appreciative understanding that each connection evolves in unpredictable ways.

> I realize and value that there are all kinds of love, and not all of them are sexual. I will be open to all expressions of love. I will give and receive love freely and often.

> I do not believe in placing arbitrary limits on myself or others based on an understanding of love as a finite commodity. I firmly believe that the more love I give, the more it grows and that people have an unlimited capacity to love.

> I will strive to be aware of how social conditioning is effecting my responses to love, and work towards breaking bad habits so that love can be redefined, explored, and expressed without hindrance.

> I appreciate that each expression of love is special. I recognize that all love has value and that one kind of love can never be better than another.

> I will keep my heart open to receive love. I will keep my heart open to give love. I will not be afraid to explore and express love frequently in multiple ways. I will be open to vulnerability and intimacy. I will lower my shield to let love in and will slow down and listen when my shield goes up.

> I believe that self-love is essential and without it love is impossible.

> I understand that people have varied needs, that one person cannot fulfill all needs of another, and it is our responsibility to express and get our own needs met. I recognize that this builds community and connection, which is the goal and helps to spread love.

> I will encourage those I love to love more. I will be supportive

when someone I love finds love or expresses love. I will look inward if any expression of love causes me to feel threatened or insecure. I will be open to being told I am not being supportive.

> I will examine my own fears and strive to not let them get in the way of expressing and experiencing love. I will listen with an open heart if someone's honesty hurts me. I will strive to always respond with grace and speak authentically.

> I believe in being open to change and fluidity in relationships, even when it hurts. I believe love is the absence of guilt and fear. I believe love is acceptance that love involves choices.

> I recognize that love can become strained, love can be withheld, and love can be painful. I will strive to be honest with myself and others in order to remain compassionate to myself and others.

> I respect that love fosters deep bonds, and that expressions of love should be encouraged without the fear of threatening someone else's comfort. I believe that compassion, safety, trust, and respect are essential to maintaining love.

### Books:

The Ethical Slut: A practical guide to Polyamory, Open Relationships, and Other Adventures by Dossie Easton and Janet W. Hardy  
Opening Up: a Guide to Creating and Sustaining Open Relationships by Tristan Taormino

Poly Yahoo group for the Olympia Tacoma area:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Tac-OlyPoly/info>

Articles on Jealousy:

<http://www.morethantwo.com/jealousytheory.html>

<http://www.morethantwo.com/jealousypractice.html>

Unitarian Universalists for Polyamory awareness:

<http://www.erosong.net/PolyForUUm.htm>

# RIOTS NOT DIETS

Do you have a body? Then read this article! By looking at some commonly socialized misconceptions and elaborating on why they are damaging and dangerous, we hope to address some of the difficulties surrounding fat bodies in radical spaces. Even in radical spaces fat bodies are made invisible, and in order to create effective movements it is important to look at all aspects of disenfranchisement. We do want to clarify that this article was written by two cis gender female dames, so our perspective can only go so far; we can only speak from our experiences.

**Definition of Body Positivity:** Body positivity is working towards acceptance, love and appreciation of the different ways our bodies look, function, and feel and challenging beauty standards that are sizeist, fatphobic, transphobic, racist, ageist and ableist. We will promote body positivity for ourselves, and encourage others to do the same. We will not make any comments, jokes or statements that would put our bodies down or the bodies of other people.

## **MEDICAL MISCONCEPTIONS:**

Fat people are too lazy and self-hating to be 'properly' thin.

Fat isn't a choice any sane healthy human should make .

Our cultural, biological, and medical understanding of fat is reasonable, honest, and unbiased.

I am not a fucking disease. My body is not for you to judge as healthy or unhealthy, to create standards that few can conform to as what health is. It is not for others to judge why someone is fat, and it's dangerous to think that anyone's body is the way it is because they are psychologically unfit/unwell/incapable of making sound decisions. Fat doesn't equal lazy or crazy.

The American Medical Association has classified Obesity as a disease, which is incredibly harmful for people of all sizes, and especially for already vulnerable members of society. It is just another way to create an "other" out of fat people, to dehumanize them. We must refuse to accept the AMA's decision, and we must break down the stigmas it will build.

Sometimes doctors are great, and sometimes they are not. Shaming someone's body and hiding it in concern is the go to response for doctors. This can be harmful internally, and also medically because they will ignore a real problem to focus on someone's weight. The way doctors/media blindly treat fat as unhealthy is often internalized, causing people to spend their lives dieting, which is proven to rarely work, or undergo drastic surgery.

If doctors really cared about our health, and not just making us conform to society's standards, they would stop shaming. The healthiest thing a person can do is love themselves, whatever size they may be.

## **SIZE/BEAUTY MISCONCEPTIONS:**

Fat is a flaw. "You have such a pretty face, but..."

"Inside every ugly fat person, a beautiful skinny person is just dying to get out!"

Fatties can't just BE. We should, can, and will want to change our bodies.

All of these misconceptions are based on the idea that fat folks should feel ashamed of their bodies for not being thinner, and that they should want to change as a result

of that shame. Ideas that hinge on shaming, no matter who they are targeted toward, are continued in order to create hierarchies and make people fight each other for status. Social constructions surrounding notions of beauty prevent us from viewing attraction subjectively, since the conception is that there is an objective standard. But fat folks are beautiful, ugly, rude, kind, generous, miserly, exuberant, or diffident just like everyone else; fat has nothing to do with it. It is just as ill-conceived to shame people for being too thin, because all comments on people's weight are out of place. Bodies do not define people!

**MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HOW TO REACT TO PEOPLE'S BODIES:**

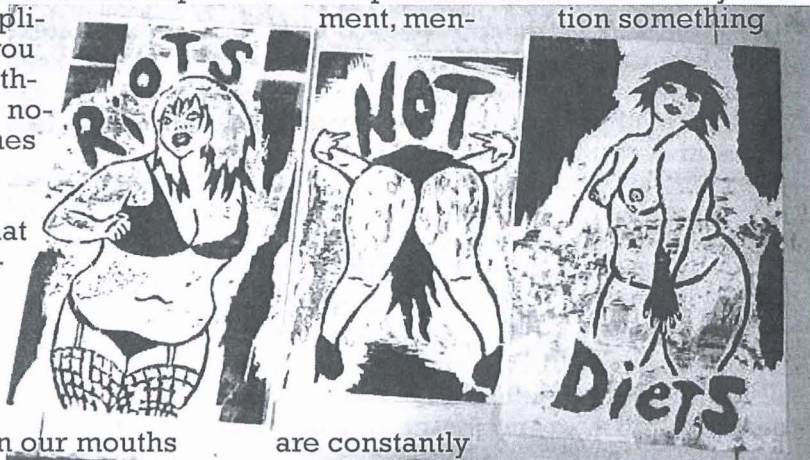
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Fat people want to lie about our weights. We want you to lie for us too. Many folks, predominantly female-assigned, are taught from a very young age that the way to pay someone a compliment or let them know that you like them is by commenting on their appearance. Seemingly benign comments on how beautiful little girls are or how boys are going to up to be strong place excessive emphasis on the value of people's bodies over their thoughts or emotions. Hand in hand with this invasive social tendency go destructive messages about how being fat lessens a person's worth (i.e. the idea that if someone doesn't lose weight they're considered lazy or stupid); if we're told that our bodies -and how people react to them- set the standard for how we feel, then it follows that people desire to look like what the dominant messages in society deems superior. In this way, socialization that stems from a pervasive fear of being fat (since fat can't be attractive, right?) embeds itself deep in the way that people see themselves, insidiously suggesting to everyone that their bodies are defective or deficient, when no one is in fact any such thing. Everyone internalizes these messages through constant exposure and repeated reinforcement. If you want to pay someone a compliment, mention something insightful they said or how you admire their art or music, rather than reinforcing anyone's notion that how they look defines them.

**EATING:**

From all sides we are told that what we eat should be regulated and that by regulating we are positively affecting our health. Whether from weight loss ads or comments like "You are what you eat!" the things we put in our mouths

are constantly



**Books:**

- Fat!So?: Because You Don't Have to Apologize for Your Size
- Bodies Out of Bounds: Fatness and Transgression
- The Fat Studies Reader
- Lessons from the Fatosphere: Quit Dieting and Declare a Truce with Your Body
- Revolting Bodies?: The Struggle to Redefine Fat Identity



called into question, suggesting that health and size are only the result of how our taste buds are organized. Our body-conscious culture teaches that fat people are fat because they eat foods that are “unhealthy,” but that is simply untrue. Because of these messages, many people play what I like to call “The Food Game,” testing their eating habits against others’ as a source of validation, or using their lack of eating etc. to justify eating something that is perceived as “unhealthy.” But talking about how little or how much you’ve eaten that day perpetuates the idea that other people have, or should have, anything to say about your eating habits, which makes it hard to stop playing the Food Game with yourself. Remember that everyone’s eating habits are their own decision and that it’s none of anyone’s business to question those decisions.

### **RETAIL HELL:**

Profit motivated, retailers exploit damaging stereotypes and modes of thought in order to make more money. From shaming advertising practices to so-called “vanity sizing,” clothing manufacturers perpetuate the notion that smaller is better and that all bodies should look the same; they play on society’s fear of fat. Plus size stores are often 3 times more expensive – skinny jeans at Torrid cost \$70 while at American Eagle they cost \$40. Being a fashionable funky fatty takes a lot more effort than it does for someone who the fashion industry caters to. As a result of these underlying motivators, many retailers do not make clothes for fat bodies or, perhaps even worse, banish their “plus size” section to dark corners full of frumpy designs in ugly patterns. Because of the bias toward fat in retail, it’s also much harder to shop at thrift stores and other more socially conscious clothing options, which can lead to inappropriate shaming over shopping at retailers like Forever 21. This shaming does not consider that it is a privilege to be able to walk into nearly any store and find things that come in your size as someone who is not plus size.

Body positive locations/retailers/spaces: Fat Fancy in Portland, Dumpster Values Plus Size Clothing Swaps (look ‘em up on facebook!), NOLOSE

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

- “[Fatness] – as an identity or an experience - does not exist in a vacuum... because women, poor people and people of color are likelier to be classified/seen as fat in our culture, [fatphobia] de facto upholds sexism, classism and racism.”

- Virgie Tovar

- Cultural feelings about fat are not the same across all races, ethnicities, and regions.

- Violence against fat people is a hate crime.

- Separating the fatties who are “healthy” from the fatties who are “unhealthy” creates a harmful dichotomy that hurts everyone and the fat positive movement.

- Body positivity is vital to create a movement where all people feel safe.

## **FAT SEX MISCONCEPTIONS:**

Fat people are unlovable. Fat folks are easy. Fat folks will have sex with you because it’s their only option/do the “freaky” things because they are lonely, they have low self esteem. Feeders are the only people who like fat folks. Fat is a fetish.

To start off, stereotypes about fat people are often heterosexist, continuing the patriarchal idea that female bodies exist for male enjoyment. These ideas that because we are fat, we have low self-esteem and must compensate for that are just more forms of social control. Gayle Rubin says that “sex is used as a political agent as a means of implementing repression and creating dominance in today’s western society.” Stereotypes about fat chicks putting out more, or fat men not being good in bed, are not only an attempt to deny autonomy but also to control fat people through a sexual

hierarchy.

Not only are these stereotypes harmful socially, but they are often internalized, causing people to think of themselves as unworthy of love, or putting all of their self-worth in another person's hands. The myth that fat bodies are unlovable can shatter someone's self-esteem. The idea that fat is only a fetish is another attempt to other people who don't match society's beauty standards, and to other those who want them. We must define ourselves, and not put worth on what others think of us. One's self-image must come from within, not from other people.

#### REPRESENTATION IN MEDIA:

Being fat is regarded as unattractive and immoral. Fat bodies are either swept under the rug, or are used as a warning against gluttony, against sin. Similarly, being poor is regarded as immoral. If you are poor, you deserve to be poor. If you are fat, you did something to deserve that fatness. Often, because of food deserts, lack of money, lack of education, poor folks are fat. Those people are hidden from the public, except when they are on TLC's reality television shows.

Images of fat people in the media perpetuate the idea that fatties cannot be lovable, but occasionally can tell a good joke. THIS IS NOT TRUE (though they may tell good jokes). Self-deprecating fat jokes are not the only thing that fat people have to offer. Making fun of someone's weight is not the same thing as making fun of their personality. Fat people almost never get to be main characters, and if so, they're usually men on a sitcom and are still mocked. Fatties are the villain, the joker who never dates, the supportive best friend. Even – or hell, especially – liberal media makes fun of fat people.

However, there is hope. Rebel Wilson, for one. There's that show, *Drop Dead Diva*. And who didn't love John Goodman?

The Media is one of the main tools of social control, and it is a tool of capitalism. Everything that happens in the media has financial motivation. It shapes how we view ourselves and others. We must smash that control, and to do that we must start w/ our own behavior and working to love ourselves and respect other people.

Body positive shows/online My Mad Fat Diary, Adipositivity Project, Lose Hate Not Weight, *Drop Dead Diva*, Margaret Cho.

#### RESOURCES:

*Relationships and Fatics:* <http://fatbodypolitics.com/2012/04/07/reinforcing-the-sexual-hierarchy-in-fat-positive-spaces/>  
<http://www.sexandthefatgirl.com>  
*Obesity is not a disease:* <http://www.virgietovar.com/2/post/2013/06/stigma-loading-the-effects-of-disease-classification-amas-decision-to-call-fat-a-disease.html>  
*Health at Every Size; Messages for Various people and professionals:* <http://www.lindabacon.org/haes-book/health-at-every-size-book-excerpts-downloads/>  
*Some Fat Facts regarding Health:* <http://www.bodylovewellness.com/2010/06/30/just-so-were-clear-some-fat-facts/>  
*The Failure of Diets:* <http://junkfood-science.blogspot.com/2007/12/part-two-what-does-evidence-reveal-can.html>  
<http://phys.org/news94906931.htm>  
*Some Thoughts on Thin Privilege:* <http://fatheffalump.wordpress.com/2010/09/26/accepting-the-reality-of-fat/>  
*Doctor's Office Cards, Helpful Phrases for the Doctor's Office:* <http://danceswithfat.wordpress.com/2013/04/01/what-to-say-at-the-doctors-office/>  
*Fat People in the Shitty Media:* <http://www.obesityaction.org/educational-resources/resource-articles-2/weight-bias/fattertainment-obesity-in-the-media>  
*Fat People of Color:* <http://fatpeopleofcolor.tumblr.com/>  
<http://pocfatfashion.tumblr.com/>  
*Creating Community:* <http://fat-grrrrl-activism.tumblr.com/>  
<http://radicalsexeducation.tumblr.com>



Notes  
from a *Fatty*

I'm fat. I came out of the womb at 10 pounds and have stayed a healthy, strong, and cuddly soft weight throughout my life. Until I got to college, I didn't think about fat-phobia. I thought fat-hating attitudes were just normal, scientific, even simply just right. But fat-phobia is prejudice just like any other. It's a bunch of sucky assumptions about people with no real interest in honest information. Here's a list of some misconceptions to watch out for.

Do your homework, respect the fatties in your life!

Fat isn't okay. it's dirty, ugly, smelly, and gross.

Being fat is a choice. Fat people are too lazy and self-hating to be 'properly' thin.

Fat isn't a choice any sane healthy human should make.

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Violence against fat people isn't a hate crime.

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Fatness is important. Weight matters.

Fatties can't be, won't be, and aren't vegetarian/vegan.

Fat people eat differently than other people.

It's OK to laugh at fat in appreciation of how it moves, feels, jiggles, looks, and is.

Fat people should never appear on television in leading roles unless they provide comic relief, or offer support as a sexless best friend.

Fat people have to wear different clothes than 'normal' people because their bodies are gross, not because the clothing industry refuses to take fat bodies seriously as cute, sexy, and normal.

Fatties have to wear traditional 'sexy' clothing to BE sexy.

Images of fat-phobia are absent in "radical" movements (Adbusters, anyone?).

Fat people are anything other than -gorgeous-, -powerful-, -smart-, -radical-, and -sexy- people!

*Fatties are people. We love and laugh and fuck. We have strengths and faults that have nothing to do with the size of our bodies. Love your fat, your fat loves you.*



SAY THE WORD..

# Mynstruation!



A person's anatomy should not be feared or stigmatized. In our patriarchal culture, the uterus, ovaries, and vagina are often shamed and controlled. This is a fucked up norm that often plays a role in the violence, oppression, and confusion experienced by folks with vaginas.

Ways to combat this oppression is to develop respect for your body and explore how you relate to your biological processes!

Some words about Tampons:

-A menstruator is likely to use 10,000 or more tampons a life time. This can add up to a hefty environmental toll.

-Tampons soak up more than just blood- they absorb the vaginal mucous necessary to maintain health pH balances in the vagina which can lead to yeast infections. Tampons have also been traced to Toxic Shock Syndrome, a possibly fatal syndrome which causes symptoms like fevers, nausea, vomiting and fatigue.

-Many tampon companies employ gendered and oppressive advertising. Not every menstruator identifies as a female and not every menstruator gives a shit about their period being "clean" and "discreet".

Although not ideal, tampons are a part of many menstruator's life and can make menstruation a lot more comfortable in day-to-day living. It is important to not shame people who choose to use these tools. Tampons can be self-care in the midst of a chaotic life! No mat-

ter how a menstruator decides to handle their blood, it is most important that we make efforts to de-stigmatize menstruation.

Here are some alternatives to tampons. If you want to, explore your body and see what's right for you!

-All cotton, non-chlorine bleach tampons without the applicator- you can usually get these at the coop.

-Sea sponge- you can get these at health store and coops. Keep them super clean and they are reusable. They are not vegan.

-Reusable menstrual cups: Diva Cup, Instead Cup or the Keeper Cup. These are different flexible "cup"-shaped devices you can put into your vagina to catch menses. Once the cup is full of blood, you just empty it out (and you can water your plants with it!). As with any reusable device you put in your vagina, keep these super clean.

-Lunapads/Gladrags or homemade menstrual cloths. These are basically like commercial pads, but you reuse them and they can be made with fun cloth patterns. I have a soft one with little chicks on it. It's very special.

## Want to learn more?

Making Stuff and Doing Things  
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<http://www.seac.org>

## MISS LUCY SINGS THE BLEEDING CHEER

the Winnipeg Radical Cheerleaders

*miss lucy has a problem  
 her money has run dry  
 she can't afford tampons  
 and she can't understand why*

*(why) the government taxes them  
 when they should be free  
 they have no problem profiting  
 off something that we need*

*(need) to have alternatives  
 to perfumes, bleach & dye  
 gives me a rash & makes me scratch  
 the companies they lie*

*(lie) to sell us garbage  
 that goes into the lakes  
 stop filling up the landfills  
 we're putting on the brakes*

*(break) consumer cycles  
 that feed us guilt and shame  
 i'm getting off your white couch  
 and showing off the stain*

*(stain) yer stinkin' standards  
 of how i'm supposed to feel  
 you think i smell, well go to hell  
 it's natural to bleed*

*(bleeding) in my keeper  
 cloth pads are fine with me  
 and screw your midol  
 give me red raspberry tea*

*(teaching) one another  
 about menstrual health  
 shared knowledge and experience  
 is our greatest wealth*

*(wealthy) corporations  
 i think your time is done  
 your stupid douche and silly wings  
 i want N-O-N-E, N-O-N-E, N-O-N-E,  
 none, none, none!*

# Statement on Faceism

I have friends and I think about what you say to me and I process it and I listen to music and I read books and I get wet sometimes and you don't know what I've done all my life and you can't read my life by my face. What am I capable of? What do I think of my face? How do I live? Who is my daddy?

You don't know.

If you don't give me time or space to live, I won't give you time or space to make me feel UN-HUMAN. Do not make quips about my face. Do not try to exclude me from your conversations. Do not speak slowly to me.

Do not stare at me unless I give you permission and do not be my friend or invite me places if I'm only there cuz 1) you're sorry 2) you think I'm interesting because of 3) my face.

Do you live with a facial difference? And are you new to this school, or picking up this manual because you're interested, or perusing, or curious to see what's inside this year's pages?

Hey: if anyone calls you a twitchy-faced fuck, do not laugh it off or agree with them just because it is the third "Thirsty Thursday" of the first October of your college experience.

Do not do drugs because you miss your friends and you want to feel that comfort again. Do not do drugs with people who do not love you.

Hey: it is kinda difficult trying to network here, as anywhere else. There's very few people willing to talk about faceism because of various reasons, one huge one being experience.

I am not faceism's poster kid but I do feel like a hybrid virgin/lamb with a halo around my distorted head when I talk about it and it's tough. For the other stuff I wanna talk about, I feel grimy, dirty.

Just cuz it seems like there aint space doesn't mean there aint space. Space to talk about faceism. You will have to remember intersectionality but also to not generalize experiences. You will have to listen after and before you have talked. Never turn awareness off.

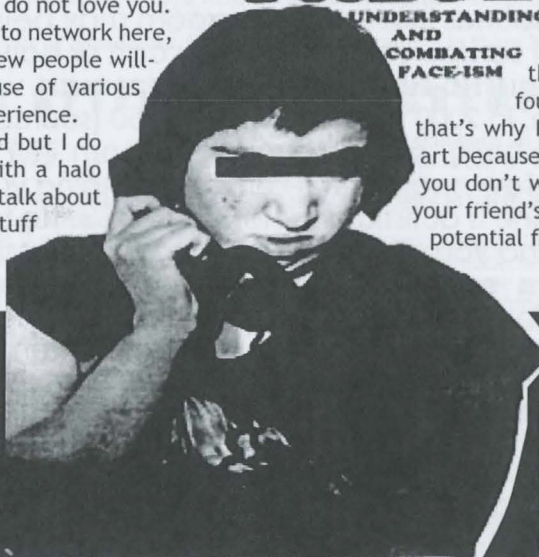
But, no, I can't direct you to any spots because the counseling center will let you gush and will give you space but will say, "Well, we can't help, but bring your insurance and we will find you a therapist off-campus. You are insured, right?" And there are no groups for faceism on campus but there are friends and there are art-making tools and I promise you once you have found the right people it will turn from one-sided to two-sided, from a monologue to a conversation.

It's tough. It's tough. It's tough. Winter is icy and dark. I cried and freaked out and laughed through my freshman year and then I left and got a surgery but came back because I am stubborn and I see potential in this place and there is a reason why I came here and I still have a tough time but I have met great people fighting for what they fight for, people who are willing to listen, too, and talk about it, too, and do not pity me, and do not see

me as a saint, but see me as the gold I am and the gold I could be, maybe diamond is a better image, and they are all over the town and I haven't found a crew like back home but there are great individuals but yeah they're not my therapist but yeah I haven't found a good one here but yeah that's why I spend so much time making art because yeah there is some stuff that you don't want to talk about or leave in your friend's heads but yeah wow there is potential for beautiful things.

## FACE VALUE

UNDERSTANDING  
AND  
COMBATING  
FACE-ISM



ALICE LIVES IN OLYMPIA. ALICE IS WRAPPING UP HER TIME AT EVER-GREEN. ALICE IS FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. ALICE STUDIES IMAGE AND CELEBRITIES AND WRITES SOME POETRY.

CHECK OUT ALICE'S ZINE "FACE VALUE" GET A COPY FROM A FRIEND OR FROM YOUR FRIENDS [MSVALERIEPARKDISTRO.COM](http://MSVALERIEPARKDISTRO.COM) OR ASK ALICE IF YOU SEE A. IN TOWN OR ON CAMPUS

# AUTISM IN COLLEGE SETTINGS

## A LETTER TO JABBERERS AND NORMIES

**I AM A WOMAN** with autism. I use typing to communicate. Because I never had the ability to communicate in ways that worked for me during school, teachers never assumed I had the intelligence to go to college. As college students yourselves, you must remember the great privilege you have that you are in college. Maybe you had to fight really hard to get there, but I bet you had at least one person who believed you could make it. Never forget those people as you struggle to make your way.

**ALSO REMEMBER** that students with disabilities have more adversity to overcome than you do. Of course they are intelligent, always assume that of every person. Those students probably had more people thinking they wouldn't go to college than people who believed in them.

**NOW A BIT ON AUTISM.** Unlike some disabilities that have obvious markers, autism is an invisible one. People see me and can't tell I'm disabled until my body starts twitching, moving in unusual ways, or until I start babbling about movies. I hate when people stare at me or question why I'm laughing when there is seemingly nothing funny around. You are not a mind reader, so don't assume why someone is doing something out of the ordinary. It's also okay to laugh along, think of a joke and just let loose. Share it with the person laughing, maybe they will like it too.

**THE OTHER THING TO CONSIDER** about autism is sensory issues. If you are in a classroom with bright fluorescent lights, ask if they can be dimmed or turned off. You never know if someone in the room will be bothered by the lights. They might be too self-conscious to bring it up, but also be too overwhelmed to focus on learning. The sounds in a large classroom may be overwhelming to some. Make it a point to not scrape your chair if you can or bang on the table.

**AUTISM IS GROWING MORE AND MORE COMMON**, with the rate of diagnosis being..1 in 88 children. In 2000 the rate was 1 in 150 (source: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/data.html>), surveying children born in 1992. With that in mind, there are probably a few people with autism attending your college. It's not easy to tell whether someone is autistic and no one who is has an obligation to tell you. So just do your part and you might be doing your classmate a favor.

**THE WORLD IS FULL OF MANY DIVERSE HUMANS** with many different needs, these suggestions I have shared are just a few things you could do. Try your best to be attentive to your classmates and support them if they make their needs known. Often help is just offered, but not always wanted. Let them take the lead in how to best support them and you are sure to have a great learning experience.

Happy learning!

Just another autistic chick

# BASIC PROTEST SAFETY

*brought to you by the Olympia Street Medic Collective*



## DO

Wear protective shoes that you can run in and clothing covering your skin to protect from exposure to weather and chemical weapons.

Shower beforehand to get off any dead skin cells that chemicals could stick to.

Bring a bandanna soaked in apple-cider vinegar or lime juice to aid in breathing in case of chemical exposure.

Bring fresh clothes in a plastic bag (in case yours get contaminated by chemical weapons).

Bring any medications you may need; especially inhalers and insulin or medications you may need in the next few days (in case you are stranded or arrested). Wear Med-Alert tags and inform any street medics of serious medical conditions.

BRING WATER and remember to eat & stay hydrated.

Look out for each other.

You have asthma, a weakened immune system, are pregnant, or have heart conditions.

You are a nursing mother. Toxins can be passed through breast milk.

You have long hair, facial hair or dreadlocks. Chemicals can get trapped in them & cops can use them to grab you.

## DON'T

**DON'T WEAR CONTACT LENSES.** Contacts can trap chemicals in the eyes and cause severe pain or blindness.

Don't wear earrings. **DO** tape over non-removable piercings.

Don't wear natural fibers (cotton, wool, hemp, or fuzzy, absorbent fibers).

Don't wear tampons. Chemicals can be absorbed into tampons, causing toxic shock syndrome.

Don't shave before a protest or wear oil-based skin products (lotions, sunscreens, etc.).

**DON'T USE AMPHETAMINES OR OTHER DRUGS DURING THE TIME PERIOD SURROUNDING A PROTEST.** Drugs such as cocaine can dramatically worsen the effects of chemical weapons, and are associated with the majority of electroshock weapon-related deaths.

### BE EXTRA CAREFUL IF:

You are, or are with, children, animals, or the elderly.

You are a nursing mother. Toxins can be passed through breast milk.

## TREATMENT AND AFTERCARE FOR CHEMICAL WEAPONS

### STAY CALM!

Remember: the pain is only temporary. Get away from the gas cloud. If you are wearing contact lenses take them out immediately. If you can't do it yourself, have someone with CLEAN hands help you. Blow your nose, spit, cough, etc. Try not to swallow. Flush eyes with water, making sure head is tipped so that water is flowing out of the eye sockets.

Take as COLD a shower as you can stand. Hot water

will make your skin burn all over again. Do not get chemicals into sensitive areas or wounds. Avoid alcohol and other drugs for a while, as your body is cleaning itself of toxins. Wash your clothes in harsh detergent.

Organic Miso and citrus fruits are the best to eat afterwards. Also burdock, nettles, Oregon grape, or dandelions can be useful to purge your liver and systems. Use garlic, ginger, mullein, and marshmallow root for lung support. Treat stress with milky oat, and use licorice for throat care.

The Olympia Street Medic Collective developed following the May 2006 port protests. It was formed by individuals from various factions of the activist community to educate ourselves and keep each other safe in the streets. The collective has since grown and now holds numerous health and safety workshops, street medic trainings, forums on weaponry and protest preparedness, and attempts to attend all protests and gatherings in Olympia where EMTs and Paramedics are unlikely/unable to attend. The collective holds ongoing trainings, scenario days, and fundraisers. If you are interested in becoming a street medic, helping us during scenario days (make-up artist, actors, etc.), making donations (medical supplies always welcome), or in helping with fundraising, please contact us at [olyismc@lists.riseup.net](mailto:olyismc@lists.riseup.net)

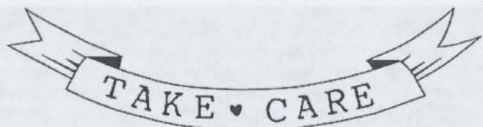
# RADICAL SELF CARE:

*Thoughts on taking care of yourself in order to take care of others*

Engaging in anti-oppression work is not easy. Learning about how to combat and counteract the damaging systems pervasive in our society takes an enormous degree of self-reflection and, for pretty much everyone, means checking our privileges and adjusting our behavior. After immersing themselves in this kind of emotionally trying work or being exposed to it for a long time, some people lose sight of the fact that everyone comes from a different background and has different things to learn, but it's important to remember that everyone is in the process of working through their shit. No one comes to this work without something to figure out, and, on the flip side, no one comes without something to offer. Sometimes, the process of working through our socializations and misconceptions can be a grueling one, but fret not, for there is a way to not burn out! In fact, you hold the key to that survival, and that key is... SELF CARE!

“What is self care?” you say? Well, self care doesn't look like anything in particular; it is more about paying attention to what you need and respecting your boundaries in order to keep yourself healthy, happy, and present. For different people that means different things, and a crucial component of engaging in effective self care is allowing yourself time to figure out what your personal forms of self care look like. One day that may mean giving yourself the night off, but the next it may mean finally working on the project you've put off for a few days. In order to judge what will be the best way to take care of yourself, listen to what your body, your emotions, and your behaviors are telling you. For me, self care can be as simple as taking a shower, doing a load of laundry, or going for a walk. Whether by taking time away or immersing yourself in an endeavor, self care doesn't have to be time consuming, but is still a crucial component of any radical action.

So remember: by thinking about the radical, anti-authoritarian, and non-mainstream, you are opening yourself up to a difficult experience that may take a great deal of work. But you are also taking the best steps toward creating safer spaces in your community and elsewhere for people of all ilk. And that starts with understanding what to do to be in the best state possible in order to and the bad. emotional and physical tackle both the good



So, go forth and love yourself! (if you want to.)

OF YOURSELF AND YOUR BODY



# GREEN IS THE NEW RED

WHAT THE HELL IS THE GREEN SCARE ANYWAY?

The Green Scare is a roundup strategy aimed at scaring the majority of radical activists from effective dissent through the targeting of a few activists with Draconian prison sentences. A similar tactic was used in the 1950's (during the Cold War's "Red Scare"), where anyone remotely considered communist

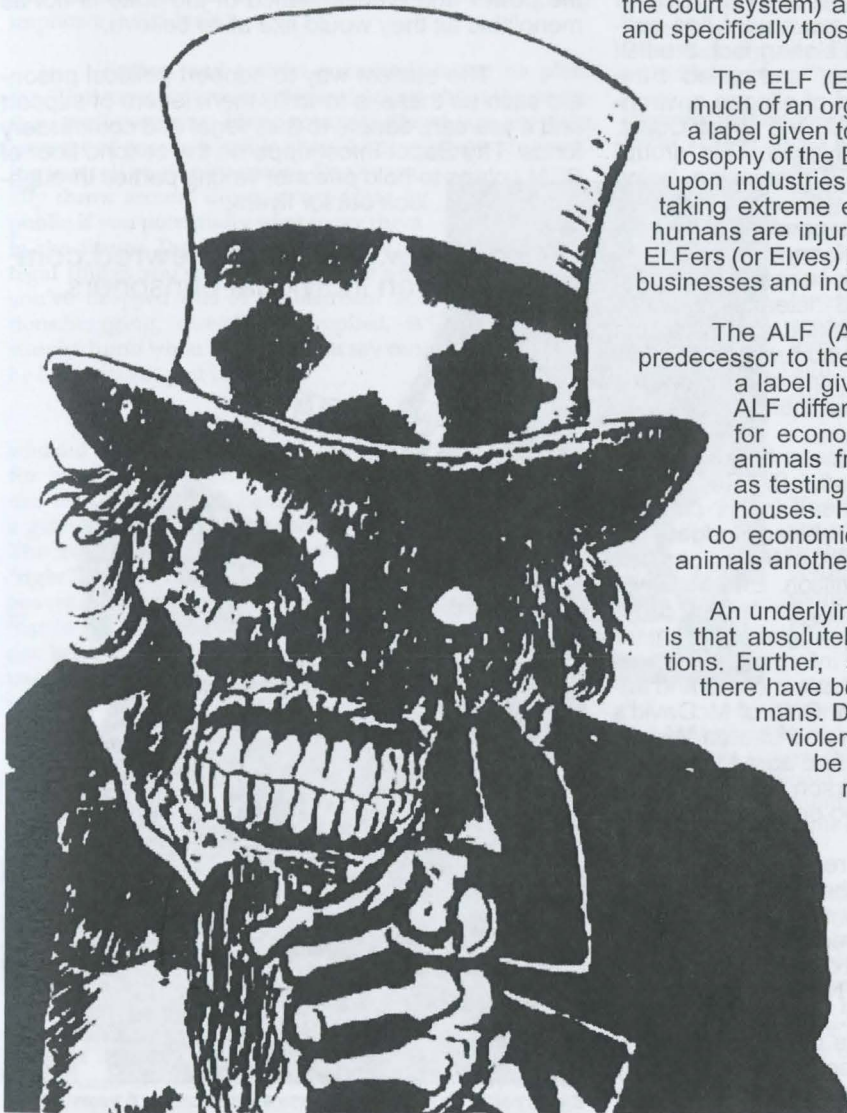
was targeted. We are seeing a similar tactic applied to environmental and animal rights activists today. The code name for this current wave of repression is Operation Backfire. The prisoner support zine, Spirit of Freedom, defined the Green scare as, "the tactics that the US government and all their tentacles (FBI, IRS, BATF, Joint Terrorism Task Forces, local police, the court system) are using to attack the ELF/ALF and specifically those who publicly support them."

The ELF (Earth Liberation Front) is not so much of an organization as it is a concept. It is a label given to direct actions which fit the philosophy of the ELF—to inflict economic damage upon industries that destroy the planet while taking extreme efforts that no humans or non-humans are injured in the process. To this end, ELFers (or Elves) bring to light the atrocities those businesses and industries perpetuate.

The ALF (Animal Liberation Front) is the predecessor to the ELF. Like the ELF, the ALF is a label given or chosen by activists. The ALF differs in that most actions are not for economic damage but for liberating animals from oppressive facilities, such as testing labs, fur farms, and slaughterhouses. However, the liberation actions do economic damage as well as give the animals another shot at life.

An underlying principle of the ELF and ALF is that absolutely no being is hurt in their actions. Further, since both movements began, there have been exactly zero injuries to humans. Despite both groups' vow of non-violence, the FBI considers both to be the number one domestic terrorist threat.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Peifer said in court that the alleged ELF members and their "crimes" "... is a classic case of terrorism, despite their protests of lofty humane goals... it was pure luck no one was killed or injured by their actions... if that is the standard, then the Ku Klux Klan did not



commit terrorism when they burned empty black churches during the civil rights upheaval..." thus likening non-violent environmental activists to a notorious hate group that also had the full power of the state and decades of systematic oppression behind them. What is more horrifying is what Judge Aiken said: that to qualify for "federal criminal terrorism" an action "does not require a substantial risk of injury." Thus completely nullifying the meaning of terrorism and opening the door to call any direct action that threatens destructive industries or the state "terrorism."

Both movements operate with the use of autonomous cells and neither movement has self-described leaders. Despite this blaring fact, the FBI coined a core group of "leaders" and called it the "family". The "family" consisted of alleged environmental activists who all lived on the West Coast, predominantly in Eugene and Olympia. This "group" was the first to see extreme FBI repression, being blamed for several ELF actions without proof of their involvement. The FBI became dependent on "snitches" and paid informants for information leading to arrests, promising shorter prison sentences and lesser charges. What happened instead was that all named activists became imprisoned along with the snitches. In fact, the accused who turned into informants statistically got much longer sentences than those who refused to rat out their friends.

The Green Scare has been horrific for the victims of this police repression. Bill Rodgers of Prescott, Arizona was found dead in his cell two weeks after his arrest. The FBI labeled Rodgers the leader of the ELF and mastermind of the arsons that had caused upwards to \$20 million. Eric McDavid received 19 years for "conspiracy to destroy property by means of fire or explosives" a euphemism for thoughtcrime. In reality, a paid informant known as Anna was paid \$75,000 to fabricate a crime and implicate whoever fell into the net. Both of McDavid's co-defendants Zachory Jenson and Lauren Wiener plead guilty for lesser charges and agreed to testify against Eric. The result is a person who committed no crime is now in prison for two decades.

Activist Jonathan Paul received 4 years and 3 months. Activist Joynna Zacher (Sadie) of Olympia received 7 years and 8 months. Activist Nathan Block (Exile) of Olympia also received 7 years and 3 months. Brianna Waters, the once coordinator for the Evergreen Animal Rights Network and now a mother, professional musician, and violin teacher, was sentenced to 6 years for a crime she was not even at. She was named as a lookout to an arson by two people facing hefty prison sentences with hopes

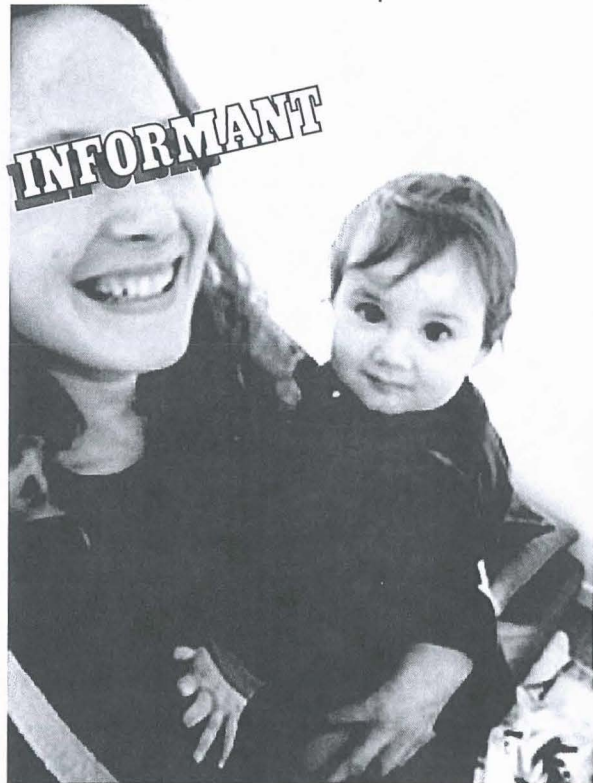
of reducing their own sentences. Throughout the entire case there were glaring holes and unreliable witnesses. Yet, due to the power of the media and state she was put away regardless.

***Unfortunately, Brianna Waters also became an informant in exchange for a shortened prison sentence.***

One of the larger lessons learned through the Green Scare was that the FBI had no leads until people began snitching, so movements with an effective security culture pose a legitimate challenge to the FBI and those they serve. The state will screw you over regardless if you help them or not, and the power and omnipresence of the state is not as monolithic as they would like all to believe.

The easiest way to support political prisoners such as these is to write them letters of support and if you can, donate to their legal and commissary funds. The Sabot Infoshoppe on the second floor of SEM I plans to hold prisoner writing parties throughout the year.. look out for flyers.

Check [www.greenisthenewred.com](http://www.greenisthenewred.com) for info on individual prisoners.



Ex-Greener Briana Waters was sentenced to 6 years, later turned informant.

# Security Culture 101

*A security culture is a set of customs shared by a community whose members may engage in illegal or unwanted activities, the practice of which minimizes the risks of such activities. The main focus of a security culture is keeping information about illegal activities private and between involved individuals only. - From Wikipedia*

The core premise of establishing a culture of security is not letting be known what need not be known. If a community has a strong sense of security culture, it matters less who's phones are tapped, what houses are bugged, or who is or isn't wired because the information received will not lead the feds to anything that can meaningfully implicate individuals.

Radical and activist communities are no place for "I'm more anarchist/militant/serious-about-the-cause-than-you" posturing. If one commits illegal acts, the least amount of people possible should know (if you are working in a cell or affinity group). Don't casually throw around direct action ideas in public if you potentially want to try them in the future. Don't talk about about illegal things you've done or hint at why you've dropped out of mainstream actions. Bragging, directly or implied, is simply dumb when anything you say can be held against you in court.

Security culture is not guessing who did what and when. There is no place for gossip when running your mouth can lead to someone being indicted by a grand jury and facing years in prison. The feds don't really care if they have the "right" person or not. On the contrary, government repression is about instilling fear in radical and activist communities, not bringing people to "justice." They'll use that gossip whether or not it's even remotely true.

The police and the FBI (and depending on the situation, CIA and NSA) become interested in activities when they begin to meaningfully challenge the homogeneity of power and business as usual. Radical environmental and animal activists (such as the Earth Liberation Front [ELF] or Animal Liberation Front [ALF]) are considered the number one domestic terrorist threat, while crazy militant anti-gay and anti-abortion groups are silently left out of the equation.

That being the reality, if you take part in radical activist activities, it is best to assume there may be an informant in the room, that your phone is tapped, and that your emails are being read, whether or not it may be true.

**SO WHAT DOES SECURITY CULTURE LOOK LIKE?**

Security culture is never talking to the police or FBI about anything. Ever. Even the most seemingly innocuous question will be used against you or your friends. Know your rights as a citizen. The FBI will do whatever they can to scare the shit out of you and make you talk. The majority of what they say is posturing and they will have no qualms lying to your face nor do they have to do what they say they will if you do talk. They are trying to intimidate you and persuade you.

Security culture looks like having your friends and allies' backs. If your friend or someone in your community gets snatched and is in jail, it is your duty to support that person. Jail and prison are about breaking people and is a political tool that is used to scare and coerce people into becoming informants. Jail and prison are about isolating you. Write letters, keep up to date about where they are being transferred to. Go to court hearings. Make sure they are getting treated well. Fundraise for their legal defense. And show they are not forgotten.



Security culture looks like being aware of who is and who isn't reliable—especially when planning illegal activities. How long have you know the people you are working with? What is their history in the community? Can it be traced and verified? Are they level-headed and responsible or do they have something to prove? Where is sensitive information to be kept?

Work with reliable and experienced friends you trust. Informants, snitches and infiltrators have been a part of the history of radical movements around the world. But, don't get overly paranoid. The feds would love nothing more than for radical and activist communities to turn into neurotic, scared, isolated groups of people too afraid to attempt to do anything at all disobedient.

The best defense to government repression is having strong, healthy, loving communities of resistance. We should strive to build longstanding communities of interwoven relationships that span time, multiple communities, nations and even landmasses. The more interwoven our communities, the harder they are to unwind and infiltrate. Security culture is to activism what a condom is to sex. Its for the safety of you and your partner(s), so don't forget it!

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

1. You have the constitutional right to remain silent. You do not have to talk to law enforcement or anyone else even if you do not feel free to walk away, or if you are arrested or in jail. You cannot be punished for not speaking. It is smart to talk to a lawyer before answering any questions. Only a judge can order you to answer questions.

2. The only two exceptions to not answering questions are in some states you must provide your name if you are stopped and told to identify yourself. You are not required to answer any other questions. Second, if you are driving and pulled over for a traffic violation you are required to show license, registration and insurance, but nothing else.

3. You have the constitutional right to talk to a lawyer before answering questions regardless if police tell you about that right, even if you do not have a lawyer. If you do make sure you have a business card on you to show the officer and ask to call your lawyer. Remember to get the name, agency, and telephone number of any law enforcement who visits you and give that information to your lawyer.

4. Anything you say to law enforcement can be used against you and others. Lying is a crime, but being silent is not. Even if you answered some questions you can choose to be silent at any time.

5. If enforcement threatens to get a subpoena you still do not have to answer any questions right there and then. If you are subpoenaed contact a lawyer right away. You must follow the subpoena's directions about where and when to report to court but you still do not have to say anything.

6. If asked to meet with officers for a "counter-terrorism interview" you have the right to say no, to have an attorney present, to set the time and place of interview, to find out the questions they will ask beforehand, and to answer only the questions you feel comfortable answering. If taken into custody you still have the right to remain silent. Never assume that anything you say is off the record and it is a criminal offense to knowingly lie to an officer.

7. You do not need to answer any questions if you are shown a warrant.

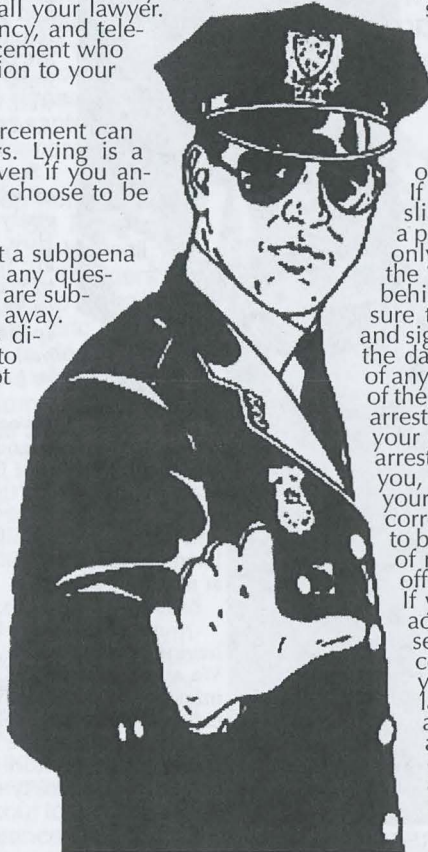
8. You do not have to let officers without a warrant into your home, nor do you have to answer their questions. Enforcement cannot get a warrant based on your refusal, nor can they punish you for refusing consent.

**"I do not consent to a search. I'm going to remain silent. I want to speak to a lawyer."**

9. If officers insist on searching your home do not interfere with the search in any way, but clearly say you have not given consent and that the search is against your wishes. Get names and badge numbers of searching officers and contact a lawyer immediately.

10. If you give consent to a search, officers do not need to get the court's permission to do a search. Police may search your car but only the area within reach and in containers that could conceivably contain a weapon (not the Altoids tin you have your weed stashed in). Smelling something is not grounds for a search (though a K9 unit smelling something is). They must have a warrant to look in the truck. Always say you do not consent to the search.

11. If law enforcement knocks on the door, do not open it. Instead, ask through the door if they have a warrant. If the answer is no, then do not let them into your home and do not answer any questions or say anything other than "I do not want to talk to you." If they do have a warrant, ask it to be slipped under the door, or shown through a peephole, window, or a door that is open only enough to see the warrant. If you open the door to see the warrant, shut the door behind you and ask for the warrant. Make sure the warrant contains the judge's name and signature, your name and correct address, the date, place to be searched, a description of any items being searched for, and the name of the agency that is conducting the search or arrest. An arrest warrant that does not have your name may still be validly used for your arrest if it describes you enough to identify you, and a search warrant that does not have your name may still be valid if it gives the correct address and description of the place to be searched. A warrant that is a "warrant of removal/deportation" does not give the officer the authority to enter your home. If you say the warrant is not complete or accurate, say you do not consent to the search. But, do not interfere if the officers decide to do the search even after you told them they are mistaken. Call a lawyer as soon as possible. Ask if you are allowed to watch the search. If you are allowed you should take notes, including names, badge number, which agency each officer is from, where they searched and what they took. Have any other people present act as witnesses.



# HELL YEAH

## THE OLYMPIA V-DAY UPRISING

FOR WEEKS LEADING UP TO FEBRUARY 14TH, 2008, HYPE HAD BEEN BUILDING ON CAMPUS AND THROUGHOUT OLYMPIA THAT DEAD PREZ, A HIGHLY ACCLAIMED, POLITICALLY CHARGED HIP HOP GROUP, WOULD BE PLAYING AT EVERGREEN. THIS EVENT HAD BEEN PRIMARILY ORGANIZED BY THE NEW EVERGREEN CHAPTER OF HIP HOP CONGRESS, ALONG WITH EVERGREEN HILLEL, THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER, OLYMPIA SDS, AND THE SABOT INFOSHOPPE. THE NIGHT OF THE SHOW, THE LOBBY OF THE CAMPUS CRC WAS TURNED INTO A VENUE FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVIST GROUPS TO TABLE. APPROXIMATELY 40 GROUPS FROM THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT.

TOWARDS THE END OF THE CONCERT, BUT BEFORE DEAD PREZ BEGAN PERFORMING, A FIGHT BROKE AT THE BACK OF THE VENUE. 30 TO 45 MINUTES AFTER THE FIGHT ENDED, OFFICER APRIL MEYERS OF THE EVERGREEN POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A SECURITY TEAM MEMBER'S CALL, ARRESTING THE ONLY BLACK MALE THAT WAS INVOLVED WITH BREAKING UP THE FIGHT.

THE ARESTEE WAS TAKEN OUTSIDE AND PUT IN THE BACK OF THE POLICE CRUISER. AROUND 15 TO 20 WITNESSES TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO THE OFFICER THAT SHE WAS ARRESTING SOMEONE WHO HAD NOT COMMITTED ANY CRIME. WHEN TALKING TO THE OFFICER PROVED TO BE OF NO AVAIL, SEVERAL OF THE WITNESSES AND OTHER CONCERT-GOERS ATTEMPTED TO BLOCK HER CAR. THEY WERE TAKING DIRECT ACTION TO PROTECT THEIR COMMUNITY FROM POLICE AGGRESSION AND TO UPHOLD SOLIDARITY WITH THE VICTIMS OF POLICE RACISM IN OUR COMMUNITY. MEYERS WAS THE ONLY OFFICER ON DUTY THAT NIGHT, AND SO BACK-UP OFFICERS FROM THURSTON COUNTY WERE CALLED.

THE SHOW ENDED AND HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, AMPED UP FROM THE MILITANT HIP HOP, Poured OUTSIDE TO RUN INTO WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE. SOON OVER 200 PEOPLE WERE ACTIVELY TAKING PLACE IN BLOCKADING THE POLICE CAR, WITH THE OFFICER AND THE SUSPECT INSIDE. THE CAR WAS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED WITH PEOPLE CHANTING "LET HIM GO! LET HIM GO!" AND SOME BEGAN TO BANG ON THE WINDOWS. MORE BACK-UP POLICE ARRIVED, THIS TIME FROM TUMWATER, LACEY, AND OPD.

IN THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO THE EVENT, TENSIONS BETWEEN THE OPD AND THE EVERGREEN COMMUNITY HAD GROWN SURROUNDING SUCH EVENTS AS THE PORT OF OLYMPIA PROTESTS. THIS NIGHT, THE OPD SHOWED UP READY FOR A FIGHT, ALREADY DRESSED IN RIOT GEAR, AND WITHOUT GIVING A DISPERSAL ORDER, OR ANY TYPE OF ANNOUNCEMENT AT ALL, THEY PROCEEDED TO VICIOUSLY ATTACK THE CROWD (OPD LATER DENIED THEIR PRESENCE AT THE EVENT UNTIL THEY WERE IDENTIFIED ON FILM.).

THE PIGS PUSHED INTO THE CROWD SHOOTING PEPPER SPRAY AND WAIVING ON STUDENTS WITH BATONS. ONE STUDENT WAS SENT TO THE HOSPITAL THAT NIGHT FOR INTERNAL BLEEDING IN HIS LOWER BACK DUE TO THE PO-

LICE ASSAULT. AFTER A FEW MOMENTS, PEOPLE STARTED THROWING ROCKS AND PLASTIC BOTTLES AT THE POLICE. TRASH CANS WERE EMPTIED OUT IN SEARCH OF PROJECTILES. SOON GLASS BOTTLES AND TRASHCANS THEMSELVES WERE THROWN AND PEOPLE ARMED THEMSELVES WITH BRANCHES. IN THE MIDST OF THIS CONFLICT, THE POLICE UNCUFFED THE MAN IN THE BACKSEAT, AND RELEASED HIM.

PEOPLE WERE PUSHING BACK THE POLICE, WHO RETREATED BEHIND THEIR CARS. SEVERAL POLICE CARS WERE QUICKLY ATTACKED, WITH THEIR WINDOWS SMASHED AND THEIR EXTERIOR DENTED, LEADING POLICE TO PROMPTLY RETREAT ALTOGETHER. THE PIGS GOT INTO THEIR CARS AND GOT OUT THE FUCK OUT OF THERE AS QUICKLY AS THEY COULD. IN THEIR RETREAT THEY COULD NOT GET BACK TO A THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S CAR, AND IT WAS ABANDONED. THE COP CAR, THIS SYMBOL OF THE OCCUPATION OF OUR COMMUNITIES, OF VIOLENCE, RACISM, AND REPRESSION, AFTER ITS WINDOWS WERE SMASHED IN, WAS PROMPTLY FLIPPED OVER. AFTER THIS, THE VICTORIOUS CONCERT-GOERS SET ABOUT LOOTING ITS CONTENTS OF POLICE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING: A RADAR GUN, A POLICE LAPTOP, AND, EVIDENTLY, THE BACK SEAT OF THE CAR.

TO CREATE A TRULY LIBERATED SOCIETY, MORE ACTS OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE OPPRESSED AND ACTS OF COMMUNITY DEFENSE OF THIS NATURE ARE IMPORTANT.

### AFTERTHOUGHTS

UNBEKNOWNST TO MANY AT THE TIME, MUCH OF THE EVENTS OF THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 14TH WERE CAUGHT ON VIDEO BEING SHOT BY TWO INDIVIDUALS IN THE CROWD. THESE INDIVIDUALS SWIFTLY HANDED THE TAPE OVER TO PIGS. MANY OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERED THEMSELVES TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS IN THE VIDEO. OTHERS WERE COERCED, THREATENED, OR PRESSED BY THE PIGS INTO COOPERATING. THE IESC ADMINISTRATION WAS ALSO OVERLY EAGER TO HELP WITH THE INVESTIGATION. ARRESTS WERE MADE BUT, IT SHOULD BE NOTED, NONE OF THEM COULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT THE IMMENSE AMOUNT OF COOPERATION GIVEN TO THE INVESTIGATORS BY SO-CALLED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ENCOURAGE NON-COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT IN RELATION TO EVENTS SUCH AS THESE. EVEN IF YOU MAY POLITICALLY, TACTICALLY, OR MORALLY DISAGREE WITH A POLITICAL ACTION, YOU SHOULD NOT TRY TO HELP PUT YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, LOVERS, COMRADES, FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN PRISON OR JAIL. HELPING THIS PROCESS DOES NOT ACTUALLY HELP TO AIR YOUR GRIEVANCES AND CONCERNS, NOR DOES IT HELP FACILITATE THE TYPE OF REAL CONVERSATIONS NECESSARY SO THAT OUR COMMUNITY DOES NOT GET SO DIVIDED AGAIN. HELPING PROSECUTE PEOPLE DEFINITELY DOES NOT HELP BUILD THE KIND OF CHANGE ANY OF US WANT TO SEE IN THIS COMMUNITY, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBSCRIBE TO RADICAL POLITICS.

WHILE ACTIONS SUCH AS THESE ARE POWERFUL AND INSPIRING, IT IS CRUCIAL TO NOTE THAT REAL, LASTING CHANGE COMES IN ORGANIZING IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND CREATING ALTERNATIVES.



# Make Destroy

# BANK \$

During the your first few weeks at Evergreen, you'll notice some Bank of America (BOA) representatives. These people are super friendly and they talk a big talk. They'll promise you free checking and lots of convenience. With the ATMs on campus and the numerous locations around Olympia to serve you, banking with BOA can seem pretty appealing. Before you make this decision, or even decide to make a donation (that is, pay the ATM surcharge), here are some things you should know.

In 2007, BOA began to tout an environmental platform in which they will, "support environmentally sustainable business... and to address global climate change."

Yet, as par usual, the high and mighty rhetoric masks policies that achieve the opposite. Bank of America calls itself a leader in the fight against climate change because they've pledged 2% of the companies \$1.1 trillion in assets to fighting climate change spread out over the next 10 years. Yet, BOA continues to be one of the largest financiers of coal, which attributes 40% of annual Greenhouse gas emissions.

Bank of America has also invested billions of dollars into companies that practice Mountaintop Removal (MTR) such as Massey Energy, Arch Coal, and Alpha Natural Resources. MTR is a method of getting coal by literally blowing off the tops of mountains, causing horrific ecological damage to humans and non-humans alike.

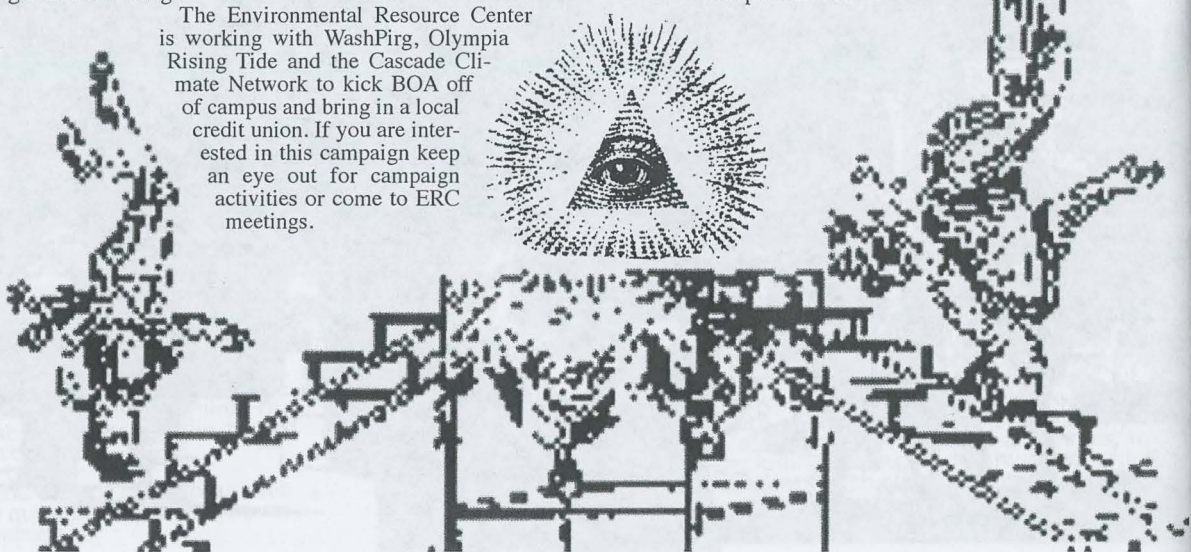
Bank of America has also financed billions of dollars into more than 150 new coal-fired power plants throughout the US. Such clients include Peabody Energy, the largest coal mining company on the planet. Thus, BOA is financing hundreds of millions of tons of new CO2 emissions every year. Each of the proposed 150 coal plants would add between 600 million and 1.1 billion tons of additional CO2 emissions each year, thus making moot every other effort currently being purposed to fight climate change.

The Environmental Resource Center is working with WashPirg, Olympia Rising Tide and the Cascade Climate Network to kick BOA off of campus and bring in a local credit union. If you are interested in this campaign keep an eye out for campaign activities or come to ERC meetings.

Sadly, this reality is no exception to the rule. Most banks, and especially the big ones, routinely invest in operations that are either bad for humans, the planet, or both. Wells Fargo, for instance, is one of the single largest stockholders in the GEO group, which owns and operates private prisons and detention centers like the one in Tacoma known for its abuses to immigrant detainees. And banks in general are shifty as fuck. They'll do anything to make a buck. Just look at the current financial crisis we're dealing with, brought about by super rich banks feeding off the poorest people til the candy coated housing bubble popped. Internationally, the World Bank and IMF routinely scheme together to "invest" in poor countries to supposedly pull them out of squalor. When, in reality, the heavy fees and infrastructural changes they impose in return for their loans leave many countries "helped" by these institutions more indebted and less likely to provide for themselves than when they first cried out.

Banks are totally fucked. So what's the alternative? Well, if you can't stuff it all under the mattress, the next best option is a credit union. Credit unions, unlike banks, are owned by their members and are nonprofit. They offer competitive interest rates, usually beating the best rates from local banks. They are open to all members of the community and directly accountable to them. Members are not simply clients and they are not just beneficiaries of a small loan fund. They are shareholders with a political voice in the institution that holds their savings.

Locally, the Washington State Employee's Credit Union (WSECU) and Tulip Cooperative Credit Union are your best options. Tulip was started as a independent learning contract aby TESC students, is run by the Food Co-Op (see map in back for locations), and is super badass.



# The Gentrification Of Olympia & The ODA



## GENTRIFICATION

Gentrification is the rebuilding or changing of an area, neighborhood, or city to suit both the desires of the generally small amount of affluent people living there and the wants of those (wealthy folks) who would live in said area if changes were made. Gentrification discounts the needs of the majority of the people who already live in an area. In many cases it ultimately displaces people already living there through a variety of ways. This includes driving up property values (making it impossible for low income people to live there and middle income people to own businesses), tearing down old affordable housing units to make way for new luxury housing units, the creation of stricter anti-homeless laws, and the introduction of high-end chain stores that drive out local shops.

Olympia is changing and with every new city council meeting it is becoming more and more gentrified. This change is happening throughout downtown and is most apparent by the building of new luxury condos, stricter anti-homeless laws, and the construction of a new city hall.

## THE OLYMPIA DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

The Olympia Downtown Association (ODA) is a non-profit organization which works to benefit the few well-off business owners in downtown Olympia. The ODA (which includes less than a quarter of downtown business owners) often claims to speak for downtown business as a whole and uses this claim to promote various harmful and oppressive causes. The ODA has been working to gentrify downtown through the promotion of anti-homeless laws, the promotion of luxury condos, and the promotion of high-end business, the regulating of public art, and taking a "tough on crime" stance.

Actual crime downtown as documented by the Olympian and the police department has remained fairly constant—and was never really high. Still, fear of crime and fear of 'others' is the flames fanned for decades by the ODA. Unfortunately, the ODA and the actual residents of downtown seem to have much different ideas about what an "improved" downtown is.

## Recent moves made by the ODA to "improve", or attempt to improve, downtown:

**1986:** Criminalization of skateboarding  
**1987:** Outlawing of teen dance clubs  
**1990:** Criminalization of loud car stereos  
**1991:** Outlawing of "cruising"  
**1993:** Criminalization of "aggressive pan handling"  
**1994/1995:** Attempted stop of transitional housing for homeless  
**1995:** Proposed criminalization of car camping  
**1995:** Proposed outlawing of fortified wine (against the homeless)  
**1996:** Outlawing of OAPP Needle Exchange  
**1996/1997:** Attempted banning of sitting on the sidewalk  
**1999/2000:** Criminalization of graffiti and lobbying against designated "graffiti walls"  
**2000/2001:** Proposed public financing of a massive Convention Center downtown  
**2001/2002:** Proposed criminalization of car camping and camping, proposed outlawing of fortified wine, proposed ban on pan handling  
**2002/2003:** Proposed public financing of a massive Convention Center downtown

**2005:** PBIA/BID (Parking Business Improvement Area/Business Improvement District) passed  
**2005/2006:** Continued attempts to rid downtown of graffiti and loitering  
**2006:** Supports sidewalk ordinance which makes it illegal to sit, lie, vend, or solicit within six feet of the edge of a building  
**2008:** Publicly came out in favor of the water front rezone which would allow for the building of high rise condos, "strongly recommends that the Council support the Planning Commission's position in favor of the height amendment", ODA.  
**2008:** Supports RV ordinance, an ordinance designed so that unhoused people can't sleep in their RV's on city streets  
**2009:** Continued Public support of waterfront rezone  
**2009:** Creation of Sunday Sweep, an event to clean up downtown (including graffiti). This event will go along with the ODA's twice a year "city clean up"  
**2009:** Adapts a new nationally tested model of city planning know as "Main Street". Intended to economically restructure downtown, "beautify" downtown, and make downtown "safer" through continued cooperation with the police.

# The Anti-Homelessness Trend

Over the last five years, the Olympia City Council has passed severe anti-homeless legislation. This legislation is selectively enforced, only targeting those who the police assume to be unhoused. The intention of these laws is to keep unhoused people out of downtown Olympia. It is city council's hope that more people with more money will come to our city if they (the wealthy) do "not have to deal" with unhoused people. This is part of gentrification: ridding the city of those who live here to suit the wants of those who someday may live here and whose money will benefit the already wealthy.

In 2006, The Side Walk Ordinance--originally proposed in 1996--was passed. The ordinance makes it illegal to sit, lay, vend, or solicit within six feet of the edge of a building. Basically, this law makes it illegal for unhoused people to sit, ask for money, play music, and/or sleep downtown. This law is targeted at unhoused people and is only enforced on unhoused people\*.

In 2008, the RV Ordinance was passed making it illegal for RVs to be parked on city streets at night. This was created so that people do not sleep in there RVs downtown at night. In a town with so few public shelters, if you tell someone who has an RV that they can't sleep in town, you are basically saying that they can't sleep in town. It is yet another attempt to push people who are unhoused away from downtown.

The City Council has been having a profound negative effect on the unhoused communities of Downtown Oly, but they are not the only negative force. A contingent of the downtown business community, general behavior of the Olympia city government and Olympia Police Department, and the difficulty of receiving social services, coupled with recent cuts in services, add to the mistreatment of unhoused peoples.

For example, some members of the downtown business community will call the police if a person is sitting in front of their store, will refuse restroom access, enact No Trespass orders, and join organizations such as the ODA, which lobbies for anti-homeless legislation.

The cops go through cycles of targeting encampments of unhoused people and arresting the residence of said camps and doing street sweeps.\*\*

This new legislation, along with an already oppressive environment, makes living downtown increasingly more difficult for unhoused people. As allies, there are some things that we can do to stop these trends and make Olympia a safer place for all of its residence:

1) Holding city council people accountable for passing legislation and fighting to reverse it.

2) Holding downtown business owners accountable for their treatment of unhoused people. Holding them accountable if they don't allow people to use their awnings or restrooms. Holding them accountable if they call the cops on unhoused people who are sitting on the sidewalk in front of their stores.

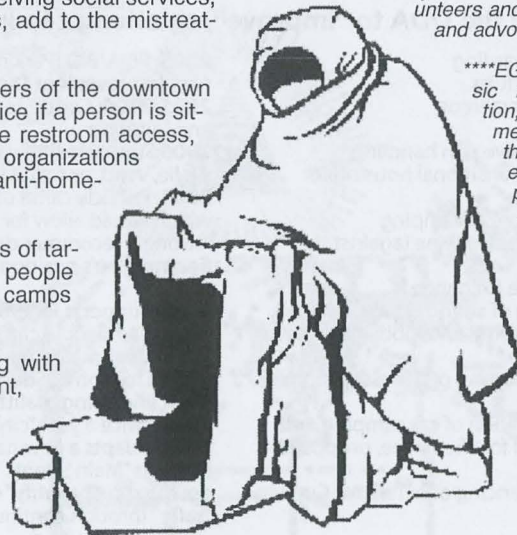
3) Fighting gentrification as a whole in Olympia. The more gentrified a town is, the less services there are for unhoused people. The more gentrified a town is the more anti-homeless laws there will be.

4) Participate in harm reduction services through community groups. There are many amazing organizations in downtown Olympia who do work with unhoused people (e.g. No Gap\*\*\* and EGYHOP\*\*\*\*). Both groups are community run and funded and believe in the self determination of those they serve.

*\*There have been times when unhoused folks and housed folks had been standing in the same area engaging in a conversation with each other and cops have come by and ticketed the unhoused people in the group and left the housed people alone.*

*\*\*Street Sweeps are when the police kick unhoused people off the streets and often arrest them*

*\*\*\*No Gap is a low barrier (will serve anyone who wants their services, regardless of financial, addiction, legal or mental health status) advocacy outreach program that operates in Downtown Oly. They believe in working for people to get what they want. They are always looking for more volunteers and do monthly trainings on outreach and advocacy work. [olynogap@gmail.com](mailto:olynogap@gmail.com)*



*\*\*\*\*EGYHOP's mission is to bring basic resources, emergency intervention, information about services, small meals, basic items to ease life on the streets, and friendly faces to empower members of the street population in Olympia. This population includes, but is not limited to, disenfranchised youth and unhoused or low-income folks. For the past eight years, two people go out on bikes every night with carts full of outreach supplies to the streets of downtown Olympia. Donation boxes are located around town and the Evergreen campus, the largest of which is by Bike & Bike in Dumpster Values thrift shop downtown. EGYHOP is a project of Done & Done. Mail donations to: PO Box 6382, Olympia, WA 98507*



# SIGNS OF THINGS TO COME

## CONDOS

The City Government, The ODA, condo developers, and two small citizens groups are pushing to build several different mixed use (residential and commercial) high-end properties in downtown Olympia. The proponents of these buildings say they will bring in rich people who will spend money downtown thus revitalizing the downtown economy, and thereby benefiting all of us. This argument equates to trickledown economics, which history has shown does not work.

What will actually happen if these buildings are built is that property values will go up downtown, making it so that people who already live downtown will no longer be able to pay their rent. Storefront rent will also go up. This, coupled with the competition that will come from the big name high-end stores that will inhabit the commercial sections of these buildings, will make it so that already excising, locally-owned businesses will likely go out of business. Due to the rise in property values, police presence will increase, this will mean an increase in enforcing anti-homeless legislation and will further work to push unhoused people from the city. In short, building luxury mixed use structures will displace those who already live downtown and make the city a home designed for people who do not currently live here.

Currently there are several condo projects in the works. The shell of one high-end structure was recently completed near Adams and Union downtown. Another is the building of a "market rate\* mixed use" structure on Columbia between 4th and 5th downtown. The building will include high-end housing and expensive storefront space. Both of these projects have slipped relatively under the radar and work on these projects has begun with little to no protest. But that is not the case for all attempts to build high-rise condos downtown.

In spring 2008, the development firm Tri-way proposed legislation to raise the building height limits on the Isthmus so that they could build condos there costing .8-1.2 million dollars per unit. This issue became a huge public controversy with democrats who did not want the water front views and the environment to be destroyed teaming up with anti-gentrification radicals to spread the word about the legislation and condos. The groups petitioned, flyered, made their own media, and spoke up at public forums while some people launched a vandalism campaign against the developers. The groups got the city council to hold public forums on the issue. By the last public forum, over three hundred people came to speak against the condos, with less than 40 coming to speak in their favor. In the end, the city council voted for the rise BUT all the outreach work payed off. The state decided that the view the condos would block is an issue for them. Now the decision is up to the State Senate, and even if they vote to allow the building and Tri-way is still interested in perusing this project, at that point it will be held up in legislation for quite a while giving us time to restructure our strategy.

The campaign showed us that unlikely alliances and a diversity of tactics can halt and even stop the construction and inhabitation of these buildings and that we should not give up. It is up to all of us to learn more about the other condo projects that have begun so that we can figure out ways to either stop their construction or change the building's use. Keep your ears and eyes open as new campaigns start all the time. Do research and get to talking with other local activist to either join in a campaign to stop condos or start your own.

\* "Market rate" does not mean affordable. Tri-way enterprise uses the term market rate to describe condos that range between \$.8-1.2 million.

## THE NEW CITY HALL

On 4th Ave in downtown Olympia, between Cherry and Chestnut, The New City Hall is being built. Construction began May 2009 and is slated for completion January 2011. The cost of the building was originally estimated to be \$35.6 million but may end up costing more. There was never a public outcry for this building nor was there referendum passed saying that the citizens of Oly want a new city hall. The city council and their committees decided that it was a necessity for the city. Their official reason being that there are a few city offices that, due to lack of space in the current city hall, are in buildings around downtown and the city wants all of the offices to be together.

The new city hall is part of changing the face of downtown Olympia to appeal to a few people and people who may live here in the future. The new city hall will fit city officials' vision of the future. Currently, the city hall and jail share a building. With the building of the new city hall, the jail, police station, probation office and other offices relating to "criminal justice" will be taking over the entirety of the old city hall. This will allow space for the jail and police stations to grow. It will also consolidate all departments of the "criminal justice" system in Olympia. This will allow the city to become "tougher on crime."

Changing the face of our city and creating the infrastructure for a stronger criminal justice department are tell tale signs that gentrification is hitting our city. More than anything else, the new city hall is a symbol of the gentrifying of Olympia and the changing of a really great city.

There has been a lot of anger downtown about the new city hall. But there hasn't been very much action taken about it. It's a hot topic and most people you talk to downtown agree that it's a waste of money and a sign of things to come. Keep your eyes open for flyers. There are a few info campaigns that will be starting up soon that would love more people to work with.

# BOYCOTTS

*Olympia is a great place filled with wonderful people and business owners who are trying hard to do the right thing. But there are many businesses downtown that work against unhoused folks, female bodied folks, and the Oly community in general. Below is a list of some of the worst businesses in Olympia. This is not a complete list of all that is wrong in the Oly business world, just those businesses with multiple strikes against them.*

## **Alpine Experience/Olympia Outfitters/ The Bike Stand**

All owned by city council person Joe Hyer. Hyer has called the cops on unhoused people for doing as little as sitting across the street from one of his stores. And as a city council person, Hyer has supported anti-homeless legislation. These stores are all ODA affiliated.

## **Altered States**

A tattoo shop which is generally horrible to unhoused people. The owner regularly promotes anti-homeless legislation while tattooing clients.

## **Archibald Sisters**

Manager has major involvement in the ODA and is a driving force behind a major condo project.

## **Capital Playhouse**

Youth Theater owned by City Council Person Jeff Kingsbury. As a council person, Kingsbury has enacted anti-homeless legislation and is working towards the further gentrification of our city.

## **Gravity Beer Market**

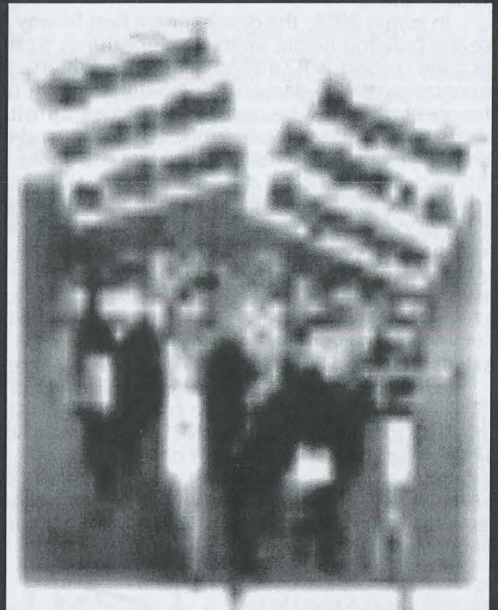
In the past, the owner often called the cops on unhoused people who were at a drop-in center half a block away from his shop. He also video taped them with out their consent. He also made numerous official complaints about drop in center, which has since shut down.

## **Metro Piercing**

A chain that has a branch downtown. Metro got the city to remove a public bench that was near their store because unhoused people sat on it.

## **Ralph's and Bayview Thriftway**

A community boycott of both of these stores has been taking place since 2006. Both stores, which are owned by the same family, refuse to carry Plan B emergency contraceptive. Both stores are known for their security guards brutal treatment against shoplifters and are affiliated with the ODA.



# TESC DIVEST!

After many years of steady campaigning and holding informative events about the continued occupation of Palestine, in June 2010, students at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA, made history by passing two resolutions supporting human rights, upholding international law, and promoting a just peace in the Palestine/Israel conflict.

1. The first resolution calls for The Evergreen State College Foundation to divest from companies that profit from Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine, as part of instituting a socially responsible investment policy.
2. The second resolution calls on the College to ban the use of Caterpillar, Inc. equipment from campus.

While other US colleges have passed similar divestment resolutions, these are the first of such resolutions passed by direct vote by an entire student body. Additionally, the student government unanimously passed its own resolution strongly supporting the measures.

Divestment has been a popular tool employed at college campuses nationwide to protest South African apartheid and other human rights abuses around the world. It was only natural that divestment would be used to work toward an end to the oldest existing military occupation, Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine — and to target the corporations that profit from the illegal occupation.

The second resolution targets the Caterpillar Corporation, which is responsible for knowingly selling equipment for war crimes and military use against a civilian population, despite calls to cease sales by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and other human rights organizations. Israeli military officials have acknowledged that Caterpillar is a "key weapon" in its continuing occupation of Palestine. Activists worldwide have waged a campaign for several years to hold Caterpillar accountable.

Evergreen senior Rachel Corrie was killed in 2003 by a weaponized Caterpillar bulldozer as she attempted to prevent the demolition of a civilian Palestinian home in the Gaza Strip. Israel continues to claim that Corrie was not run over by the armored bulldozer, contradicting every eyewitness testimony.

The resolutions have received broad support outside of the campus, including an endorsement by Jewish Voice for Peace. Organizers also received a touching letter of support by students in the Gaza Strip, who wrote, "We strongly believe that through steadfast campaigns and grassroots efforts, those dissident voices — people of conscience and bravery — will be victorious."

The resolutions passed overwhelmingly, with 79.5 percent of participating students voting for the divestment resolution and 71.8 percent voting for the Caterpillar resolution. This election marked the largest student voter turnout since the creation of Evergreen's student union.

"In passing these resolutions, students at Evergreen are sending a clear message to the administration that we want a socially responsible investment policy with an unwavering commitment to human rights," said student organizer Noor Salah.

The resolutions were inspired by similar initiatives by students at UC Berkeley, Hampshire College, and University of Michigan-Dearborn, and following a letter of encouragement from Desmond Tutu. These steps are part of a greater international movement that seeks to find nonviolent solutions to ending the Palestine/Israel conflict.

Nearly 2 years later, On June 4, 2012, The newly opened Flaming Eggplant Café, a student worker collective at The Evergreen State College (TESC), formally announced its decision to boycott Israeli goods, becoming the most recent business to join the growing international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement.

According to the Flaming Eggplant's mission statement, one of the cafe's goals is to "nourish the local food system by making delicious, healthy, ecologically and socially just food accessible to all." In its statement of principles, the collective also expresses its commitment to "supporting political participation and direct action to create a just and egalitarian society." Office Coordinator Cris Papaicovou said, "We came to a consensus as a collective to support the Palestinian civil society call for BDS because it is directly in line with our mission and statement of principles." He added, "We are proud to join this non-violent movement to pressure Israel until it ends its human rights violations against Palestinians."

It has been more than three years since the passage of the resolution calling for the Evergreen State College to divest from Israel's continued occupation of Palestine, and still the board of trustees at the college insist that there is nothing they can do to proceed with divestment and continue to serve up excuses to Evergreen students. Evergreen is hoping that their students will just forget about the vote to divest and ignore the school's current policy of completely disregarding it's student body's wishes. During the upcoming year, TESC State Divest will continue to harass and hold the Evergreen College's board of trustees accountable to the students they serve, while also highlighting the plight of Palestinians and the role the college and our government plays in upholding Israeli apartheid.



D9 (armoured/weaponized) Catapiller destroying Palestinian land.

# You may have heard of all the fracking

going on in the east coast and the controversy over it. Fracking or more specifically hydraulic fracking is the process of injecting chemical filled water, or fracking fluid, into a well drilled into the ground at high pressure. The force at which the fracking fluid is forced into the ground causes the rock to fracture and the natural gas and oil held inside to be released as proppants (small ceramic pieces) hold open the rock. The fluid that comes up is held in open-air ponds allowing it to evaporate before being taken to a water treatment facility or dumped on the road.

# FRACKING

Besides making oil and gas more available to pollute our air the process of extracting it is very dirty and has many health risks to the people and the environment.

There are 80-300 tons of up to 600 types of chemicals used per well including known carcinogens and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, xylene, lead, uranium, mercury, radium, methanol, hydrochloric acid, and formaldehyde. Only 30-50% of the toxic wastewater from fracking is recovered from a well. These chemicals end up leaking into the aquifers, contaminating the water and crops grown near by.

The wastewater that is recovered from the well is first evaporated to release VOCs, then placed in condensate tanks to steam off VOCs. This is done 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. "As the VOCs are evaporated and come into contact with diesel exhaust from trucks and generators at the well site, ground level ozone is produced. Ozone plumes can travel up to 250 miles." The ozone is a respiratory irritant that causes breathing problems among other symptoms. Children especially who often play outside are at a high risk, "their lungs are still developing, they breathe more air per pound of body weight, and they are less likely to notice symptoms."

Radioactive tracers are fractures have occurred in "Trade-secret exemptions

sometimes placed in the fluid pumped into the well to determine where the the rock, but only so much is known about the chemicals used in fracking. block information on more than five ingredients for every well in Texas."

So how are we involved? Proppants are pieces of into the wells to help hold typical well uses about 3

The proppants that are used in fracking are being shipped through our port. sand covered in ceramic to make them stronger. The proppants are pumped the fractures in the rock open allowing oil and gas to escape more easily. A million pounds of proppants.

The proppants are from that is making them is in of Olympia where they in each month to our

a Houston, Texas based company called Rainbow Ceramics but their factory China. So these proppants are made in China then shipped here to the port go by train to North Dakota. Currently there is about one shipment coming port.

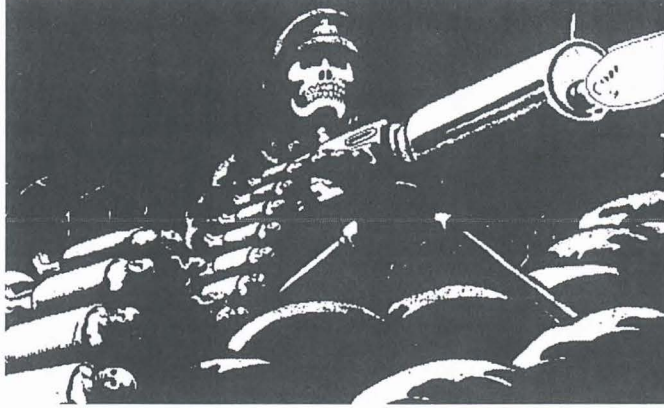
Olympia is the supporting the pants to come Ceramics, business "We

only port in the country that proppants are being shipped through. We are continuation of fracking and the destruction of lands by allowing the prop into our port. Mark Chang, the U.S. director of operations for Rainbow the company behind the proppants, hopes to at least triple the original by the end of this year and make an example of the port of Olympia. were the first big (ceramic proppants) business to come into the U.S. and into Puget Sound," he said. "When other companies see the success that we're having here, I would expect more to follow." As a community we need to stand up and say no to fracking. Don't let them use us as an example for other ports to import harmful materials.



*South Sound Rising Tide*  
**Quit Fracking Around**

People have been attending the port commissioners bimonthly meetings trying to get them to stop allowing the shipments of proppants in. There have been to steps taken by the port commissioners to change so know it is up to the community to make known that this is not what we want to see happening in our port.



# PORT MILITARIZATION RESISTANCE

*"The goal of Port Militarization Resistance is to end our community's participation in the illegal occupation of Iraq by stopping the US military's use of the Port of Olympia." - From Olympia PMR's mission statement*

PMR was started by Olympia radicals that understood that congress would not end US imperialism and that direct action was the only option available that has a proven track record. A new President did not end the wars. Endless solemn marches did not end the wars, countless hours of bearing moral witness did not end the war, and a million candles did not end the war. (Not by themselves, anyway.) Only popular direct action, bold and uncompromising, can end genocide.

All across this imperial motherland they call America, civilian port cities are being used to fuel the war machine. Munitions and war vehicles (including the infamously easy-to-blow-up Stryker armored transport) continued to be shipped out of publicly owned ports. Ports just like the Port of Olympia, the Port of Tacoma, and the Port of Grays Harbor. But this opportunity to oppose the bloodshed did not go unnoticed.

Port Militarization Resistance was direct action against the occupation of Iraq. PMR organized around opposing military shipments through local ports as a means of cutting off material support for the wars. This is achieved through a spectrum of tactics, including street demos, civil disobedience, and court challenges. While the military is loathe to relent in its quest to murder every living thing everywhere, local Port Commissioners (who are not beholden to the military) can be made to see that working with the military isn't as profitable as it may have initially seemed.

PMR, the organization, was founded in June 2006 by Justice and Peace activists, and it maintained a singular focus of opposing war shipments. PMR has succeeded in kicking the military out of the Port of Olympia and delayed shipments at numerous other ports in the northwest.

## A BRIEF TIMELINE OF PMR ACTIONS

**2006** - People in Olympia set up blockades at the Port of Olympia. At one point 22 people laid down in front of strykers and were consequently arrested, thus setting a new standard for port resistance. They cost the port and the city over \$26,000.

**March 2007** - The US military planned to ship strykers out of the port of Tacoma. For 11 days people resisted. Hundreds of people, from Bellingham to Portland, came to resist.

This port protest saw an escalation of tactics. People tore down fences and used materials to build blockades in the port. The police came out in force, night after night. They arrested and beat protesters. The city and the port ended up losing over \$500,000.

**May 2007** - The military used the Port of Grey's Harbor in Aberdeen to ship strykers. The city was so afraid of protest that it increased security to new, heightened levels. Nothing was blocked, but the city spent over \$100,000 in security and will not longer accept military shipments.

**November 2007** - Strykers were coming back from Iraq through the Port of Olympia. Over 50 people sat down, forming a human barricade that the police did not have the immediate power to move. After the people sat, other activists tied fences behind them, creating a barricade and strengthening the block. Another group of activists went to the back entrance of the port, where it was decided that a barricade would be built, and people would sit in front of it when police came to tear in down.

These two blockades started the holding of the port and the stopping the United States Army for 18 hours. The two entrances were held through the night and broken up brutally by riot police in the morning, but the protesters carried on and took it to the streets. At strategic intersections barricades were built and at the on-ramp to the



highway a group of activists locked themselves together using a lockbox.

Several days later, protesters came to the port to find that the train tracks had been cemented, a tactic that caused those strykers traveling by train to be delayed for 2 weeks.

The next morning, a group of protesters sat down in front of military equipment stopping it for the day. In the early evening, protesters learned that police were gathering at the local station. The protesters moved quickly. A group of wimmin took the front entrance while another group of protesters stayed at the back entrance to make sure strykers didn't move from the front.

The wimmin inspired a large media presence, including live feed, and forced the police to change their tactics. The police, who had used disperement techniques such as chemical weapons and pain compliance all week, arrested each womyn one by one. When all of the wimmin who were taking part in the action were arrested, the news vans pulled out and the riot police began to gas the front entrance and strykers. The police attempted to disperse with chemical weapons, less lethal weapons and flash bangs. The protesters kept in front using their bodies and found objects, including dumpsters and sail boats to prevent the strykers from moving. That night, people stalled strykers, broke police cars and bank windows and held strong in the face of intense police brutality.

Over the course of ten days, protesters in Olympia stopped the military numerous times, twice for over ten hours. People of different ideologies

worked together and got shit done.

August 2008 - The military came back to Tacoma to attempt to move strykers from Iraq back to Fort Lewis. Numbers were small due to the time of year, but significant developments were made

On the first night, two wimmin attempted to get in front of a police line to stop strykers. While they didn't succeed, it set off a chain of events. The next night protesters did something that had not yet been seen during PMR: they brought resistance to Fort Lewis. Protesters successfully blocked the entrance to Fort Lewis, the second largest military base on the West Coast.

The next night, people used lockboxes to lock themselves together when they went back to the Fort. The local police didn't know what to do with the lockboxes. The protesters shut down the main gate to Fort Lewis, effectively blocking stryker vehicles for 20 min.

Port of Tacoma 2008 was the smallest port action seen in the last year. However, it is important to point out its successes. It brought our strategy to a different level by blocking the fort and it got organizations doing their first direct action and, in that, it built ties between NW activists who had never even considered working together. These ties will help resistance in the NW grow.

There has not been any PMR actions of note since 2008 (mainly due to the fact that the US military has not dared to returned to Olympia since 2008), but with fracking materials being shipped through the Port of Olympia and the spectre of the military trying to make another shipment through the port again, PMR may still be very much needed and ready for a rebirth.

## VIVA PMR!





# SMASH ICE

## No Human Is Illegal!



### ON MIGRATION

Contrary to what the right wing pundits spew about immigration in this county, the causes of mass migration are very simple and clear. No one willingly leaves their family and friends to work long days, often times for less than minimum wage, in conditions that would make most U.S. citizens quit. If one were inclined to leave their land and family they would not be called migrants, but simply travelers or tourists.

Migration is forced displacement, a wandering search for better living conditions. Mass displacement is caused by wars, famine, or simply the functioning of industrial production (the destruction of countryside and forests, mass layoffs, and so on). The economic policies put forth by the capitalists that make up the U.S. government, both Democrats and Republicans, rob people and families in other countries of their local autonomy. With trade agreements such as NAFTA, CAFTA and the more recent SPP, indigenous and rural communities are forced into giving up their land and resources for the development of the global economy, the profit of capitalist business abroad, free trade, and the neo-liberal agenda - for a world where people have no autonomy over their own resources and absolutely no say in what happens in their communities. This simultaneously forces workers in those countries whose resources are being exported to countries far away deeper into poverty.

All of this is a good enough reason to leave your land and family hoping to make enough money to send home and feed your children. When your home is under attack from foreign business people with only the dollar on their mind, you find yourself in a position where you stay and fight a seemingly unbeatable enemy, or you go to the country that is pushing these genocidal policies and work, picking their food and cleaning their homes.

The problem here is not people coming to steal American jobs; the problem is the destruction of communities abroad and the policies that starve families far away as well as families within this country.

### OPERATION ENDGAME

Operation Endgame is an Office of Detention and Removal Strategic Plan that was passed in 2004. Within this plan, the ODR (Office of Detention and Removal) states that its mission is "removing all removable aliens." It is their plan to have this mass removal of people done by the year 2012.

It is "Operation Endgame" that has jump started mass

roundups at factories and secret raids of homes. They claim that "...the alien will be detained in safe, secure and humane environments; he will be transported safely; his movement will be fully coordinated with his family, legal representative, and country of origin, whenever appropriate." This has not been the case in any way what so ever. Not only have there been numerous cases of sexual, physical, and mental abuse - even death, within these facilities, many family members don't find out for weeks what happened to their loved ones.

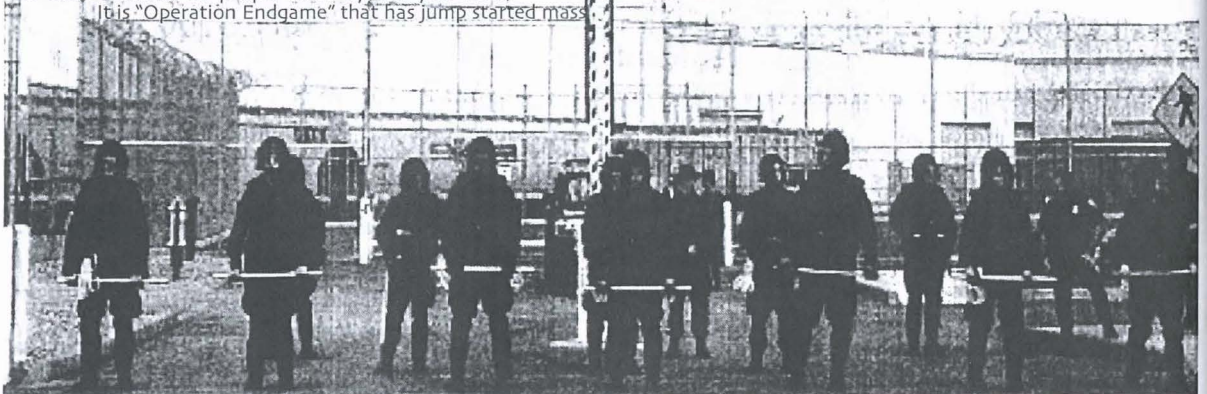
### ICE DETENTION CENTER

In the tidestats of Tacoma near the Thea Foss, hidden from the view of the public, lies a Homeland Security Detention Center. The facility has a contract with the federal department of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and is currently the main detention facility in the northwest. The center can imprison up to 1,000 undocumented workers.

Since 2004, sixty-four people have died in these detention facilities around the country. And over 300 people have become very ill in this local facility alone due to food poisoning. This detention center is run by the Geo Group, a company that takes pride in calling themselves "...a world leader in the privatized development and/or management of correctional facilities." They "...design, build, finance and manage prisons worldwide," including prisons in North America, South Africa, Australia, and the U.K. The mega bank Wells Fargo is one of the top five share holders of this murderous company, essentially controlling a good portion of the company. This is one of the two biggest prison companies in the world, as well as one of the major beneficiaries in this plan to rob people of their families and tear people's lives apart.

Recently, resistance to the presence of the detention center in Tacoma has been gaining momentum. A coalition of students, anarchists, activists and concerned citizens have held a series of workshops, marches, benefits and skillshares in solidarity with the northwest immigrant community. As the repression intensifies, so must our commitment to abolishing these facilities and the systems that keep them running.

These detention centers must be closed. Such treatment of people forced to leave their homeland due to economic tyranny reigned on them by the global north is an injustice. The immigrants should be freed.







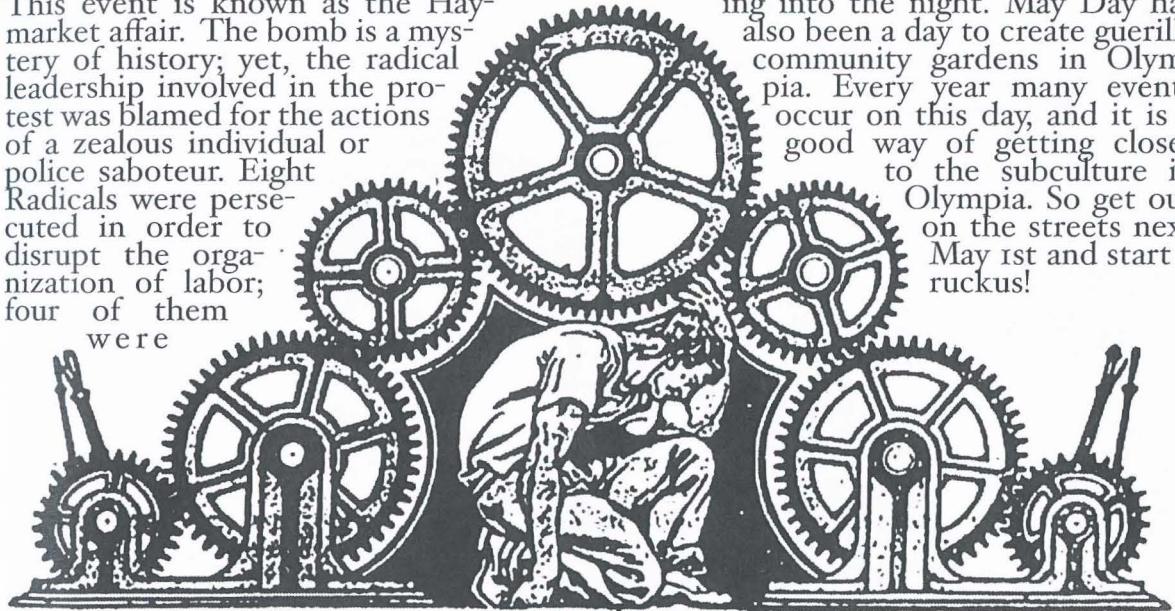
# MAY DAY



May Day is an international holiday that celebrates solidarity between workers of the world and is commemorated through public celebration intended to strengthen unity between all workers. May Day was initially created in North America, where, ironically, to this day, it is not officially recognized as a holiday. During the 1880s, when the typical workday was 12-16 hours, a protracted struggle was launched demanding the 8-hour workdays we're now used to. Protests took place all over North America demanding workers rights on this issue. The events came to a flashpoint in Chicago on May 4th, 1886, when a peaceful protest was interrupted by a bomb that killed and injured several people, protestors and police included. This event is known as the Haymarket affair. The bomb is a mystery of history; yet, the radical leadership involved in the protest was blamed for the actions of a zealous individual or police saboteur. Eight radicals were persecuted in order to disrupt the organization of labor; four of them were

hung by the state of Illinois. The trial was by no means a typical "fair" trial; the jury was hand selected by the prosecution. The Haymarket Martyrs were later commemorated by the Second International in Paris, calling for an International Worker's Holiday to be celebrated on May 1st. Many European countries have turned this day into an official holiday.

Olympia has a rich May Day history with events that usually include a bunch of Evergreen students in the festivities. These events have had attendance in the thousands and are the largest annually occurring political gatherings in Olympia. Sometimes there is overnight camping for May Day celebrators with festivities going into the night. May Day has also been a day to create guerilla community gardens in Olympia. Every year many events occur on this day, and it is a good way of getting closer to the subculture in Olympia. So get out on the streets next May 1st and start a ruckus!



# You Can't Swing A Dead Cat Without Hitting A Musician In Olympia

The Olympia music community today is a noisy, vibrant, D.I.Y. smorgasbord that follows in the giant footsteps of some visionary artists that have called this city home. And now, lucky you! Here you are, all ready to be a part of it yourself, and you'll be in good company. The independent music community in Olympia has been thriving here for years. In fact, this little pebble of a city happens to be one of the best music communities in the country. We are home to two incredible indie music labels, K Records and Kill Rock Stars, as well as a handful of other fantastic D.I.Y. labels and collectives. K Records has been around since 1982 when Evergreen grad Calvin Johnson formed it and began recording Oly bands and his own band, Beat Happening. Beat Happening went on to become a bit of a big-time thing for DIY music, doing their fair share to put Olympia on everyone's radar. Since then, K has become a thriving independent record label that has done a lot of work towards getting many Oly bands out there and into people's ears. And they've put out a lot of music! Built to Spill, Old Time Relijun, Karp, Love as Laughter, Dub Narcotic Sound System, Beck, Modest Mouse, and so many more bands to discover!

Many people probably also know Olympia music from the Terce riot grrrrl movement that came tearing out of here in the nineties. Revolutionary bands such as Bikini Kill, Sleater Kinney, and Bratmobile gave no-bullshit, feminist inspired punk music a name and made Olympia the epicenter of the movement/sound that would change music and many lives. Which is, of course, the point, right? From Bikini Kill, Kathleen Hannah would go on to form Le Tigre and Tobi Vail would later become involved with the label Kill Rock Stars. Kill Rock Stars has been kicking ass around here since 1991 when it was formed as a spoken word label by Slim Moon. Soon enough, it became a label for punk rock that has since been enormously influential in the local and international punk/indie scene. Notable bands include (drum roll please): Unwound, Sleater Kinney, The Gossip, Deerhoof, Bikini Kill, The Decemberists, Thrones, Hella, Gravy Train!!!, The Old Haunts, etc. You get it right? So much good music!!!!

Despite appearances, Olympia also maintains an assortment of its own local emcees and rap artists. For anyone not privy to these local legends, Olympia natives Hostalion have been holding down Oly hip hop for years. Xperience released Soul Tree a few years ago and is featured on a Greyskul album. He is also part of the Step Cousins with Seattle's Macklemore. AKA, Q-Storm, Zhivago, Nicotine and Compost, and the Saints of Everyday Failures (whose inner circle consists of MC's ePrhyme & D-scribe) are other local notables.

Gone but not forgotten are Resident Anti-Hero, who moved on to bigger and better things (such as cage fighting) in Eugene, and Glimpse, who moved to Seattle to become a professional homeless person.

As for hip hop events, the granddaddy of all others has got to be WORD LIFE which happens downtown at the Clipper every year. WORD LIFE is a series of shows featuring local crews and touring acts. Over the last few years, it has hosted Immortal Technique, 2Mex, Sage Francis, Awol One, Typical Cats, Pigeon John, Lyrics Born, Vast Aire, Big Jus, Aceyalone, Dose One, Drunken Immortals, Greyskul, Existero, Sleep, Labtekwon, Daddy Kev, D-Styles and the list goes on...

The only way to fully discover all of Olympia's musical treasures is to get out there and put yourself into the thick of things. Meaning, you have to actively participate in this music community in order to fully appreciate it. But isn't that always the truth?

If you look hard enough, you'll find Oly's best kept secrets in venues and basements all over this city where new bands and emcees are blowing minds on the daily. So attend a show of someone you've never heard before, you may be pleasantly surprised.

There are venues downtown that host great shows as well. Of course, there are all the bars which hold shows fairly frequently. Some feature bands often, such as Le Voyeur. But let's skip these 21+ establishments in this article, shall we? We don't buy into that ageist crap anyway, right? Olympia boasts a number of great all-ages venues such as The Northern on 4th, the Eagles Hall, the Midnight Sun, and Traditions. Many are holding shows most nights of the week and have hosted some amazing local and touring bands in the past. The music at these venues varies, too. There are always great hip-hop, punk/indie shows, dance music, electronic, and the hardcore scene is becoming vibrant (and fun), as well. There's also bluegrass, folk, old time, and twang music all around, so check it out!

A quick word to the wise and the wonderful: like music cities of its kind, Olympia has a bit of a pest problem with hipsters.

Shock! Awe! They may try and make you think that music is about points, knowledge, or insider secrets. In essence, the will try and suck the soul out of the art. Don't let them fool you! Music has always been, and always will be, about passion, desire, expressing the mind and the body through sound and energy. Please, please don't become a soul sucker. Let's make Olympia music about music again.

It all comes down to the fact that if you want hear it, you gotta search it out or make it happen yourself. Make some noise!



# \* OLYMPIA

**Q&A** Olympia has a great music scene but it's always hidden under a bridge or at the end of a dark alley. Here are some answers for common questions concerning where to start digging around for the underground.

## Where can I see music in Olympia?

There are lots of great places where people of all ages can see music in Olympia. If you're living off campus, some might even be your neighbors.

**Northern:** Olympia All Ages Project - an all volunteer-run, diy, all ages show space and art gallery. Northern puts on shows of all kinds for local artists and touring acts. shows range from intimate audiences of only a few people to full capacity, sweaty dance parties. Northern is located in a large garage attached to the back of the Fish Tale Brew Pub. From the 5th Ave side it looks like it is covered in space goo. Halfway between Adams and Jefferson on 5th Ave or Legion Way there is an alley. Go halfway down the alley then turn down the narrow fenced passageway to reach the "front" entrance. Mornings and afternoons the garage door facing 5th is open, and a coffee shop named Bar Francis operates out of the space.

**Le Voyeur** - Le Voyeur is a restaurant downtown that is also a bar that also has a room for shows in the very back - through a dark tunnel of course. Lots of punk and other shows there. They do not start on time.

**Traditions** - Traditions is cafe and fair-trade shop on the corner of 5th Ave and Water St. They are normally closed in the evenings but often host performances, jam sessions and sing-alongs. A good place to see bluegrass, folk music, world music, jazz, or 20 people simultaneously playing ukelele. Its a little pricier than elsewhere, \$12-15, but they do offer a low-income or student discount on tickets (\$8-10). <http://www.traditionsfairtrade.com/pages/tradhome.html>

**Washington Center For The Performing Arts** - The Washington Center or WCPA is a historic theater that was renovated and is now run by a government-funded non-profit. I think. Their season runs from the fall through spring and runs the gamut from musicals to comedy to symphonies to flamenco. Tickets are normally expensive but go down there the day of, and they will sell any remaining seats for \$10 to anyone with a student ID. <http://www.washingtoncenter.org/upcoming-events/>

**House Shows** - The foundation of the Olympia music scene is house shows. You will see some intense and amazing performances and house shows. You will also see some weird shit. And you will often run the risk of being deafened. I'd invest in some earplugs.

The house scene is forever changing. Here is by no means an exhaustive list.

**Guest House** - The Guest Collective puts on shows from folk to punk (and of course folk-punk), with friendly, fun, and respectful vibes. Its on the Westside, on 4th Ave. Apple tree out front, shows in the basement. Enter through the front door. <http://www.guestcollective.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/guestcollective>

**Track House** - The Track House puts on heavier shows; metal and punk and noise and whatnot. It is a Black House (ask someone what that is!). Easy to spot. It is the rundown, all-black house right next to the train tracks downtown. On 7th Ave between Jefferson and Cherry. Do not be alarmed by the state of the lawn <https://www.facebook.com/track.house.9>

**ABC House** - ABC house is an "historic punk house" if you will. It has been putting on shows for a while now, probably longer than most of you have been alive. Shows in the basement around back. Walk up the driveway, turn left. Near the base of the ancient tree, descend the moss-covered staircase, open the creaking portal and enter the dim red-lit cavern.

**Rose Home For Folk** - Bi-monthly intimate acoustic shows featuring local and touring acts. No drugs or alcohol permitted. Be punctual. Located on the Westside, near The Coop. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rose-Home-For-Folk/348501035260268>, [rosehomeforfolk.tumblr.com](http://rosehomeforfolk.tumblr.com)

**Little House On The Perry** - In the warmer months Pat Maley puts on some lovely shows in his backyard. Generally, folk or singer-songwriter stuff. This house is on Perry just south of Harrison. Enter around back through the alley.



# SHOWS\*

## How do I find out about nifty shows?

For those of you who spend time in the physical world, information about shows can be found in plain sight. Fliers of every variety encrust windows, walls, bulletin boards, and lamp posts about town. Some places that are consistently fliered for shows include Capitol City Guitars, Kind Solomon's Reef, Rainy Day Records, and the Wall beside the Capitol Theater. Show info also litters the interwebs. These days most local venues have a website or facebook page or both. Campfire Island, a show on KAOS, keeps a good show calendar at <http://www.campfireisland.org/show-calendar-2/>. Check them out on KAOS (89.3) Saturday nights at 10pm.

## Am I doing it right?

A few words on show etiquette. First, **DO** pay the cover. **DO NOT** whine about it or try to scam the venue or pay with a poem or some shit. It costs money to put on shows, to go out on tour, to maintain gear, to pay for noises complaints. I have never been anywhere that has cheaper shows then Olympia. Without your support none of this can happen. Second, **DO** respect the venues. Don't punch holes in the walls, or tag the bathrooms (unless they're cool with that). Respect venue rules. Some places don't allow drugs and alcohol. If you can't deal with that, don't go to their shows. Finally, the question of when to arrive for shows. The relationship between the advertised and actual start time of show vary tremendously. Figuring out when to actual show up is one of the hardest parts of going to shows especially house shows where you don't know anyone. Ultimately, shows start late because they are waiting for an audience, so arriving late can become a self-fulfilling prophesy. However here's some guestimates for the venues listed here. Northern - 15min to 1hr late Le Voyeur - 1-3hrs late House Shows - 1hr late unless they are known for punctuality. Traditions - pretty on time Washington Center - this is a professional theater and they start on time.

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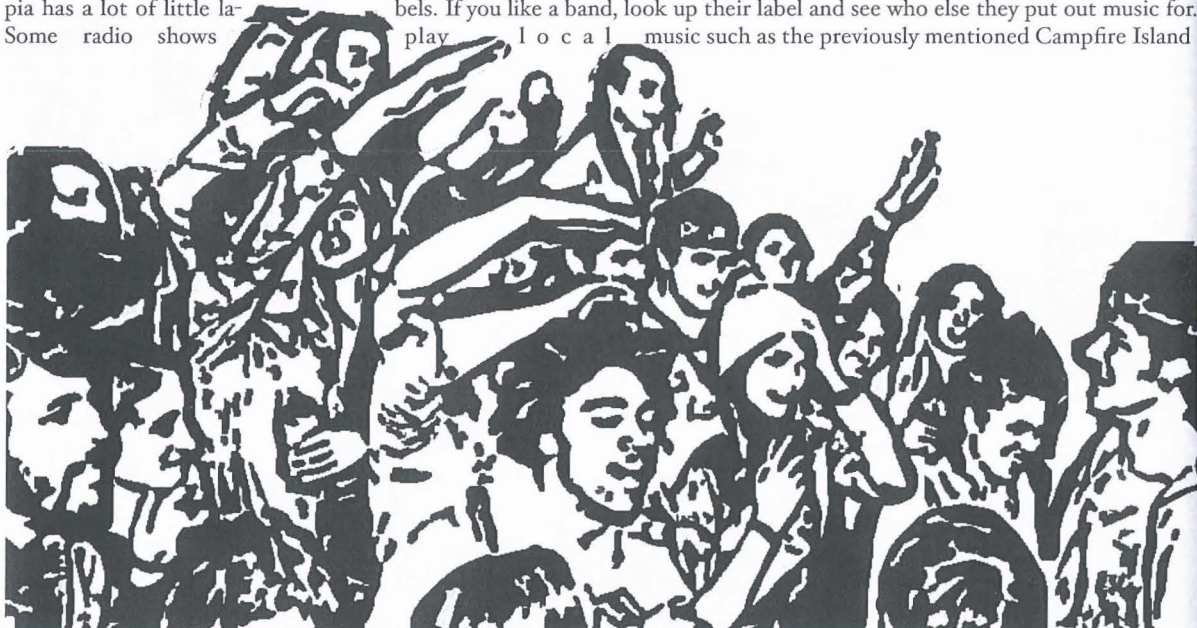
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## How do I find local music I like?

Go to shows. Check out bands other people recommend. Check out people's music online, a lot of it is free to stream. Olympia has a lot of little labels. If you like a band, look up their label and see who else they put out music for. Some radio shows play local music such as the previously mentioned Campfire Island



# Indy Media in Olytown



## S O U N D S

### **Free Radio Olympia (FRO) - 98.5 FM**

Fuck the FCC! Free the airwaves! FRO is Olympia's local pirate radio operating illegally for your listening pleasure. Best radio in Olympia. Community broadcasting, news, and all varieties of music. Check them out at [www.frolympia.org](http://www.frolympia.org) for more info or how to get a show or just involved. [www.frolympia.org](http://www.frolympia.org)



### **KOWA - 106.5 FM**

A community radio resource run out of Media Island downtown. Great news, speeches, interviews, and music. Awesome low power FM project. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:30 at Media Island. [www.kowaradio.org](http://www.kowaradio.org)

### **KAOS - 89.3 FM**

Community radio station run right here at Evergreen on the third floor of the CAB. Been around a while, Olympia staple. Good stuff. You can become a member, or volunteer, or become a part of the team through Evergreen. [www.kaos.evergreen.edu](http://www.kaos.evergreen.edu)

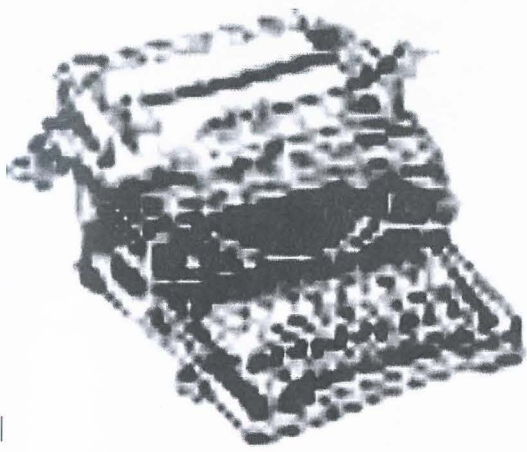


### **The Evergreen CD Project**

Submit a demo tape in the fall, they professionally record you in the winter, and mix it in the spring, and your CD is ready by summer. Stop by Student Activities in SEM I for contact information.



## W O R D S



### **The Disorientation Manual (DisMan)**

A compellation of anonymous articles and essays to acquaint TESC freshmen to the Evergreen and Olympia community in a way the suits never would. Made by students in the summer for students to get plugged-in in the fall. New content is always appreciated and encouraged. You can start sending in submissions for the next issue anytime, but it will not be assembled until summer quarter of 2010. The Sabot Infoshoppe published this year's manual, contact them at 867-6574 or [evergreeninfoshoppe@riseup.net](mailto:evergreeninfoshoppe@riseup.net).

### **The Sabot Infosquat**

This student group attempts to put out quarterly zines on whatever. But they'll publish most anything. And I mean anything. You can also go to their space on the second floor of SEM I and make your own zine with their materials. 867-6574 [evergreeninfoshoppe@riseup.net](mailto:evergreeninfoshoppe@riseup.net)

### The Cooper Point Journal

The Cooper Point Journal (CPJ) is written, edited, distributed, operated, and mostly funded by students enrolled at TESC. Any student is welcome to submit any article on any subject at any time. You can even get paid to work on the CPJ. SEM II C3105 | 867-6730 | cpj@evergreen.edu <http://cpj.evergreen.edu>

### The Counter Point Journal

In the spring of 2009, a few people at TESC had come together with an intention of starting a monthly newspaper called the Counter Point Journal (CxPJ). All involved in the CxPJ's creation had already tried working within the frameworks provided by the Cooper Point Journal (CPJ) - but had all eventually realized the many shortcomings of the CPJ. A major failing of the Cooper Point Journal is that it has been a predominantly professional and reactionary perspective; the majority of the front page articles have been neatly wrapped stories from the perspectives of figures such as Art Constantino, Andrea Seabert and Ed Sorger among many other administrators whose job it is to confine the realm of debate and facilitate the regular development of what has become the "business of education."

The CxPJ is guided by the belief that the main purpose of the media is to act as a check and balance against the powers that be. When the press fails in this aspect, it transforms from an instrument of independence and social change to a mouthpiece of oppression and status-quo. A wholly free, democratically run and easily accessible press fosters the growth of grassroots social movements and helps those with the least institutional power use their voice.

If you wish to work with or contribute to the CxPJ contact [tesc.counter.point@gmail.com](mailto:tesc.counter.point@gmail.com). Back issues found at [cxpj.wordpress.com](http://cxpj.wordpress.com).

### Slightly West

This annual literary publication is student directed and includes student and community member work. Contact them at [slightlywest@gmail.com](mailto:slightlywest@gmail.com)

### The Ovarian

The Women's Resource Center publishes this annual zine on various topics. Stop by Student Activities in SEM I for contact information.

### Works In Progress

Works In Progress is a free, volunteer-operated progressive community newspaper based in Oly that has been publishing for over 15 years. W.I.P.s' mission is to confront injustice and encourage a participatory democracy based on economic, social, and environmental justice and to provide a voice for those most affected by the exclusionary and unfair practices that seek to silence the oppressed. Submissions to [submissions@olywip.org](mailto:submissions@olywip.org)

### Student Zines/Independent Learning Contracts

If you are a self motivated student, you have ample resources to publish anything you want for free. Many other various student groups put out periodic publications that you can contribute to. You could also do an independent learning contract to publish your own work. If you need funds to publish, it only takes time. Active student groups can request money, and you yourself can get money with a Foundation Activity Learning Grant (see the section "Getting Paid to Smash the State.")

## W E B S

### OlyBlog - [olyblog.net](http://olyblog.net)

OlyBlog is devoted to citizen journalism, including hyperlocal news and discussion specifically about Olympia, Washington. If you care about this community and are tired of corporate media, then this is the place for you.

### South Puget Sound Indymedia - [olympiainc.org](http://olympiainc.org)

#### Seattle indymedia - [seattle.indymedia.org](http://seattle.indymedia.org)

Independent Media Centres are a network of collectively run media outlets for the creation of radical, accurate, and passionate tellings of the truth. They work out of a love and inspiration for people who continue to work for a better world, despite corporate media's distortions and unwillingness to cover the efforts to free humanity. These are the local sites you can easily post to and learn about what's affecting your world.

### Zine Library at Last Word Books - [zinelibrary.net](http://zinelibrary.net)

A library of hundreds of radical zines ready to print in PDF format. What started out in the Olympia Zine Library (at Last Word Books) scanning the radical zines is now a place people around the world can print and upload zines made by people like you!

### Media Island international - [mediaisland.org](http://mediaisland.org)

Media Island International is a resource and networking center for individuals, organizations, and movements working on social justice, economic democracy, ecological sustainability, and peace. The site, like the physical building, is underutilized.

## I M A G E S

### Thurston County Community Television (TCTV) - Channel 22

Your local public access television station. Getting your own show is as simple as a few \$20 workshops. 956-3100 | [tctv.net](http://tctv.net)

# GO OUTSIDE!

YOU DIDN'T COME TO COLLEGE TO STUDY ALL THE TIME DID YOU? THE LAND IN AND AROUND OLYMPIA IS SIMPLY STUNNING, YOU'D BE A SUCKER TO NOT SEE ALL OF IT. BELOW ARE SOME SWEET PLACES TO START.

## GREAT HIKING SPOTS WITHIN BIKING DISTANCE

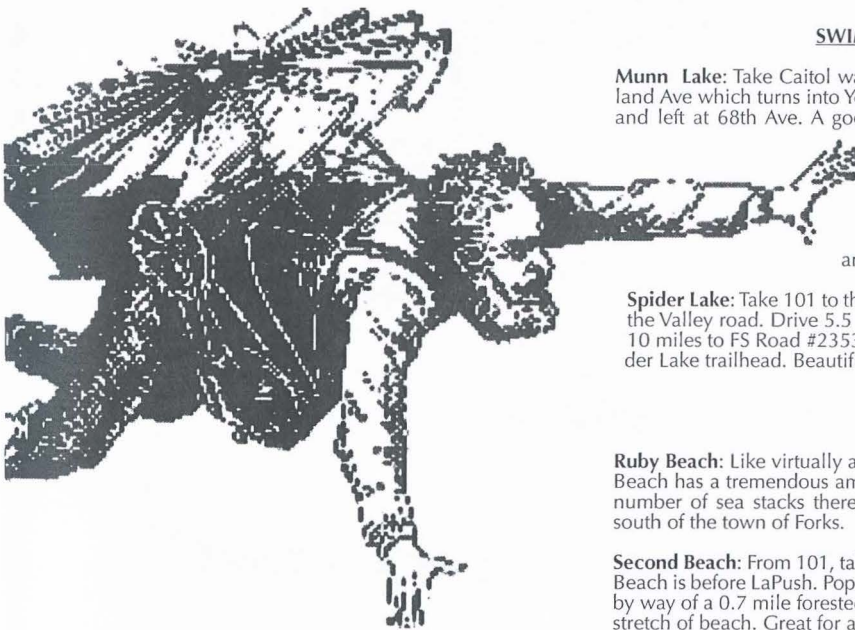
**Priest Point Park** – Head east to downtown Olympia, take a left on East Bay drive and head north, entrance on your right. Nice second growth forested trails and beach trails, great for the doggie.

**Watershed Park** – Head east to downtown, take a right on Capital St., take a left toward Interstate 5, follow the signs to get to Henderson Blvd., parking lot is on the left. More lush than Priest Point but smaller and with more traffic noise from I-5.

**Nisqually Wildlife Refuge** – Get on Interstate 5 north, take exit 114 and follow directions to the Refuge. Lots of birds (especially in the winter), plants, and a wide variety of shrubs.

**McLain Creek** – Take a right on Evergreen Parkway coming from TESC and take the exit before the bridge to Highway 101. Take a right on Mud Bay road, a left on Delphi. Look for signs for the Creek. Big trees and lots of birds, newts and you can watch the salmon spawn here!

**Mima Mound Nature Preserve** – Take Interstate 5 south to exit 95, head toward Littlerock, turn right on Waddell Creek Road. The entrance is on the left. Probably the most bizarre place in the county, a massive field of several foot tall natural bumps. The wildflowers of the pseudo-prairie peak in late April and are superior to anywhere else within 100 miles of Olympia.



## CLOSEST BACKPACKING LOCALES

**Lower South Fork Skokomish Trail (1 Hour Away):** Take Highway 101 North about 30 miles, and go left on Skokomish Valley Road. In 5.5 miles, veer right onto Forest Service Road 23. Stay on 23 past numerous junctions, for 9.2 miles, to the junction of Forest Service Road 2353. Go right and down this road. Cross the one-lane bridge and go left staying on paved road. The pavement ends after another one-lane bridge. The trailhead is on the left at the end of the pavement; park at the pull off by the trailhead. If you drive to the yellow gate, you've gone too far. Rivers, huge trees, steep at first, then quite flat.

**Dosewallips Trails (1 1/2 Hours Away):** Take Highway 101 North about 60 miles to Brinnon and take a left at the big sign for Dosewallips. There are tons of trails in this area. Stop by the ranger station on the right side of the road soon after you get off Highway 101 for directions. Staircase, Lena Lakes, and Lake Constance are personal favorites.

**The North Fork of the Quinault (2 Hours Away):** Take Highway 101 North about 8 miles to State Route 8 West towards Montezano for about 30 miles to Highway 12 West. Highway 12 becomes Highway 101 North—take this for about 40 miles to Lake Quinault South Shore Road. After 12 miles turn right onto North Shore Road—go 3 miles to ranger station. Lots of BIG trees and a few trails with many options, like the 5-6 hike along Skyline Trail through some of the most beautiful scenery in the park.

## SWIMMING HOLES

**Munn Lake:** Take Caitol way toward Tumwater, turn left at Cleveland Ave which turns into Yelm Hwy. Turn right at Henderson Blvd and left at 68th Ave. A good spot close to town.

**Pioneer Park:** Same directions as Munn Lake but on the right of Henderson Blvd after turning off Yelm Hwy. Provides access to the Deshutes River and is a popular place for tubing and broing down.

**Spider Lake:** Take 101 to the Skokomish Valley Road, turn west on the Valley road. Drive 5.5 miles to FS Road #23. Turn right, drive 10 miles to FS Road #2353. Veer left and continue 8 miles to Spider Lake trailhead. Beautiful, serene, and out of town.

## BEACHES

**Ruby Beach:** Like virtually all beaches on the northern coast, Ruby Beach has a tremendous amount of driftwood. It is notable for the number of sea stacks there. Located on Highway 101, 27 miles south of the town of Forks.

**Second Beach:** From 101, take the 110 (north of Forks) east. Second Beach is before LaPush. Popular with photographers and is reached by way of a 0.7 mile forested trail that leads to a 2-mile long sandy stretch of beach. Great for a driftwood fire and chillin.

# RIDE A FUCKING BIKE

\*Putting the fun between your legs  
\*Training for ducking cops  
\*Doing your own repairs  
\*Never having to buy gas

\*That cute bike punk ass  
\*Driving less, living more  
\*Laughing at traffic  
\*Groundscoring



Riding a bike is fun. Driving a 2000-pound machine powered by increasingly expensive oil that people are killed for, creating explosions at unearthly speeds emitting toxic fumes that are killing the planet, and risking your life (over 40,000 people in the US are killed every year by cars) is stupid.

Riding a bicycle is a great way to improve your physical fitness; think of it as cross training for out running cops or any other sport you may enjoy. Or, to appeal to your vanity, think about how hot biking will make your ass look. There's probably nothing more fun in all of Olympia than bombing down Harrison Avenue through the round-a-bouts and riding past all the suckers stuck in traffic downtown.

Bikes can be really cheap. Not only don't you have to pay for gas, but it's not that difficult to learn to do your own repairs. And you are privileged to have hella resources here in Olytown that can help you learn more about your bike. If you have a car and sold it, you could deck out a sweet bike and still have lots of beer money left over! (Don't drink and bike though! BUIs and split skulls are no fun)



People who ride bicycles will tell you that the world just looks different outside of a car. You'll notice all kinds of interesting little things from people watching to plants growing through the cracks of the sidewalk to graffiti art. A car drives through/past/over communities; cycling is travel in communities.

## CRITICAL MASS

Critical Mass is an international movement that started in the Bay area over a decade ago when cyclists started riding en masse once a month to assert their presence in traffic. For years now that monthly celebration has spread across the nation and has attracted a lot of police repression. Fuck em! The ride happens across the world every last Friday of the month. In Oly, riders gather at Evergreen at 5 pm, 5:30 at Harrison and Division, and 5:45 at Squirt Fountain Park.

## F i x A F u c k i n g B i k e

**Bike & Bike:** Free bikes/parts/repairs for low income folks in the back of Dumpster Values (302 4th Ave E). Open Sunday from 1-4pm and M-Tu from 4pm-6pm. Friday is Trans and Ladies night from 5-9pm.

**TESC Bike Shop:** Free/cheap bike stuff and knowledgeable volunteers to service your bike. Open as often as volunteers can staff it, everyday in the basement of SEM I 867-63991 [www.evergreenbike-shop.blogspot.com](http://www.evergreenbike-shop.blogspot.com)

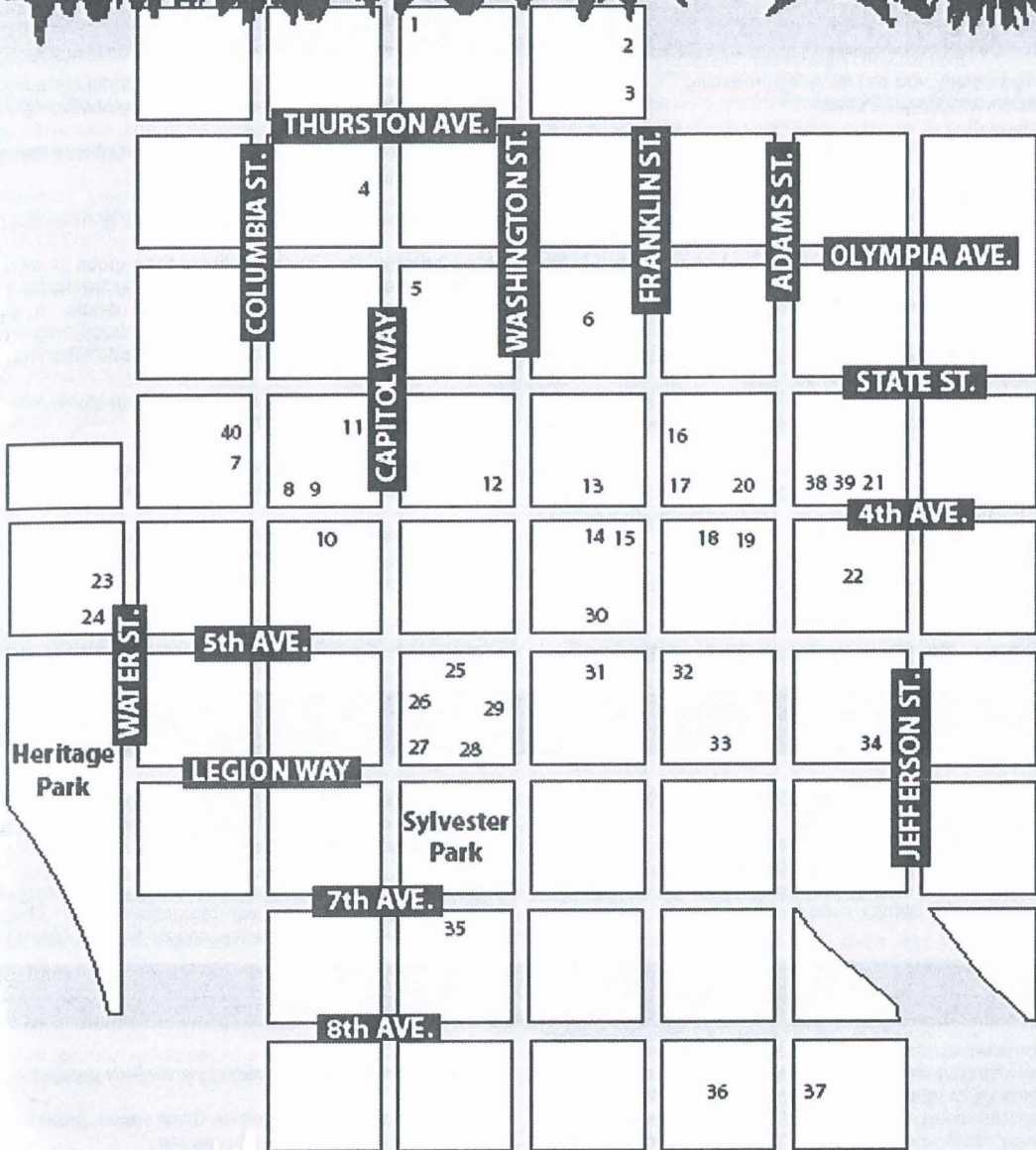
**Capitalist Ventures:** If community resources aren't your thing, you can get ripped off at one of the many bike shops in the Oly area.



**Note:** The folks at Bike & Bike and the TESC bike shop are volunteers and are there because they want to help you, not paid bike mechanics getting paid to do the work for you. If you approach them by asking them to help you, they'll be glad to put in a lot of work with you, and you'll probably learn a lot. If you think they're your personal mechanics, and you can order them to do repairs while you leave your bike in the shop, you're not going to get very far (in life or on your bike).



# DOWNTOWN



# W E L C O M E T O O L Y M P I A !

*If you're new to Olympia, you may be wondering what the hell there is to do in a small town like this. Well, if all the previous articles haven't proven to you by now, there's a lot more going on Oly that just the Sweat at the Voyeur. Below is good start of some places to get out, spend money (if you're into that sort of thing), or save it. We recommend you create your own adventures and not rely on consumerism and capitalistic pleasures to mediate your life. But, then again, there are some unique places here we'd love to share with you.*

## FOOD

\$ - If you tip properly you can fill up on 10 bucks.  
V - Vegetarian and Vegan Options

**5. The Bread Peddler** – \$ - Good sandwiches and pastries.

**7. Mini Saigon** - \$V- Thai, Chinese, Vietnamese

**8. Great Cuisine of India** - \$V - Very good food. The buffet can be worth it.

**9. Ben Moore's** – Old Oly joint. Laid back and quaint.

**10. The New Moon Café** - \$V – A wise choice for breakfast. Soon to be Black Moon collectively owned Café!

**15. Quality Burrito (QB)** - \$V - Eat here if you like deliciously large gringo burritos. Open Late.

**16. Old School Pizza** - \$ - Classic Olympia pizza. The pizza is good and cheap. Cool atmosphere. They have good hardcore shows from time to time.

**18. The Hotdog Stand at Jake's** - V – Late night eats right on the sidewalk. Cheap, basic, good.

**23. El Guanaco** - \$V - Good Salvadorian food, get the pupusas.

**24. Traditions Café** - \$V – Liberal international restaurant, store and community meeting place. Free lending library with DVDs.

**28. Urban Onion** - \$\$ - An almost classy healthy restaurant/ gay nightspot. Bit pricey, but tasty organic food.

**31. Darby's** - \$V – Hip and delicious, great for breakfast.

**38. Le Voyeur** - \$V - The most hip greasy spoon in town. Sandwiches, soups and entrees all of which can be made vegan on request with as much grease as you can handle. It will take a while to get your food regardless of how busy they are. Open really late, and your clothes will smell like food after you leave.

**39. Clubside Café** - \$ - Brighter than looking directly into the sun. Greasy spoon, open super late.

**Taco Truck** – \$ - Bomb, cheap, may have lard in the beans. In the parking lot on the NW corner of Plum & 4th Ave.

**Capital Market** – Best asian market around. A great place for coconut water and Thai Iced Tea. Best pho in town. 2419 Harrison Ave NW

**Vic's** – \$V - Super chronic, best pizza on the west side, and a popular hang. Check the vegan options. 233 Division St NW

## COFFEE

**12. Café Vita** - \$ - Seattle/Olympia based joint. Definitely hip, academic, and chill. Shitty owner.

**26. Batdorf and Bronson** - \$ - Reliable, tasty, local and a good place to study. At their tasting room near the farmer's market (1) you can get three tiny sample cups for free.

**27. Starbucks** – They do give their workers health care, and let home bums chill there, but there are better places to support in town than the corporate giants.

**Sizizis** – A great tea selection, tasty coffee, hip atmosphere, and vegan cupcakes. Who doesn't like palindromes? The only 24 hour hangout in town (unless you count Texaco). 704 4th Ave E

## BARS

*We recommend you pick up a bottle of firewater and kick it on your friends' front porch and drink homebrew you made 6 months ago for some good wholesome family oriented times. But if you must resort to paying way too much for a few beers at a semi-social creepy dude and sometimes friendly acquaintance filled atmosphere here is a guide to a few of those places.*

**11. The Brotherhood** - Probably the best all around bar in Olympia. Hip/Scenester friendly, strong drinks, nice patio out back!

**13. The 4th Ave Tavern** - Nothing particularly great or horrible.

**18. Jakes** - Queer dance club/bar. Great venue, great folks, great grinding! Curiously straight for a gay bar.

**21. The East Side** - Beer only, lots of pool tables (free on Sundays), thirsty Thursdays are cheaper, definite Greener hangout.

## OTHER OLY GEMS

**1. Farmers Market** – Mostly a tourist hangout, the seasonal market is overpriced yet local.

**4. Procession Studio** - Opens two months before the Procession of the Species so you can get crackin' on your batiked psychedelic rhinoceros float early. The address is in the alley way at 311 1/2 Capitol Way North, behind the Royal Lounge. But the studio door/entrance is located in the alley connecting Columbia to Capitol Way.

**14. Last Word Books and Zine Library** – Independent and radical bookstore, new and used books, friendly and kind owners, zine library in the back.

**17. Dumpster Values** - Overpriced vintage, handmade and trendy clothes. Dollar bin in the back supports Books 2 Prisoners. Houses the following:

**Phantom City Records** – Independent & local record store

**Bike N Bike** - Stop in for free bikes, bike repair, bike knowledge, or bike parts. It is an umbrella project of Done & Done, and has a weekly Trans/Womyns only night.

**Community Print** - Letterpress & book arts resource center

**19. The Northern** – All Ages Venue! Not so cool about discounts, which is shitty.

**20. Fire and Earth** - Hookahs and shishah, rolling tobacco and accessories, local art glass, & herbs. Local and friendly, woman-owned business.

**22. Artesian Well** – “It’s the water!” Fresh, clean, and delicious water flows from a giant underground reservoir. Across the Street from the Eastside tavern in the parking lot.

**25. Radiance** - for all your Hippy-woo-woo needs: massage, crystals, oils, books...but especially good for the big wall of bulk herbs.

**29. De Colores Bookstore** – Multicultural indy bookstore.

**30. Free Wall** – Legal graffiti wall behind the Capitol Theater.

**30. Capitol Theater** - A really great old movie theater, they host many benefits, volunteer for free passes.

**32. Rainy Day Records** – Independent and local record store, big selection of queer and foreign films for rent.

**33. Safe Place** - Safe Place connects youth to immediate help and safety and offers supportive services to both youth and their families.

**34. Planned Parenthood** - Safe sex gear, pregnancy tests, STD tests, sliding scale abortions and consultations.

**36. Library** – Read a Book! Zines, books, internet, printing access, home bums, and good vibes.

**37. Media Island** - Alternative literature library, activist hangout, indy radio broadcast spot (KOWA), and food not bombs kitchen.

**40. Midnight Sun** - Performance space/ cheap place to host theatrical performances and sometimes shows.

**Eagles Hall** – Venue for all sorts of shows, ceremonies, galleries, dances, parties and more. 805 4th Ave. E

**THE EASTSIDE** – The east side of town has its own secrets. You must discover them for yourself.

**THE WESTSIDE** – Avoid the mall at all costs, dance at house shows, participate in Westside Arts Walks, and lend a hand at any of the community gardens (check the corner of Madison and Thomas).

## TRANSPORTATION

**6. Olympia’s Intercity Transit Center** - Local fair is \$1 or \$2 for a day pass. 620 to Tacoma or Seattle with at least one transfer for under \$5. Transist systems to Shelton, Aberdeen and other distant locales stop there as well.

**35. Greyhound Station** – More expensive, yet faster buses that go all over the country.

**Capitol Aeroporter** – Overpriced airport shuttle. It will pick you up at any location.

**Olympia/Lacy Amtrak Station** - Located at 6600 Yelm Highway SE, take the 64 from the Transit Center.

**CAP Bus or \$1 Bus** – To Portland-ish. Free with student ID, the small shuttle picks up a dozen passengers at Tumwater Square daily. It drops you off at Salmon Creek. Catch the 105 to downtown Portland from there for \$3.  
[www.lccac.org/Transportation%20Schedule.htm](http://www.lccac.org/Transportation%20Schedule.htm)

**Hitchiking** – The I-5 ramp at the end of Plum is a great place to get a lift to Portland and beyond. Fly a sign, don’t look sketchy, and jut that thumb!

## FREE FOOD!

**FACT!** There are more low-income students at TESC than at any other four-year college in WA. One reason being that it's the cheapest four-year college in WA.

**MYTH!** There is a strictly limited pool available for food stamps. **FACT!** Just because you decide to collect food stamps in order to supplement your food budget, it does not mean that someone else will get denied.

**2. Union Gospel Mission** - Daily daytime shelter and meals. MEAL TIMES Breakfast Mon-Sun 6 - 7 am Lunch Mon-Fri & Sun at Noon. Dinner Mon-Fri 6 pm 413 Franklin ST. NE 709-9725. Dental services, and safe places for all types of recovery.

**3. Thurston County Food Bank** - Located at 220 North Thurston St. near the downtown transit center. Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1-3pm. If you earn less than \$970 per month in a single person household you are eligible for food benefits from the state of Washington.

**37. Food Not Bombs** - Delicious, radical, vegan food for all! Times can often change, but for now: Saturdays! Prep at 2PM Media Island, 4:30 PM eat at the Timberland Library, across the street. Clean up lasts until 6PM.

**Salvation Army** - 365 days a year 3 meals a day 352-8596 (shelter services too) must be sober.

**Free Food Box** - Located at the TESC health center.

**Olympia Food Co-Ops** - They provide a 10% discount for low income people and waive membership dues. This program does not require documentation, but the co-op asks that all interested individuals read a short history of the program before choosing to use it. Also if you have time to volunteer you get an extra 25% off. Also if you volunteer there you get first pick at free food that is damaged or pull-dated. There is no hierarchy in the staff and it is a State non-profit so they are not ripping you off. This food is at cost and provides good jobs. Eastside location 3111 Pacific Ave. 956-3870 Westside Location 921 Rogers St. 754-9141 Get off the "41" at the Bowman stop and walk down the hill.

**Wild Foods** - 7 months out of the year you can find yummy healthy foods growing wild. Blackberries and Dandelions; Wild Mushrooms and Fish; come to mind instantly. Most houses around town have fruit trees and other goodies that few mind if you glean from.

**Dumpsters** - Depending on your standards you can pretty much live off of other peoples waste in most parts of the U.S. Discover your own spots in Olympia.

## OTHER FREE STUFF!

**Sabot Free Box** - In the Sabot Infoshoppe (SEM I, second floor). Random Shit mostly. *\*needs to be reestablished.*

**Free Store (at the Westside Co-Op)** - Open when it's open. Hours vary because it's run by volunteers. It is an 8' by 8' by 8' cube of fresh and stale free stuff.

**Hippy Christmas** - You can outfit an entire 6 bedroom group house with the things students in housing get rid of the first two weeks of June. Thankfully there are donation pods around now for community groups, but they won't mind if you glean from there, and not everything makes it past the convenient dumpsters.

## CHEAPER HEALTH INSURANCE!

**Washington Basic Health** - Washington State provides subsidized health care plans to low-income individuals. The waitlist is usually very long. Apply early! Plans cost as little as \$17 a month. The application process is simple and easy. To apply contact the Washington State Health Care Authority at 1-800-826-2444 (ask for a basic health application packet), pick up a packet at the health center, or find more information online at [www.basicealth.hca.wa.gov/](http://www.basicealth.hca.wa.gov/).

**Charity Care at Providence St. Peter's Hospital** - If you go to their emergency room and state you wish to apply for Charity Care you may be able to receive all or part of your care for free! All you have to do is simply explain your living situation (i.e. being broke) and if you qualify you receive discounted care for the next 6 months!

**Dental Insurance** - Basic Health does not provide dental insurance. Go to the TESC Student Health Center for information on low-income dental care options. They are extremely limited and there is often a waiting list for most routine services. Emergency dental services are, however, available with a minimum wait and with costs on a sliding scale. The Mission has a community dental clinic.

# CHEAPER EDUCATION

**CLEP** - If the main reason you are in school is to get a diploma, find out about some of the ways to get it fast and cheap. CLEP (college level examination program) tests are cheap, easy and will give you credits.

**SPSCC** - Classes at SPSCC (South Puget Sound Community College) are also fairly cheap.

**PLe (prior learning from experience)** - Is a program offered through Evergreen that offers credits for non-classroom experiences. Academic Advising (866-6312) can fill you in on these alternatives.

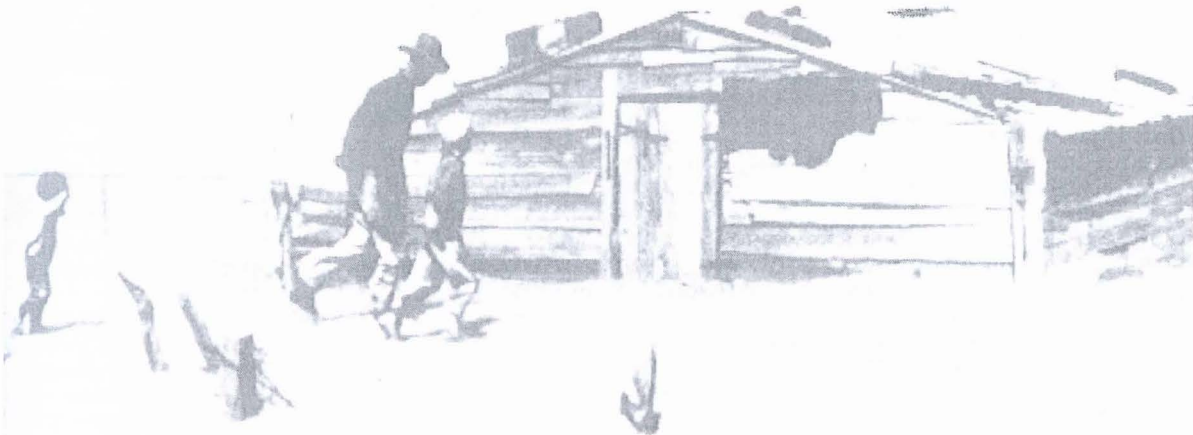
**Residency** - Before school starts, immediately open a bank account in the state, register to vote, and get your Drivers License or ID card IN THIS STATE and register your vehicle if you have one. For more information about residency, contact Rafael Lozano at 867-5189 or pick up a checklist from the registration office. It will either Cost you \$20,000 if you are a resident of WA State for a degree or \$60,000 if you are not a resident. Consider it a \$40,000 donation to the college so the rest of us can go to school for cheaper and you can never pay off your debts.

**Wait** - Because once you turn 25, you are legally financially independent (poor in the governments eyes), and don't make \$50,000 a year the federal government will pay you to go to school. You'll get all costs covered plus some in most cases. You will also get more out of your education because of your life experience and a probable increase in awareness of what you want to do with your life and what you want to learn while you're here.

**Marriage** - If you are under 24 and your parents make the big bucks you WILL NOT be eligible for financial aid even if they don't give you one red cent of it... unless you get hitched! Find a friend who you trust enough to join in eternal matrimony (or at least for the duration of college) and you will be considered financially independent and will be eligible for thousands in grants and subsidized loans that you would otherwise have no access to. Do it before the deadline for financial aid! Applications are at the county courthouse, 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, 786-5453. If you want your application processed faster, APPLY ONLINE at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. You can make around \$5500 in personal income and still receive full financial aid.

## EXPLORE!

*There are tons of ways to lower your expenses. Try playing around with your needs and seeing what superfluous things in your life you can get rid of. Try living in the woods, using coupons, or both! You can work with the Bike Shop to build a bike, get your books from the libraries, or photocopy the chapters you need. You can audit classes, or make your own beer! There are always loopholes and ways to do it yourself. Be creative. And if you ever run out of ideas, there are elders and allies in town who will offer great advice on how to never pay for anything!*



# COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

The following is a list of non-profits and other volunteer-based organizations in the Olympia area that didn't fit elsewhere in the DisMan. There are a lot of amazing groups in town doing amazing things that directly affect and support those around you. If you have spare time, stop by one that looks interesting and give back your community. They are organized based on the following broad topics:

- ARTS
- ANIMAL
- COMMUNITY
- ENVIRONMENT
- FOOD
- HEALTH/MEDIATION
- INTERNATIONAL
- LEGAL
- LOW INCOME / UNHOUSED ADVOCACY
- YOUNG PEOPLE

## ART

### Community Print

Community Print is a Letterpress, Silkscreening, and Book Arts resource center run by artists and students in the Olympia area, located at the back of Dumpster Values thrift shop. Workshops for all skill levels are taught on an irregular basis - check postings on the door. Costs around \$10 per "project." The collective's goal is to be accessible to all members of the community while keeping the art of letterpress thriving!

communityprint@yahoo.com | (360) 705-3772 | 302 4th Ave E, Olympia, WA 98501

### Earthbound Productions: Procession of the Species Celebration

Created by the community for the community, the Procession of the Species Celebration is a joyous, artistic pageant, embracing the languages of art, music and dance to inspire learning, appreciation and protection of the natural world. Music, dance and art classes as well as an extensive art studio are held for two months prior to the celebration. The final parade is held annually on Saturday of Spring Arts Walk, usually the last weekend in April. Make a costume and join the parade!

www.procession.org | (360) 705-1087

### Heartsparkle Players

As a multicultural company Heartsparkle uses Playback Theatre and other interactive theatre techniques as tools for community building, education and social change. It will provide affordable performances for the public; and for groups who lack resources. It will be a community resource and share its artistic skills. It will empower communities and individuals by providing a forum for stories to be heard, shared and honored. It will maintain a high level of artistic quality and integrity by providing on-going training opportunities for our performers.

www.heartsparkle.org | (360) 943-6772

### Olympia Film Society

OFS attempts to show films that depict the experiences of under-represented people in mainstream film industries including People of Color, queers, and religious minorities. It supports independent film makers and hosts a number of benefits for local to international organizations. The OFS has a number of volunteer positions, and hosts an annual film festival in autumn.

www.olyfilm.org | (360) 754-6670 | The Capitol Theatre: 206 E. 5th Ave. Olympia, WA 98501

### Raccoon Arts Collective

This awesome group of artists and DIYers are responsible for the Westside Arts Walks that happen every so often. The Arts Walk seek to take art out of the galleries of the rich and into the living rooms of all who wish to share their creations. The Arts Walks provide an outlet for visual artists, musicians, fire dancers, game players, actors, and other amazing souls to share their passions with all who want to partake. They take place in an assortment of homes in the NW neighborhood of Olympia every few months and are fucking badass. If you want to open your house as a venue or have art to share, contact them for more info.

www.raccooncollective.blogspot.com | raccooncollective@gmail.com

### Rad Skills

Puts out a monthly calendar of free workshops, skillshares, and events around town.

radskillz@riseup.net

## ANIMAL

**Wolf Haven International**

One of the world's largest and most respected wolf sanctuaries. Located on 80 acres of peaceful forest and Mima mound prairie. Hosts family programming and educational tours.

[www.wolfhaven.org](http://www.wolfhaven.org) | (800) 448-9653

## COMMUNITY

**Bike and Bike**

An umbrella project of Done and Done. Located in the back of Dumpster Values, they provide bike parts and knowhow for free. Build a bike, help build a bike.

302 4th Ave E, Oly

**Building Revolution by Increasing Community Knowledge (SPSCC)**

B.R.I.C.K. is a chartered student club at South Puget Sound Community College utilizing creative approaches to promote student awareness and advocate for progressive social change. The group acts to sponsor events and bring speakers and films to the SPSCC campus and Olympia community.

[www.spsscbrick.org](http://www.spsscbrick.org)

**Community Sustaining Fund**

The Community Sustaining Fund provides grant support for progressive and community-oriented projects in Thurston County. Our funding is aimed at creating a democratic, equitable, nonviolent and ecologically sound society.

[www.traditionsfairtrade.com/sustFund/sustFund-home.html](http://www.traditionsfairtrade.com/sustFund/sustFund-home.html) | (360) 252-4332

**Enterprise for Equity**

Enterprise for Equity is a community supported non-profit that helps disenfranchised people and people with low-income turn their ideas and talents into businesses. EfE wants to build an inclusive economy in the South Puget Sound. Its mission is to ensure that low-income people in the region have access to training, technical assistance, peer support and credit for small business development. To qualify for training, participants must have income under \$18,130 (single person) or \$37,000 (family of four), or be TANF recipients, GA recipients, and Veterans Administration beneficiaries.

[www.enterpriseforequity.org](http://www.enterpriseforequity.org) | (360) 704-3375

**Free School**

More of a concept than a place as the free school is currently without an physical location, this group has been working for close a decade in the community to bring people together to share their knowledge with

each other without cash and all the troubles that come along with it. Check the calendar on their website for class and their locations around town.

[www.freeschoolunity.org](http://www.freeschoolunity.org)

**Free Store**

Located at the Westside Food Co-Op (921 Rogers St. NW), the Free Store is an all volunteer "Goodwill with no prices." Folks donate things they no longer need. And folks who need come to the store to take what they need. Sounds too simple to work, but it does. Open on a varying schedule, check the board on their door.

[www.oly-wa.us/FreeStore](http://www.oly-wa.us/FreeStore)

**Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)**

The IWW is a non-hierarchical, directly democratic union that organizes workers as a class, regardless of their employment status. The IWW believes that the employing class and working class have nothing in common, and seeks to abolish capitalism, while forming a new, more equitable society based on free-association and production for need instead of profit. The IWW was founded in 1905 and has been a force in establishing various workers rights for the last 100 years.

[www.iww.org/en/branches/US/WA](http://www.iww.org/en/branches/US/WA) | (360) 705-0793  
| [olywobs@riseup.net](mailto:olywobs@riseup.net)

**Media Island International**

Media Island International's (MII) resource and networking center offers a 24-hour info porch, library, computer center, and a variety of tools for grass-roots organizing. The MII house can be used for meetings, workshops, and movie nights. Food Not Bombs utilizes the MII kitchen. People are welcome to stop in during office hours to browse, socialize, plan, compute, watch a video or just sit down and enjoy a hot beverage. The website offers an open-submission news site, South Sound community calendar, directory of local organizations, and forums to help facilitate communication and participation within MII. Consider volunteering for office hours or organizing a benefit!

[www.mediaisland.org](http://www.mediaisland.org) | (360) 352-8526 | 816 Adams St. SE, Olympia, WA 98502.

**MOMS Club of Olympia**

MOMS Club of Olympia, WA is a group for at-home mothers and their children. It is a wonderful way to meet other stay-home moms, and a fun way for your child to meet other children. Events and meetings are held during the day and children are always welcome. The club caters to mothers who live in the Olympia school district and Shelton. It does various service projects in our community to help members get involved.

[www.momsclubofolympia.com](http://www.momsclubofolympia.com)

**Northwest Olympia Neighborhood Association**

A non-profit association of your neighbors who are interested in promoting the quality of life for the residents of our community. NWONA's mission is to enhance the livability of our community through citizen participation at all levels of our community. Go to their meetings and get involved to help decide how association money is used to enhance your neighborhood.

[www.nwona.org](http://www.nwona.org)

**OlyGeek**

An all volunteer organization that recycles used technology to provide computers, education, Internet access to those in need - in exchange for volunteering.

[www.oly-wa.us/OlyGeek/](http://www.oly-wa.us/OlyGeek/) | (360) 705-9999 | 115 Olympia Ave, Oly

**South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign**

The South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign is a coalition of Olympia, Tumwater, and Lacey students, union members, people of faith, and concerned citizens raising awareness about the sweatshop industry, and challenging individuals as well as public and private institutions to create positive change by altering their purchasing practices. Our monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 300 5th Avenue SW.

[www.southsoundcleanclothes.org](http://www.southsoundcleanclothes.org) | (360) 705-2819

**Thurston County Tenants Union**

TCTU is a non-profit, membership based organization of tenants. The TU challenges and transforms unjust housing conditions and housing policies through empowerment-based education, leadership development, and community organizing and tenant ownership. It provides free informational services and promotes the rights of tenants through active public advocacy and organizing.

[www.tenantsunion.org](http://www.tenantsunion.org) | Tenants Rights Hotline: (206) 723-0500

**ENVIRONMENT****Black Hills Audubon Society**

Our goals are to maintain and protect our ecosystems for future generations, and promote environmental education and recreation. BHAS efforts include both education and activism on behalf of wildlife and their ecosystems. Classes include monthly programs and several birding and natural history field trips, available to members and the general public. Activism includes efforts to protect local natural areas and "important bird areas" and to strengthen local environmental protections.

[www.blackhillsaudubon.com](http://www.blackhillsaudubon.com) | (360) 352-7299

**Capitol Land Trust**

The mission of the Capitol Land Trust is to preserve the natural heritage of South Puget Sound. It is dedicated to the conservation, appreciation and stewardship of the diverse open spaces and unique natural habitats of the local watershed. The group purchases land parcels and establishes conservation easements to prevent development of natural areas, offering landowners non-regulatory options. <http://www.capitolandtrust.org> | (360) 943-3012

**Climate Solutions**

Climate Solutions is a non-profit organization working to help pioneer solutions to global warming. We are demonstrating a model of regional leadership that strengthens communities and provides economic opportunity. Local programs include Northwest Climate Connections, the annual Bicycle Commuter Contest, and the Energy Outreach Center, an exhibit of technology available to energy-efficient homes.

[www.climatesolutions.org](http://www.climatesolutions.org) | (360) 352-1763

**Gifford Pinchot Task Force**

The Gifford Pinchot Task Force seeks to preserve and restore the ecosystems and communities of southwestern Washington by promoting conservation of forest areas and sustainable restoration-based employment. The Task Force is the primary educational resource on the region's forest conservation, policy, and law. It engages interested citizens and policy makers through canvassing, hikes, field events, presentations and press, lobbying, and coordination with regional and national conservation organizations.

[www.gptaskforce.org](http://www.gptaskforce.org) | (503) 221-2102 | 917 SW Oak St., Suite 410, Portland, OR 97205.



### **Nisqually Reach Nature Center**

The Nisqually Reach Nature Center provides estuarine environmental education on the Nisqually River delta in view of the river's headwaters on Mount Rainier (Tahoma). It offers a hands-on experience for local school kids, research opportunities for local college students, internship opportunities for budding naturalists and educators, and volunteer opportunities for concerned citizens. NRNC is a private non-profit organization where nature comes to life. The center has 1000 square feet of space filled with bird specimens, interactive learning opportunities, viewing scopes, lab equipment, and as a highlight, 3 large tide-connected aquariums to view Puget Sound's underwater world. [www.nisquallyestuary.org](http://www.nisquallyestuary.org) | (360) 459-0387.

### **Nisqually Land Trust**

Established in 1989, the Nisqually Land Trust is a nonprofit group of farmers, business and professional people, homemakers and others. It is working to protect the Nisqually River basin through private, non-governmental means. By doing so, it protects fish and wildlife habitats, particularly sensitive salmon runs. The land trust provides for the conservation of wetlands, scenic areas, recreational lands, agricultural resources, open spaces, and historic, cultural and archaeological sites. [www.nisquallylandtrust.org](http://www.nisquallylandtrust.org) | (360) 458-1111

### **Nisqually Stream Stewards**

Works to help protect and improve the health of our streams and salmon. NS Stewards monitor the health of streams by taking benthic macroinvertebrate ("stream bug") samples and finding other stream and riparian data. They can improve stream health by removing invasive plants or planting native plants along stream banks. Stewards help distribute valuable nutrients in salmon-bearing streams through the salmon carcass return program. Interns interested in gaining both office and fieldwork in the field of salmon habitat protection/restoration and volunteer project implementation are hired. Volunteers are always welcome in tree plantings, stream health monitoring and salmon carcass flings. [www.nisquallyriver.org/stewards](http://www.nisquallyriver.org/stewards) | (360) 438-8715

### **Olympic Forest Coalition (OFCO)**

The Olympic Forest Coalition promotes the protection, conservation and restoration of natural forest ecosystems and their processes on the Olympic Peninsula. The programs of OFCO focus on educating members of the public, officials, agencies, and other environmental, community and recreation groups on issues of importance to help achieve these goals. [www.olympicforest.org](http://www.olympicforest.org)

### **People for Puget Sound**

People For Puget Sound is a citizens' group working to protect and restore the health of Puget Sound and the Northwest Straits through education and action. Its vision is a clean and healthy Sound, teeming with fish and wildlife, cared for by people who live here. [www.pugetsound.org](http://www.pugetsound.org) | (360) 754-9177

### **South Puget Environmental Education Clearinghouse (SPEECH)**

SPEECH is a nonprofit organization dedicated to informing and educating citizens of the Olympia area about environmental news and issues. It is an environmental education center and information clearinghouse providing support and resources to those who seek to preserve, protect and restore the environment of the Pacific Northwest. The group publishes the annual South Sound Greenpages, a monthly environmental journal of environmental news and commentary about South Puget Sound <http://www.oly-wa.us/GreenPages> | (360) 528-9158

### **Sustainable Community Roundtable of South Puget Sound**

The mission of the Sustainable Community Roundtable is to facilitate dialogue, vision, action, and celebration to help create sustainable community in South Puget Sound. The Roundtable seeks to build consensus on how we can become ecologically, economically and socially sustainable. It publishes the annual State of the Community Report, on local environmental and health concerns, seeks out businesses that operate in a sustainable mind-set, and sponsors events year-round. [www.sustainsouthsound.org](http://www.sustainsouthsound.org) | 360-754-5352

### **Washington Environmental Council**

WEC is a statewide environmental organization and works primarily on the state level to protect our land, air and water. The Electronic Waste Recycling campaign works to launch a program to provide for safe, simple and free recycling of TVs and computers for the people of Washington. The Sustainable State Forests Campaign seeks to improve the management of Washington's state forests, creating a model of sustainable forestry. The Water for Washington Campaign focuses on restoring and protecting the quality and supply of water in rivers and streams. The Protecting People and Places Campaign aims to improve fish and wildlife habitat across Washington through updated and better enforced shoreline and land use protections. [www.wecprotects.org](http://www.wecprotects.org) | (360) 357-6548

### **Woodland Trail Greenway Association**

The Woodland Trail Greenway Association is dedicated to the creation of a linear park and trail along the Olympia Woodland Trail corridor from the Chehalis-

Western Trail in Lacey to the shores of Capitol Lake. The WTGA, formerly the East-West Greenway Association, is a non-profit coalition of active, interested citizens and organizations which serve as a public

voice to promote the funding and development of the Olympia Woodland Trail corridor for recreation and natural open space preservation.

[www.wtga.org](http://www.wtga.org) | [info@woodlandtrail.org](mailto:info@woodlandtrail.org)

## FOOD

### Garden-Raised Bounty

GRuB is a grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to nourishing community by empowering people to grow good food. It sprouts inspired, self-confident, and community-minded youth through educational and employment opportunities. The Kitchen Gardens project helps low-income families to help themselves by building raised-bed gardens at their homes. The quality of life and nutrition of low-income seniors are improved through therapeutic garden programs.

[www.goodgrub.org](http://www.goodgrub.org) | (360) 753-5522 | 2016 Elliott Ave NW Oly, WA 98502

### Left Foot Organics

A non-profit organic farm which supports the inclusion of people of all abilities. Employs people with developmental disabilities and rural youth in the production of high quality organic food.

[www.leftfootorganics.org](http://www.leftfootorganics.org) | (360) 754-1849

### Terra Commons

Terra Commons is a non-profit building network. It seeks to create lasting social change by researching, designing, and implementing natural building technologies in the Salish Bay ecoregion. It holds work parties and presentations to demonstrate the applications of natural building, sustainable agriculture, appropriate technology and habitat restoration. Projects include sites at Fertile Ground Inn, Media Island International, and Culture Seed.

[www.oly-wa.us/Terra](http://www.oly-wa.us/Terra) | (360) 339-3329

## HEALTH/MEDIATION

### CHOICE Regional Health Network

Helping seniors understand Medicare, assisting low income people access health and social services.

[crhn.org/www/index.html](http://crhn.org/www/index.html) | 1-800-981-2123

### Dispute Resolution Center

The Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County (DRC) is a community based non-profit agency empowering people in their relationships by providing conflict resolution services. Trainings on mediation and conflict resolution are also available (at a price!).

[www.mediatethurston.org](http://www.mediatethurston.org) | (360) 956-1155

### Feminists In Self-Defense Training (FIST)

FIST provides basic and advanced self-defense workshops open to all women and children, covering mental preparation, assertiveness, strategy development, and physical defense skills. Workshops are facilitated by female-identified folks in a self-affirming, non-threatening atmosphere. Cost is usually sliding scale from \$5 to \$35. FIST publishes a free quarterly newsletter.

[fistselfdefense@riseup.net](mailto:fistselfdefense@riseup.net)

### Fern Haven Center

The Fern Haven Center is a non-profit educational program center that offers public workshops, trainings, and counseling services for individuals and organizations in the areas of communication and relationships, creative and intuitive arts, community building and service, women's support, spiritual psychology, personal growth, and conscious organizational process. This includes a variety of workshops based on Non-violent (Compassionate) Communication (NVC).

[www.fernhavencenter.org](http://www.fernhavencenter.org) | [rod@fernhavencenter.com](mailto:rod@fernhavencenter.com)

### Free Herbal Clinic

Just what is sounds like, this amazing group of people offer education, personalized health consultations, botanical remedies and other supplies free of charge. They serve to empower anyone and everyone, regardless of financial or other circumstances, to take charge of their own health care. They are currently without a location but keep a look out for them to reopen soon.

[olyfreeherbalclinic@riseup.net](mailto:olyfreeherbalclinic@riseup.net)

### **Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation**

The Olympia Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation seeks to replace violence, war, racism, intolerance, and economic and social injustice with nonviolence, peace and justice. Olympia FOR collaborates with the larger community to educate and to engage in nonviolent and compassionate actions. The bi-monthly peace and social justice newsletter contains feature articles on various peace and justice concerns, announcements about other resources, and calendars of local and out-of-town events.  
www.olyfor.org | info@olyfor.org

### **Planned Parenthood**

Your one stop cheap clinic such things as emergency contraception, STI testing, birth control, abortions, and pregnancy testing.  
www.plannedparenthood.org | (800) 230-7526 | 402 Legion Way, Suite 201, Oly

### **Puget Sound Network for Compassionate Communication**

PSNCC - pronounced 'peace-nik' - is a regional non-profit association of volunteers who envision a world in which all needs are met compassionately. Its mission is to contribute to this vision by living & teaching the process of Nonviolent Communication (NVC),

which strengthens the ability of people to connect compassionately with themselves and with one another; to share resources, and to resolve conflicts.  
http://www.nwcompass.org | (206) 382-8576

### **Safe Place**

SafePlace is the only advocacy agency and confidential shelter for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Thurston County. Business hours are 9am-12pm, 1-5pm M-Th and walk-in advocacy hours are 10am-12pm, 1-3pm Tu & W.  
www.safeplaceolympia.org | (360) 786-8754 | 314 Legion Way SE Olympia, WA 98501

### **Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs**

WCSAP is a membership agency comprised of individuals and organizations dedicated to ending sexual assault in their communities. WCSAP's mission is to unite agencies engaged in the elimination of sexual violence through education, advocacy, victim services, and social change. It offers trainings throughout the year and an annual two and a half day conference on topics ranging from advocacy, service provision, prevention, to management issues. It also has a sexual assault prevention resource center.  
www.wcsap.org

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Bridges Not Walls**

A coalition of community members from the South Sound region of Washington State who have united to address issues of immigration in our community. We believe immigrants, regardless of legal status, deserve to be treated with dignity. We seek to make our communities a place where the contributions of immigrants are valued and respected.  
www.oly-wa.us/Bridges

### **Centro Integral Educativo Latino de Olympia (CIELO) Project at Radio Ranch**

The CIELO Project is to facilitate programs with the focus of providing services to the Hispanic community in Thurston, Mason, Lewis and Grays Harbor counties. Free ESL (English as a Second Language) classes are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 to 8:30pm. Proyecto Familia' is a multicultural mental health services team that works with families. Support to Leadership develops self-sufficiency for Latino families through development of parent leadership. Parenting Wisely provides culturally competent parenting classes to the Latino community. Programs also include Spanish Literacy/GED Preparation and HIV/AIDS education. The Radio Ranch is an eight acre low-cost conference center close to Olympia and Lacey.  
www.cieloproject.org | (360) 709-0931

### **Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES)**

CISPES has been working since 1980 in solidarity with the FMLN (Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front) and the Salvadoran social justice movement to promote an alternative to the oppressive US-backed policies of the Salvadoran right. CISPES currently works within the solidarity and anti-corporate globalization movements, to build a cross-border movement that can confront the injustices of the neoliberal economic model that is ravaging El Salvador and much of the globe. In particular, CISPES is now helping to launch a hemisphere-wide campaign against CAFTA, a proposed free trade agreement between the United States and Central America modeled on NAFTA.  
www.cispes.org | (360) 866-6513

### **Olympia-Rafah Sister City Project**

The sister city project that bonds Olympia, Washington and Rafah, Palestine was envisioned by local peace activist and friend, Rachel Corrie (1979-2003). Through her dedication to social justice and acute cognizance of the Israeli military occupation, she believed that cultural exchanges between our two communities could result in significant social change. The project will collaborate with the people of Rafah to create lasting friendships across borders and bridge

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cultural gaps through popular education, advocacy, communication, and community exchange. These friendships help members to educate themselves, increase awareness, and demonstrate solidarity in a common struggle for a just and prompt peace in the

Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Meetings are on the 1st Thursday of each month at The Olympia Center (222 Columbia Street) at 7 p.m.  
[www.orscp.org](http://www.orscp.org)

## LEGAL

### **American Civil Liberties Union of Washington - Thurston County Chapter**

The ACLU is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership organization devoted to protecting the basic civil liberties of all Americans, and extending them to groups that have traditionally been denied their basic civil rights. The Thurston County Chapter acts as the "eyes and ears" of the Affiliate Office, ACLU-WA, reporting civil liberties abuses. It testifies at local and state hearings and performs as an activist group to defend civil liberties. It also does outreach to educate the public in understanding, appreciating and protecting their rights.

[www.aclu-wa.org](http://www.aclu-wa.org) | (206) 624-2184

### **League of Women Voters**

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Citizens of voting age may become League members. It takes action on selected governmental issues, sponsorship and coordination of voter registrations, meetings with candidates, and publication on specific topics.

[www.lwvwa.org](http://www.lwvwa.org) | (206) 622-8961

### **Olympia Civil Liberties Resource**

Olympia Civil Liberties Resource is an Olympia-based organization working to defend the civil liberties of all citizens - particularly activists exercising their constitutional rights. OCLR seeks to educate the public regarding current threats to civil liberties, and to act as a general resource for activists. The group provides legal assistance, information about your rights, and solidarity during the isolation of arrest and trial.

<http://olycivilib.blogspot.com> | [olycivilib@riseup.net](mailto:olycivilib@riseup.net) | Support Line: (541) 687-9180 (For information if you are contacted by the FBI).

### **Thurston County Draft Counseling Center**

Protect your rights. Learn how the system works. The Draft Counseling Center provides free, confidential information and counseling about how a military draft would work and how to pursue conscientious objection and other alternatives. It also provides help for people who want to get out of the military.

(360) 491-9093 | 5015 15th Ave. SE, Lacey

## LOW INCOME/UNHOUSED ADVOCACY

### **Done & Done**

Done & Done is a non-hierarchical 501(c)3 non-profit which umbrellas projects, such as EGYHOP and Bike & Bike, with a primary focus of providing items and services to empower the unhoused, youth, low-income or otherwise marginalized populations of Olympia and Thurston County.

Mail donations to: PO Box 6382, Olympia, WA 98507

### **Emergency Shelter Network: Homeless Resource Advocacy**

The Family Support Center is a community resource center offering a variety of services for children and families. 5 member agencies work together to offer affordable, accessible, and preventative services that help parents raise healthy children. Resource Specialists work with families in crisis and those seeking information about community resources. ESN provides shelter and resources for families and single women in

Thurston County. Information and referrals regarding resources, employment, rental assistance, voice messaging services, homeless child care and more. ESN is a program of the Family Support Center in collaboration with Associated Ministries of Thurston County.

[www.familysupportctr.org](http://www.familysupportctr.org) | (360) 754-9297 | 108 State Avenue, Olympia, WA 98501

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. Houses are built in partnership with the buyer, and sold at no profit with a 20 to 25 year non-interest mortgage. Working with donated materials, home owners are required to invest sweat equity (500 hours) into the construction process, working alongside other volunteers. Donations of funds and materials are accepted. Habitat owns and manages the Sound Builders ReStore, a non-profit store dedi-

cated to diverting used building materials from the local transfer station as well as providing educational and volunteer opportunities for the community.  
[www.spshabitat.org](http://www.spshabitat.org) | (360) 956-3456 | Restore: (360) 753-1575 | 210 Thurston Ave. NE, Olympia

### **Homeless Resource Advocacy**

HRA is a program of the Family Support Center. In conjunction with the Emergency Shelter Network, we give homeless individuals a supportive environment to work on life skills directly related to establishing and maintaining stable, permanent housing. The program offers a variety of resources and opportunities based on individual needs. Case management services are provided. Job skills training, nutrition, parenting, problem solving, legal issues, and credit matters services are provided through community advocacy.  
[www.familysupportctr.org](http://www.familysupportctr.org) | (360) 528-8999

### **Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights (POWER)**

POWER is an organization of low-income parents and allies advocating for a strong social safety net while working toward a world where children and care giving are truly valued, and the devastation of poverty has been eradicated.  
[www.oly-wa.us/power](http://www.oly-wa.us/power) | (360) 352-9716

### **Thurston Union for Low Income People (TULIP)**

Tulip's unique mission is to fight poverty and promote social responsibility by bridging the gap between low income and more affluent people. Tulip links low-income members with the financial products, services, and education necessary for financial independence. At the same time, it offers more affluent members the opportunity for community investment through the loans and deposits they make with Tulip.  
[www.tulipcu.coop](http://www.tulipcu.coop) | (360) 570-2292 | 3111 Pacific Ave NW, Olympia, WA 98501

### **Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition**

WROC is a coalition of individuals and welfare rights groups organized around their own welfare offices whose mission is to empower people on welfare to effect positive change in their lives, the welfare system, and other institutions that impact their lives. WROC empowers recipients through education, leadership development, grassroots action, and through the creation of a support network for its members. We network with other organizations and individuals to dispel the myths about welfare and to create a broad power base to effect change on the local, state, and national levels.  
[www.wroc.org](http://www.wroc.org) | (360) 352-9716 | 701 Franklin SE, Olympia, WA 98501

## **YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **Avanti High School (AHS)**

Avanti is an alternative high school residing within the Olympia School District. With its small numbers and low student to faculty ratio, AHS is very open to community involvement, ripe for input from Evergreen students. Evergreen students have contributed to the Avanti curriculum as student teachers and assistants, as well as leaders of mini-units, and hosts of community service projects.  
[avanti.osd.wednet.edu](http://avanti.osd.wednet.edu) | (360) 596-7900

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters**

Helping children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships. They contribute to brighter futures, better schools and stronger communities for all.  
[www.thurstonbbbs.org](http://www.thurstonbbbs.org) | 360-943-0409

### **Freechild Project**

The Freechild Project seeks to advocate, inform, and celebrate social change led by and with young people around the world, particularly those who have been historically denied the right to participate. We offer resources, programs, and training to aid in youth-led community organizing and activist projects.  
[www.freechild.org](http://www.freechild.org) | (360) 753-2686

### **The Little Red Schoolhouse Project**

Our goal is to see every child start school with basic school supplies, a backpack and 2-3 outfits of new or clean used clothes.  
[www.redschool.org](http://www.redschool.org) | (360) 438-1100 x 1143

# A List of Recommended Reading

Thanks to Last Word Books

**1984** - George Orwell

**A Room Of One's Own** - Virginia Woolf

**Best Democracy Money Can Buy** - Greg Palast

**Better Than Sex** - Hunter S. Thompson

**Black Elk Speaks** - John Nierhardt

**Black Looks: Race & Representation** - Bell Hooks

**Black Skin, White Masks** - Frantz Fanon

**Civil Disobedience & On Walden Pond** - Henry David Thoreau

**Culture Jam** - Kalle Lasn

**Days Of War, Nights Of Love** - Crimethinc.

**Discourse On Colonialism** - Aime Cesaire

**DIY: A Handbook For Changing Our World** -  
The Trapeze Collective

**The Doors Of Perception** - Aldous Huxley

**Fahrenheit 451** - Ray Bradbury

**Fast Food Nation** - Eric Schlosser

**The Feminine Mystique** - Betty Freidan

**Flatland** - Edward Abbot

**Gender Outlaw** - Kate Bornstein

**The Giving Tree** - Shel Silverstein

**Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities In The Global Age** - Michael H. Shuman

**Guerilla Capitalism** - Loompanics

**Howl** - Allen Ginsberg

**I Seem To Be A Verb** - R. Buckminster Fuller

**The Illuminatus Trilogy** - Robert Anton Wilson

**In The Presence Of Fear** - Wendell Berry

**Leasing The Ivory Tower** - Lawrence C. Solely

**Lies My Teacher Told Me** - James W. Loewen

**The Little Prince** - Antoine de St. Exupery

**Medicinal Plants Of The Pacific Northwest** - Michael Moore

**The Mismeasure Of Man** - Steven Jon Gould

**The Monkey Wrench Gang** - Edward Abbey

**Night Thoughts Of A Classical Physicist** - Russel McCormac

**No Logo** - Naomi Klein

**A Pedagogy For Liberation: Dialogues For Transforming Education** - Ira Shor & Paulo Freire

**Pedagogy For The Oppressed** - Ira Shor & Paulo Freire

**People's History** - Howard Zinn

**Plants Of The Pacific Northwest** - Pojar & McKinnon

**The Practice Of The Wild** - Gary Snyder

**The Prophet** - Kahlil Gibran

**Red Emma Speaks** - Emma Goldman

**Revolution For The Hell Of It** - Abbie Hoffman

**Simulacra & Simulacrum** - Jean Baudrillard

**Small Is Beautiful: Economics As If People Mattered** - E.F. Schumacher

**Stone Butch Blues** - Leslie Feinberg

**Touch The Earth: A Self Portrait Of Indian Existence** -  
T.C. McLuhan

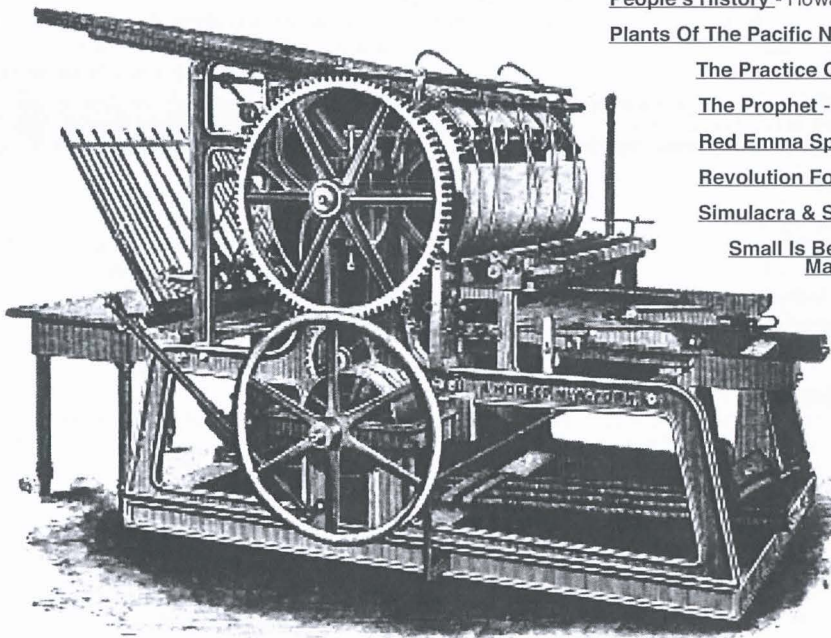
**The Trial Of Henry Kissinger** -  
Hitchens

**Travels With Charley** - John  
Steinbeck

**Understanding Media** - Marshal  
McLuhan

**The Way To Rainy Mountain** -  
N. Scott Momaday

**You Are Being Lied To** - The  
Disinformation Group



# A Short List of Radical Terminology

**Affinity Group** - A small, non-hierarchical collective of activists who collaborate on direct action via consensus decision-making.

**Anarchy** - A social state in which there is no governing person or group of persons, but each individual has absolute liberty (without the implication of disorder).

**Anarchist** - An advocate of a stateless society, where decisions are made based on equality as opposed to authority or hierarchy.

**Black Bloc** - An affinity group, or cluster of affinity groups that assembles during protests, demonstrations, or other forms of direct action. Black blocs are noted for the distinctive all-black clothing worn by members to conceal their identity.

**Consensus Based Decision Making** - A participatory decision making process for collectives that seeks the resolution of minority objections (according to the principle of inclusivity) as well as the agreement of all participants.

**D.I.Y.** - Do It Yourself, a movement of creating what we need and want ourselves, without relying on multinational corporations to do it for us.

**Direct Action** - Direct action is a form of political activism which rejects reformist politics such as electing representatives as ineffective in bringing about change. It involves taking responsibility ourselves for solving problems and includes strikes, occupations and blockades.

**Fair Trade** - products that resist the "free trade" movement by a certification process where distributors negotiate directly with the growers or creators of a product and guarantee a living wage.

**Freegan** - A person that follows an anti-consumerist lifestyle according to which participants attempt to restrict their consumption of natural resources and participation in the conventional economy to using salvaged and discarded goods.

**Free Trade** - Treaties between countries pushed by multinational corporations to make the countries safer for business by eliminating taxes, labor rights, and environmental protections.

**Globalization** - The idea of breaking down barriers between nations. Unfortunately, this is usually used in the mainstream media to only denote breaking down business barriers, not barriers between people, such as borders and immigration struggles.

**Guerrilla Gardening** - Nonviolent direct action whereby disused plots are converted to gardens without seeking the permission of property owners.

**Infoshop** - A space (often a social center) that serves as a node for anarchists involved with radical movements and countercultures for trading publications (typically books, zines, stickers and posters), meeting and networking with similar individuals and groups.

**Mutual Aid** - The voluntary reciprocal exchange of resources and services for mutual benefit.

**Neoliberalism** - An economic doctrine promoting market-led growth, deregulation and the privatization of state-owned enterprises.

**Permaculture** - A contraction of permanent agriculture. It is an ethical design system applicable to food production, land use and community building which seeks sustainable ways of living.

**Privilege** - The concept that certain groups or classes of people have the ability to do things or experience things that others do not have, solely based on who and what they are

**Really Really Free Market** - A free market based on the principle of gift economics whereby participants bring gifts and resources to share with one another, without money being exchanged.

**Security Culture** - A set of customs shared by an affinity group which engages in illegal activities, the practice of which minimizes the risk of such activities.

**Socialism** - An economic system that believes in retaining hierarchy but, at least in theory, ensuring that there is financial equality among all people.

**Socialization** - The process where the dominant, mainstream society imparts its values on its children from a very young age. These values are often oppressive and related to giving certain people privilege over others.

**Solidarity** - The feeling of unity based on common goals, interests, and sympathies. It is a term which is promoted by many social movements to help create social relationships based on justice and equality.

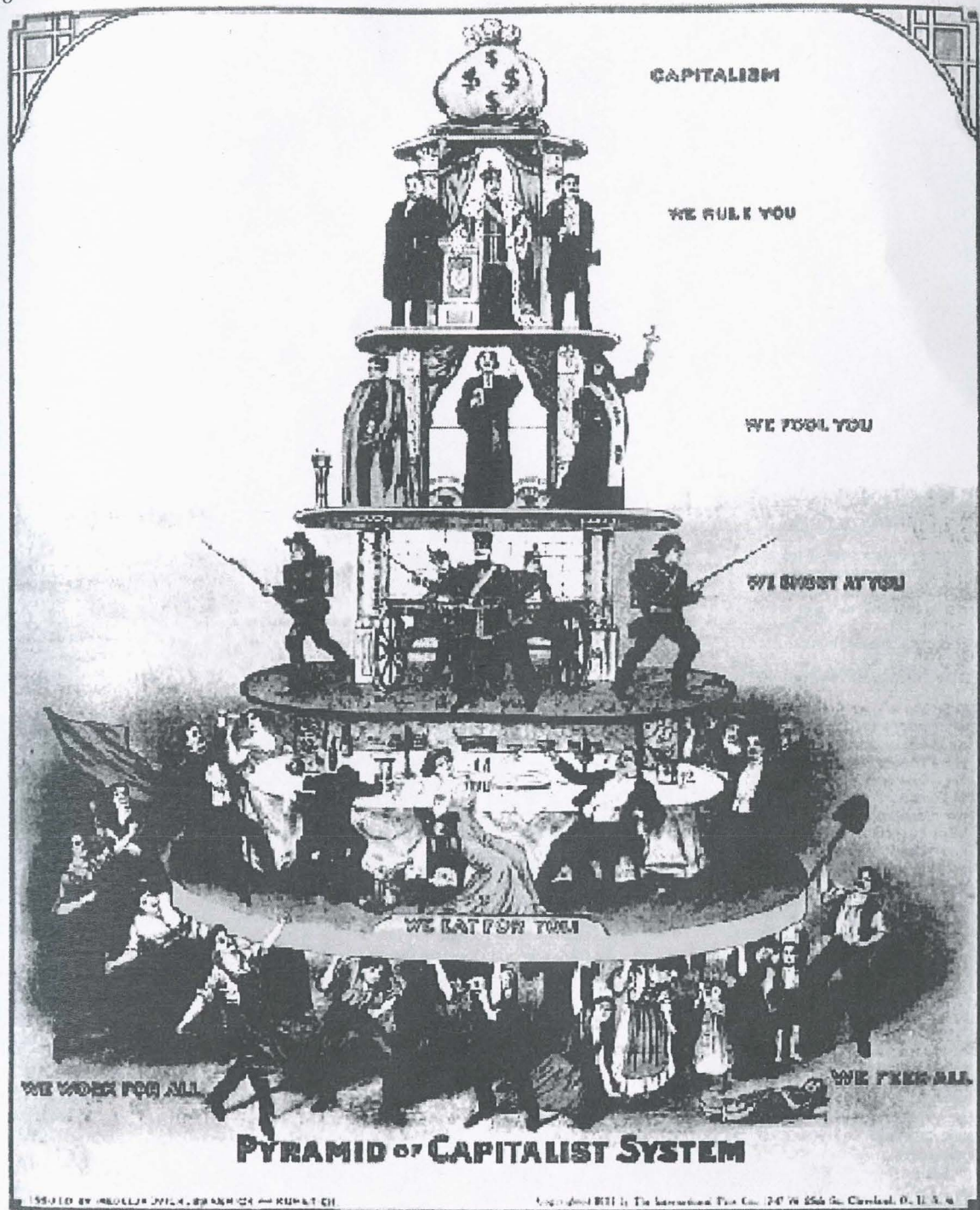
**Wage Slavery** - A term which asserts a similarity between slavery—the ownership and control of one person by another—and wage labour.

**World Bank & IMF (International Monetary Fund)** - Organizations setup after WWII to lend money to countries. This money is generally only loaned out after the debtor country agrees to implement SAPs (Structural Adjustment Policies), which invariably involve getting rid of labor rights, environmental protections, and any social program which interferes with foreign investment.

**WTO** - World Trade Organization, the enforcement body of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade), the mother of all free trade agreements, run by an unelected body that has the power to eliminate democratically elected laws if they interfere with free trade or business interests.

**Zine** - A small circulation, non-commercial publication of original or appropriated texts and images. Zines are often distributed through secondary circuits, such as: trade, zine symposia, record stores, concerts, independent media outlets, mailings, or zine "distros."

**Zie/Sie Zir/Hir** - Gender neutral pronoun / pronouns that specifically avoid the gender binary system by having a pronoun that neither assumes a male or female recipient.





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