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WELCOME TO THE 2003 DISORIENTATION MANUAL!

What you have in your hands is what we wish we had known when we first came to Evergreen. Inside you will find a massive resource of accumulated knowledge that can help you get a running start. The main goal of the Disorientation Manual has always been to establish a form of continuity in a community that seems to be in constant transition from year to year. Over the past couple months, we have spent untold hours updating and adding articles to make this year's manual as relevant and helpful as possible. Hopefully, you can use this as a tool to get involved in your new community and make Olympia feel like your home. For many new comers, Olympia and Evergreen can be somewhat intimidating. Many people also find this community very different from what they were lead to believe. But for a town and college this size, there are some amazing resources and community groups. It might just take a little while for you to find them. And if you can't find specifically what you came here for, there are plenty of people here who will happily support you in your projects and efforts. Anyway, stay informed, get involved, and don't let the rain get you down!

With bloodshot eyes from staring at computer monitors too long,
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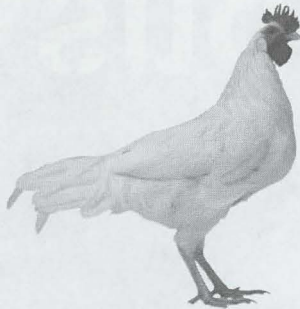


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get to know your campus

SECTION



SHIT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HOUSING:

Though it's certainly convenient, it is not the cheapest housing in Olympia, in fact it's some of the most expensive. Many students have found housing in town that gives them much more room while saving around \$100 dollars a month! For cheaper housing, check the housing boards in the Library Lobby and at the food-coops, Cooper's Glen Apartments, the Olympian, or simply cruise around the neighborhoods you are interested in living in to look for FOR RENT signs. This may be time consuming but sometimes it is the best option. Or check [which](#) lets you fill out a form online and find apartments in the area and then they e-mail you the housing classifeids for free! You'll soon find out about the many other quirks, pirks and disadvantages of Campus Housing.

You'll learn plenty of ways to prop doors (coat hanger on the top corner of the door) and cover fire alarms (plastic bag duct taped over the censor) but there are a few other things we would have liked to have been warned/told about:

When a fire alarm is set off (certain kinds of smoke tend to set them off) the cops have the right to walk through every room, and they will, so when you hear that beep, hide your shit. Also, don't mess with your fire alarm once it goes off - they may make you buy a new one.

If you have a roommate and they move out, it's rad because you get your own room, but it may cost you due to something Housing calls "Reduced

Occupancy". The way to avoid this is to find another roommate, be willing to move to another room, or keep all your stuff on one side. They'll charge you money for whatever they can, so be careful.

Speaking of charging money, beware of cleaning fees after you move out. It's usually cheaper to take the late-move-out fee and stick around cleaning than it is to be victim to their extremely high standards. Be sure to follow everything on the sheet provided by your RA detailing what needs to be done, and don't be afraid to appeal unfair charges to the Housing Arbitration Committee (a student board, ask your RA how to get involved with it).

Partying can be pretty pervasive in Evergreen Housing (see partying section), so if you have trouble concentrating you may want to get off campus, or spend a lot of time in the library or in the woods. But if you're a social person it can be a whole lot of fun, so we say hang out, open your door, take part in your community and form many fond memories, but remember you can almost always find someone to buy your contract with housing (talk to your RA for more info).

One last thing: Washington Title 59, RCW 59.18.040 exempts residents of public or private educational institutions from the Washington State Landlord and Tenants Law - or in other words you exempt yourself from nearly all renter's rights laws by choosing to live in Housing.

TOP CANNIBIS COLLEGE?

For many people who have never actually visited the Evergreen community (and for some who have), TESC stands for rampant drug use by a bunch of ill-informed spoiled liberals. Last year the magazine High Times ranked us as first place in their article on counter culture colleges which was described on the cover of the issue as "Top 10 Cannabis Colleges". Although the poorly written article actually praised Evergreen for its alternative teaching methods and discussed how the school is not for a bunch of slacker stoners, most readers of the magazine probably only saw the "Cannibus College" headline and this probably reinforced a lot of damaging stereotypes. While many greeners regularly self medicate with marijuana and other drugs, new students who show up at Evergreen expecting an easy college experience where all they have to worry about is where to hook the next sack will be very dissatisfied. Most of these kids end up dropping out during the first year, or they learn how to balance partying and drugs with a real commitment to educating themselves and being part of a serious (yet "counter culture") academic community.

HOW TO THROW A PARTY ON CAMPUS

Even though the dorms are state property, they can be a great place to throw crazy parties and in most cases the RAs, Housing and the campus Police are generally fairly cooperative. Most parties on campus occur in the Alphabet Soup and they are a great way to let off some stress and help sustain the campus nightlife. However, there are some important things to remember when you are planning on hosting a party.

First of all, you have to make the decision about whether or not you want to notify the authorities.

In most cases it does not hurt to fill out a party application provided by Housing (ask your RA for one). Housing will notify the police about the party and they may swing by before it starts just to check in with you. Even if you decide not to fill out an application, there is a good chance Housing and the Police will find out about it on their walkthroughs and they will respond in a much more negative and confrontational way if they were not informed.

Second, quiet hours start at 11:00pm on weekdays and 1:00am on weekends. If you have a large party that is spilling outside or can be heard from a distance, the police or the RAs will definitely come and tell you to shut it down if it is past quiet hours. Although gigantic loud parties with deejays or bands that span multiple rooms and have a huge drum circle out front with dancing hippies are definitely entertaining, remember that the larger it is the more likely it will have to end early (hint: set up a network of dispersal points for an after party). In general, it is a good idea to send a representative outside to meet the RAs and the Police when they conduct their walkthroughs to see if there have been any complaints,

etc. As well as showing a level of maturity, this tactic will keep the authorities outside of the party when they want to speak with you.

Third, last year the campus implemented a no-keg policy and they were not afraid to enforce it. Early in the year, one student was kicked out of housing for hosting a kegger in his dorm. The general rule for alcohol is that it must be kept inside. You are not supposed to be selling or giving away liquor to minors on campus, but if it all stays inside, the police do not have much of an excuse to come in and bust you. At really large parties where lots of people are enjoying themselves outside, the police have been known to show up and make an example out of some kid by giving a breathalyzer and performing a search of the person's pockets and/or bags. The poor kid usually gets written up with an MIP and has to go to grievance but the party rages on.

Probably the most important thing to remember is that when it comes down to it, the host of the party can be held completely responsible for the activities of the guests, invited or not. Don't let any of this scare you, just be friendly, mature, and act professional when dealing with the authorities and it should all work out fine. Happy partying!

There's a fair amount of money available for students wanting to host events through Housing. For instance, a few years ago there was a 420 party, Housing paid for bands, food and advertising. Ask your RA how to apply for these funds, and remember your RA is given a certain amount of money per month to spend on her or his residents, so make sure they use it. ★

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

SOME TRUTHS ABOUT THE FOOD SERVICE @ EVERGREEN

Welcome to Evergreen! Now that you're here, (and especially if you live on campus or have signed up for a meal plan) you should know what you've got to look forward to when eating on campus. The food service provider here, Bon Appétit, advertises itself as a growing catering company, founded in California. The descriptions of the company celebrate its small business aspects and focus on the importance of community reciprocity and local exchange. The practice of local, small-scale, grassroots food service by Bon Appétit has always been somewhat of a mirage. (After all, how small-scale can a "catering" company be when it's spread across an entire coast?) However, upon selling out to the Compass Group, the largest food service provider in the world, the flimsy facade of Bon Appétit as a modest socially conscious enterprise has been shattered. Bon Appétit claims to be unique, refreshing, and even radical in its approach to food service.

boasts that only fresh, top-quality ingredients and local, 75% organic produce are used to make from-scratch dishes that satisfy vegetarian, vegan, and special diet needs with an ever changing, exciting menu. What they provide in reality is rarely organic (don't be fooled by the sign above the salad bar), frequently re-used, and almost never nutritionally sound food at high prices. Variety often consists merely of differing types of pasta. Enormous shipments from low end, national distributors such as Sysco and Food Service of America tell us that the majority of Bon Appétit's ingredients are neither local nor high quality. With the exception of organic, fair trade coffee beans, few of the products available in The Market and The Greenery are consistently worth what you will pay for them.

To Bon Appétit's credit, they are at least more environmentally cautious than most food service providers. They participate in a vast composting project, in which pre and post consumer foods are sorted and donated as compost to the campus farm,

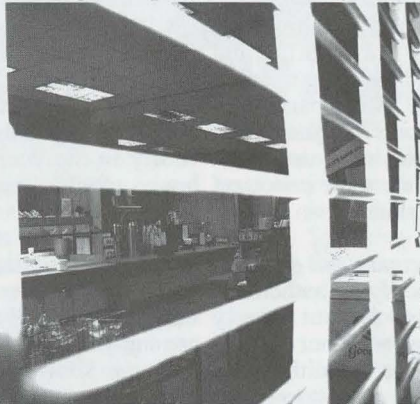
rather than tossed in a dumpster. Most of the plastic, glass, and cardboard discarded on site is recycled. They offer some biodegradable disposables. Nevertheless, this seems to be on this campus almost entirely maintained by the influence of a small number of students, staff of the organic farm, and particularly concerned workers within the kitchen crew. Despite the claims made that environmentally sound operation is policy at all of the company's sites, these practices have slipped and even disappeared when not under the watchful eyes of these active few.

Beyond Bon Appétit's failure to comply with its own standards of quality, freshness, organics, and variety at Evergreen, are a long list of labor issues of which the site management of the company would rather the campus was ignorant. Among these issues are harassment of workers by management, and the termination of two workers without just cause. The two employees fired were done so illegally, without warning, proper proof, or investigation. With the help of their organizing union, The International Longshore and

Warehouse Union, local 5, these workers are in the midst of a long fight for financial compensation and reinstatement.

The violation of workers' rights on site here at TESC is perhaps the greatest affront to the claims of social responsibility that Bon Appétit asserts. Abuse of managerial power, nepotism, and intimidation occur regularly despite (or perhaps in response to) the organization of workers by the ILWU. Poor treatment of workers and unfair working conditions lead to the breakdown of service and quality even more than broken promises to customers. Such types of conduct need to be recognized and called out against by not only workers, but also the members of Evergreen's community.

So what can you do? With so many faults in a business that relies on our patronage, it seems like the obvious response should be boycott. Unfortunately,



since it is the policy of Bon Appétit to cut costs by cutting labor, workers who may be laid off, rather than the company itself will feel the initial blow. Further, due to the nature of the contract TESC has with Bon Appétit, boycott only hurts the college financially. For whatever backward reason, their contract denotes that Evergreen cover the costs of loss, while Bon Appétit keeps a set profit. This means that stealing from and boycotting Bon Appétit can ultimately raise your tuition and render workers jobless.

Be vocal. Bon Appétit is an incredible image-conscious company. They will respond to your requests, comments, and demands! If you give Bon Appétit your business, also give them your feedback. If you don't, tell them why! Make use of comment cards (located at the exit of the Greenery), e-mail general manager, Rick Stromire at: with your suggestions, complaints, questions, and concerns. Show your support for workers by recognizing them to management and making use of the tip jars they fought hard to earn. Encourage your R.A. to attend monthly lunch meetings with the management team in order to represent your opinions.

Be active. Be responsible for your waste!

The recycling/composting project is supposed to be self-governed but is in fact managed mostly by ONE worker who sorts everything we throw away, frequently on his own time. Simply taking the care to dispose of our food scraps, recyclables and dishes in the proper places can make this campus and it's food service more ecologically efficient.

Be aware. Remember that this is YOUR school. Know that the student body has the power to change the structure and management of the food service at Evergreen. It has been done before and can be done again. Let the management team of Bon Appétit and president of TESC, Les Purce know how you feel to get quality food service and justice for food service workers!

*This article was written by an Evergreen alumna/us who has worked for Bon Appétit for two years. It reflects the observations and opinions of this writer. Please keep in mind that everything in this article is factual according to its writer's knowledge and research but does not necessarily reflect the many views of his/her co-workers.

ON CAMPUS ALTERNATIVES TO BON APPÉTITE?

We regret to inform you that this year there will be no on-campus alternatives to your new, strictly Bon Appétit diet.

Enjoy!

THE CORNER (AKA SANDWICH SHOP)?

It should be known that over the years Greeners had the pleasure of buying cheap and very tasty sub sandwiches, pizzas, calzones, herbal tea, homemade soups, and many other delicious surprises from the Corner located in the HCC. This very special place no longer exists. It was a student run, not-for-profit little shop that was managed by Housing. Because they were losing money, they were forced to close down.

THE BRANCH (THE STORE IN THE CORNER)?

Older Greeners know it as that convenient little place in the HCC that caters to your day and night time cravings of sweets, toilet paper, and tofu weenies. It was our special student-run and not-for-profit store but now it is being taken over by Bon Appétit! They are planning to close down for 2 weeks to "get ready" which probably means that our little store is getting a Bon Appétit makeover! Under the new management system it is rumored that there will be a Bon Appétit supervisor in the store at all times (that doesn't sound student-run), many arrangements are still being negotiated. The switch is being made close to the beginning of the school year so stay tuned and we at EPIC promise that we will keep you posted on any new developments and anything you can do to save what might be left of the Branch.

THE KITCHEN IN YOUR DORM?

Sorry first year Greener, but this option has also been negated for many on campus. Over the past year, kitchens were removed from A building and the rest of the first year experience. So if you like to make your own food you better buy a propane stove or make friends with some homies in the soup.

CELL

Center for Ecological Living and Learning

In recent years, the distance that food travels from farm to table has steadily increased. As a corollary to this, waste streams and pollutant byproducts resultant of our globalized food system have increased for a variety of reasons. Typical contributions to these 'externalities' include a greater focus on advertising through unnecessary packaging, worsening environmental effects from transportation and shipment, and an expanding use of pesticides and preservatives made necessary by the physical distance and time between production and consumption. Symptoms of this system are more than apparent as our recently developed physical, mental, and spiritual disconnect between growing and eating continues to expand indefinitely.

CELL is both a rejection of the ever-expanding, factory/laboratory based corporate food system in which the majority of Americans now depend and a whole-hearted promotion of agrarian ideals involving responsible land use practices and the conservation of resources through localized food production. It provides students and the broader community with experiential learning opportunities that link theory to practice through the development of evolving models of sustainable agricultural practices, ecological design, and holistic living in the Pacific Northwest Bioregion. CELL encourages individuals to see the environmental and social implications of their living habits, while demonstrating ecologically sound ways of living and building community.

The Organic Farm

The TE&C Organic Farm successfully integrates elements of a subsistence-oriented economy into campus life, while simultaneously providing students with an opportunity for hands-on, experience-based learning in an agricultural environment. Through the Organic Farm market and our relationship with Bon Appetit, students and faculty are offered a chance to indulge in an array of locally grown, freshly picked, and minimally processed vegetables, eggs, flowers, and plant starts. At supermarkets, the full price of the products sold is not displayed on the label, and it is our goal to eliminate the often hidden costs of food production, including ecological devastation, adverse health effects, workers' rights abuses, and the economic difficulties now common to virtually all locally-owned farms, processors, restaurants, and grocery stores.

The market is open from 10am-5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in front of the library building (second floor). To find out more about Evergreen's own Organic Farm, visit the website at www.evergreen.edu/organicfarm/home.htm. The Organic Farm Manager is also available on weekdays at 360.867.6160.

Compost Facilities

The Compost Facility closes the nutrient cycle on campus by recycling pre- and post-consumer food refuse into compost and worm castings. It provides students with a real-world learning environment and community outreach and research opportunities. All compost produced is used to increase soil fertility on the Organic Farm and the Gardens. On-campus composting depends upon the student body's educated support and use of the compost bins located throughout campus.

For more information on Evergreen's advanced composting system, call 360.867.6145 or visit www.evergreen.edu/organicfarm/Compost.htm.

The Center is located on the far west side of campus and is accessible both by a trail behind the Arts Annex and Lab Buildings and by road. Please feel free to stop by the farm anytime to visit our fields, greenhouses, composting facility, gardens, chickens, and duck.

The Community Gardens

The Community Gardens is an area of the farm designated to bringing together students, alumni, and community members who wish to have a place where they can grow their own organic produce. This allows people to be directly in touch with the food they eat and encourages individuals to learn, teach, and grow together.

To find out how to reserve a plot or for other related questions, call the Community Gardens Coordinator at 360.867.6145 or visit www.evergreen.edu/organicfarm/Comgard.htm.

Organic Farmhouse

The Farmhouse integrates a classroom-style atmosphere into the Center. It is a meeting place where students, faculty, and other community members can teach, learn, cook, eat, and share experiences with each other.

To reserve the Farmhouse, contact Space Scheduling at 360.867.6134.

Demeter's Garden

Demeter's Garden is a low maintenance, forage style food system based on the design principles of permaculture and other food forest systems from around the world. It is a community based educational garden that is open to the public for foraging food and herbs and learning about the dynamic relationship humans have with nature. It is a model for sustainable Pacific Northwest forest permaculture which - as of summer 2003 - is still under development.

To learn more or get involved in this project, contact DEAP (Developing Ecological Agricultural Practices) at 360.867.6493.



the compost controversy

The Evergreen Compost Project was conceived in February of 1997. The fact that it took 4 years from first idea to the first clod of ground broken is partially due to the amount of work and thought required to design a small facility to handle all of the college's compostable food wastes.

However, much of Tom Gilbert, Jeff Clug, Teagan Robinson, Charles Hannah, and many others' time was taken up cutting through the ocean of red tape that the college strung in front of them.

Red tape is sometimes the product of innocent ignorance, people not knowing any better. The people who create red tape are not necessarily out to stifle creativity. But whether or not individuals are to blame, red tape is most likely to accumulate in front of causes that the people in power do not feel are important. In this case, the ease with which the directors of facilities - the body that contains and shapes the school's spirit - brushed off a project that came from a vision of a sustainable campus, made it clear how shallow Evergreen's green is.

According to Evergreen's creed, students learn best when they can translate their passions into interdisciplinary real-world projects. Not, apparently, on campus, outside of the classroom, for whenever the composteers tried to make a move that would hasten the school towards sustainability, staff frustrated them.

A few individuals went above and beyond the call of duty in obfuscating them. Michel Kelly, Director of Facilities, twice did not invite the students who had made a life of getting composting onto campus to large meetings where vital decisions and announcements were made. In the first of these exclusive meetings, Kelly Smith, coordinator of the organic farm facility, was named director of the project. This seems to make sense, since composting would likely be on the farm's grounds.

But, since Smith didn't want the project to take off in the first place, the decision amounted to a coup. Smith often failed to schedule meetings with them, and then did not show up to those meetings that he did manage to write onto his schedule.

Fortunately, the composteers also had allies. Carl Putzier, director of housing, and Mark Lucina, a housing employee, ended up putting a great deal of faith, resources, and effort into the project, in the form of supplies, public endorsement, wages, and assistance in educating the campus about the need for composting. These men also twisted a few arms behind the scenes.

This helped the composteers along, but in the end, besides having to invent a new sort of facility to deal with the school's special needs, the composteers had to jump through hoops, do oceans of paper work, and single handedly raise \$56,000. On August 1st, 2001, the first ground was broken on the organic farm. The facility will be constructed by local artisans whenever possible, and, by this year's Harvest Festival (October 13th) should be finished enough that you'll be able to walk around it and see how it will work. When you do, you may meet Tom, come back from Vermont to see a first step in his vision made real.

"The final step in the vision is a campus with a zero-waste policy," Tom has said. He desires this so that Evergreen can serve as a model for sustainable urban communities but also, and urgently, because of what he knows about Robanco, Inc., the Arizona-based company that TESC pays to deal with their wastes.

Tom knows that Robanco will close the Thurston County Landfill in several years, and truck the county's trash 200 miles to the Southeast, to the town of Roosevelt in Klickitat County. This is not news to the public: Robanco was not secretive and, besides, that is just the ways things are done in an era of increased privatization of public services. Food and supplies enter the community from distant sources, where they are produced in specialized facilities, and when they become trash, they are shipped out to distant places for disposal. That's the shiny story told to the papers. Tom and Jeff knew that the realities were not that bright. They knew that the poorest, most minority-dense, and most economically desperate areas take these facilities on, because they don't have the power to combat them or the influence to be able to object if the company poisons them. Tom and Jeff looked past the front and found that Roosevelt's population was the poorest in the entire state, and that Robanco was currently accepting all kinds of toxic materials there, including radioactive waste from Hanford, although the site was not certified for this type of hazardous waste. Any business that Robanco gets supports the dumping of horrifically toxic substances in the backyards of the people who can least object. During the endless meetings, what got to him most was that TESC, once informed, did not rush to decrease its dependence upon this abusive, destructive cycle.

"Who rules the school?" is a less important question than what they believe, and the compost project is a tale of beliefs in action. The students prevailed, in spite of certain staff. And how about you? Will you be silenced, or work towards your dreams, despite the school's hypocrisies?

The compost facility is dedicated to the memory of Keagan Robinson, who worked towards it but died in a car crash before it was done.

EAT SUSTAINABLY!

With the changes of going to a new school and community, it may seem that everything in your life is in flux. Rest assured fellow Greener, one thing will remain constant: you will still be getting your energy from food. With accepting that truth comes the realization that your consumption habits effect the world at large. Every bite of food consumed is a political, social, and environmental issue.

Although advertisements and corporate grocery store shelves entice you with convenient food selections, a lot of the heavily marketed "food" is full of utterly horrible shit. Hydrogenated oils and genetically modified crops 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 were "able" to identify any health concerns.)

The food industry is also replete with worker exploitation. In the U.S. it is migrant and immigrant workers in particular who get the short end of the stick. The labor laws don't always do much good for agricultural workers, whether it's because of the laws themselves (for example, overtime not requiring time-and-a-half pay) or because the law is not enforced (for example, businesses are supposed to be punished for employing illegal aliens, but it's almost always the workers who suffer). Safety on the job is a joke, with most modern fields being full of toxic chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers...) which poison workers, and slaughterhouse work being listed as the most dangerous job by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Coffee farmers throughout the Americas work in sweatshop-like conditions, earning less than \$1 (US) per pound of "gourmet" coffee.

Life is not easy for anyone who tries to get by producing high quality, organic (no artificial chemicals), non-exploitative, sustainably-grown food. Transportation of finished goods is a critical issue: How healthy for the world are organically grown strawberries if they are shipped by diesel machines from 3,000 miles away? On top of that, market conditions force the prices on such products so high that they become accessible exclusively to the more monetarily wealthy. It's a fucking mess. But, here's a rundown for what your options are for keeping yourself fed conscientiously.

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 exploded into luscious edible green things is intensely fulfilling. It is this connection to your food which makes you truly independent. It is also cheap. The food is top notch. There are lots of opportunities around Oly for access to garden space.

OLYMPIA FARMER'S MARKET - April-October: Thursday-Sunday, 10-3. November-December: Saturday & Sunday 10-3. (401 Capital Way (north of 4th and State), 352-9096)

If local produce, music, arts, flowers, and an amazingly diverse community interest you, then make the Market part of your weekly routine. This is a great place to meet people, inhale rich scents, and support the livelihoods of locals.

THE THURSTON COUNTY FARM MAP - Is 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. This is where food should come from. Putting money directly in the hands of the farmers is exciting for everyone. Pick up a Farm Map at the Farmer's Market or the Food Co-op

THE OLYMPIA FOOD CO-OP - (2 locations: west side (closer to TESC) 921 Rogers (754-7666); east side (near I-5) at 3111 Pacific Ave (956-3870). The Co-op (Cooperatively run) is an amazingly friendly, not-for-profit, member-owned store with high ethical and nutritional standards, and an emphasis on organic and bulk food. Comparable prices, vegan-friendly, and community bulletin boards. The Co-op donates a lot of money 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. Go to the Co-op. It feels like home.

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 topic best learnt by getting out and doing it and not getting frustrated if you don't get immediate results. And yes, dumpstering is illegal (aka theft, trespassing) so take that into consideration.

SHOPLIFTING - The corporate grocery stores fuck over their workers, their distributors, the growers of the crap they process and sell, and will try to suck your money into the game. Don't stand for it! Ultimately you'll have to evaluate it 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 workers face by their employers if you shop lift. Also be aware of the class/race privilege you may be exercising in the act of shoplifting.

SEX

BEING STRAIGHT EDGE AT EVERGREEN

SEX

Being straight-edge at Evergreen and in Olympia is more difficult than one might believe. My first year on campus I found very few people who shared my belief in living a drug free life-style. I found even less people who did political work around drugs or were aware of the harmful effects of drinking, smoking, and doing other drugs. Often times social events revolved around some form of alcohol. After a good meeting where everyone said good things and supported each other's conversation, someone would usually say lets go out and get a drink, not realizing that some of the people in the meeting may not drink or may be too young to go to a bar. At times it was very alienating to go to a party where drinking or smoking weed was the source of social interaction instead of music, or a conversation, or a party game. It felt even more awkward when you told people that you were straight-edge and they expected you to be self-righteous about it.

Choosing to live a drug-free life-style is a big deal. Since so many of us are given the "Just Say No" from police and officials that a lot of people do not see rejecting drugs as a form of rebellion. Living a drug-free life-style can fit into a person's greater activism. The "Just Say No" idea and the D.A.R.E. program really have no intention in getting people to live healthy life-styles. Their message is not "people should not do drugs" it is "children should not do drugs". This belief is extremely adultist. It is similar to the ridiculous and patronizing belief that "children need to be protected". This just excuses the lies that are created and projected by an adultist society. Taking drugs and other forms of self-medication is a learned act. Children do it because they are alienated from their own youthfulness, just as adults do it because they are alienated from their own life.

Drugs are also used as a form of keeping people down and stupid. People tend to forget that the United States government used alcohol as tool of genocide against the Ingenious people of America. Even today, it is the poorest areas in the United States that have the most liquor stores. Drugs also make other forms of oppression in our society worse. Alcohol companies use extremely sexist commercials to promote their product. Alcohol is some way involved in one-half of all reported rapes. The "date rape" drug is an

obvious tool of patriarchy. In the US. Cigarettes not only kill 400,000 people a year but are one of the most environmentally damaging products around. Tobacco companies clear large acres of land to grow massive tobacco farms. The products are also tested on animals. Cigarette smoke adds to air pollution and the cigarette butt is the most common form of litter in the United States. The United States government not only supports the large tobacco and liquor corporation, but also the creation and development of heroin and cocaine. The US's own Drug Enforcement Administration has reported that "all branches of government" in Columbia are involved in "drug-related corruption," while the US sends \$7.5 billion to that same government. It has been reported that U.S. military officials who have done work in Columbia have been caught with large amounts of cocaine which they intended to sell.

The way to deal with this problem is not to develop a self-righteous and puritan approach. People do not need to preach, or smack beers out of people's hands, or break their cigarettes, or ask governments for more laws and police power. It starts with an honest discussion on drug abuse and addiction in our society. It start with showing people good examples of radicals, like Gandhi and Tolstoy, who saw drug abuse as an example of the greater gluttony of our capitalist system. It starts with tying to connect stopping drug use with other healthy positive life-style choices, like being vegan or vegetarian, leading an active physical life, and avoiding genetically engineered and pesticide soaked foods.

It starts with explaining to people that even if they can do their drug in "moderation" it is inevitable that some people will not be able to. Alcoholism is a disease; 1 out of every 10 people who start drinking becomes an alcoholic. Why do we want to have something in our society that some people no matter how much they do it in "moderation" will not be able to control? We need to start asking questions like, "if we feel that it is wrong to be ruled by a person, then why should we want to be ruled by a substance?" I think that this is the only way that we can reach a greater society where people will be more free to fulfill their own humanity.

HOW THE COPS GOT THEIR GUNS

A HISTORY OF THE ARMING CONTROVERSY

In the late 1980s, upper level Evergreen Administrative folks began discussing arming what were then called "Public Safety" personnel who prior to 1996, were not actually commissioned officers. It wasn't until the beginning of the 1995-96 academic year, however, that the arming of campus security was formally proposed by Thurston County Undersheriff Neil McClanahan who was, at that time, also acting as Interim Director for Public Safety. Art Costantino, Vice President of Student Affairs, then made his own formal recommendation for arming during winter quarter of that same year. Following Art's recommendation, there were several community forums to discuss the implications of arming.

Despite vocal anti-arming sentiment from students, faculty, parents, and other community members, as well as numerous protests and a petition composed of an unprecedented 1200 signatures opposed to the arming of Public Safety, President Jane Jervis made her recommendation to the Board of Trustees supporting the arming of Public Safety. Soon thereafter, despite continuing protest from the campus community, the Board of Trustees voted to recommend "limited arming" of Public Safety. The community responded with a mass sit-in, blocking the entrance to the bus loop.

The so-called "limited arming" of campus security, which began in the 1996-97 academic year, meant that the newly ordained Police Services had access to guns in lockboxes and were allowed to carry them on their persons from 6pm to 8am and when "patrolling areas distant from their vehicles" at any time during the day. In one fell swoop, what were once generally helpful "safety" officers attired in polo shirts and shorts became intimidating, and armed, "police" officers in SWAT style uniforms. Along with the more authoritarian appearance, the campus police gained the ability to cite moving violations, make arrests, and so on.

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, and the officers involved are still patrolling your campus. By the end of the 1997-98 school year, rumors began circulating (and were confirmed by one Police Services Officer's account) that the Evergreen Administration was just waiting

around for students to forget about the struggle to prevent campus arming before moving to full-time arming for all officers.

Sure enough, during September of 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. But as the year progressed 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 officer's 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 consultant 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.

After reviewing these recommendations, Art Constantino chose to follow along and recommend 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." And that is how the cops got their beloved guns 24 hours a day and seven days a week!



CAMPUS COPS

DRUG RAIDS, LYING COPS, & MACED STUDENTS

POLICE STATE REARS ITS HEAD ON CAMPUS IN FALL 2002

On top of the fact that the 2002/03 school year marked the first time in Evergreen's history when police were allowed to carry guns with them at all times, a number of disturbing events occurred on campus that demonstrated the increasingly confrontational nature of TESC's police services and their growing desire and ability to use the many weapons at their disposal.

In two separate incidents during the week of October 23, 2002, police conducted sting operations in campus housing (T and K dorms) designed to take down small time marijuana dealers. In both raids, officers Perez and Adkins led the assaults with their guns drawn to serve out the felony search warrants that were authorized by police chief Steve Huntsberry. Both operations involved the use of undercover agents acting as pot buyers. When the officers involved in the raids filled out the incident reports, they decided not to mention that they had drawn their guns. They did not even inform Chief Huntsberry of their actions during the operations. When asked a few days after the incidents about the possibility that the cops had drawn their guns Huntsberry stated, "I would be very surprised if they withdrew their guns." Whenever TESC police draw their firearms, it is campus policy to convene the Deadly Force Review Board to determine if the action was justified.

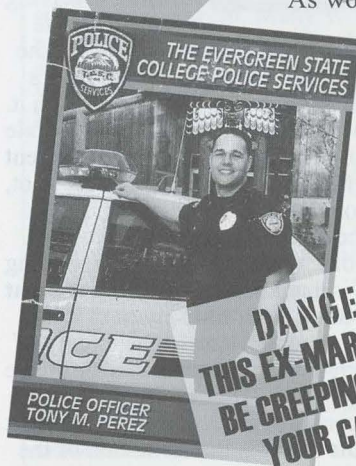
As word of the incidents spread and the controversy thickened, Art Constantino sent out a campus wide e-mail informing the community that he had been the one who had

authorized the sting operations. In the e-mail he explained that over the past year there had been numerous students who had flipped out on mushrooms and that they had endangered their own safety as well as the campus's. He had authorized the police to take down the mushroom dealers that were operating on campus and in the process, undercover officers became aware of some small time marijuana dealers who were Housing residents. Huntsberry proceeded to authorize the raids with Constantino's approval regardless of the fact that they had nothing to do with the original goal of stopping mushroom sales. As it became clear that guns had definitely been drawn in the raids, the campus decided to convene its Deadly Force Review Board.

Right around this same time, during the end of October, another incident occurred which further strained community and police relations. A drunk student in T dorm tossed an empty vodka bottle at a passing RA and an officer who arrived on the scene to check out a noise complaint was informed of the incident. He told the residents that he wanted to speak with the drunk student and when he approached the bottle-thrower, the student attempted to push past the officer and would not respond to his verbal commands.

After a brief scuffle, the officer proceeded to mace the student directly in the face and hand cuff him. The student fell to the ground screaming for water but the police did not allow anyone to approach him. Despite other partygoers attempts at helping the maced student, the police refused to allow anyone to administer medical treatment for nearly half an hour until paramedics showed up.

These incidents disturbed many students and sparked a lot of debate about the role of police on our campus. A series of community forums with Chief Huntsberry were held and the Students for Police Accountability and Responsibility (SPAR) was created to address these issues. Although the Deadly Force Review Board concluded that the officers actions in the drug raids were justified, they also decided that the decision not to report the drawing of firearms was explicitly against the college's standard operating procedure. SPAR now operates a number of 'Cop Thoughts' boxes around campus for students to use in expressing their opinions about TESC police.



RACE POLITICS AT EVERGREEN

Evergreen boasts of its diversity, but as one staff member observed, "Evergreen is alternative, not diverse". The percentage of students of color presented by the school includes students on the Tacoma campus and students who are enrolled in study-abroad programs. So, many misled students of color find themselves feeling isolated and under-represented.

One of the educational tools we have at Evergreen is seminar. In seminar we are supposed to have insight on our studies by listening to our peers' interpretations. Yet, an overwhelming majority of Greeners are from white upper-middle-class-liberal families. The typical Greener misses out on many perspectives. Students of color often face tokenism and are labeled race-obsessed. Students of color who are listened to when they share often feel like their points are quickly abandoned. This is because Greeners generally lack experience with people from other ethnicities, cultures, and classes, so they don't know how to further the discussion.

Many students of color entering Evergreen find that Greeners are highly interested in "ethnic" ideologies and, more commonly, "ethnic" products. We also find that these people are entirely unaware of these objects' historical and spiritual context and are separated from the people whose culture these products come from. This often leads to cultural appropriations, stealing someone else's culture, which is especially fucked up when it is used for artistic recognition or for profit.

Students of color often feel as if there are absolutely no traces of our heritage in Olympia. We cannot find people that look like us, movie theaters that play our movies, bookstores that sell our books, barbers and hairstylists that know how to work with our hair, religious establishments that reflect our heritage, grocery stores that sell our goods, and environments (clubs/malls) that are geared towards and accepting of our social habits. Students of color soon find that Lacey and Tacoma, which are both city bus accessible, provide them with some of the physical,

social, and spiritual necessities that Olympia lacks.

FIRST PEOPLE'S

However, Evergreen does provide services for students of color. First People's Advising (in Library 1400, or call 866-6467) provides personal and academic counseling. They have materials available and are an excellent resource for connecting students to other services and other students. First People's also plans cultural events on and off campus and they welcome ideas and assistance from all students. First People's provides support services to students of color by assisting them in achieving their academic and personal goals. Their services are tailored to meet the needs of students of color and are open to all students currently enrolled at Evergreen.



EVERGREEN HAS HATE CRIMES TOO!

Surprised? Well, students of color have known that Evergreen is not a safe space and more people are starting to hear about it. This past year there was a hate crime in Housing involving a student whose

room was broken into. Some CD's were stolen, the room rifled through, but most significantly was a note left behind with a derogatory term written on it. The term referred to a person of African descent while the student's ethnicity was from an entirely different continent. So while this asshole was a complete idiot, it still leaves the problem at hand. Intolerance, immaturity, hate, and students feeling unsafe and wanting to transfer out. What is even more appalling than the crime itself is that **Evergreen does not event have a policy that deals with hate crimes!** While this was the only documented hate crime, plenty of discrimination occurred on campus and students were finally speaking up about it. This, along with other issues pertaining to people of color on campus brought folks together and the result is the formation of the People of Color Union.

PEOPLE OF COLOR UNION (POCU)

POCU welcomes and represents all self identified students, faculty and staff of Color at the Evergreen State College, and aims to foster the best possible educational/work environment for People of Color at Evergreen. Our goals stem from our commitment to academic excellence and the belief that a college must recognize, respect and support all students, faculty, and staff in order to excel.

POCU was formed to be a safe space, to give a voice to, and protect the rights of students, faculty, and staff of Color. Our position is that a union will give students, faculty and staff of Color a voice in both their own working/learning conditions and Evergreen's commitment to higher education.

As a first step, POCU is aiming to have specific policies against racial harassment and hate crimes passed, and to provide adequate services for situations involving such issues at Evergreen that will provide a safer working and learning environment for People of Color. Having such policies instituted at Evergreen will affirm that the College is held accountable in protecting all students, faculty and staff.

In the long term, POCU will work to make Evergreen a safer environment for students, faculty and staff of Color. In this process, POCU invites all of its members to take equal responsibility and participate equally in the formation and operation of the union. POCU supports principles we uphold as being essential to a decent society, such as social justice, economic equality, equal opportunity, affirmative action, and non-violence.

POCU is not officially affiliated with the Evergreen campus but you can get in touch with them at 867-6006 or pick up a membership form from the Women of Color Coalition office located in the CAB building in office 206 next to the Deli.

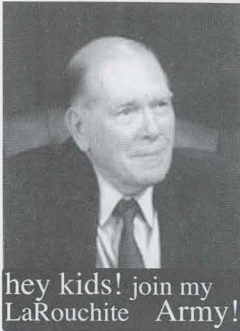
WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER AND WOMEN OF COLOR COALITION

This past year there seemed to be some tension brewing between the Women's Resource Center (WRC) and the Women of Color Coalition (WOCC) around the time of International Women's Week hosted by the WRC. The conflict started when the WOCC published an article in the CPJ titled "White Women's Week???" It brought to light the exclusion of Women of Color in organizing the event as well as in the subject of the event. Many Women of Color didn't feel welcome at the WRC and the events they put on were catered more towards white feminists. The article also called out the WRC and said that it was not serving all women at Evergreen, specifically Women of Color. Both groups decided that the International Women's Week will be organized by the WOCC this year, the decision was made after many dialogues between the two groups.

Also, this year the WOCC and the WRC switched offices, the WOCC be in CAB 206 next to the deli, and the WRC will be in the 3rd floor of the CAB in office 313. In what could have created more conflict, the WRC supported the WOCC after the International Women's Week episode and really helped make the switch happen. So now the WOCC office will be more accessible and visible to Women of Color on campus.

ATTENTION WHITE ACTIVISTS!

Instead of expecting students and faculty of color to teach you about racism, try going to the numerous events already put on by student of color groups. at these events you can learn a lot. you may feel left out or in the minority but don't worry! you'll learn about racism. try to spend time talking to other white students about what you learned. don't wait for students of color to bring up racism in seminar all the time. and when it's brought up don't just turn to the one kid of color in your class with a guilty look. racism is white people's problem too. read some good books about it. check out the book list in this manual.



AGGRESSIVE RECRUITING

Here is your demographic:
You are a college student. You're between 18-24, most likely. You may not be personally rich, but there's enough money in your life (whether parents or loans or the skin of your teeth) to pay for a four-year school.

You are a target.

You are prime pickins' for a number of different organizations. Credit card companies are salivating at the chance to lock you into 19% debt. The military would love to send you glossy brochures and t-shirts and ten minute videocassettes and even video games based on the exciting life of an Army private. Bank of America wants to offer you free checking. All this to get you – their prime demographic – to sign up. **BE CAREFUL!**

I'm not here to say "Don't sign up for a Visa, stupid!" or "Don't call the recruiter back, you moron!" but just to ask that you think for a minute:

What will this action mean to you? What are the short and long-term consequences of you doing this? Shut your eyes. Imagine you go ahead and take the path you are considering. Now extrapolate out. Project yourself into the future. What are you doing now that you made the fateful commitment? It could be good – even great. I joined the Army at 19, and it paid for my way to Evergreen, showed me a part of the world I would've never seen, and paid off my Visa debts. But my path isn't yours. Nobody else can tell you what to do.

You're all grown up now!

That's why you are responsible for THINKING about what you are about to do.

Okay, here's the gossip:

There are a number of organizations that recruit aggressively at Evergreen. Greenpeace, for example. I'm not going to disparage Greenpeace, but Christ, those people are committed. If you haven't experienced this already, you will.

Bible Jim is another local character. He comes on campus a couple of times a year waving big banners that say homosexuality is a sin, Bush needs our support and more guns, and if you don't believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you'll spend eternity in agony. Stuff like that. Now, he has every right to be here, and I firmly believe people who throw paint on him don't understand the subtleties of free speech.

But he's like Visa or Bank of America or Greenpeace. He wants you to be a cog in his machinery. Organizations need growth; stagnation equals death.

And some of these organizations will be good. Their ideals will be in line with yours. Their cause will be just, and they will deserve your support. That's fine. Join. Become a part. But PLEASE think it through. No one person or group of people – not the ACLU, not Greenpeace, not the faculty, not Christianity, not this Disorientation Manual or this article or me – has all the "right" answers. You must decide what is right for yourself.

(Of course, if I don't have the all of the right answers, maybe you *don't* have to decide for yourself. Ha! Think about that! No, that's actually a waste of time.)

The most infamous of these organizations is LaRouche. Here's a little background on LaRouche, as best as I can tell. (I qualify it because there's a certain uncertainty about LaRouche's history – which is part of the charm) LaRouche was originally a member of the radical student movement in the '60s. He has worked as an economist and activist. He was convicted of fraud, and went to jail from '89 to '94.

LaRouche ran for president in '76 on the labor ticket and tried for the democratic nomination from '80 to '92, as well as running for congress from Vermont. His publications, including the ubiquitous New Federalist, come across as highly intellectual, with lots of Platonic and Socratic references. To be 100% honest here, I've never actually finished reading one – they tend towards histrionics and would seem to require lots of research to substantiate their claims – so I'm not sure how philosophically rigorous or logically defensible they are. I do know some of the articles have nothing to do with politics, but are brainy discourses on general philosophy.

You'll see some of his brochures, I promise.

Depending on who you talk to, LaRouche is either a statesman and brilliant economist who was framed by the government (www.larouchepub.com, www.larouchein2004.net), or a "Neonazi," "fascist menace" (www.protest.net/view). No one has a lukewarm opinion about LaRouche.

LaRoucheites are some of the most aggressive recruiters on campus. They set up tables on Red Square or in the CAB, and are more than happy to debate the finer points of LaRouche's plans for hours at a time. They are smart and articulate, and they know LaRouche's teachings in and out.

If you talk to them long enough, they'll ask you to come to a weekend retreat.

Here is where YOU MUST BE CAREFUL.

Last year an acquaintance of mine went to such a retreat. He was weeks from graduating and had just asked his best girl to marry him. Sounds like an ABC After School Special, doesn't it? He was idealistic and passionate. He was also frustrated with the progressive movement and, here's the key: he was looking for something.

He had always been dismissive of the LaRouchites, but then they pointed out that he didn't really understand what LaRouche stood for. True enough, he said. Considering himself open minded, he went to a weekend retreat.

He was gone for about a week, and came back a LaRouchite. He broke off his engagement and dropped out of school.

He was adamant that LaRouche was right, that LaRouche was the only possible answer.

I am not here to say that LaRouche is wrong. I can't say my acquaintance made the wrong choice. I am only here to say that you will be a target, and the decisions you make now will affect you for the rest of your life.

So please – all I can do is ask – question everything. It's not just your right; it's your responsibility. Be careful about organizations that need to be pushy to get you to listen. Finally, and this is just good general advice: don't spend the weekend with anyone you don't know.

"If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is."
-My occasionally drunk Uncle Jim, and a million other sages

LEGACY OF MURALS

Got somethin' for ya that not every merry Greener-to-be knows, a juicy little artful secret that no one's told you yet. Scattered over Evergreen's campus, lodged way back in nooks and crannies and stairwells, buried on basement walls... Evergreen has a voice all its own; a voice that has been gathering strength for many years now. Tucked away are the murals and artwork of students, the images, words and wisdom imparted to other generations.

Some are harder to find than others. The Dragon Wall winding up the Library stairwell is heavily trafficked and the largest mural on campus. Down the basement library, below the first set of elevators, the second largest mural, entitled "Democracy and Tyranny," portrays the history of the Americas. An Elemental Goddess mother figure births the world and the piece moves through the Aztecs and Mayans, Conquistadors, forced native labor, slavery mining and raping of nature, drug wars, rainforests burning behind calmly grazing cattle, the rise and fall of the Industrial Age, the corruption of currency, the eventual fall of the skyscrapers and womankind rejoicing and emerging into the light, harmonious at last. Mountains turn to buildings, an image of Mother Earth strapped with an I.V. sheds tears onto an expectantly waiting Uncle Sam, an alien-demon figure sits atop the World Bank, sucking the earth's blood. This mural shouts freedom at the top of its lungs, replete with metaphors, cultural and historical references and fabulous artwork. It was painted in the Spring of 1989 and will strike awe into any onlooker.

Also entombed in cement beneath the library, three other murals and one unintentional floor painting can be found sleeping in their loneliness. One is a calendar wheel for the seasons held by a water/wind woman, a fire goddess/nymph and an earth or tree goddess. The calendar covers Samhain, Yule, Candlemas and the solstices and equinoxes of the earth. This one was created in 1997 and '98 by The Students of Perspectives on Ireland.

Another greenish, abstract linear speed portal grabs people's eyes from a far wall, shrouded in darkness. Down in the corner the three word title is painted in small, neat black letters: "Chaos, Calculus, Confucius." Former TESC students Erik Phenix and Chris Evans are the masterminds behind this brilliant piece painted in 1992.

So as not to give away all the details of all the murals on campus and ruin their majestic character, I'll just clue you into their whereabouts. Check out the A Building Lobby and bottom floor plus all the stairwells of A, B, C and D buildings (there's a ton in here kiddies!).

There's also an interactive quote wall spanning from the 8th through the 10th floor stairwell in A Dorm. Created without Evergreen's permission by a large group of rebel students one December 13th, this wall contains quotes from Dostoyevsky to Buddha to Plato, spontaneous poetry and tons of character.

It's comforting to live in a place with art on the walls. It gives the place a calm feeling and gives the eyes many wonders to peruse. Providing an outlet for the student artwork is one of the most important things a school can do, and even though Evergreen's administration still has a few things to figure out concerning the nature of art, freedom and expression they do a decent job. Take the completely random mural tour next time you find yourself blundering about campus and enjoy the sights.

Artists??

Every wall inside the dorm hallways can potentially be painted, especially the stairwells, all you have to do is submit a design to Housing and they will buy you the paints, or you can not ask and use your own paint but you risk losing your design and facing graffiti charges. Besides, there's some kind of paint-restricting building code, and I'm sure they wouldn't want to allow free speech that's too free.

EVERGREEN GRAFFITI WALL.



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Last year, Greener graffiti artists got their shit together and started an administration-sanctioned graffiti wall on campus. It has gotten a lot of use over the past year and you can check it out on the side of the COM building facing the fields!

Generalizing Education: standardizing progressive education

There is a national trend that is threatening schools across America with hegemony. This trend, packed full of buzzwords and jargon, is coming to a college near you, very near you. We have all heard the phrase "education standards" thrown around in candidates' political campaigns. Well, it appears that these "one-size-fits-all" standards are on their way to Evergreen in the guise of "general education requirements".

In 1998 TESC was graced with a visit from the Commission of Colleges, a group of

commissioners that evaluate the accreditation status of TESC every ten years. The only recommendation the group had was that we make better efforts to integrate quantitative reasoning into the curriculum, a recommendation originally set forth by Evergreen's self-evaluation. However, despite some reports, there was (and is) no eminent threat of Evergreen loosing its accreditation.

TESC was criticized by the Higher Education Coordinating Board for having overall "uneven" general education. These critiques and recommendations were the catalyst for a challenging and passionate debate amongst Evergreen students, faculty and administration that became larger than its individual proposals. This debate has begun to reshape liberal arts education as we know it.

The contention by general education proponents is that Evergreen students graduate from Evergreen with an unbalanced education. They claim that those who come to TESC interested in Art or Humanities leave with not enough Science or Math, and those who come to TESC interested in the Sciences leave with no appreciation for the Arts or Humanities. Proponents of GE requirements insist that Evergreen programs lack depth and breadth, as well as critical analysis skills.

While much of the faculty, students and administration involved in the General Education DTF (Disappearing Tack Force- the committee now in charge of GE requirements) agreed that

this was a problem, few agreed on how to remedy it. Two basic proposals were made and both were voted down by the staff. Incidentally, as testament to deficient student democracy at TESC, while students involved with DTFs are able to give their input, they are not allowed to vote, nor is any voting member of any DTF obliged to represent student views.

According to Kelly Sanger, a student member of the DTF, a survey was given to students and reportedly showed "overwhelming support" for

the general education requirements. However, students who supported GE requirements administered the survey. Consequently, there is no telling how the GE debate was framed, or if the survey contained inherent bias in its questioning.

One proposal, heavily contested, was to shorten programs. Many TESC programs are yearlong and develop "learning communities" to develop depth and breadth within a subject matter. Apparently, this is not the type of depth or breadth that GE proponents desire. They maintain that while these programs, and even other shorter programs at Evergreen are technically interdisciplinary, they are in practice analogous in subject matter and perspective. For example, programs based in the social sciences may bring in aspects of political science, history, and race issues, but those are all still within the discipline of social science and is therefore not considered interdisciplinary. By shortening programs, proponents were hoping to allow students to take more courses during their time at TESC, and that this variety would ostensibly add to more balance in the curriculum.

This proposal threatens the whole concept of learning communities. While it is true that a learning community can occur in just one quarter, some faculty believe that it is only after the first quarter that real intimacy and learning truly begin. Also, two or three quarter programs allow for more breadth and depth as well as more ideological cross-pollination.

Generalized Education contd

Furthermore, taking more short programs with a variety of topics is one step closer to the structure found at any "mainstream" college. Though they aculty shot down this particular proposal, others like it may appear again.

In a second, more supported proposal, teachers from different disciplines would teach a program together. For example, a math teacher would be involved in an art or sociology program. This proposal does not necessarily create interdisciplinary education, as it is likely that there would be great difficulty in synthesizing or integrating these disciplines. It could quite possibly become two classes within one program, segmented and separated. As faculty Sam Schrage points out, if there is no "organic" connection to be made, it could be counterproductive to organize programs in such a fashion. Furthermore, it is also possible that teachers would be required to teach unfamiliar subject matter, or cover information that they feel dispassionate about. This proposal was officially defeated, but measures were passed to experiment with "cross-divisional programs."

The final general education plan, passed in April 2001, has three basic components: Expectations, Advising, and most importantly, Curricular Restructuring. The Expectations are six vague principles that every Graduate is supposed to acquire while at TESC, including that a student "participate collaboratively and responsibly in our diverse society," "assume responsibility for (his/her) own work," or "communicate creatively and effectively." What is most interesting about the expectations is their emphasis on qualitative/quantitative analysis, modes of inquiry, and critical thinking. This emphasis seems to be promoting an exaggerated pragmatism and rationality that is seemingly ever present in the educational system. However, omitted are any expectations of artistic appreciation or creative spontaneity, ostensibly all part of a well-rounded general education.

Also passed was an agreement about advising. Teachers will convey to students these new expectations through "advising conferences with their students each year based on a self-reflective piece written by the students." If, during these "summative self-evaluations," senior students or faculty come to realize an expectation is not met, will the student then not be allowed to graduate? The final proposal provides no answer.

Most importantly, the faculty passed a curricular restructuring plan. This plan's number one tenet is to have the "dean and faculty experiment with alternatives that provide greater access to quantitative reasoning, science and art". What does that mean? Your guess is as good as mine. What is most troublesome is that this "experimentation" will occur, to my knowledge, without student input or even quorum votes. The second tenet is to create "cross-divisional programs." These programs will "increase student access to more quantitative reasoning, arts, and science options taught in an interdisciplinary context."

What is most troubling to me is that no one is asking if students should have access to general education at Evergreen. Being that many Evergreen students are transfer students from other more traditional colleges, it can be assumed that many of them have had access to general education and are now wanting to hone their interests on their "major." However, these general education requirements are designed to give "access to... Sciences, Arts and Quantitative Reasoning for transfer and sophomore and above students."

Furthermore, while some might concede that students should have access to more cross-divisional programs or a more broad general education, we must still ask, should it really be a requirement? Are we not just asking faculty to teach fish how to fly? It seems to me that education standards are innately problematic. How can 3000 diversely creative and passionate students all be expected to get the same thing out of their education? We do not pay thousands of dollars for a standardized education. We are in danger of being standardized.

It may be necessary and valuable to reevaluate Evergreen's standards, as well as its access to a more broad scope of education. However, if freedom is truly a component of a liberal arts education, these evaluations should not result in more rigid requirements, but more interesting options. Depth should not be sacrificed for breadth, and the two are not synonyms, as the DTF expectations would have one believe. Most importantly, if general education is to be implemented, it should be fair and unbiased.

The General Education development and implementation has become the responsibility of the "Academic Growth" DTF. For information on how you can get involved and exercise your voice, contact Provost Barbara Smith.



WASSUP WITH THE ADMINISTRATION? WHO MAKES THE RULES AT THIS PLACE?

Greeners have thus far refused to submit to the tyranny (or rise to the responsibility) of Student Government, and thus avenues for participation in the decisions made at the college are restricted to the efforts of individuals and independent groups dealing with the administration directly.

Most decisions affecting the college are made unilaterally by the administration, with little or no input from students. Other decisions at Evergreen are made by committees (often called DTFs, or Disappearing Task Forces) that are theoretically open to all students, faculty, and staff. Unfortunately, the initiation of various DTFs is rarely advertised well; most students don't even know what DTF stands for. This system also means that the opinions of people who can devote time to committees matter most, which often excludes students with jobs. Furthermore, the administration regularly limits the total number of individuals that can participate in these groups.

Worse, if the students who are participating drop out of the process, the committees rarely find replacements, and thus many of these committees have no student representation. Finally, the decisions of all committees can be, and regularly are, overruled by unilateral decisions from higher-ups in the administration, who may "forget" or neglect to change the rules to reflect decisions reached, or who alter decisions during summer break when most students are gone.

Think of governance at Evergreen like a wide field stretching out in all directions. While it seems very open and welcoming of change, the effect is that people are scattered throughout the field, shouting at the top of their lungs, and while some people can indeed hear other

people, the administration is all huddled in a dark and shadowy area of the field far away from the preponderance of students. This region is known as the third floor of the Library building; if you want to change anything at Evergreen, your first good move might be to break your lease and move up to the 3rd floor. Check into the campus governance structures of other progressive liberal arts colleges. Some have student representatives with real 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.

EVERGREEN'S CORPORATE BOSSSES: THE ROLE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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," as opposed to people who know anything about life at this college.

CURRENT AND RECENT TRUSTEES

*Trustee Deborah Barnett is a corporate executive with Microsoft and Citibank's TransPoint corporation. Citibank, an accomplice of the World Bank, is North America's largest financial institution, and is a key financial backer of some of the most environmentally egregious projects in the world, most recently funding projects that have devastated Indonesia's old growth rainforests.

* Trustee David Lamb is Executive Officer with Lamb-Grays Harbor Company, which was taken to the National Labor Relations Board by employees for trying to bust unionization attempts in 1989.

* Trustee Dwight Kiyoshi Imanaka is Senior Manager of Employee and Union Relations at Boeing Corporation, which produces military aircraft and has consistently tried to undermine unions' attempts to secure decent wages and working conditions.

* Trustee Karen Lane currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Washington Biotechnology and Biomedicine Association, which is a conglomeration of huge biotechnology and biomedical corporations (including Monsanto, ZymoGenetics, Smith Kline Beecham, Battelle, BioGenetic Ventures, Biocontrol, and Merrill Lynch).

The other Trustees are Stanley Flemming, the Deputy Executive Director of Cascade Health Care Delivery Systems in Tacoma; Bill Frank, Chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission in Olympia; Marilee Roloff, Executive Director of Volunteers of America of Spokane; and an Evergreen student named Anthony Sermonti.

*The student Trustee for the 2003/04 school year is Anthony Sermonti.

TESC'S 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.

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.

ADMINISTRATION VS. STUDENTS?

There are clearly certain powerful figures within the administration that see Evergreen as dangerously radical and these people 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 more radical sides 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 school's bureaucratic process and don't let their actions discourage you and your efforts at making the college a more socially and ecologically responsible institution.

THE TOP FOUR EXCUSES THE ADMINISTRATION GIVES WHEN ATTEMPTING TO CRUSH STUDENT EFFORTS TO MAKE THE COLLEGE A MORE SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTION:

1. "You are misinformed, don't have your story straight, and/or nobody agrees with your cause." Have your facts well documented and accessible. Have some proof that people agree with you (petitions, surveys, etc.) Experience has shown that students are generally much better informed on the issues than the administration; never assume that the administration is right just because they tell you they are.
2. "There Is No Alternative (TINA); the college has no options in this situation; it would be illegal for the college to do that." 95% of the time this is total bullshit. Here's the translation: "Of course we could do what your asking, but it would take a lot of work on our parts, it would open the doors to others demanding similar concessions, and, most importantly, it will make us look bad in the press, with the state legislature, and especially with the corporate donors. As to your idea's legality, I really don't have a clue whether the college can legally do that, so I'm just guessing. I'm really hoping you'll believe me and that you'll go away. As you may have guessed, I have no qualifications whatsoever to decide what's legal and what's not since I'm not a judge or the State Board of Education, and they're the only ones with the authority to make those judgements."
3. "We need to look closer at the problem (and look and look and look....)" Be aware that if the administration knows you have your facts straight, you have popular support, and they can't give you the TINA, stalling may be the preferred option. The administration can take years to make the smallest decisions. Persistence and popular pressure are the only remedies.
4. One of the most frequent and disturbing excuses that the administrators have given, particularly when confronted about fiscally supporting corporations that commit human rights abuses, is that doing otherwise would violate the college's "neutrality." Don't stand for this nonsense. In the words of Paulo Freire, a Brazilian educator and philosopher of education, "*Washing one's hands of the conflict between the powerful and the powerless means to side with the powerful, not to be neutral.*"

activism and RESISTANCE



The History of May Day and the Administration's Response

In Olympia and throughout the world, May 1 is seen as a day of celebration, community building, and protest. May Day has survived and transformed through centuries of tradition as a day to welcome Spring, honor the workers of the world, and reclaim the streets.

May Day dates back to Pagan Europe and the Fertility/Spring planting celebrations of the Celts and Saxons. Traditions of glorifying craftsman and dancing around a large maypole survived through the eighteenth century despite attempts by the Catholic Church to outlaw the heathen celebrations as early as the 1600s. The Catholic Church eventually incorporated May Day traditions into its own teachings in a successful effort to attract a larger following.

As history progressed, crafts guilds transformed into labor unions and the celebration transformed into the labor holiday now celebrated throughout the world on May 1. The new identity of May Day began on May 1, 1886 with a general strike in the United States and Canada demanding an eight-hour workday. In Chicago, the strike and protests were broken apart by police gunfire that killed six and wounded countless others. The next day, protesters gathered in Haymarket Square in Chicago to protest the police brutality. A bomb was thrown into a crowd of police officers killing eight and wounding others. Eight anarchist laborers were arrested and sentenced to be hanged for this crime, though no clear evidence was gathered that the "Chicago Eight" had thrown the bomb. For the past several years, large protests and autonomous festivities have occurred in Olympia in celebration and remembrance of May Day. The Union of Student Workers worked hard during the Spring of

2000 to ensure that educational events for the entire Olympia community were held in addition to the protests, as some Olympia residents don't seem to understand the events. As part of the pre-May Day festivities, USW planned a two-night event at the Capital Theatre downtown. The event was to include a report-back from participants in the recent IMF/World Bank protests in Washington D.C., a teach-in on corporate globalization, as well as an event entitled "Students in the Movement: A showcase of the contributions of youth and students to the movement for social change."

The event was approved by student activities on the condition that proper insurance be purchased for an off-campus event and that the event be reviewed by the school's risk management office. Purchasing the insurance was no problem, but getting the risk management office clearance was another story. Art Costantino, the college's Vice President for Student Affairs, citing his distrust of the union following the twice-a-month paycheck dispute from a year back, instructed the office to pull funds for this purely educational event.

Each year, police tactics in suppressing the party and protests increase. May Day 2001 was greeted by dozens of police officers draped in riot gear, a disturbing presence at the otherwise joyous demonstration. Two arrests were made and a garden made from the collective energy and creativity of over 150 protesters was plowed over. The site of the garden, the corner of Harrison and Division has once again become a vacant lot destined to become a gas station or mini mart.



Transgender, Genderqueer & Intersex Activism at Evergreen: a short history



Evergreen has a history of activism around gender identity. there have been transgender, intersex and genderqueer people at evergreen since the school began. because of transphobia, genderqueerphobia, and intersex oppression many people who identify as gender variant in any way cannot be out on campus. like in the queer community, there is also a history of violence and repression against those who deviate from "traditional" gender, sex and genitalia standards. evergreen is no utopia free from this bigotry. if you need basic education around these issues, as they are often not included in the activist oppression run-down, see the internet link resources in the back of the manual.

Luckily, unlike many other universities, evergreen has exciting gender variant events and educational opportunities. the trans forum began in '96-'97 which included speakers, panelists and question & answer sessions. leslie feinberg, a radical multi-issue trans activist, came in 2000 and spoke to more than 1000 students, faculty, and community members in red square. caitlin sullivan (who wrote nearly roadkill with kate bornstein) came to evergreen several years ago as well.

For two years at evergreen, there has been a northwest trans, genderqueer, and intersex film festival. it was one of the three film fests of this kind in the united states along with Chicago and San Francisco. there have also been fests in London and Toronto. this puts olympia on the map for the genderqueer film extravaganza! the film fest began out of a trans discussion group that began in '97-'98 with 20 members at the first meeting. A few transpeople and allies were talking at the end of the meeting about getting together to watch the porn "tranny boys in the alley." "why not have more people get together and watch exciting artsy gender variant films?" they thought. and so the festival idea was born. Beginning in 1999-2000, the festival began as the "trans and intersex film fest" and was 3 days long. In 2000-2001, they added genderqueer to the name of the festival, though films on the subject were already presented, and grew to 4 days. The festivals included speakers, workshops, panels, films, bands, and art. almost 1,000 attended. the gender-neutral safe bathroom signs during the festival got ripped down, but, in general, minimal harassment was reported. the administration provided substantial funding and support. many people came from seattle, portland, and vancouver to attend. The festival's last year was in 2000-2001 because there was a lack of new student and community organizers.



Along with the first film festival, transgender issues and identity became a hot topic in seminar discussions because of more outspoken gender variant students. there are a good amount of classes offered on gender at tesc, but they almost always deal mainly with feminism and sexism. if classes do talk about gender transgression it tends to be a quick "special topic" or the gender variant person in the class is permitted to teach the rest of the class about trans and genderqueer issues. intersex is just beginning to be discussed in classes more regularly as intersex activists are working hard to make sure the issue is addressed. it is not fair to tokenize trans, genderqueer and intersex people to educate classes about gender variance. though these issues are just beginning to become academically popular, academia already has a history of gender activists and thinkers. professors need to do their own work so these issues can be fairly addressed in classes without having to put the burden on gender variant students to do extra work so their identity is not swept under the rug in relevant discussions.



This past year a student did a contract on gender issues in campus housing. he tried to work with housing to establish gender neutral housing solutions for gender variant people who want or need to live in campus housing. housing told him it was illegal. since the college is an institution they are legally allowed to gender segregate housing, but they are NOT required to do this. gendered housing presents a very uncomfortable and potentially dangerous situation for trans, genderqueer, and intersex people. to respect all people's housing needs, there needs to be at least some gender-neutral housing alternative. opening this fall, there will be a trans dorm at wesleyan university in middleton, connecticut so we know it can be done.

The olympia sex conference last year was one of the first trans, genderqueer, and intersex inclusive sex education and anti-oppression event. In the two years before, the sex and gender conferences took place by different organizers. Both events included speakers, music, workshops, anti-oppression work, and panels that dealt, at least in part, with trans, genderqueer and intersex issues.

Last year, there was also a trans/genderqueer 101 workshop provided as a part of the women's resource center international women's week. the survivor project, a trans and intersex organization dealing with abuse survivors, gave an anti-oppression workshop as a part of sexual assault awareness month sponsored by the coalition against sexual assault.

Like most schools, there have been drag parties and shows throughout the years. these are fun, genderqueer events that have a long revolutionary history in queer and trans culture. these days, there seems to be a dangerous appropriation of these events by non-queer groups to raise money. it is important to think about whose culture you are using to raise money when you plan events. make sure you are not using other people's histories to make a buck.

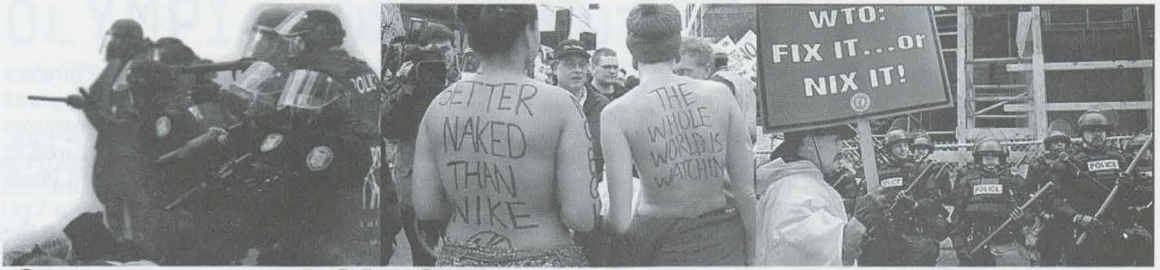
The evergreen queer alliance's mission statement includes gender variant people. originally called the gay & lesbian resource center, it was later changed to the lesbian & gay resource center. in the 80's and 90's bisexual folks raised hell. eventually the group was renamed it the evergreen queer alliance. there have been trans coordinators since the late 90's. at one point, the eqa had 3 trans coordinators and there have been varying numbers of trans members in the group, but more work can always be done to make queer organizations more inclusive. intersex issues have not been addressed enough.

Stonewall youth, olympia's queer and trans resource providing support and events, hosts a trans discussion and support group that has been around for 3 years. contact them from the community groups listings in this manual. additionally, the gender variant health care project provides health care consulting and referrals for gender variant people in the area. they are also listed in the community groups listings of the manual. last year, a small group of gender variant, current and past, students trained the evergreen advising staff on trans, genderqueer and intersex sensitivity issues.

Some of the issues gender variant activists and allies are working on this year include housing gender segregation, evaluation pronoun issues, and single-stall gender-neutral bathrooms. feel free to join the gender variant activist list serve (oly_gender_activists@yahoo.com) to stay in touch about this work. also check out <http://www.tgguide.com/Guide/washington.htm> for a list of trans resources in washington state. there you will also find information about a transsexual prisoner support program.

<p><i>guide to safer bathrooms for gender-ambiguous and trans/genderqueer folks</i></p> <p>All the bathrooms are single stall and can lock, yet not all are gender neutral. this is the key: GN means gender neutral and G means gendered yet still safer because you can go in alone.</p> <p><i>in olympia...</i> Le Voyeur GN</p>	<p>Orca books GN Metro Body piercing and Tattoo GN Dumpster Values GN Old School Pizza GN New moon Cafe / Quality Burrito GN Baidorf and Bronson Coffee shop GN Traditions G in the back Chopsticks G in the back Chain Mai G in the back Otto's G in a hall way</p>	<p>Starbucks GN More than Friends (bar) GN Ben Moore's G in the back Mini Saigon G on side Thai Pavilion G in the back</p> <p><i>and at evergreen...</i> CAB 3rd floor G Lab 1 basement GN Arts Annex G & GN</p>
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Greeners and Oly Gang help SHUT DOWN THE WTO

When the World Trade Organization(WTO) announced that it would hold its third ministerial meeting in Seattle during November and December of 1999, activists and organizers from around the country and world realized that this could be their best chance at throwing a wrench in the gears of corporate globalization and exposing its destructive agenda against the people of the world.

The WTO was born out of the 1994 Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Trade and Traffics which was created after WWII to facilitate the lowering of all barriers to international trade including tariffs on imported goods. The WTO was basically designed as an enforcement mechanism that could be used to coerce member states into complying with a neoliberal agenda based on opening up national economies to foreign investment, privatization of nationalized industries, and allowing the unrestricted flow of capital and goods (but not people). If a transnational corporation (TNC) feels that a certain country has a law that it feels is a barrier to "free trade" it can bring that country to the WTO and a panel of trade judges (many of whom are ex-corporate types) will meet behind closed doors to decide whether that specific law needs to be repealed. If the country does not comply with the ruling, the WTO has the power to penalize it with massive fines. Time and again, the WTO has shown that it will rule in favor of the TNCs in overturning "barriers to free trade" such as human rights and environmental protection laws. Every one of the 142 countries that has signed on to the WTO has handed over its national sovereignty in letting the secretive panel of global trade judges overturn democratically enacted national laws.

An amazingly wide range of organizations and individuals focusing on a diverse array of issues understood that the WTO (and corporate globalization in general) was systematically

dismantling means of protecting working people and the environment in the name of increasing the profits of TNCs. As the Seattle ministerial approached, many of these groups pledged to shut down the WTO's meetings using non-violent direct action. During the week of the ministerial, caravans from around the country converged in Seattle to participate in the demonstrations and as the opening day approached, it was becoming more clear that a historical event was about to unfold.

Early in the morning of November 30, the day the WTO's opening ceremonies were set to begin, thousands of activists, including hundreds of Greeners and Olympians, took to the streets of downtown Seattle, blocking intersections, hotels WTO delegates were staying at, and the convention center where the day's ceremonies were to be held. This decentralized swarm of protesters were loosely organized under the Direct Action Network which was working to coordinate the civil disobedience actions. Many of the delegates to the ministerial woke that morning to the realization that they were trapped in their hotels. As the day progressed, a massive Union march funnelled into downtown backing up DAN's blockades with tens of thousands more protesters. All throughout the day, the Oly gang held on to the intersection where the Nike Town was located. Somewhere in the area of 80 thousand people took over the streets of downtown Seattle that day.

While much of the media coverage of the demonstrations focused on the private property destruction caused by a small group of people, it was clear what was really causing the biggest disruption for the meetings were the non-violent DAN protesters locking down in the streets. They were the first group to be attacked by the Police with tear gas, pepper spray, rubber bullets, and batons near the convention center before any of the vandalism had even occurred.

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SHUT DOWN THE WTO (CONTINUED)...

It is interesting to note that while much of the corporate media assumed that all of the vandalism was caused by the same group, it is clear that this was not the case. A small band of black-mask-wearing demonstrators carefully selected symbols of global corporate power and proceeded to smash the windows of these stores and left behind spray painted anti-corporate messages. Later in the day, herds of local teenagers looking to take advantage of the chaos caused some more property destruction and looted a few stores without any sort of political agenda.

By mid-afternoon, downtown Seattle resembled something in between a crazy street carnival and a battlefield. It was around this time that word began to spread that the WTO's opening ceremonies had been cancelled and DAN's lockdowns had been a complete success.

That night a curfew was imposed and the National Guard was called in to secure the city for Clinton's arrival the next day. Protesters woke up the next morning to find downtown Seattle transformed into a "no protest zone" police state with National Guard checkpoints, Blackhawk helicopters hovering overhead, and armored personell carriers filled with riot cops patrolling the streets. It had become illegal to possess a gas mask and the National Guard troops and the riot

cops used this new law to arrest as many demonstrators as possible. All together, roughly 300 Olympians were arrested in the protests and many demonstrators who were arrested told stories of being tortured at the makeshift detention centers set up at Sand Point Naval Station and other locations.

Although the WTO was able to meet during the rest of the week, demonstrations continued and by the last day it became clear that the protests had been an unprecedented success when the ministerial talks collapsed. Using the protests as an opportunity to stand up to the rich countries, many of the poor countries refused to sign on to a new round of trade liberalization and the WTO was forced to end the Seattle ministerial without getting anything accomplished. What had been a secretive and little known institution was suddenly on the front pages of news papers around the world and corporate apologists were suddenly having to defend its existence and the need for corporate globalization.

As this publication goes to print thousands of activists are set to descend on Cancun to disrupt the WTO's fifth ministerial meeting. GLOBALIZE LIBERATION NOT CORPORATE POWER! SHUT IT DOWN!



graduation speaker MUMIA ABU JAMAL

You may have heard about Evergreen and the controversy created when former Black Panther Party activist Mumia Abu-Jamal spoke at its graduation ceremony in 1999. Abu-Jamal has been on death row since 1982 for allegedly murdering 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. Abu-Jamal is considered one of the world's foremost political prisoners.

(More information is available at www.j4mumia.org).

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 higher ups in the administration overruled the decision of the graduation committee, unilaterally selected another keynote speaker, and reduced Abu-Jamal to a less prominent position in the event.

Despite this setback the event was a huge success. Before the day of graduation rumors circulated that during Mumia's speech discontented seniors and 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.

OLYMPIA AND THE ISRAEL-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT



After World War I, the areas encompassing Syria, Palestine, and Iraq were placed under a British and French mandate. The British government issued the Balfour Declaration in 1917 which established the area of Palestine as a national home for the Jewish people (Zionist immigrants). The 1930's brought a Palestinian revolt against British rule and increasing Zionist immigration. In 1947, United Nations Resolution 181 favored the partition of Palestine into two independent states: one for the Jewish population and one for Palestinian Arabs. Jerusalem, considered a holy city to the world's three largest monotheistic religions (Christianity, Islam, Judaism), was to be designated an "international" zone, belonging to neither state.

In 1948, Israel declared statehood and expanded to occupy 77% of Palestine. In the 1967 war, Israel occupied and proceeded to annex the remaining portions of Palestine, including Jerusalem. The Israeli occupation of Palestine resulted in the exile of an estimated 500,000+ Palestinians. Israel's victory during the 1967 war established the country as a formidable military presence in the region. The United States thus initiated a policy of economic and military support to Israel which continues to this day. After 1967, Palestinian self-determination became manifest in the increasingly visible role of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. Yasser Arafat was elected chairman of the Palestinian National Council in 1969.

The secret Israeli-Palestinian negotiations of 1993, conducted in Oslo, established the "Declaration of Principles," also known as the Oslo I Accords. This declaration recognized an interim Palestinian government under the auspices of Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority. The current "Road Map" peace plan required the appointment of Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen). Throughout perennial attempts at peace, the United States and Israel have concertedly excluded Palestinian leadership from important decisions and negotiations, content to allow Palestinians to be represented by proxy.

Current Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon instigated the Al-Aqsa Intifada (Arabic for "shaking off") by his September 2000 visit to Haram al-Sharif, a sacred Muslim site, accompanied by a massive Israeli police escort. Sharon proclaimed that Israel would never relinquish control of the Muslim holy site. Since his rise to power, Ariel Sharon has implemented a policy of expanded settlement into the occupied territories. Since Oslo, the Israeli settler population has nearly doubled to 400,000. Israeli settlements in the West Bank region are clearly violations of international law. The Geneva Convention explicitly "prohibits an occupying state from transferring part of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies." These illegal Israeli settlements are slowly defining the boundaries of Palestinian land and life by preventing freedom of movement, cutting off access to medical facilities, and limiting access to food and water.

Israeli checkpoints are densely located throughout the occupied territories; Palestinians are identified by unique license-plates and are detained while Israeli automobiles move freely among the roads.

A salient reminder of the brutality of the Israeli occupation is the destruction of Palestinian homes. This practice has been routine "collective punishment" that targets Palestinian families as well as the surviving family of those implicated in acts of violence. This collective punishment is expressly prohibited under the Fourth Geneva Convention. 8,000 Palestinian homes have been demolished by the Israeli government since 1967. During the Oslo negotiations, 740 homes were demolished. 2,000 have been demolished since the beginning of the Al-Aqsa Intifada.

Since 2000, hundreds of thousands of Palestinian trees have been bulldozed, uprooted, or set ablaze by Israeli soldiers and settlers, 200,000 of these trees were Olive trees. Settlements built since 1967 total more than 200; tens of thousands of acres of Palestinian land has been seized by the Israeli government. In the Gaza Strip, more than a million Palestinians are confined to roughly 60% of the area; Israeli settlers occupy the remaining 40%. Administrative detention allows Palestinians to be held for up to 6 months without justifiable reason. This period can be extended indefinitely. The Israeli government can enter and search a Palestinian home without a warrant. These are but a few examples of the systematic denial of Palestinian self-determination.

Currently, Ariel Sharon has advocated the construction of a "security fence" surrounding certain areas of the occupied territories. This "fence," known to many as the "apartheid wall," is a blatant effort to further marginalize the Palestinian population through an Israeli strategy that is remarkably similar to the Bantustan policies of South Africa. By constructing this wall, Israel is clearly defining the borders of a future Palestinian state: borders that are not continuous; borders that separate communities and families. The continued construction of the security fence has rescinded all potential for a peaceful resolution to the conflict. The United States government has not seriously considered the detrimental nature of the security fence to the peace process. Furthermore, acts of Palestinian aggression are continuously portrayed in the media as isolated incidents. Evergreen professor and Middle East expert Steve Niva has written a concise explanation of Israeli provocation and subsequent Palestinian reaction. Ariel Sharon's policy of assassinating Palestinian militants has clearly and perennially resulted in reciprocal violence from Palestinians. Sharon's attacks on Palestinian militants often result in the deaths of countless innocent Palestinians. CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

ISRAEL PALESTINE CONFLICT CONTINUED

Despite Israel's continued aggression toward the Palestinian population in the occupied territories, the United States government continues to provide Israel with 3+ billion in foreign aid yearly. After the al-Aqsa Intifada and subsequent Israeli attacks on the Palestinian population, the Clinton Administration agreed to provide Israel with a massive shipment of attack helicopters. The United States government is cognizant of how attack helicopters are used. On October 19, 2000, Amnesty International issued a report documenting the use of U.S. military helicopters against Palestinian civilians. Continued U.S. support of Israel further diminished any hopes of peace in the region.

The Olympia community has expressed a profound concern for Palestinian human rights and self-determination (as well as the safety of Israeli civilians). Several solidarity groups in the area are dedicated to promoting awareness and encouraging peace in the Middle East. Numerous Evergreen students have traveled to Israel and Palestine as members of the International Solidarity Movement. In March of 2003, Evergreen student Rachel Corrie was killed by an Israeli bulldozer in Rafah while nonviolently attempting to prevent the destruction of a Palestinian home. Rachel's life has served as an inspiration to community members who are dedicated to the pursuit of nonviolent social change and

peace in Palestine. Cindy and Craig Corrie, Rachel's parents, delivered an emotional and heartfelt message to graduating students during Evergreen's 2003 commencement ceremony. They urged the graduating class to share in Rachel's dream of courage and justice. The Olympia-Rafah Sister City Project was created as an extension of Rachel's vision and promotes the "strengthening of cross-cultural awareness, understanding, international cooperation, justice, and peace."

The need for effective community participation in the struggle for peace and justice in Israel and Palestine grows exponentially with each passing day. Please do not hesitate to seek additional information or express your concern by contacting a local solidarity group. Our community has the potential to foster a deepened understanding of the conflict and promote an equitable, peaceful world for Israelis and Palestinians.

Links:

Middle East Research and Information Project:

Palestinian Monitor:

Rachel Corrie:

The Olympia-Rafah Sister City Project:

Olympia Peace Calendar:

HISTORY OF THE IWW IN CASCADIA

Early in the twentieth century, the Northwest was home to a very large industrial boom. The need for lumber for the WWI war machine demanded increasing amounts of timber be logged. Conditions sucked ass for the workers who were paid pennies, ripped off by employment agencies, and treated like shit by bosses, cops and just about everyone. They organized with the IWW (Industrial Workers of the World), also known as the Wobblies, and staged a General Strike in the timber industry for over a year. Though they won most of their demands, so many Wobblies were beaten, intimidated, jailed or "disappeared" that they eventually broke the union's strength in the woods and forced many of these militant unionists into some of the more mainstream trade unions... where they promptly agitated for an even larger strike known as the Seattle General Strike of 1919. This had a great ripple effect, helping lead to the Winnipeg General Strike, the Vancouver General Strike, etc.

This obviously pissed off the timber barons and the government since the US was at war with Germany and there was money to be made with the blood of the working class. Lots of Wobblies and other leftists were jailed/deported and in some cases, as in Everett and Centralia beaten, castrated, lynched and used for target practice by really neat-o groups like the Elks Club and the American Legion.

Unionism was described as being dead in the decades following WWI, buried in a shallow grave behind the Chamber of Commerce, so to speak. The state of Washington, the federal government as well as the government of Canada made it a felony to be a Wobbly under what is referred to now as the Anarchy Sabotage laws. Those laws made it illegal to advocate a change of government, to have knowledge of anyone condoning this, to use or wear emblems suggesting this, the distribution of literature to these ends, etc. This made spray painting the "circle A" - or even wearing an @ patch - a felony! Those laws were still on the books up to a couple of years ago. Most everyone forgot about them except a few Wobblies who were pissed off that they couldn't find any info about the union from 1919 on since along with the Anarchy Sabotage laws there were shitloads of police raids and harassment. Check out the community groups directory to get involved in the local IWW.



TWICE A MONTH PAY CHECKS

Due to the intransigence of the college's administration, efforts to move pay for student workers from once-a-month to a twice-a-month pay schedule took the Union of Student Workers well over three years to achieve success. Student workers got paid as long as six weeks after the day they worked and were the only ones in Washington to be paid in this way.

In the first year, USW met with "standard administrative delay strategies" (SADS?!?). The school claimed the focus was too broad when USW brought many student worker issues (livable wage issues, not being allowed to work more than 19 hours/weeks, the once-a-month pay schedule) to their attention. They then turned around to claim that our focus was too narrow when we brought to them a single issue - the once a month paychecks! In the Fall of 1998, in front of 400 supporters, the USW confronted the administration on their inconsistencies and presented them with a plan to move to a twice-a-month pay schedule. After a long period of haggling, the administration finally committed to the idea. It then took two years of planning. In the spring of 2001 twice-a-month paychecks were finally enacted.

the Food Fight of 2000

The spring of the year 2000 saw the not-surprising announcement that the college's food service vendor for the entire decade would be chosen over the summer, while the vast majority of the students were away. A bit of research revealed that all of the corporations bidding for the food service were pretty shady. Imagine our chagrin when we discovered that the leading bidder was Sodexho, a Paris-based company with a monumental history of abuse of its employees, violating health codes, and with major fiscal and managerial ties to the for-profit prison industry (yes, there are corporations that build and operate prisons and make big bucks doing it).

We figured that this company was so bad that Evergreen's administration would quickly drop negotiations with Sodexho. On the contrary, they called us liars, rumor mongers, and accused us of "falling victim to leftist conspiracy theories." Their evidence against us? A letter from Sodexho's corporate spin machine warning them not to believe us!

We eventually succeeded in convincing the administration that we did indeed have our facts straight, but by that point, as they informed us, it was too late to do anything about it - we got the standard "there is no alternative" (TINA) explanation. We hung banners around campus warning Sodexho and the administration that they were asking for it, did some fun guerilla theatre in red square for the summer school crowd and the international students, notified the press, and scheduled a massive town meeting to discuss the situation with the campus.

Apparently somebody got scared because just a few days before the town meeting the negotiations mysteriously broke down. The college asked the permission to extend the contract with its old food

service provider: the threats of TINA were bogus. Students had kept the 2nd largest food service corporation in the world off Evergreen's campus!

And then they tried to come back for 2001. Realizing that time was short and that there was probably little chance that the events of the previous summer would repeat themselves, students decided it was time to make it clear to Sodexho that resistance was still quite fertile. 40 students and community members greeted the Sodexho representatives on campus in masks, camouflage and black clothing. They read a statement warning Sodexho that coming to Evergreen would be the worst mistake the company had ever made, and implored the company to leave campus immediately.

The administration, under the leadership of Art Costantino, completely flipped. Within 48 hours hundreds of "wanted" flyers had been posted around campus, greatly distorting the confrontation, accusing the masked protesters of threatening the Sodexho employees with violence, comparing them to the KKK, and encouraging the campus community to turn the names of any of protesters in to the police. Their evidence against the protesters? The accounts of Sodexho's corporate spin people!

The administration eventually realized that the protests would likely only grow worse if they continued their witch-hunt, and the investigation was dropped. Meanwhile, Sodexho (along with several other crooked food service corporations) had dropped their bids, citing an "anti-corporate" climate on campus! The food service provider on campus now is Bon Appetit. They are still a large corporation, but they have nothing of Sodexho's infamy (Food Service Article).

GREENERS

RESIST

SWEATSHOPS

The Evergreen Students Against Sweatshops came together in the Spring of 2000 convincing the college to adopt a "code of conduct" for its purchasing of clothing for campus sport teams and the bookstore. Some background: economic globalization has led to the establishment of "free-trade zones" around much of the so-called 3rd world, where laws protecting worker's rights, ensuring minimum wages, and monitoring environmental impacts are nullified. This is ostensibly to encourage investment and economic growth. In many cases, the result is a paradoxical mix of huge corporate profits and barbaric working conditions.

In addition to developing a code of conduct to ensure the college was not supporting these types of businesses, we were trying to get the college to drop its membership in an organization called the Fair Labor Association (FLA). The FLA is supposed to help colleges track their purchases of clothing to avoid sweatshops. Unfortunately the FLA board of directors is composed of representatives from the very corporations that have been exposed for using sweatshop labor, including Nike and Liz Claiborne! Most of the human rights organizations and unions working to end sweatshop labor consider the FLA to be an elaborate public relations campaign put on by the apparel industry to conceal the reality of the use of sweatshop labor in the production of clothing for colleges.

We soon found out that the bookstore management, though very sympathetic to our goals, had no idea where most of the clothing sold on campus was made, let alone whether the workers producing the clothing were treated well and paid fair wages. The management advised us to talk with Steve Trotter, the college's Vice President for Finances.

When we approached Steve in the Fall of 2000, he indicated that his only concern with our proposal was that we also work to educate the campus on the issue and conduct a survey to see if our proposals were supported by the community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni. We organized several forums, wrote informative articles for the college's paper, and talked to hundreds of community members about our proposals. After two months of this educational work the surveys came back with greater than 90% support

for our proposals! We submitted this information to Steve and awaited his approval.

Three months later we had received no answer – it was as if the administration had simply forgotten about the issue. After dozens of phone calls, letters, and eventually even the posting of flyers highlighting the administration's stall tactics, we discovered that Art Costantino, Evergreen's Vice President for Student Affairs had somehow taken charge of the decision-making process, despite the fact that it was clearly a financial matter.

Art openly declared his personal support for the FLA, questioned whether Evergreen community members really understood what they were voting for when we surveyed them, and even questioned the validity of creating a code of conduct on the grounds that it might hurt the workers more than it would help them. Art proposed, after more than nine months of diligent work on our part, that a committee be created to restart the entire process.

We called a "town meeting" to see whether the community would support us or Art. More than a hundred and fifty people crowded into the library lobby. We presented our case, Art offered his rebuttal, and students and faculty began voicing their opinions. Cautiously at first, and then with greater conviction, students and faculty alike voiced unanimous support for all of our proposals. Then, in spontaneous impassioned speeches, students began bringing up past efforts to make the college more socially-responsible, efforts that the administration had impeded, several of which had never before been discussed in a public forum. At points the entire crowd broke out into cheering and applause. Not one person that spoke could understand why the college would stall in its work to end sweatshop purchasing.

In the end the administration realized that the opposition was simply too strong. The college reversed its position and agreed to nearly all of the goals of our campaign. Work is nearly completed now on the code of conduct, but there is much more to do! Clothing is but a tiny, minuscule part of the college's purchasing, and one of the least controversial. In the coming years students will need to continue these efforts!



Fortunately (?) these experiences are common enough that nearly everyone involved in campus groups has experienced them at one time or another, so many people have an appreciation for how much it SUCKS! The folks involved in student activities are a diverse lot, are generally really kind, and genuinely want to create a friendly environment for everyone at Evergreen. Communicating feeling disrespected or out of the loop to the group or to the coordinator can make a huge difference in challenging these unfortunate dynamics.

Who makes the decisions for student groups?

Most official student groups have one to three paid coordinator(s). The coordinators' job is to do all of the "official" work (i.e. paper/office work required to keep the group's finances and events in order, coordinate events and projects, and help the student group remain accessible to the public). In most groups, the coordinators do not make decisions unilaterally, but are present to help carry out the visions of the club. Each coordinator has specified office hours, and most are eager to answer questions, or ramble lovingly about the groups for which they work.

Student groups are run in all kinds of ways, from monarchies to oligarchies to democracies and beyond. Most groups operate by a particular form of democratic process called *consensus*. *Consensus* is popular at Evergreen, however it's not popular enough on a world scale to be included in most high school or college curriculum. So, I'll give you a very brief overview.

Consensus thrives off of the basic idea that every participant in a group should be comfortable with the decisions made by that group; that we can trust ourselves and each other to work out differences of opinion in a way that is acceptable to everyone. This means that, unlike in the usual "majority rules" mode of democracy, consensus honors minority viewpoints, and considers them just as worthy of discussion and consideration as the opinions of the majority.

How does this work? A proposal will be raised by someone in a group, questions about the proposal are usually asked and answered, and then discussion follows. Concerns raised in the discussion are then addressed by the group as a whole as components are added or taken away and the proposal is reworked by all participants to fit everyone's comfort. "What happens when someone still doesn't like the proposal?" In consensus, a single person can "block" (or, veto) any proposal if they feel that it would threaten the integrity of the group or if it will cause the person to leave the group forever. However, on smaller decisions, most people with disagreements will simply "stand aside", which means that they don't agree with the decision, but they can live with it.

Who determines how much money student groups get?

The Services and Activities (S&A) Fee Allocation Board is a bureaucracy that exists to determine the allocation of money to fund various services offered on campus, such as the CRC, KAOS, the CPJ and the Child Care Center. The Board also allocates all the money for all of the student groups at Evergreen. This makes the Board quite a powerful entity; these ten paid student "representatives" have nearly complete power in deciding how the student body of Evergreen wants several million dollars spent and in many ways they are able to micromanage each student group's budget.

The S&A Board is selected by a committee that is in theory open to all students but which in practice usually involves only a very small number of people; this process is not well known to students and requires only a bare minimum of student involvement. The selection takes place this way because - for better or for worse - Evergreen does not have a student government; the S&A Board is not accountable to the general student body and most students never even hear about their decisions (many don't even know that it exists!).

This unusual situation means that S&A board, by its nearly complete control of dozens of organizations' fiscal wealth, is the only organization on campus that has institutional power to consistently shape what types of activities are prominent on campus. As you might imagine money can make or break a campus organization.

All this by no means indicates that the S&A Board is made up of power hungry assholes. The Board generally has reflected a diverse range of interests and has striven to be as "unbiased" as possible. This being said, the S&A Board is potentially vulnerable to orchestrated or accidental domination by highly opinionated factions. If the Board has a large number of politically conservative students on it, it may decide to reduce funding for the many progressive political organizations on campus. Similarly, a Board that thought that art and music was a waste of money could curtail funding to these types of projects. Less severely, the S&A Board can (and does) favor organizations that they perceive as being well-organized and highly visible, impressions that can be easily skewed by chance, circumstances, or personal interests.

The other significant sources of power on the S&A Board lie in Tom Mercado, the S&A Board Director, and the rest of the non-student, paid full time employees that assist and oversee Student Activities. Although they are all well-intentioned people, they present an "I'm just here to help the students" image which obscures the significant regulatory power that is an unmistakable component of their job positions.



student activities
and activism

They can make unilateral decisions regarding budgetary spending, hiring of student coordinators for groups, and legality issues associated with any student project, and they don't have to consult the S&A Board or anybody else for permission. These types of situations have come up numerous times.

It is important that students who are concerned about these power issues actively work to change the system and speak up when troubling circumstances arise. There is no group that regularly monitors the S&A Board (or any other decision making body at Evergreen for that matter) and it is highly unlikely that these issues will be resolved internally.

A View from the Student Activities Board?

The S&A (Services and Activities allocations) board is an annually selected group of students who allocate your student fee money. The board is made up of eleven-paid student positions as well as two Evergreen staff advisors. The board is in charge of allocating approximately 1.2 million dollars of your fee money.

The money is used to support the CPJ, KAOS, the Childcare Center, the CRC, student wages, and healthcare benefits. In addition to these organizations, the board spends much of its time allocating funds to support student group-planned events such as concerts, speakers, training, and workshops. Board members are the first to know about student-funded events, they work closely with the Evergreen activist community, and learn the ins and outs of Evergreen's budgeting.

Being a board member is a prime opportunity to become a part of a designated decision-making on The Evergreen State College campus. Board members are responsible for continually interacting with student groups and making sure the process of requesting support is understood. The duties of being a board member are at times demanding, but undoubtedly rewarding. If you are interested in the functions of the board or would like to apply to be a member, we are currently accepting applications for nine student board members. You must be a full time student and make a commitment for the school year. Time commitment will be compensated with a \$600 stipend.

How do you get Money for your own projects?

So let's say none of the student groups suit your fancy or your going to be working on a project on your own; there are many other options on and off campus you can go to raise money for an event, project, or special cause during your stay at Evergreen. Here are some:

★ Existing student groups regularly provide fiscal support for students with no strings attached. The Women's Resource Center (867-6162) and the Evergreen Political Information Center (867-6144) are well known for this type of support.

★ Start an official student group and you too can have a budget and get paid to do work on your interests! More information on this is available in CAB 320 at the Student Activities front desk or call 867-6220.

★ The Evergreen Foundation gives out grants twice a year for primarily academic projects. Pick up an application in Library Room 3122 or call 867-6300.

★ S&A Productions: There is special money within the Student Activities budget for bringing musical acts. Contact Greg Porter in CAB 320 or call 867-6222.

★ Housing Social Events Council and Housing RA's have money for funding events of all sorts. Contact Chuck McKinney in A Dorm Room 301 or call 867-6191.

★ Academic Programs. And if you can get two programs to sponsor, than the academic Deans will match funds. Talk to faculty. The secretary for the Academic Deans can be reached at 867-6870.

★ The Diversity Fund maintained by the Equal Opportunity Office. They're located in Library Room 3106 or call 867-6368.

★ First People's Advising Services has budgets to fund projects for students of color. Their office is located in Library Room 1407 or call 867-6467.

★ Access Services for Students with Disabilities has money to fund projects for disabled students. Their office is located in Library Room 1407 D or call 867-6348.

★ Community Organizations (see community groups directory)

★ Rich Students, Bake Sales, Fund-raising Parties, "Secret Cafes", Tee-shirt Sales, Performances in Red Square, Selling Shit in Red Square or the CAB, and much, much, more.

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The following is a listing of most of the longer running "official" student groups at Evergreen. Individuals and groups of students working on other campaigns and projects of all sorts pop up around campus regularly too so keep your eye out.

Activists Working Against Racism at Evergreen (AWARE)

AWARE is a multicultural group committed to facilitating and participating in long-term work toward ending racism at Evergreen. AWARE can be reached at 867-6724.

Asian Solidarity in Action (ASIA)

ASIA is dedicated to educating the TESC community about Asian cultures, while working to create a safe space for Asian students to feel a sense of solidarity and community. ASIA can be reached at 867-6033

The Bike Shop

Our mission is to provide tools, work space, and instruction to Evergreen students and staff related to bicycles and non other non-motorized forms of transportation. Call us at 867-6399.

Camarilla

Camarilla is dedicated to creative expression, live-action role playing and improvisational acting. Camarilla can be reached at 867-6036.

Campus Advocacy Program

This program will provide advocacy to survivors of sexual and domestic violence. The advocate can provide support and resources over the phone or in person. The primary goal is to educate survivors about their options and to provide support. Campus Advocacy Program can be reached at 867-6749.

Capoeira Angola

Express yourself physically, verbally, musically, while at the same time learning about a culture rich with tradition. Capoeira Angola can be reached at 867-6143.

Carnival

Carnival is Evergreen's political arts collective. The name Carnival stems from a long tradition of public participation celebrations including music, dance, food, nakedness and general excess. We believe that fun and art can be effective tools for activism. Our goals are TO INCITE ACTION through public participation art, TO EXAMINE societal roles, hierarchies, trends, and current events through artistic representation, and TO PROMOTE sustainable living, equality, and human rights through the use of art.

To accomplish this we host public participation multimedia performances like parades, circuses, pageants, street theatre, etc. and workshops for the public including puppet and still making, music and dance, guest artists, etc. We take part in direct action protests and demonstrations and in other Student Activities and community events like Prison Awareness Week and the Procession of the Species. We are a brand new club and need lots of help shaping our infrastructure and actualizing the before

mentioned ideas, so if you're into fun, art, and social change, look for postings about or meeting times, or you can contact us at 867-6144.

Coalition against Sexual Violence

The Coalition against Sexual Violence provides resources, education, support and advocacy to the Evergreen community. Many of our events focus on the prevention of violence of all forms, including domestic violence and hate crimes. We encourage students of all genders and ages to access our resources and participate in our activities. Violence affects us all.

We would like to remind you that violence is everywhere, including with our community. While Evergreen is known for "peace-loving hippies" we are still susceptible to all forms of violence, discrimination, and oppression. During the 2000-2001 academic year there were 6 reported sexual assaults on campus. 75% of assaults are never reported. Two-thirds of sexual assaults are only discussed with friends/confidantes and NOT with the police. Know the facts. Protect yourself and your buddies. For more information on how to do just that call us at 867-6749.

Common Bread

Common Bread was started by a group of students that wanted to create a Christian group that didn't fit the stereotypes of Christianity. We are committed to expressing our faith through service, worship, and action for justice and peace. We don't want to just sit on our hands and talk about faith - we want to live our faith.

As we searched for a name, the image of a "common bread" stuck with us. Bread is a vivid symbol of unity within Christianity. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "We share our bread. Thus we are firmly bound to one another not only in the Spirit but in our whole physical being." We created this group to explore that deep connection to each other and the world.

We are an ecumenical group, meaning that we are supported by several Protestant denominations including the Quakers, Methodists, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Presbyterians, United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ and American Baptists.

Last year we worked with the Radical Catholics for Peace and Justice (RCPJ) to host a four-day forum on faith and economic justice. We brought people of faith and others together to talk about the dangers of globalization and what our faith has to say about it. The forum included discussions about sweatshops, the Free Trade Area of the Americas agreement, and how we work for change in the world. We hope to hold a similar event this year.

This summer we sponsored a weekly worship service, again with the RCPJ. We gathered to engage the hopes, controversies, and joys of the world in which we live and worship. As with all the things we do, everyone was welcome - regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, age, race, class, or ability.

Come check us out and see what we're up to this year. A listing of our meeting times is available at www.temhe.org/. You can contact us at temhe@temhe.org or at 867 6636.

Development of Ecological Agricultural Projects for the Evergreen Organic Farm (DEAP)

We work in conjunction with the SEED student group as its branch focused on the needs of the Organic Farm. DEAP's library provides resources to encourage sustainable ecological projects to sprout and develop at the farm. DEAP can be reached at 867-6493.

Evergreen Student Groups

Environmental Resource Center (ERC)

The ERC is a campus group with a mission statement and funds to spend. There are two-paid coordinators who each work eight hours a week. One of these coordinator positions will be open for Winter and Spring Quarter. So get involved this fall and you may get a minimum wage job saving the environment!

We're planning a campout in an old growth forest the first weekend of the School year! Come to our first meeting on Thursday, 10/2 at 2:30 PM for details. The ERC is one of Evergreen's oldest student groups. Prior to the Bush Administration and 9/11 the meetings were heavily attended and involved many events and campaigns. Back then ERC was one of the campus' core activity groups. Sadly, in recent years there have been fewer of us. But now more than ever we need you to help us change that! Get involved! In other words: HELP! Currently there is an across the board dismantling of federal environmental laws. There are so many sudden changes going on in environmental protection these days. We want you to schedule time each week to learn more and help spread the word so we can all take action.

Evergreen Animal Rights Network (EARN)

EARN is fundamentally opposed to the exploitation of any animal. Consequently, we strongly promote a cruelty-free lifestyle (i.e. striving to consume no product which contributes to animal suffering). We are involved in activism both on and off campus, and seek to contribute to the animal rights struggle on a local, state, and national level. On campus we strive to educate and involve students in the animal rights movement by sponsoring annual events such as Animal Rights Awareness Week, the World Week for Animals in Laboratories, and National Anti-McDonald's Day. We also hold annual fund raisers like a Vegan cookie contest and we publish a vegan cookbook to benefit nonprofit animal protection organizations such as Farm Sanctuary. Although our ultimate goal is animal liberation, we recognize that all forms of oppression must be combated. Anyone that is interested in similar goals is welcome to join us. Meeting time is still up in the air due to member's schedules, but look for signs or contact us at 867-6555.

Evergreen Improvisational Theatre (EIT)

The goal of EIT is to share the art of improvisational theatre, through workshops, practice, and performance, with the students of Evergreen as well as the community, and to help people remember what it means to play. We can be reached at 867-6412.

Evergreen InfoShop

The InfoShop is a DIY FYI Media Library. We have various periodicals including ones pertaining to music, subculture, politics, news, and art! We will be offering a part of our budget to help community members reproduce their completed zines! Also, we will have a handful of books about zine making to assist any people who many want to start their own zine, but aren't sure how. There is also a pile of board games that Housing owns that will be readily available for any students to check out, not to mention the art supplies that are just waiting for all you creative folks! Oh, and two typewriters! Call us at 867-6636.

Evergreen Irish Resurgence Experience (EIRE)

We are dedicated to helping all who would like to learn about their Irish/Gaelic ancestral background and its traditions, including sean-nos singing, Irish set dancing, the peace process in Northern Ireland, etc. We can be reached at 867-6098.

Evergreen Political Information Center (EPIC)

EPIC is one of the oldest student groups at Evergreen and during its existence it has organized students and educated the community about a wide variety of issues related to social justice and ecological sustainability. It has also been a venue through which students have been able to challenge the administration's policies. EPIC has always made its decisions by using the consensus process. EPIC's strategy for building a sustainable student movement on campus utilizes three organizing principles.

Education:

EPIC releases regular publications to the Evergreen and Olympia community about local and global issues that are not heard in the mainstream debate. We also bring a variety of speakers, host events like movie nights, and every year EPIC compiles the Disorientation Manual, a student-created guide to Evergreen.

Mobilization:

EPIC is committed to building strong networks and diverse coalitions to confront all forms of injustice and oppression. We also work to connect organizing efforts between Evergreen, Olympia, and beyond.

Action:

EPIC is dedicated to going beyond the discussions and debates of global problems. We feel that facilitating a community that is actively confronting power and resisting injustice and oppression is an essential part of all movements. This can take the form of direct action in the streets, volunteering for a community organization, or planting your own guerrilla garden.

E-mail us at epic@evergreen.edu or call 867-6144

Evergreen Queer Alliance (EQA)

EQA is dedicated to serving the needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community at TESC and in Olympia through education, outreach, support and action. EQA can be reached at 867-6544.

Freaks of Nature

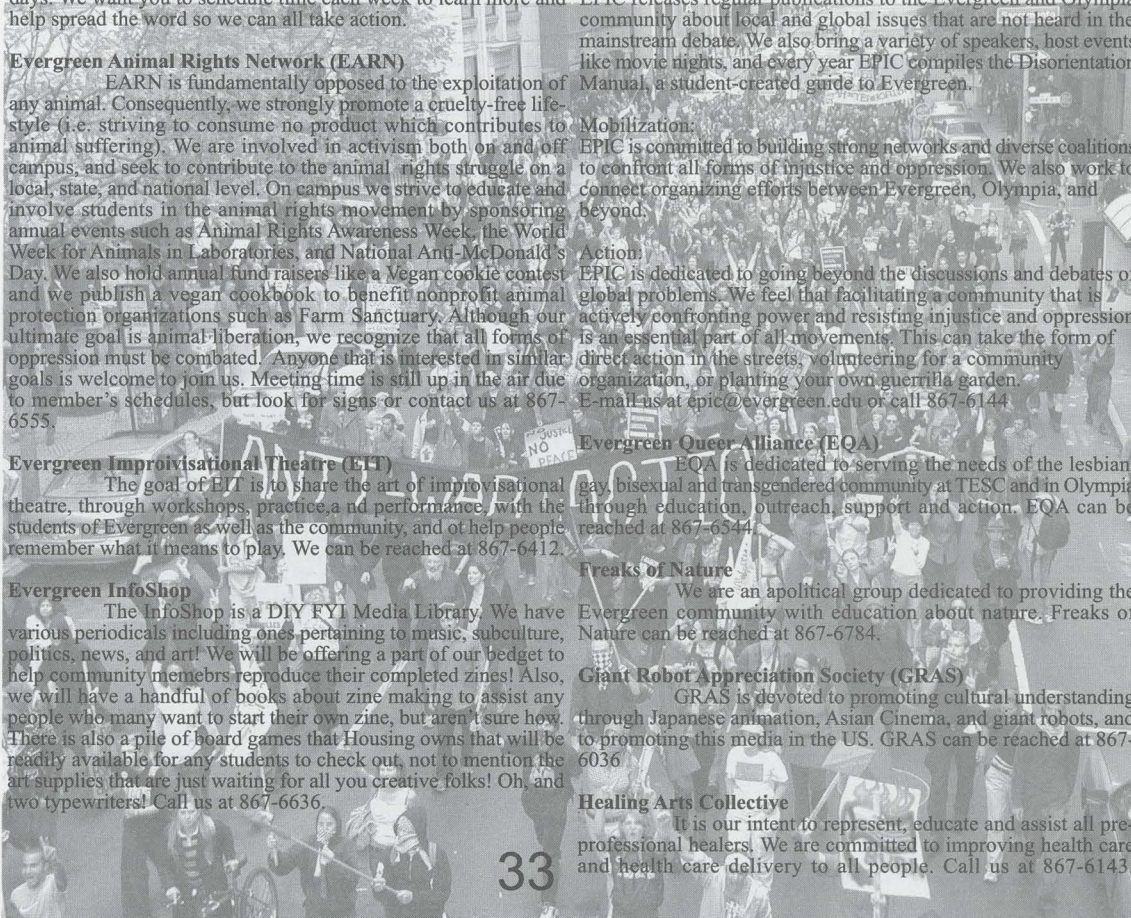
We are an apolitical group dedicated to providing the Evergreen community with education about nature. Freaks of Nature can be reached at 867-6784.

Giant Robot Appreciation Society (GRAS)

GRAS is devoted to promoting cultural understanding through Japanese animation, Asian Cinema, and giant robots, and to promoting this media in the US. GRAS can be reached at 867-6036

Healing Arts Collective

It is our intent to represent, educate and assist all pre-professional healers. We are committed to improving health care and health care delivery to all people. Call us at 867-6143.



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Hui O Hawaii

We are open to any student, faculty, or staff who would like to learn about the Polynesian culture. We also wish to increase awareness of issues that affect people of Hawaii, and serve as a support system for students coming from Hawaii and other Pacific Island nations. Call us at 867-6033.

Jewish Cultural Center (JCC)

JCC works to build and nourish a supportive community for Jewish students, faculty, staff and community who identify with the Jewish experience. JCC can be reached at 867-6092.

Masters in Environmental Studies (MES, Graduate Student Association)

The MES-GSA attempts to identify environmental graduate needs that are not being met by academic programs or other students organizations. They also sponsor the annual Rachel Carson Forum in the Sprong. They can be reached at 867-6479.

Masters in Public Administration

We develop and implement services and activities that enhance the classroom and out of the classroom experiences of MPA students. Call us at 867-6630.

Masters in Teaching (MIT), Graduate Student Association

This graduate student organization strives to provide resources and activities that support and enhance the educational experience of students enrolled in the MIT program. Contact them at 867-5342.

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA)

MEChA is a student organization that promotes higher education, *cultura*, and *historia*. MEChA was founded on the principles of self-determination for the liberation of our people. We believe that political involvement and education is the avenue for change in our society. MEChA sponsors a number of events in our effort to educate and entertain the campus and surrounding area. Currently we are working with high school students to promote awareness in our culture and opportunities for political empowerment. Contact MEChA at 867-6583.

Medieval Society

The Medieval Society promotes cultural enrichment through the reenactment of history. The Medieval Society conducts events about archery, fencing and armor fighting, brewing, costuming, medieval cooking, historical reenactments and more. Contact the Medieval Society at 867-6098.

Men's Center

The mission of the Men's Center is to bring men together to explore our roles in society. We hope to create a community for men in a place of safety and acceptance. A place where we as men can challenge the qualities and roles handed down to us from our father figures and/or society at large and form new and liberating definitions of what it means to be a man. This new definition would help us rid ourselves of our socialized tendencies to be dominating, in-control, or competitive and help us become more real and feeling individuals. We are a pro-feminist group that exists on the Evergreen campus because we accept that Evergreen and our surrounding communities are not free of racial, homophobic or sexual violence. Through group meetings and campus events we want to create a

more positive and caring environment by examining the personal and political structures of male and female oppression. We also want to promote physical, mental and spiritual health for men as well as personal growth and political awareness. For info call 867-6092 or email us: tescmcenter@hotmail.com

Mindscreen Film Group

Mindscreen serves as a catalyst and forum for the advancement and understanding of contemporary and classic film. We have free weekly film showings. Contact Mindscreen at 867-6143.

Musician's Club

A bombastic crew to nurture the musicians community and music enthusiasts alike. We provide events and entertainment to achieve and collect performances and information of value to the music community. Coming up we have a World Music Festival October 25th. Music from Seattle and around the world. Plus a free drumming workshop put on by the performers. Last year we hosted a number of events including a Blur Grass Fest. Rock, Blues, open mic, you name it—we support it. To find out about other local music and happenings check out Music makes it happen! To get involved with putting on events or learning how to do sound get a hold of us at or 867-6879. Check out our website @ <http://evergreen.edu/groups/musicians>

Native Student Alliance (NSA)

The Native Student Alliance serves native students at Evergreen and the larger tribal community through recruitment, retention and support for the cultural respect of each individual according to his or her origin. We do this through education, and providing a gathering place for interaction between native students and non-native individuals. Contact NSA at 867-6105.

Prison Action Committee (PAC)

PAC is an organization on the TESC campus that deals with the growing prison industrial complex and other related issues. The criminal (in)justice system in the US is one of the most corrupt and inhumane in the world. We have only 5% of the world's population and yet we have 25% of the world's prison population. The rate of incarceration in the United States has risen, while the crime rate has declined. Those who suffer most are people of color, women, and youth as they have the least support from outside. One out of every three black males in the United States is involved in some way with the criminal (in)justice system. Prisons are now taking jobs from workers and giving them to inmates who work for as low as 3 cents an hour in horrible conditions. It should be clear to all who are involved in social change that slavery never ended in the United States. This short description does not even go into the problems with the death penalty, racial profiling, public defenders, mental, physical and sexual abuse by guards, the waste of tax payers money, or the militarization of the police. To battle this horrible beast we need a movement! That movement can begin with the concerned students on the TESC campus and the concerned citizens in the Olympia community. People on the "outside" need to access their resources to help out prisoners. PAC can help. PAC has brought awareness to TESC about prison issues by celebrating Mumia Awareness Week, working with Books to Prisoners, Olympia Cop Watch hosting and sponsoring events on youth incarceration, and with your help we can do much more. Contact PAC at 867-6724 or prisonaction@yahoo.com

EVERGREEN STUDENTS GROUPS

Radical Catholics for Justice and Peace (RCJP)

RCJP was started two years ago when Evergreen students and members of the local Olympia parish, St. Michael's, joined forces to create an organization that would bridge the gap between Olympia-area faith communities and the TESC campus. Over these last two years RCJP has sponsored forums and discussion groups, worked closely with Common Bread, and organized events to make a name for itself both at Evergreen and at St. Michael's church.

The Catholic tradition has long history of radical social action. Of course, the early Church—growing out of a movement marked by deep questions of faith—consisted of a series of relatively autonomous faith communities whose existence stood in stark opposition to the Roman Empire. More recently, manifestations of liberation theology in both the global South and North have marked the Catholic, political landscape.

During the early part of the twentieth century in this country, the Catholic Worker movement, founded by Dorothy Day—a union activist and member of the Industrial Workers of the World—and Peter Moran—a French, immigrant farmer began publishing the Catholic Worker (still available for its original price of 1 cent) and organizing houses of hospitality. One can still find Catholic Worker houses and community projects across the country including those in Tacoma, Centralia, and Olympia.

For many Catholic students being away from home also means being away from their parish communities. RCJP provides a place for Catholic students to meet one another and build a campus faith community. In a broader context, RCJP is committed to collaborating with other student and community organizations as they work to build a revolutionary justice movement.

If you would like to connect with RCJP call Michael Pfeifer (faculty advisor) at 867-6009.

Services and Activities Fee Allocation Board (S&A)

This group is a student committee that allocates Services and Activities fees. Board members are selected at the beginning of Fall quarter each year. S&A can be reached at 867-6221.

Shaolin Temple Cultural Arts Club

We are dedicated to the promotion of traditional Shaolin Buddhist teachings and cultural awareness. Members of the club will educate themselves and their fellow peers on the history and modern relevance of Shaolin Buddhist theory. We can be reached at 867-6143.

Slightly West

Slightly West is Evergreen's literary and visual arts magazine. We accept short stories, poetry, black and white photography, and artwork from students, staff, and alumni at Evergreen. Contact Slightly West at 867-6879.

Student Arts Council

Hosted the Urban Arts Fest, a 4-day Hip Hop Festival last year. Highlighting the four elements of hip-hop: Breaking, Emceeing, Graffiti Art, and Djs. The whole Festival was to showcase how we want to present Hip Hop as a culture rather than just as the music that is heard on the radio or on television.

Some performers who brought back the flava-old school were Me. Lif, Sleep & Norman of old Dominion, Manik Amidst & Glimpse, and the Life Savas.

Hip Hop isn't the only thing the Student Arts Council is about, we encourage, promote, and facilitate arts action on campus throughout the year. We want to see the campus full of more than just concrete—whether that means performance, art, murals, installations in Red Square or having art shows—we encourage it all and will make it happen! Even having a crazy circus and arts show with music are some ideas we are putting out there. Also, from Part of Planet Art Network of Olympia, seeing time as art, we brought in a raw foodist to create food mandalas for Earth Day and ate them! As well as supported Jose Arguelles to come bring his insights to campus. Time is Art! Contact the Student Arts Council at 867-6412.

Student CD Project

The Student CD Project is a student-designed and produced compilation of original musical work by Evergreen Students. Contact the Student CD Project at 867-6636.

Students Against Hunger and Homelessness

Our main goal is to provide food to the financially challenged persons who work at, and/or attend TESC. Call us at 867-6143

Students Educating Students About the Middle East (SESAME)

SESAME's primary focus is U.S. involvement politically and economically with the Middle East, particularly Palestine/Israel, Iraq and other countries that are soon to be military targets for the U.S.

SESAME believes that many of the contrivercial policies that connect the U.S. to the Middle East involve issues that student groups at Evergreen are already working to overcome such as economic, social, and environmental concerns that touch us all. We strive to relate the way these issues play out abroad to the domestic issues of racism, xenophobia, classism, and patriarchy. Furthermore, within SESAME we are committed to organizing to be as inclusive as possible, which means actively working against all forms of oppression.

Moreover we are committed to working with and learning from the Evergreen community. This means reaching out to other student and community groups for collaboration as well as supporting other groups in the work that they do. We can be reached at 867-6033.

Students for Christ

Our purpose is to love God, and to proclaim and experience the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We meet weekly for friendship, support, Bible study, and prayer. Contact the Students for Christ at 867-6636.

Students of Evergreen Ecological Design (SEED)

SEED works to unite nature, culture, and technology to reintegrate the needs of human society within the balance of nature. The goal is to empower individuals to be conscious creators of their own space. The group has weekly meetings as well as regular workshops, presentations, and field trips, focusing on issues like natural building, ecological design, and appropriate technology. SEED also has a large resource library with many items available for checkout. During the month of February, SEED will be organizing a conference focused on issues of sustainability.

All are welcome and encouraged to get involved. Contact SEED at tescseed@yahoo.com or 867-6498.

EVERGREEN ★ STUDENT ★ GROUPS

Umoja

Umoja in the Swahili language means unity. As an organization, Umoja's objective is to mirror that meaning. We provide support to Evergreen's students of African descent and promote multicultural exchanges both on campus and in local communities. We nurture ethnic pride and unity, mostly by supporting the various interests, talents, and ideas of the peoples' of African descent

With the future of Evergreen's community in mind, Umoja seeks to create stringer ties within the community and attract future Evergreen students of color. Umoja also seeks to create stringer solidarity among the members of the TESC Umoja chapter and further the visibility of African heritage on campus. Contact Umoja at 867-6781.

United Graduate Student Association

We represent students enrolled in the three graduate programs. We strengthen the graduate student community through social, political, and educational collaboration. Call us at 867-5214.

VOX

VOX-Communities for Choice is a program to educate young pro-choice Americans and mobilize them in support of reproductive health and rights. We are specifically working to raise awareness of reproductive health issues on campus, and provide a forum for relevant discussions and action. VOX can be reached at 867-6555.

WashPIRG

Take Action with WashPIRG! Work to protect the environment, protect public health, and fight problems of hunger and homelessness, and more, with WashPIRG. We are the Washington Student Public Interest Research Group and we work to defend the public interest, which is continually threatened by special interests. Volunteer or do an internship for credit and learn the skills to being an active citizen and have fun kicking special interest ass! Go to: www.washpirg.org email: call: 867-6058

Women of Color Coalition

Our mission is to ensure equality, diversity, justice, and freedom for women of color in the Evergreen community, and aid in the retention of these students. The Women of Color Coalition Center is located in CAB 206 next to the Deli, call them at 867-6006.

The Women's Resource Center

It is the mission of the Women's Resource Center to support all Evergreen women as they work toward their educational goals. We are here as a resource, call us at 867-6162 or check out our website @ <http://academic.evergreen.edu/groups/wrc>

Writer's Guild

We offer a forum for writers of all genres. We strive to support writing by providing peer critique. We provide a creative writing platform for workshops, public readings, writing contests, and a literary magazine. Call us at 867-6098.

The Cooper Point Journal (CPJ)

The CPJ is the weekly Evergreen student newspaper. Its office is located the rear of the Student Activities offices, on the third floor of the CAB Building (room 316, phone 867-6213)

The CPJ staff is always looking for submissions in the forms of articles, letters, art, etc. Their deadline is usually Monday to get into Thursday's edition. Using the CPJ is one of the most direct ways to get your voice heard on campus. They accept submissions from any student about any topic. Make sure to read it each week, too. You can find the CPJ in receptacles all around campus. You can get in touch with your student newspaper by dropping by or calling the above numbers. You can also e-mail them at cpj@evergreen.edu.

The Evergreen Free Press

The Evergreen Free Press was a radical student newspaper that functioned from 1988 through 1994 and is now located, in all its splendorous entirety, in the Library Archives (stack 2E2.5-2.6.) The EFP often took up where the CPJ leaves off, allowing more freedom for its writers and contributors, and, more specifically, not kowtowing to administrative pressure to exclude a more radical assessment of the goings-on here on campus and beyond. If you're interested in the true history of Evergreen, you should head on up to the friendly folks in the Archives Office on the second floor of the Library. If you're more interested in exposing the administrative dementia, writing political criticism, and publishing a newspaper you should find some friends and try to start it up again!

Union of Student Workers USW

USW was a student run group on campus. It's mission was to facilitate communication and workplace organizing among Evergreen's student workers.

The USW was successful in moving the school to a twice a month pay schedule for student workers. This was a three-year struggle. In 2000 USW supported the strike by state workers on the college campus, and was a major resource to food service workers on campus who were struggling to organize. The USW also organized various trainings, educated gatherings, and social events that led us all to build a stronger community of workers on campus. Pissed off at your boss? Start up the USW again!

How do you find out what student groups are up to?

Even if you don't have the time or interest to get involved in student activities groups, it is definitely worth keeping up-to-date with the speakers these groups bring and the activities they plan. The Cooper Point Journal (see above entry) publishes a calendar of events each week that keeps relatively up-to-date with events organized by student groups. Keep your eye out for flyers and signs. Look to the Student Activities office and the huge board in the Housing Community Center for postings.

Where does the Money In my Bank Account Go?

With handy free advertisements that Evergreen distributes in orientation info and the friendly people at tables during orientation week, Bank of America stands ready to sign you up for a free account. With the ATMs on campus and the numerous locations around Olympia to serve you, it might seem like there is a conspiracy to get you to bank with these guys. Before you make this decision, or even decide to make a donation (that is, pay the surcharge) to their on-campus ATM machines, here are some things you should know:

Bank of America (BoFA) is the 2nd largest bank in the US, and the 19th largest corporation in the world. For anyone concerned about the amount of power large corporations have, this fact may set off some alarm bells. How does a company that offers so many free services make so much money? BoFA, like all financial institutions, makes money by loaning your money out while you're not using it, and collecting the interest. With few exceptions, BoFA loans your money

solely on the basis of what will generate the most profit.

BoFA is also notorious for screwing its workers while maintaining its CEO's wealth: In 2002, Chairman President and CEO Kenneth D. Lewis raked in \$21,068,119 in total compensation including stock option grants from Bank of America, not including the other \$23,638,050 in unexercised stock options from previous years (AFL-CIO). Indeed, BoFA's influence in government is note worthy, with 4 separate Political Action Committees donating over \$1.4 million in the 2002 election to candidates around the US (Center for Responsive Politics), as well as to massive corporate-government conferences, including the 1999 World Trade Organization ministerial in Seattle. BoFA's labor practices can now be seen in action in the Bush administration, with Elaine Chao, an ex-executive at BoFA, as his Labor Secretary.

But there is good news!!

In the past, the TESC college administration did not care to provide an alternative to BoFA's on-campus ATMs despite these issues. But after 10 years of hard work and red tape, you now have a better option. The Washington State Employees Credit Union (754-6133, 400 E. Union St.) is a nonprofit institution that offers

most of the same services as BoFA, to students (as a student at Evergreen, you qualify for membership). They too will invest your money in a wide variety of activities that you may not approve of, but they're probably a bit more socially conscious than BoFA and are more likely to give out more loans to lower-income community members. Their web site just went live (.org) so you have all of the free online services as any other major financial institution.

To get an account, just visit their office and bring \$50 for a membership deposit that you agree to have in your savings account at all times, from there you can open a free checking account, get a check card, or apply for a credit card (boo!) The great thing is once you're a member; you're always a member! Finally, though it will mean extra work on your part, there is of course the option of (gasp!) not having a bank account at all.



SOME NOTES ON GASOLINE

I sold my car before I moved to Olympia, and I think it was one of the better decisions of my life. I saved a shit load of money. I've made friends on the bus (despite recent cuts, the bus system in Oly is great for a city its size). I get way better exercise on my bike, and if I absolutely have to go somewhere by automobile it's not the worst thing in the world to borrow a car. Perhaps more importantly I don't buy gasoline, which contributes directly to global warming and supports the worst team of companies in the whole world:

Chevron (now ChevronTexaco) is currently on trial for overseeing the Nigerian army's murder of two nonviolent protesters at a Chevron refinery. The country was under military rule at the time, with oil providing 80% of the dictatorship's revenues. Chevron has also been responsible for dozens of

oils spills, the deaths of 23 workers, and has 49 hazardous waste Superfund sites, more than any other oil company. Texaco is currently being sued by 30,000 farmers and indigenous people in Ecuador for more than \$1.5 billion in environmental and personal damages.

In May of 1998, 121 Nigerian youth nonviolently occupied an oil barge anchored to the Parabe oil platform owned by Chevron, demanding to speak with Chevron officers about the ecological and social destruction their operation had been causing in their homeland. After agreeing to negotiate with the youths, three Chevron helicopters transported Nigerian soldiers to the platform where they immediately began to gun down the nonviolent activists. Two of the youth were killed and several others were injured. Shell too is highly active in Nigeria. 8 nonviolent protesters from Nigeria's Ogoni tribe, including the well known poet/activist Ken Saro-Wiwa, were arrested at a Shell facility there, tried by Nigeria's military government and then hung. In March of 2002, a New York federal court ruled that Shell participated in violations of international law and could be held liable for the

unlawful execution of Saro-Wiwa. Mobil (now the massive conglomerate ExxonMobil/Esso) provided logistical support to the Indonesian army during the period when it killed as many as a thousand unarmed supporters of the Aceh independence movement in 1998 (Aceh is an island near Indonesia). Mobil allowed the company's buildings to be used for interrogating and torturing local people, the company's excavators were used to dig mass graves for military victims, and its roads were used to bring victims to the mass graves. Exxon was responsible for the infamous Valdez oil spill. When the Colombian government gave BP (now huge corporation BPA/moco/Arco) hundreds of soldiers for protection during a pipeline construction project in that country, BP collaborated with the soldiers in the kidnapping, torture, and murder of suspected pipeline saboteurs. Arco was one of the largest oil companies operating in Burma's military dictatorship until a just a few years ago. All of this information is available and well documented on the web-site www.moles.org/.

low income resources

Finding the money to provide basic needs for yourself (and your family if you're a parent) can be very difficult for those with a limited income. Many students find themselves in this situation, especially in Olympia where unemployment and underemployment are chronic - a town of limited employment and an abundant number of students willing to work for poverty-level wages (WA unemployment rate as of 8/03 is 7.5% which is 1.3% above the national average).

Unfortunately, American capitalism teaches all of us from a young age that taking assistance from the government is synonymous with laziness and selfishness. Furthermore - its just plain "UN-AMERICAN"! Despite the social stigma associated with state and federal assistance programs such as food stamps and welfare, many in this "prosperous" country have no recourse due to economic and political issues beyond their control. If any shame is called for, it is against a capitalist system that exploits workers and creates a class system that prevents people from attending colleges and universities due to high tuition and unreasonable expenses. It is a deeply held belief of many that students should NEVER have to take out financial aid loans to pay for food or health care.

*Fact: There are more low-income students at TESC than at any of the other 4-year colleges in Washington.

*Myth: There is a strictly limited pool of money available for food stamps.

*Fact: Just because you decide to collect food stamps in order to supplement your food budget does NOT mean that someone else will not be allowed to also.

free food options!

*Free Food Box: located at the TESC Student Health Center. Check out Bread and Roses; they provide all sorts of assistance. See the community directory!

*Olympia Food Not Bombs: located at Sylvester Park (downtown at Capitol Way and Legion Way). Free vegan and vegetarian meals every Sunday around 1:30 PM

*Olympia Food Co-ops: located at 921 Rogers St. NW (west-side) and 3111 Pacific Ave. SE (east-side). Provide a discount (10%) for low-income people and waive membership dues. This program does not require documentation, but the co-op asks all interested individuals to read a short history of the program before choosing to use it.

*Thurston County Food Bank at 220 North Thurston Street is open Monday Wednesday and Friday 1-3. Commodity day is first Monday of every month

*Vic's (233 Division) throws out fresh pizza almost every night. Most of the bakeries and bagel stores in town throw away bread daily.

*There are some good dumpsters in Olympia. Check behind local restaurants and grocery stores. Also check the Bon Appetit composting bins in the CAB loading dock; They throw away bagels often. The HCC store dumpsters and compost bins are usually good bets too.

free boxes!

*Historically here has been a free box located next to the HCC that has served Evergreen for many years. The free box was removed at the end of the 2002/03 school year because housing claimed it was being overused. You should harass them to get it back! Housing tends to be a wasteful environment and people throw out everything from electronics to clothes to furniture.

*Also check the Food Co-ops. They are in the process of renovating their free boxes!

The Telephone Assistance Program

If you have food stamp benefits (or any other type of state or federal assistance) YOU ARE ELIGIBLE for the Telephone Assistance Program. It should come as no surprise that when you receive food stamp benefits that NO ONE tells you about the existence of the Telephone Assistance Program, even though you are eligible. After you recover from being angry about that, call Qwest (the telephone company) at 1-800-244-1111.

Tell Qwest that you would like to get on the Telephone Assistance Program. They will need your client ID number from your food stamps paperwork. There is surprisingly little bureaucracy involved in this process, so you should be seeing the benefits by your next phone bill. The program usually cuts your basic-rate (non-long distance) phone bill by 2/3rds.

How do I get Health Insurance?

Washington State provides a health insurance program for low-income people called BASIC HEALTH. The application process is simple and easy. Monthly premium payments can be as low as \$10 for full medical insurance. 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 information and an application on-line at <http://www.wa.gov/hca> (click on Basic Health).

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.

Recently the state has incurred many financial troubles sometimes Basic Health stops accepting new applicants. Check the website or call them to find out. The Olympia Community Services Office (CSO- same place you get food stamps) also takes care of financial and medical assistance. Financial and medical assistance through the Olympia CSO is strictly on an EMERGENCY basis. This includes unexpected, emergency situations such as homelessness and pregnancy. The CSO does not provide funds for terminating unwanted pregnancies. Financial and medical assistance form the CSO if highly conditional. Call them if you have questions about a specific situation and whether you may qualify for these benefits.

Cheaper Education:

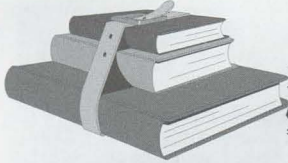
If the main reason you are in school is to get a diploma, find out about some of the ways to get it fast and cheap. CLEP (college-level examination program) tests are cheap, easy and will give you credits. Classes at SPSCC (South Puget Sound Community College) are also fairly cheap. PLE (prior learning 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.

Not from Washington? Parents give you little or nothing? Get Washington residency and pay in-state Tuition! Start this process now! Note that this is a yearlong process and MUST be started before the first day of school! This year some rules have changed and it is harder to qualify, make sure you start this process now if you want to qualify.

Before school starts, immediately, you need to open a bank account in the state, register to vote, and get your Driver's 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.

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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 fiscally 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.



Where to Buy Books

Is it possible to radicalize consumption? Probably not. But you become a student with the understanding that a lot of your studies will revolve around books and will thus necessitate the purchase of them. There is space to be self-critical with your purchasing power. As a new student at Evergreen, a socially conscious shopper, and possibly a new inhabitant of Olympia, where might you look to buy books? Avoid the TESC bookstore located in the CAB. The prices are way too high, and the Evergreen apparel they sell may have been produced in sweatshops.

Olympia has several used bookstores. The three where you are most likely to find books for classes are Browsers Book Shop (357-7462, 107 Capital Way; off of 4th Ave. Downtown), Last Word Books (357-5255, 116 4th Ave E, see next page), and Orca Books Inc. (352-0123, 509 4th Ave.; straight downtown on 4th on the right). Orca is popular for a couple of reasons; first- they receive a list of books from many classes at TESC, and stock a special Evergreen section accordingly; second- all of the new books in the Evergreen section are 10% off of the cover price.

There is also a cool multicultural bookstore that has also has kids books called De Colores (507 Washington St. SE).

What about on-line booksellers? Avoid Amazon.com. They may have a huge selection, but they've proven time and again to be rabidly anti-union. In the last couple of years, many Amazon employees at packing and distribution centers have attempted to organize. Waves of layoffs have usually followed, including here in Washington, near Seattle. To our knowledge the management's union-busting tactics have been successful and none of their distribution centers have been unionized.

Check out half.com powered by e-Bay. Most

sellers are people like you or small bookshops. The prices are really cheap, the books are used and new, and they usually ship pretty fast, although prepare to get 12 separate packages in the mail if ordering 12 books. Each book has a shipping fee, but even then the total cost of the book is remarkably cheaper than the TESC Bookstore and Amazon.com.

The best option that comes to mind is Powell's, located in downtown Portland. You don't have to make the two-hour drive though; you can order all of your books online from the only major unionized bookseller on the web. Sometimes they have free shipping options, which makes the total price of your order comparable to the super cheap half.com.

The workers at Powell's are part of the International Longshoreman Worker's Union, a progressive workers union. Here's an excerpt from the employees' web site: "The work of Local 5 members maintains the viability of one of the last strongholds of independent bookselling in the US. We want to begin to cultivate recognition for retail workers: we deserve living wages, benefits, and collective bargaining. This site is designed as a resource for employees represented by Local 5, for Powell's customers, and for anyone looking to organize."

If you enter from the union's site, (www.ilwulocal5.com) 10% of your purchase goes directly to the workers, distributed equally and quarterly. Powell's employees bargained for this profit sharing agreement in their first contract. When you buy your books this way you're essentially sending a message to management that you support an organized, democratic workplace — you support the workers. Also, the food service workers at Evergreen are members of the same union and local as the workers at Powell's Books.

YO GREENER: DON'T TAKE YOUR BUS PASS FOR GRANTED

Due to the hard work of students a couple of years ago, we can now all ride the bus with our student ID! As part of your tuition, you pay a transit fee each quarter of \$12 when normally bus passes are \$30 a month or \$1.50 a day. So thanks to some committed Greeners we get a sick deal. Plus you can take your bike along!

Unfortunately, a few years ago I695 passed which cut money going to the bus system by 40%. Schedules are available in the bookstore.



the low down from **Last Word Books**

Words. You are reading them right now. Chances are, at some point in your life you will be greatly influenced by them, perhaps even inspired intellectually to revolution. Throughout your Evergreen career, you will read several billion words, synthesize the information brought forth, and ideally put it to some use. Contrary to common belief, the Evergreen State College Bookstore is not the only place these instigators of liberation can be found, and the literary stimulation does not end at the required reading list provided by your professor.

Here's one: dissemination. Despite what capitalism tells you, information is free. Paper and ink and binding is sometimes not, but let not here the medium obscure the message, ideas themselves belong to all people. Last Word Books holds inventory of over 20,000 books as well as an online inventory of nearly 3,000. This Evergreen student-run cooperative (that's another one you'll hear a lot of) focuses on making accessible to the public a wealth of hard-to-find, radical, independently published and antiquarian titles.

Because they are all used, Last Word Books are cheaper, and hence more accessible to the masses, not to mention promotive of a more sustainable world where less is wasted. It is also home to the longest running public zine library in the Northwest.

People's History by Howard Zinn
The Doors of Perception by Aldous Huxley
Better Than Sex by Hunter S. Thompson
Travels With Charley by John Steinbeck
Simulacra & Simulacrum by Jean Baudrillard
The Way to Rainy Mountain by N. Scott Momaday
Black Looks: Race and Representation by Bell Hooks
Touch The Earth: A Self-Portrait of Indian Existence compiled by T.C. McLuhan
No Logo by Naomi Klein
The Trial of Henry Kissinger by Hitchens
Gender Outlaw by Kate Bornstein
Guerrilla Capitalism by Loompanics
Lies My Teacher Told Me by James W. Loewen
The Little Prince by Antoine de St. Exupery
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
A Pedagogy for Liberation: Dialogues for Transforming Education & Pedagogy for the Oppressed by Ira Shor & Paulo Freire
Best Democracy Money Can Buy by Greg Palast
Plants of the Pacific Northwest by Pojar & McKinnon
Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities in a Global Age by Michael H. Shuman
The Feminine Mystique by Betty Freidan
1984 by George Orwell
Horton Hears A Who by Dr. Suess
Leasing the Ivory Tower by Lawrence C. Soley
Hope For the Flowers
Black Skin, White Masks by Frantz Fanon

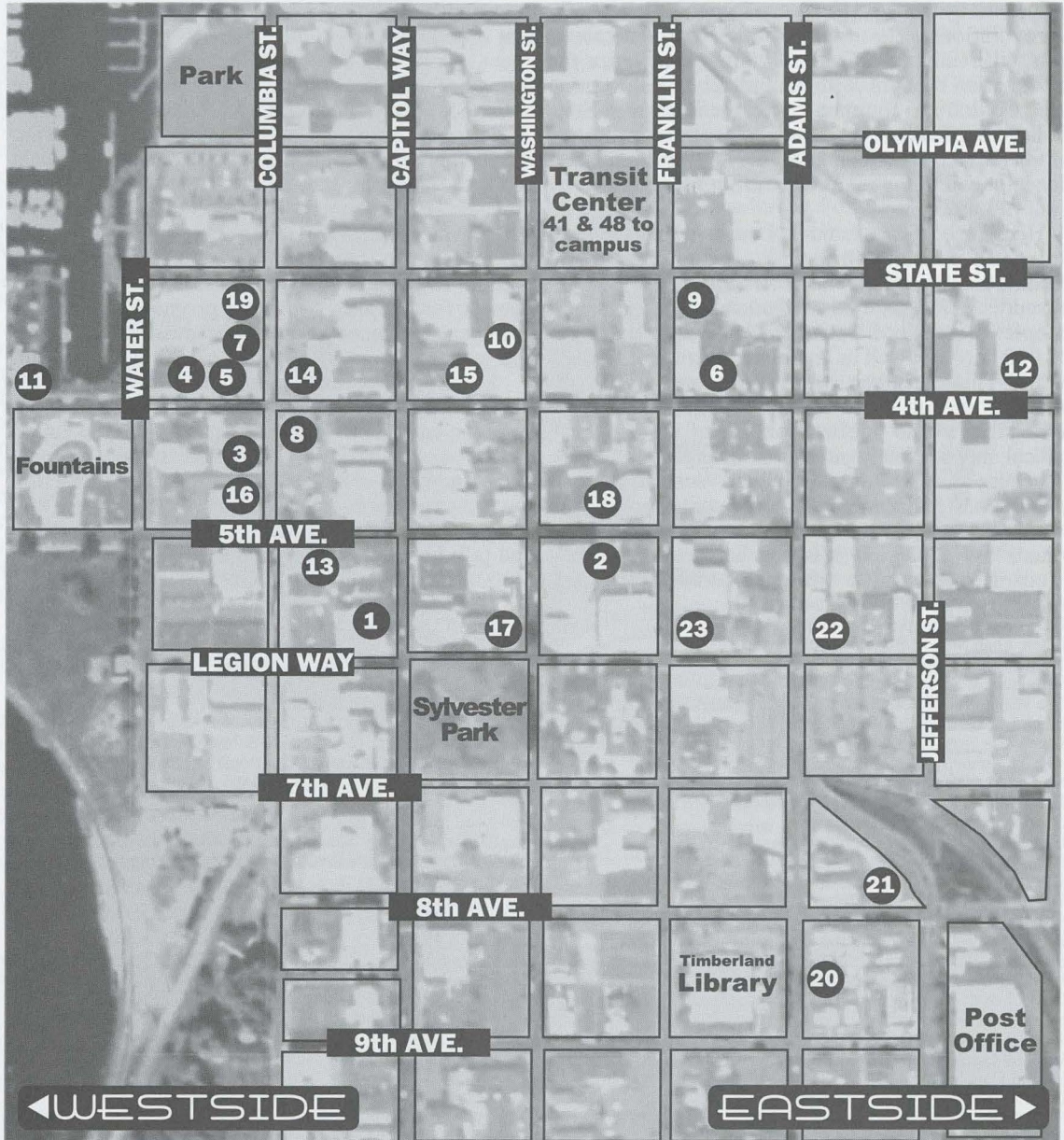
Here's two: local economy. You are lucky enough to have stumbled into a unique and manifold community, one that is principled with an integrity that is contradictory to big-business ideals. A dollar spent at a locally owned store is usually spent 6-15 times before it leaves the community. From one dollar, \$5-14 of value is created within that community. That means more jobs, and better standards of living for you and your neighbors. If that dollar were spent at a national chain store, 80% of it would leave town immediately, and become a fraction of a decimal point in the bank statement of a huge corporate entity's fat-cat. Stores like Barnes and Noble treat the employees without respect, obliterate local economy with zero respect for people's lives and promote an ideal of sterility and sameness. Support the grassroots economy, and you are supporting an ideal of free thought.

Lastly, words become infinitely powerful when liberated from the page. Ideas are stagnant without communication, but with constant swilling revolution is brewed. Last Word serves as a community resource and if nothing else, a point-in-the-right-direction towards knowledge. Come down to 119 5th Ave (diagonal from Capitol Theatre, next to the toy store) and talk to your friendly neighborhood wordsmith. (360)357-5255. **HERE IS OUR FUN BOOK LIST:**

The Mismeasure of Man by Steven Jon Gould
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Culture Jam by Kalle Lasn
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DOWNTOWN

get to know your town...



OLYMPIA

RESTAURANTS

#s correspond to location on map. Places without #s are not located downtown.

1. **Batdorf and Bronson**- Call it B&B to sound like you're down... everyone's favorite scenester and activist local coffee cartel. Go there @ noon after a night of partying to see who slept together the previous night.\$
- Burrito Heaven**- Huge burritos. C'mon what else. A sketchy bar in the back. Wet T-shirt contest maybe. Maybe not, I don't remember. Try it, I've met people who eat it four times a week \$\$
- Clubside Café**- open late honest to god greasy spoon diner. Three types of potatoes for breakfast, counter style kick ass eatery in the thick of it. No smoking, lotsa hot sauce. Dyn-o-mite cheesesteaks, fare prices all around. Keep the coffee coming Kenny! \$\$
2. **Darby's**- Great breakfast/ lunch joint. Super friendly wait staff. \$\$
3. **El Guanaco**- Good Salvadorian food. Little fried banana is tasty. Full plate with beans and rice and salsa and chips. They got a full bar and they know how to use it. Get a Mexican with your meal. It's just the way things taste best. \$\$
4. **Fuji's**- Inexpensive Japanese food. Friendly as hell. Good Tempura. Greener Friendly. Free lollipops. \$\$
5. **Lemongrass**- Amazing Thai cuisine with an experimental edge (possibly the best). Fancy, warm, welcoming but tiny dining room. \$\$\$
6. **Le Voyeur**- Mainstay for the official. Vegan? Vegetarian buddies. Cheap beer, constant live performances. Some of the best people watching this town has to offer. Kick ass grill cookin' up what not and pasta and everything else. Sandwiches soup dreadlocks nifty glasses. The most whatever place in town. Learn it quick, keep in a mainstay. \$\$
7. **Mini Saigon's** six dollar giant portion of delicious Pad Thai. Also check out three course family dinners! \$\$-\$\$\$
8. **The New Moon Café**- Ex Greener owned, healthy/delicious/ friendly low key, laid back, great pancakes, homemade blackberry Jam, nice people, breakfast in OLY extravaganza. For some it is everything before noon, The Monte Cristo is wow. Get your daily hash browns. Great burritos at night \$\$
9. **Old School**- Olympia's super awesome best pizza place to sit down hear music get full and look at ironically amusing eighties posters. Two pinball machines. Plus everyone that works there looks like a some crazy hipster poster child. It's a heavyweight, get used it. They put cheese in their sauce though. No love for the Vegans. Somebody should say something about that. Oh no, not me, I eat Vegans. Cheese 1.50 a slice \$
10. **Otto's**- Bagels, Pastries, Sandwiches, Coffee, oh my! Greens galore, cute people behind the counter. A staple of Olympia existence. \$-\$\$
11. **Oyster House**- Expensive seafood/ local history Mecca. I think your dad would love it. Plus they have the best location in town. So go pay for the atmosphere. And the delicious clam chowder. Sit outside if the tides up. Consider stealing something from this place. Maybe extra mints. \$\$\$
12. **Ramblin' Jacks**- I've never eaten here but I walk past it every day, and there are some really beautiful people who do. Take a date here or maybe your first FAFSA check. Notice the slowly rotating menu and extensive wine list. The swank has been served. \$\$\$
13. **Saigon Rendezvous** has many Vegan and vegetarian menu options. Best spring rolls in town
14. **The Santosh**- Indian food lunch buffet at (\$6.95) seems like a deal, it is. Don't eat it after drinking. Don't order the Lamb. Do order the curry. Be sure to moan when they charge you for bread. God damn it, it should be free. Also take time to enjoy pictures on wall. I think they might be memorable. \$\$\$
15. **The Spar**- Overpriced decent classic American fare. Great Milkshakes, throw back logger vibe, burgers & fries. All right once or twice just for a healthy dose of nostalgia. Tourist attraction. Got a visitor from out of town? Show them the fuckin' Spar I guess. \$\$\$
- Tugboat Annie's**- Located across from the Port. It smells like shit when the tides out. Great bar food plus some decent seafood. Good beer deals also a great view. Best BLT in Olympia. And they have billiards taboot. \$\$
16. **Traditions**- GO FAIR TRADE!!!! This place holds down the Oly activist scene and also has some tasty soups, salads, sandwiches, etc. An Oly classic.
17. **Urban Onion**- An almost classy healthy restaurant/ gay nightspot. Remodeled recently, still finding it's audience, great organic food last time I was there. Some say its too bland. Try it with folks, might run a bit steep. Professional well dressed waiters... their giving me the fear. \$\$\$
- Vic's Pizzeria**- classy pizza joint on the Westside. Vegan friendly and great slices. Freshest toppings in town. Probably spend a bit more on ingredients. It's cleaner then some and always doing good business with the locals. Great whole pies. Probably not two full dollar signs, but hey \$\$

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST:

18. Capitol Theater and Backstage- good movies, benefits, and shows
19. Midnight Sun- performance space
20. Media Island- interactive library and activist hangout
21. The Red House- occasionally has shows
22. Planned Parenthood
23. Safeplace

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For updates on
restaurants, bars,
and the music scene
in Olympia check out

THE OLYWA

oly bars' happy hours:

Bar Code 414 4th Ave. E

Monday-Friday 8-10 PM

\$1 well drinks

Ben Moore's 112 4th Ave. E

Ben Moore's doesn't have a happy hour as much as it has happy hours-of-operation. There's a new drink special everyday. They're reasonably priced, check them out. And they have board games! Sunday night is Gay Night

The Brotherhood 119 Capitol Wy. N

4-7 PM All week

\$1.50 well drinks, \$1.50 Bud & PBR, \$2 micro

Cedar Inn Tavern 9030 Martin Wy E

Monday-Friday 4-7 PM

\$1.75 pints

Charlie's Bar and Grill 620 4th Ave. E

4-7 PM All week

\$2.50 wells \$2 domestic pints \$3 micro pints

Mayhem Mondays-\$1.50 wells

China Clipper Pagoda Room 402 4th Ave. E

Monday-Friday 8-10 AM, 4-7 PM

\$2 well drinks

Eastside Tavern 410 4th Ave. E

4-7 PM All week

\$2 pints \$2 Micros all Monday and Thursday

El Guanaco 415 Water St.

3-6 PM All week

\$3.25 well drinks \$2 Bud and Bud

Light \$2.50 Dos Equis and

Hefeweizen

E

Monday-Friday 3-6 PM

\$2.50 well drinks \$1.50 domestics,

\$2.75 micros

Fir Cone 114 Cota St.

Monday-Friday 4-6 PM

\$1.25 domestic pints

Fishbowl 515 Jefferson St. SE

Monday-Friday 10 PM-11 PM

\$2.50 pints

4th Ave. Tavern 210 4th Ave. E

5-7 PM All week

\$2.50 well drinks \$2.25 pints

The Go Club 311 4th Ave. E

Wednesday 8-12 PM

\$2.50 well drinks \$1.50 domestic

drafts \$2 Dick's

Golden Pheasant 930 Golden

Pheasant Rd.

Monday-Friday 4-7 PM

\$2 well drinks \$1.25 domestic pints

Hannah's 123 5th Ave.

4-6 PM All week

\$3 well drinks \$2.75 micros \$1.75

domestic pints

King Solomon's Reef 212 E 4th Ave.

6-10 AM, 4:30-7 PM All week

\$1.25 well drinks and domestic bottles

Le Voyeur 404 4th Ave. E

Saturday-Thursday 5-7 PM

\$1.50 well drinks, \$2.00 pints, \$1 PBR

Friday Progressive Madness:

5-5:30 99¢ well drinks

5:30-6 \$1.25 well drinks

6-6:30 \$1.50 well drinks

6:30-7 \$2 well drinks

Tuesday & Thursday Top Secret 45

10-10:45 \$1.75 well drinks

Lucky's Tavern 4011 Pacific Ave. S

Monday-Friday 4-7 PM

\$1.50 domestic pints

McCoy's Tavern 418 4th Ave. E

4-7 PM All week

\$1.50 well drinks \$2 micros

Nisqually Bar & Grill

10323 Martin Wy. E Olympia/Lacey

Monday-Friday 4-6 PM

\$2.25 well drinks \$1.75 domestics

O'Blarney's 4411 Martin Wy. E

Monday-Friday 4-6 PM

\$2.25 domestics \$3 micros

O'Malley's at Westside Lanes

2200 Garfield Ave. NW

Monday-Friday 4:30-6:30PM

\$1.75 well drinks and domestics \$2.50 micros

Rang Dong 2106 Harrison Ave. NW

4-8 PM All week

1/2 off all drinks

The Spar 114 4th Ave. E

5-7 PM All week

\$1.50 well drinks and domestic bottles \$2 pints

Tequila Bar 2101 Harrison Ave.

4-6 PM All week

\$2.50 well drinks \$3.50 shots o' Puerto

Vallarta \$1.75 domestics \$2.75 micros

Town Pub & Deli 130 W Cota St.

Monday-Friday 4-7 PM

\$1.25 domestic pints

Tugboat Annie's 2100 West Bay Dr.

Monday-Friday 3-6 PM

\$2.25 wells \$2.50 pints \$2.75 menu

The Viking Lounge 6318 Martin Wy E

10AM-6PM All week

Westside Tavern 1815 Harrison Ave.

4-6 PM All week

\$2.25 well drinks 50¢ off beer

Whisker's Tavern 3447 Mud Bay Rd.

Monday-Thursday 4-6 PM Friday 4-8 PM

\$1.75 domestics

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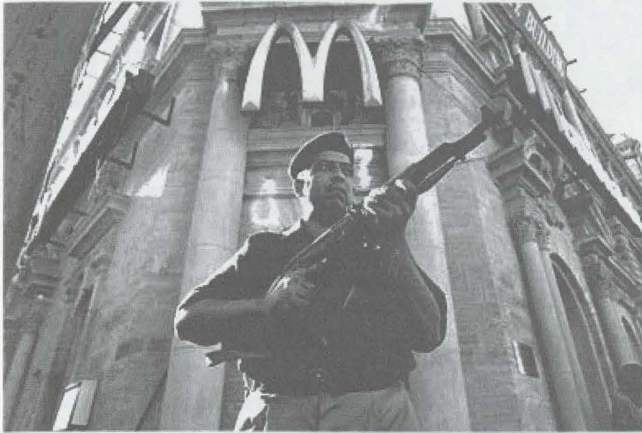
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PLACES THAT SUCK!

This section is an attempt to help you spend your dollars wisely in Olympia. In a world where business interests exert massive influence over the use of resources and the welfare of workers, we "vote with our money" with every purchase we make. You don't just hand some cash to the store owner when you buy those cool Nike shoes, you also pay for the acquisition of the materials for your purchase (cow hide, petroleum-based plastics, pesticide-laden cotton, mined minerals, trees for the box), the factory that produced the shoes (in a sweatshop), the shipment from the opposite

side of the globe (petroleum and carbon dioxide), and the existence of the company itself (which gets away with all this by using your money to hire lobbyists and make massive campaign contributions.)

In our post-industrial global marketplace it is impossible for you- and even governments and consumer watchdogs- to keep up with the complete details of how a product comes to appear at the store. This being said, some research has been done by students who have come before you, about the activities of the businesses in Olympia, and this is presented below. PLEASE keep in mind that using "consumer power" is not a substitute for grassroots organizing on behalf of the environment and workers. *In the US, 20% of the population controls half of the wealth- "voting with your money" does not follow that basic premise of democracy "one person, one vote."*

SKIP THE CHAIN STORES You know 'em: McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Target, Sears, 7-11, Home Depot, Top Foods, Safeway, Hollywood Video, etc. The money you spend there leaves the community, the company pays its workers dirt, and they probably find any way possible to bypass or slack on environmental standards.

THE OLYMPIA DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

(ODA) is a group of conservative downtown businesses that have initiated and lobbied the city to enact laws to improve the business climate and reduce the rights of youth and homeless. We can't tell you which businesses are involved in this organization because it's *privileged information* - you have to be a paying member to be allowed access to this information. Whoever they are, the ODA's projects have included the: **1986** Criminalization of Skateboarding, **1987** Outlawing of Teen Dance Clubs, **1990** Criminalization of Loud Car Stereos, **1991** Outlawing "Cruising", **1993** Criminalization of "Aggressive Panhandling", **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, **1996/7** Attempted Banning of Sitting on the Sidewalk, **1999/2000** Criminalization of Graffiti and lobbying against designated "Graffiti Walls" and, **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 Panhandling **2002/2003** Proposed public financing of a massive Convention Center downtown. **More recently the ODA has shown signs of letting up its attack on the homeless.**

WHAT HAVE VARIOUS BUSINESSES AROUND TOWN BEEN UP TO

Supporters of a "No Sitting on the Sidewalk" Ordinance:

Coast Office Equipment Co., Gold's Gym, King Solomon's Reef, The Spar, and the Washington Center for the Performing Arts

Opponents of The Fleetwood Low Income Housing Project:

Applebaum Violin Shop, Audio Northwest, B&B Auto, Bartels, Castle Enterprises, CD Connection, Chatterly Down, Coast Office Equipment Co., Deskoba Inc., Especially Made Designs, Hodges Inc., Jinjor, JR Roofing, Key Bank, Koehler's Furniture, Little Richards, Lynch Paint, Olympia Printing, Panowicz, Pizzaz, **Salvation Army**, Bayview and Ralph's Thriftway, Urban Onion, US Marine Sales, Walt's Radiator, Washington Center, Washington Travel, and Wind Up Here.

Opponents of a boycott of some of Washington's wineries called by exploited farm-workers:

Budd Bay Café, Coast Office Equipment Co., Genoa's, the Olive Garden, and St. Martin's College.

Opponents of a Farmworker's boycott called on Gardenburger:

Falls Terrace and Urban Onion

Anti-Native American Establishments (they have those "Smoke-shop" Indian Carvings): Cigarettes Cheaper and The Spar
Businesses that have threatened or fired workers that have tried to improve working conditions or unionize: Crazy Espresso, Burrito Heaven (under former owner), Capital Coachmen, Elyse's Potpourri, The Spar, the Urban Onion, and Fish Tale Ales/Fish Brewing Co. (including Fishbowl Brewpub & Cafe)

Vocal supporters of allocating a quarter of a million dollars a year in city taxes as "corporate welfare" for the construction and maintenance of a convention center downtown: Capital Playhouse, The Alpine Experience, German Engine Service, and Ramblin' Jacks.

BIKING AT EVERGREEN

Transportation is an extremely important part of our lives today, and is also one of the most energy-consuming. Quite often it seems like there isn't any other option other than cars for people who need to get to work or school.

But if you give up your car then your life would be a lot easier. You wouldn't need to buy gasoline from multinational corporations, who drill in the most beautiful places on Earth. You therefore contribute less to global climate change (and laugh when the gas prices hit \$3.00 a gallon). You don't need to carry a government issued identification card. You don't have to worry about driving poorly, speeding, or crashing into someone (not to mention traffic). You don't have to worry about paying some big faceless company for insurance. You don't need to put down a couple hundred or thousand dollars to buy a car. And you definitely don't need to pay anyone else for expensive parts and maintenance.

This is all possible when people bike. Sure, it could be done without a bike. You could bus it or walk, but with a bike you're more versatile. But bikes and bike parts can cost a lot, that's part of why we're writing this. We wouldn't just encourage people to ditch their cars, we want to let them know that it's easy to do at Evergreen, and it's partly because of the Evergreen Bike shop.

Evergreens Bike Shop

The Bike Shop is a student run collective and campus resource that receives funding from the school. It's located in the basement of the CAB. Just get in the elevator by the Greenery and hit B. If the shop's not open, check the schedule on the door. Volunteers sign up there to keep the shop open, working shifts every week for the quarter, and they get 24 hour a day access to the shop (No experience necessary)!

So what can the bike shop do for you? If you want a bike but don't have one, you can probably get hooked up with a junker for a small donation, or with all the parts you need to build a bike from scratch. If you don't know anything about bike repair, you can talk to the volunteer on duty or whoever else might be hangin' out down there. If you still need help, there is a library of bike repair manuals. If you already have a bike you can find a plethora of used parts, frames, tubes and tires. The shop also carries a few new items. This is all made possible by the people who volunteer their time to the shop. You can reach the Bike Shop at 867-6399.

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Bikes beyond Evergreen

If you're looking for stuff you can't always find at Evergreen, such as a new bike or professional service, there are a couple of places in town that might help. Olybikes is across the street from the southwest corner of the transit center, on 3rd Ave. (it's worker owned!) The Bike Stand is located in the Olympic Outfitters building on 4th Ave. (across from the Voyeur). Biketech is way up on the eastside hill, across from Ralph's Thriftway on 4th Ave. Also there is a Schwinn shop. Also, if you're lookin' to buy a used bike, check out the "for sale" signs at Evergreen and at the co-op, and look in pawn shops, Goodwill, and Value Village.

And one more thing

Critical Mass is a monthly bike ride in town that strives to build the bicycling community and raise awareness about bike culture and safety. By nature critical mass is in opposition of car culture and the international petroleum industry that leads to wars, pollution, and death. Critical Mass meets the last Friday of every month around the world; in Olympia we meet at the downtown transit center at 4:30. Look for flyers around town and campus. Questions?

We wish you all happy riding, and if you weren't convinced to ditch your car, have a global warming day...

"So like, ummm do people play music around here?" A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE OLY MUSIC SCENE

Welcome to Olympia, population; 42,860. State Capitol and home of The Evergreen State College. Also home to two of the most well revered independent music labels in the world. K Records and Kill Rock Stars have housed, recorded and distributed a diverse plethora of music for over twenty years (K began in 1982, KRS: 1991) K was started by King DIY, Evergreen graduate, Calvin Johnson in 1982. The first recording were Olympia natives, The Supreme Cool Beings, who recorded live from Calvin's KAOS radio show. He later began recording with his band Beat Happening and other local acts. Overtime K has morphed into an artist collective with the acquisition of an old where house/ex-knitting factory downtown which houses Dub Narcotic Studios (basically a really big room with recording equipment and instruments among other utensils and utilities), offices and back stock of all the recordings. It's always been the spirit of K's artists to engage in a reciprocal relationship, helping out on fellow musicians recordings or collaborating on a new band.

Kill Rock Stars expanded the Oly-indie tradition when Slim Moon began what he first intended to be a label specializing in spoken word seven inches in 1991. Modest goals aside, the label quickly evolved into a punk rock label, as hometown bands such as Unwound and Bikini Kill signed; the later of which, along with Bratmobile and others, spawned riot grrrl fever all across the vast land. Kathleen Hannah (also of Le Tigre) and Tobi Vail (both Evergreen students) of Bikini Kill, first created a Zine of the same name which had an emphasis on issues surrounding their hardcore feminist beliefs. Initially the media was intrigued by the movement, but intimidated. Rather than allow the media to exploit and skew the riot grrrl scene, the movement called for a "media blackout", stopping all contact with the media and with the ensuing grunge scene starting out just north in Seattle, riot grrrl's never garnered much mainstream attention.

Olympia has been a breeding ground and nurturing spot for many musicians over the years. So who are all these non-rock stars you ask? Have I heard of them? Oh my god, what if I haven't? Don't fret, Don't fret. I know you've heard of Nirvana? And, the frighteningly opaque Courtney Love? Ah yes, well she went to Evergreen you see. She attended only for a spell, but legend has it that Courtney and Kurt used to hang tough in the mods (where C-Love lived.). Nirvana moved down here, they practiced in the bottom floor of K dorm and played some of their first shows around campus. Oh yeah, and Kurt had the K Records insignia tattooed on his arm. Now you knizzow. Let's see, who else sold their soul to the devil? BECK! He kicked around Olympia for a bit and

recorded an album ("One Foot in the Grave") down at K with Calvin. Portland native Elliot Smith recorded on Kill Rock Stars before moving on to DreamWorks. Eeeek! And please don't forget, Modest Mouse and Built to Spill also recorded various material at Dub Narcotic before moving on to major labels (also, Built to Spill front man, Doug Martsch was in a band with Calvin and Steve Fisk called The Halo Benders). Speaking of Dub Narcotic, Calvin's other band Dub Narcotic Sound System is one of the few Olympia bands still around (shouldn't you be moving to Portland soon also?) The nucleus of Sleater-Kinney (KRS) (figured out where they got their name yet?) met at Evergreen and moved to Portland recently, same with Mirah (K) except for she's only one person. Hey, the drummer (Kathy) from The Gossip (KRS) went to Evergreen last year, but unless she's going to make the mother fucking commute to Portland (and I did meet somebody last year who did) or pursue Contract Studies, it looks like she will just be another number in our low retention rate. Ooops! "Fuck" you're thinking "that f'n sucks that all those GD bands moved to Snortland" Never fear, Old Time Relijun (K) is here to shut your scenester ass up. Lead singer and multi-instrumentalist throat singer Arrington de Dionyso got 16 credits at Evergreen for OTR's first album. By the way: why did the Greener cross the road?
To get 2 credits.

Thank you, thank you. I heard it the other day. Oh, and incase you haven't heard, Old Time Relijun's ex-drummer, Mr. Phil Elvrum (The Microphones/Mt. Eerie) is the newest indie heart throb/prophet. He found Evergreen too conventional (It was for sound engineering ... but cu, cu, cu come on!?!). Hold on though; don't go knocking on every door in town trying to find him like the freak that you know you are, because he moved back to Anacortes. Althouuuugh, Microphones collaborator Khaela Marichich (The Blow), who got her start at an Evergreen talent show, still lives in town. Old South Sound favorites Fitz of Depression recently reunited and have been playing some shows around the area. Lois Maffeo, "grandmother of riotgrrrl", is known to make an appearance every so often as well. Some newer bands making a stir lately include the Bangs, Joey Casio, Scream Club, Liarbird, C.O.C.O. and Oly based Chainsaw Records band, The Need, among many others.

Evergreen has been an integral part in fostering Olympia's thriving music scene which is one of, if not the most, active and progressive for its size in the world. Don't stagnate the tradition Greeners! Make noise! Make the world a better place! Make sound into Music!!



A HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

1980s OPD expands in number of officials and operations

JUNE 1988 In-Custody-Death of Danny Spencer who was beaten and hog-tied by Olympia officers Cliff Maynard and Aldo Fantoni.

AUGUST 1988 Inquest held investigating the death of Danny Spencer. Taped for TCTV. Inquest official findings reveal "postional asphyxiation" as cause. Death Certificate says "Homicide" as cause of death, but officers are not held responsible.

1991 Citizens as City Council to establish a Civilian Review Board to bring more public accountability to the Olympia Police Department. Council rejects the idea.

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

1995 Review of Olympia Jail order resulting in setting up process guidelines for handling inmates.

1996 Review of Olympia Police ordered resulting in finding the department borderline dysfunctional. Plan formed to reorganize department, all but leaving out accountability as an issue.

MARCH 1996 Olympia CopWatch established to push for accountability – organizes public testimony on suffered or witnessed police abuses and proposes Non-Violent/De-Escalating Training for officers, an aggressive hiring and promotion of women and people of color as officers, adoption of a community oriented policing policy, and establishment of an 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. 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 hired to replace retired Chief John Wumer after 18 years of service with Olympia.

1988 \$15,000 set aside in Olympia City budget to conduct police accountability study.

1999 Request for proposal sent out and proposals received from experts to do a police accountability study

2000 Police accountability study 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 different intake system.

JANUARY 2001 Police shot and taser Kent DeBoer, a mentally ill man who lives in Olympia, Washington, who was showing aggressive behavior due to a change in medication. Kent DeBoer lives, but experiences serve mental and physical health. No officers are held accountable

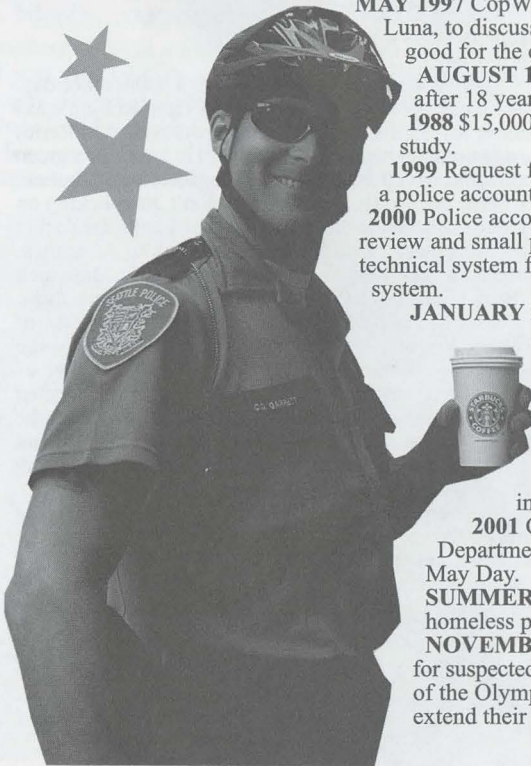
2001 Olympia City Council decided to create an Independent Auditor to oversee police complaints rather than a civilian-review board. Council elects to exclude citizen participation in the auditor process.

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

SUMMER 2002 Olympia CopWatch reforms due to police harassment of homeless people in the downtown.

NOVEMBER 2002 Police taser to death a man outside Ralph's Thirtway for suspected shop lifting. Some witness reported that they also saw members of the Olympia Police Department beat the suspect.

extend their time to reply to citizen complaints from 30 days to 45 days.





COMMUNITY GROUPS DIRECTORY

were all so lucky to live in such an active town. dont be afraid to branch out beyond student groups. you can learn a lot about olympia and yourself this way. so grab your magnifying glass and dive in to this handy directory. ...and dont forget to ask about internships- you can do activist work and get credit! go forth and be inspired!

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Thurston County

Defending liberty throughout our state. 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. Criminal justice, cyber-liberties, free speech, lesbian/gay rights, police practices, privacy, religious freedom, reproductive rights, student/youth rights, war on drugs, etc. www.aclu-thurston.org or info@aclu-thurston.org

Art in the Streets

Art in the Streets exists to empower people to speak to each other through art. This kind of public communication is not commonly encouraged by mainstream art establishments and the people we support are frequently ignored, denied, or not seen as creators of dialogue or art. Institutional support for public art hardly addresses the race, ethnic, language, cultural, age and gender barriers that limit access to art. We make art more available by linking community members to the resources, tools, and knowledge needed to create this public dialogue. We support art made by, for & within the community. We seek out projects that go beyond the cosmetic, that are planned with site specificity in mind, and that create meaningful communication for observers and participants. Many of these works will be collaborative, focus on process over object and may exist only temporarily though their effects will be long lasting.

Avanti High School (AHS)

Avanti is recently opened alternative high school within the Olympia School District with a much smaller student body and faculty. AHS is ripe for input from Evergreen students. Evergreen students have contributed to the Avanti curriculum as students teachers and paraeducators, as well as leaders of mini-units, and hosts of community service projects. With an unfolding program, Avanti is open to community involvement, whatever you have to bring. Call Avanti for more information at 664-0135.

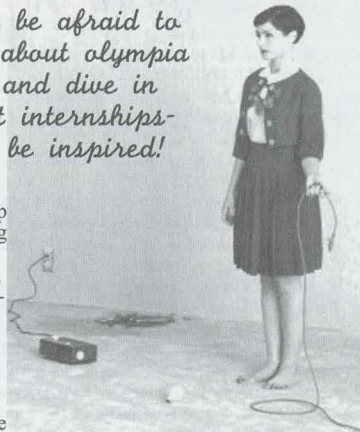
Black Hills Audubon Society

"Creating a Culture of Conservation" 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 the ecosystems on which they depend. [CR][LF]Education includes monthly programs and several birding and natural history field trips each month both to members and the general public. [CR][LF]Activism includes efforts to protect local natural areas and "important bird areas" and to strengthen local environmental protections. bhas@blackhillsaudubon.org (360) 352-7299 www.blackhillsaudubon.org



Books to Prisoners (BTP)

Books to Prisoners is an all-volunteer organization that sends reading materials to prisoners free-of-charge. Books to Prisoners Olympia has existed since 1996, as a support group for the Seattle branch, and after a year of being on hiatus, is now back in operation. Volunteers are needed to: open and answer letters, wrap packages, send packages, and help with fundraisers. BTP is a very satisfying form of direct action, in which volunteers have direct contact with prisoners, and actively work to help educate and improve the lives of those most adversely affected by capitalism and the prison-industrial complex. At a time when over two million are in prison, prison resources and opportunities are being slashed and "rehabilitation" as a justification for imprisonment has been completely abandoned. Come help us help others. To get involved call 556-2657 or email bookstoprisonersoly@resist.ca.





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Bread & Roses (B&R)

Bread & Roses is a local non-profit organization that serves homeless and low-income people. We operate a shelter, a transitional guesthouse for women, an advocacy center and a street newspaper. Our commitment as an organization is to create a community in which our guests can wake up to how amazing and beautiful they are, and realize their own ability to make a difference in life and in the world. We are committed to providing opportunities for our guests to express themselves, to participate fully and creatively in the life of the community, and to organize themselves to demand dignity and basic human rights. Hearts starve as well as bodies, and our guests deserve bread, but they deserve roses too!

Advocacy Center On State Ave, right across from OlyBikes, the Center is the location of all our advocacy work. We need volunteers and interns to help people fill out applications for social services, drive people to appointments, and share organizing experience to develop leadership among our guests. We intend to build a strong network of homeless and low-income organizers to act as a positive force for change within the community.

Devoe Street Shelter Located on Devoe Street between Martin and Pacific, the shelter currently provides a place for guests to sleep on a day-to-day basis. It will soon become the headquarters for our community activities program, including community gardens, music, art, a sewing circle, skill-sharing classes and sports games. In highlighting the talent and hard work of the homeless, we intend to begin to break down the unnecessary social barriers that exist throughout the larger Olympia community. We are in need of volunteers and interns to coordinate the community activities.

The Street Paper The first issue of the Olympia street newspaper will be coming out this fall. The purpose of the paper is to provide space for self-expression and a forum for discussion of ideas, opinions and issues within the homeless and low-income community. We need people to coach writers, help with production, and much more. Call 754.4085 or email editor@bandroly.com



Carnegie Group

We believe that people should QUESTION GROWTH and that growth should pay for growth. The Carnegie Group brings together citizens of different backgrounds under one unifying principle: a concern for the abuses of unbridled growth and its effects on our community and our environment. We maintain that population growth is neither inevitable nor beneficial. "Growth at any price", an article of faith in America, has put our environment at risk and eroded community life. Those who stand to profit from growth should no longer be subsidized by taxpayers: infrastructure expenses should be borne by those who create the need. We are opposed to taxes that provide infrastructure: roads, sewers, fire and schools, to primarily benefit growth.

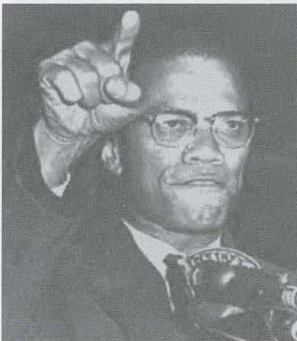
www.carnegiegroup.org contact Walter R. Jorgensen carnegiegroup@mail.com

The Cascadia Defense Network (CDN) (a.k.a. Olympia Earth First!)

CDN is a decentralized, direct-action group engaged in frontlines eco-defense and grassroots community organizing. CDN focuses primarily on public lands logging and tries to bring an end to commercial logging while working toward creating a society free of global capitalism. In 1999 CDN set up the first tree-sit in Washington State on Watch Mountain. Watch Mountain is located above the town of Randle, in the GPNF. By combining community outreach and organizing with tree-sitting, CDN successfully in stopped the transfer of hundreds of acres of old-growth forests to the Plum Creek Timber Company. Although CDN is not currently operating you can check out www.cascadiasummer.org to find out what is going on in the Pacific Northwest or how to get connected.

Centro Intregal Educativo Latino de Olympia Project at Radio Ranch

The mission of the CIELO Project is to enhance the youth in the community with a focus on the hispanic population. CIELO provides information and referrals and training to consumers and providers in cross cultural competence on an ongoing basis. Proyecto Familia provides bilingual, bicultural mental health services. We offer free english classes on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30- 8:30. Other activities include PlayBack Theater performance by Latina women, a horsemanship program for youth, and Litima, a support group for young men, that addresses leadership and identity. We also hold Spanish classes Monday and Wednesday evenings. People can also work off community service hours in a bilingual setting at Radio Ranch. please contact by: www.cieloproject.org



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. www.climatesolutions.org

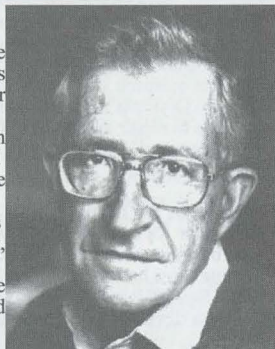


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The Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES)

El Salvador has been in the forefront of the struggle fighting against U.S. intervention in Central America between 1980-1992 and against neoliberal economic policies since the signing of the Peace Accords of 1992. CISPES is an international organization that has worked directly with El Salvador's labor unions, the leading women's organization-MAM, student and teacher organizations, and former guerrilla organizations for the past 20 years. Activities have included accompanying popular organizations in El Salvador, lobbying, direct action, mass protest, direct material aid, and education for the U.S. population. Recently El Salvador has suffered devastating earthquakes that have killed over 1,300 people. The Government of El Salvador (GOES) has not helped the majority of the people and in fact is using over \$400 million from the International Monetary Fund to "dollarize" the economy to integrate that country into the U.S. economy. CISPES, in conjunction with its relations in El Salvador, is presently engaged in resisting neoliberal policies in El Salvador, resisting privatization, providing alternatives to globalization, and promoting material aid after the earthquake. Many of the issues that people protested against during the Anti-WTO demonstrations in Seattle and elsewhere in the past two years are alive and real with CISPES and the people of El Salvador. If you are interested learning more about an effective organization, please find out about our meetings by contacting us by e-mail. All new and returning students, staff, faculty, and community members are welcome.

Your ideas for the future are especially welcome. If you are interested in future activity or want more information, please contact Larry Mosqueda by email at Lmosqueda@home.com. More information on CISPES is available at www.cispes.org



Community Build-a-Bike

The Build-a-bike project helps build self-esteem by having adults and kids (between ages 8 & 18) work together to rebuild donated bikes for the kids to keep. Build-a-bike also teaches traffic safety, bike maintenance, hand's on repair, and gives away free helmets. You can contact Build-a-Bike at 786-1693 or tezzer1@yahoo.com.

Community Print

To provide an accessible, affordable resource for independent arts projects. Book binding and letterpress printing. Open studio available for use for a small fee. Access is granted upon completion of a shop proficiency workshop. Some examples of workshops include: Letterpress I, Print and Protest, and Text and Image communityprint@yahoo.com

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. The Community Sustaining Fund conducts semiannual grant funding cycles (spring and fall). CSF tends to award funds for start-up costs of projects that might otherwise go unfunded, but with the expectation that these projects will become self-sustaining. Contact Vic Coleman cathyvic@attbi.com www.traditionsfairtrade.com/sustFund/sustFundhome.html

Copwatch

Copwatch monitors the activity of the Olympia Police Department and advocates for police accountability. You can reach them at the Copwatch voicemail 252-3281 or e-mail olycopwatch@riseup.net.

Crisis Clinic Resource Network

We offer immediate (24/7) response to callers that are in need of emotional support, assistance in solving problems, making decisions or locating resources. Staff and volunteers are well-trained, compassionate and caring people. All calls are confidential and anonymous. Telephone crisis intervention, Information and referral program (Teen C.A.R.E. Line Confidential Anonymous Reassuring Ears) Bev address (360) 586-2888 www.crisis-clinic.org



Earthbound Productions (EBP) and the Procession of the Species Celebration 2004. Internships available beginning Winter Quarter. Earthbound Productions is absolutely committed to the vision that communities must engage in cultural relationships with the natural world through equitable economic and social service partnerships if we are to be successful in our efforts of environmental protection and restoration. The vision of the Procession is to elevate the dignity of the human spirit by enhancing the cultural exchange that we have with each other and with the natural world, and to do that through imagination, creation, and sharing. Created by the community for the community, the Procession of the Species is an environmental program and artistic pageant using the languages of art, music, and dance to develop cultural appreciation, understanding, and protection of the natural world. Check web site for meetings and workshops. www.procession.org



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The Emma Goldman Youth and Homeless Outreach Project (EGYHOP)

The Emma Goldman Youth and Homeless Outreach Project (EGYHOP) was formed in 2000. The organization works solely to provide the homeless with direct resources. EGYHOP has formed a team of street outreach volunteers who handout blankets, socks, foods, medical supplies and other essential items to Olympia's homeless. EGYHOP also has teamed up with the Olympia build a bike project and workers to repair and build old bikes for Olympia's homeless. EGYHOP is always looking for more volunteers and donations. You can contact David, the project coordinator for EGYHOP, at 791-2241 or lhd@olywa.net.

Enterprise for Equity

Enterprise for equity offers a business start-up training program to help low income people start their own businesses! We want to build an inclusive economy in the South Puget Sound. To qualify, annual income must be: single, under \$16,400; family of 4. Our mission is to ensure that low-income people in the South Sound region have access to training, technical assistance, support and credit for small business development. These services are provided with the belief that people can and do transform their lives as they bring their strengths, initiative and dreams to their entrepreneurial efforts. www.enterpriseforequity.org



The Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR):

The Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR): The Olympia FOR is the local chapter of an international organization that works for peace and social justice from the standpoint of principled nonviolence. We include people of all ages, religions, races, sexual orientations, and abilities. We hold two peace vigils every week, produce a bimonthly newsletter, broadcast our one-hour TV program twice a week on TCTV, organize speakers and workshops, watch and discuss a video each month, and maintain the web site www.olyfor.org. The Olympia FOR's special areas of concern include foreign policy, economic justice, abolishing the death penalty, and promoting nonviolence throughout our society. Contact Glen Anderson at the Olympia FOR at 491-9093 or www.olyfor.org.

Feminists in Self-Defense Training (FIST)

FIST provides assault prevention training to women, teens and transfolks. You can contact FIST at 438- 0288.

Food Not Bombs! (FNB) Food not bombs is scumdidilyumptious, vegan, and a nationwide D.I.Y. institution. It is a weekly free serving of food in downtown Sylvester Park. The name, FNB, describes the basic philosophy of this group, that society and people need to promote food, i.e. life, over bombs, i.e. death. An estimated 26% of edible food is thrown away every year in this country. Meanwhile, people go hungry, eat inadequate meals, AND STARVE. This is completely avoidable, but political, economic and cultural norms demand that people pay for their food, and that superficially, it must be perfect. In 1992, 10% of city trash was composed of edible good. This is roughly 250 million pounds of food unavailable to the hungry. It is estimated that only 50 million pounds of food are needed to end hunger in America. Food is usually served around 1:30 every Sunday. To help cook, clean, get food, or donate food please get in touch by showing up, and eating yummie food, then asking around how to help. Cooking usually starts at 10:00am, cleaning up is after we serve around 2:30.

The Freechild Project

Promoting social change by and with young people. The mission of The Freechild Project is to research, disseminate, and educate young people and adults about the most progressive youth-oriented ideas in practice, in theory, and being talked about today. Our focus areas include youth activism, student-led education reform, youth rights, community involvement juvenile justice, youth media, un-schooling, youth-led organizations and information for the allies of young people. The Freechild Project is a training group, think tank, resource center and vehicle for strategic action and advocacy for young people throughout society. info@freechild.org (360)259-0218



Free Radio Olympia

The goal of this station is to provide information and education to the community by offering diverse music and alternative commentary and news programs. We oppose the corporatization of radio as an effort to privatize what should be a community service. In addition, we believe that the FCC's efforts toward low power FM operations have failed to serve the needs of the community due to the expensive and inaccessible nature of licensing. In a form of direct action and as a challenge to the so called "authorities", we transmit without a license over Olympia's airwaves. FRO is often carried on the Olympia-airwaves by the 91.3 Collective at: (guess where?) 91.3 FM. WE NEED PROGRAMMERS. To reach us, try: fro@riseup.net. Come join us for an hour, or forever, if you wish.



The FreeSkool

The Olympia Community FreeSkool is a resource network for educational opportunities. We offer *free* classes ranging from Spanish and German to beer brewing to building eco-friendly houses. We can also connect you to other resources, such as work internships at farms and businesses in our community. We have information and research on other options for cheap or free educational experiences too. Tell us what you want to learn about and we can help you figure out how to do it for free or very little money. Look for our classes and workshops on a wide range of topics, which are published and distributed throughout town, or email us at freeskool@ureach.com. When our website is up it will be at www.olynetwork.com/freeskool. The FreeSkool is always looking for volunteers and organizers, please give us a call or email us. Committees on outreach, fundraising, the Children's FreeSkool and infrastructure meet throughout the month. FreeSkool calendars are posted at the Timberland Library, the East and Westside Food Co-ops, Orca Books, Traditions, Kundalini, Media Island and Radio Ranch. Look for our flyers at other local restaurants and shops.

Gifford Pinchot Task Force (GP Task Force)

GP Task Force is a grassroots group based in Olympia dedicated to preserving forest ecosystems and biodiversity within Southwest Washington. The Gifford Pinchot National Forest spans the Cascades south of Mt. Rainier all the way south to the Columbia River including Mt. Adams and Mt. St. Helens. Because of the urban/rural politics of Washington, the Gifford Pinchot has been the "industrial forest" of western Washington and for decades logging has degraded the land in a hard way. Now that the timber communities are watching mills close down from globalization and over-cutting and science is pointing more and more to the protection of all connected areas and old growth areas the Forest Service has absolutely no excuse to continue logging public land. The purpose of the GP Task Force is to prevent further degradation to the land by taking an active role in all aspects of Forest Planning and Policy while also engaging in grassroots organizing in local communities. By commenting and litigating on old growth timber sales, the Task Force has helped stop every single old growth sale from being logged in the past four years! We are always looking for volunteers and/or interns to help monitor timber sales, give slideshows, lead hikes, do GIS, community organizing...whatever your passion is. For more information please contact the Gifford Pinchot Task Force by contacting our office at: (503) 221-2102 or check out our website at: <http://www.gptaskforce.org>

Green Party of South Puget Sound The local "Green Party of South Puget Sound" (GPoS) is a group of concerned people dedicated to promoting values-based grassroots democracy. We are committed to tackling public policy issues affecting our local and global community. We intend to promote this through inclusive civic participation and local action, adhering to, and applying the Green Party's Ten Key Values. In addition there is a nationwide organization called the Campus Greens that works to connect Greens on campuses throughout the U.S. and the world. www.campusgreens.org. You can e-mail us at or contact phone 360-455-4336 (Drew Hendricks/Membership Coordinator) We encourage people to come to our meetings and join our local and begin to participate in grassroots politics.

Garden Raised Bounty (GRuB) GRuB Provides empowering, hands-on gardening education and valuable plant-growing experience for individuals in Thurston and Mason Counties. GRuB is a partnership between Sister Holy Garden Project & The Kitchen Garden Project, and offers three main programs. The Cultivating Youth Program, working with local schools, engages teenagers in gardening on both academic and employment levels. The Companion Planting Therapy Program assists Senior community members in growing their own food by constructing (wheel-chair) accessible gardens and providing a helpful volunteer staff. Finally, The Garden Kitchen Project builds vegetable garden beds (for free) for low-income people - "Helping them help themselves." Gardens are complete with fertile soil, plant seeds, and a growing guide. Contact: 753-5522 or grub@olywa.net

The Heartsparkle Players As a multicultural company we will use Playback Theatre and other interactive theatre techniques as tools for community building, education and social change. We will provide affordable performances for the public; and for groups who lack resources. We will be a community resource and share our artistic skills. We will empower communities and individuals by providing a forum for stories to be heard, shared and honored. We will maintain a high level of artistic quality and integrity by providing on-going training opportunities for our performers. Contact: Debe Edden debek@olywa.net 360.943-6772 www.heartsparkle.org



The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)

The IWW is a militant, 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. For more information call us at 352-2401, or E-mail us at erico64@yahoo.com



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Special Feature: Homelessness in Olympia and organizations working with the homeless

Homelessness in Olympia is a bigger problem than most people are aware of. The last "point in time" survey found there to be roughly 700 people living without homes in Thurston County. The volunteers conducting the survey didn't go to many camp sites, and it is nearly impossible to count the number of people couch surfing, so this estimate is probably extremely low compared to reality.

Many of the organizations that deal with the issue are understaffed and under-funded. It is a sad truth, but many members of the activist community in Olympia fail to make connections between foreign struggles or theoretical ideas and the fights that are occurring in their own backyard. There are a vast variety of mentally ill, squatters, runaways, drug addicts, ex-convicts, and survivors of domestic violence who are homeless in Olympia. This list will hopefully provide people with some idea of how the situation appears and what they can do about it.



The Salvation Army is the largest and most stable provider in Olympia. They have many shelter beds for men and women and serve meals to the people who stay there. Their resources do not excuse their treatment of others. Many members of the homeless community are extremely disgusted with the Salvation Army and some refuse their services in order to avoid their often rude and abusive staff and policies. The Salvation Army does not allow anyone in the shelter who is drunk, has had a convicted sexual offense, or does not have a form of legal I.D. In other places in the country they have refused people for being queer or for being atheists. The Salvation Army in Olympia has also been in trouble for turning away people with disabilities. One person claimed to be sexually abused in the bathroom of the Salvation Army and was ignored by the staff. Shortly after they were kicked out. The Salvation Army has also lied to the city council in Olympia about the number of people they have taken in and the number they have turned away.

Bread & Roses is a smaller, less funded organization that operates a shelter for forty-four people on Devoe Street and a transition house for twelve homeless women near downtown. Bread & Roses also operates an advocacy office that helps people apply for disability benefits, jobs, housing, etc. Bread & Roses has a very radical, inclusive, empowerment based philosophy, but it is primarily run by volunteers and has a shoestring budget. (see above listing in directory)

The Unitarian-Universalist Church provides an overflow shelter for adult women, married couples, and families with children. This shelter is only open at night, and the residents must leave during the day, putting tremendous strain on families with children. Entry into the shelter also requires a referral from the Emergency Shelter Network (ESN), which can be difficult to work with at times. ESN requires women and families seeking shelter to go to the Salvation Army first, and only refers them to the U.U. shelter if there are no openings at Salvation Army. People who have been kicked out of the Salvation Army for being mentally ill, or for breaking the extremely stringent rules are generally turned away by ESN.

Saint Michaels is run by a dedicated group of people. It is staffed by a small group of church goers who rotate nights. They do not have a lot of resources and are only allowed to provide spaces for homeless men. There are also restrictions against people who are drunk and people with pets, which is more of a problem than most people realize. There is not a lot of room for new volunteers, but the people who staff are honest and they are good to work with.

The Cold & Hungry Coalition formed this past year. They managed to run an illegal shelter that housed between 15 to 30 people a night. It was shut down when the police found out about it. After that they bargained with the city council to open up city hall to use as a shelter, but that was shut down when the staff accepted people who did not want to go to the Salvation Army. (For obvious reasons). They managed to get it up and running again, but were forced to have stricter rules. When the winter season ended and the cold weather policy was over the Cold & Hungry Coalition switched its efforts to providing blankets and tents for people. At the same time the organization was going through volunteer changes. Around this time conflicts developed within the organization and many people left who had been with it since the beginning. They do need more help to work in the office and could use blanket donations.



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Labor Education & Research Center

The Evergreen State College Labor Education & Research Center is a public service initiative of The Evergreen State College. The Labor Center's pedagogy reflects The Evergreen State College's unique approaches to learning. Our programs are student centered and group driven. We draw heavily from student's experiences then work to connect those experiences with the political economy, labor history, their reality, and action. Our educational events are structured around discussions rather than lectures. Center sponsored programs seek alternative approaches to systems and symptoms of racism, classism, sexism, economic restructuring and homophobia. The Labor Center maintains a resource library with a rich collection of videos, books, magazines and newsletters. This resource is open to union and community members, faculty and students. lbrctr@evergreen.edu (360) 867-6525
www.evergreen.edu/laborcenter

Media Island International

Media Island International is a resource and networking center for activists working on social justice, economic democracy, ecological sustainability and peace issues. The center, located at 816 Adams Street, is open, accessible and free to the community. Its resources include meeting space for groups, with an easy-to-use scheduling system, online computers open for use, a library of books, publications and videos, and a fax machine and printer. Current users of the Media Island resource and networking center include groups like OlyNetwork, Terra Commons, and the Community Freeskool. And there's plenty of room for more. Media Island does other things too: We run a news website (www.mediaisland.org) an updated version is currently in the works) which focuses on global struggles for social change. We also umbrella several activist groups with our nonprofit status. Media Island also sometimes works on special projects, which are generally either media- or fundraising-related: Media Island played a major role in establishing the original Independent Media Center in Seattle for the '99 WTO protests. VOLUNTEER at Media Island. There are countless ways to help Media Island be a vibrant, healthy institution that supports and strengthens local activism. You can take part in the SpokesCouncil, join the website team, get trained for office shifts to help keep the doors open, join the fundraising, outreach, financial, gardening or maintenance committees, or create your own project. Also feel free to look us up if you run into trouble with the law, as we are an approved non-profit for court community service. We are located at 816 Adams Street, the yellow house across from the downtown Timberland library. Our office hours fluctuate with the amount of volunteers contributing office time, but we aim to keep the space opened full-time, seven days a week. You can also call us at 352-8526.

Nisqually Reach Nature Center

Where the River Meets the Sound. NRNC is a private non-profit organization where nature comes to life. Our 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 Sounds underwater world. We are a volunteer run organization with opportunities to gain experience in environmental education. We hold summer camps for ages 7-13. Register until mid- June. There are five sessions available. Call for information. email: nrnc@nisquallyestuary.org (360) 459-0387 www.nisquallyestuary.org

Northwest Earth Institute

The Northwest Earth Institute encourages community-based book discussion groups on voluntary simplicity, deep ecology, discovering a sense of place, choices for sustainable living and globalization. They offer the individual the opportunity to examine personal and cultural values and habits that are harming the earth and to explore alternative ways of living more creatively, deeply and sustainably. www.nwei.org

The Olympia Housing Collective

The Olympia Housing Collective (OHC) is a nonprofit organization working for radical change in the social structure of housing. We do this on two levels; through the current rental of houses around Olympia in ways that encourage community, and through the development of cooperatively owned houses. Cooperatively run households consume fewer resources and spend less money. All OHC houses have formalized systems of cooking and mutual exchange. Food is collectively bought and shared, and emphasis is placed on buying bulk, local, vegetarian, and organic foods. The OHC holds monthly meetings to guide the direction of our organization. People can join as live-in members, boarders (those who eat at OHC houses but don't live at them) or as associate members (those who do not live or board at an OHC house). Ways to help out include: fundraising, putting on events, researching possible real estate to purchase, or even doing long term planning. If you want to establish your own cooperative household, or need tips about a current situation, or want more information on the OHC feel free to contact us at 352-2401. We have ideas on how to set up a chore system, make decisions by consensus, maintain good community within a household, and deal with conflicts within your community.





Olympia Colombia Committee Solidarity and Fellowship with the Colombian People. Our goal is to bring about awareness of the inequalities of the armed struggle in Colombia through educational events, lobbying and political involvement to bring about a peaceful resolution. We organize campaigns around specific issues, are involved in demonstrations, host lectures, speakers and video screenings. We help US citizens travel to Colombia through the Witness for Peace program or other similar organizations. We use many different mediums to communicate to local people the horrendous realities of daily life in Colombia. e-mail us at: occ@onebox.com visit us at: www.seattlecolombia.org

Olympia Film Society

The 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. We are here to support independent film makers and we also host benefits for local organizations. We are located in the Capitol Theater. The OFS hosts an annual film festival and this year it will be November 7-16. Check the website for upcoming events. www.olyfilm.org (360) 754-6670

Olympia Food Coop The Olympia Food Co-op aims to increase the health and well-being of the Olympia community by providing wholesome, accessible food and other goods, through a locally-oriented, not-for-profit cooperative organization. We seek to: Provide information about food; support efforts to increase democratic processes; support local production; make good food accessible to more people; see to the long-term health of the business; assist in the development of local community resources; provide information about collective process and consensus decision making; support efforts to foster a socially and economically egalitarian society. The Olympia Food Co-op is a member owned organization. Members are charged 10% less than non-members, are allowed to vote, and can volunteer as working members. The working member program is a way for members to get involved by volunteering. Discounts available for employees, volunteers, and seniors. We also publish a quarterly newsletter, The Co-op News. (360) 956-3870 www.olympiafood.coop 921 N. Rogers and 3111 Pacific Ave. S.E. Westside store open 9:00am-8:00pm. Eastside store open 9:00am-9:00pm.

Olympia Mothering Network

A Grassroots Effort to Create Community Support for New Parents and Children. Together we can share our strength to empower and inspire each other to be happier, healthier, more skillful parents. Call or e-mail Rosabel at rosabelh@juno.com 357-9804

Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP)

OMJP is a broad-based, non-violent movement that is committed to the formation of a just and peaceful world. OMJP does not separate justice from peace and believes that by furthering economic and social justice we create the conditions for a peaceful world. OMJP's efforts are focused on working in solidarity and in coalition with individuals and groups on a local, national, and global level. OMJP has regular meetings at the Olympia Community Center at 222 Columbia Street NW on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Check out the website for more information www.omjp.org

OlyNetwork Project

OlyNetwork is an emerging collective whose mission is to increase networking and accessibility within the Olympia (and the greater Thurston county) social change community. We hope to do this in an open, nonsectarian fashion, through a number of short term and longer-term projects. Here is an outline of our current work: 1. We maintain an electronic, on-line "connectory" compiling information on all of the area's activist organizations and grassroots social service groups. 2. We maintain a web-page (www.olynetwork.com) that hosts a community events calendar, the connectory described above, community discussion boards, as well as provides free web hosting for local organizations and other features. 3. We are working to revitalize Media Island as a site for Olympia's activists to keep up-to-date on each other's activities. 4. We publish a weekly email calendar of events that is the best source for finding out what's happening around Olympia's social change community. To receive this email calendar send an email to events@olynetwork.com or go to the website: www.olynetwork.com We are looking for new members for our collective to keep this valuable networking service going in the Olympia community. You can contact us for more information at olynetwork@olynetwork.com

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. Following in Rachel's footsteps, we will collaborate with the people of Rafah to create lasting friendships across borders and bridge cultural gaps through popular education, advocacy, communication, and community exchange. These friendships help us to educate ourselves, increase awareness, and demonstrate solidarity in a common struggle for a just and prompt peace in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. www.orscp.org email: info@orscp.org Electronic mailing list, send a blank email to: olympiaandrafah-subscribe@lists.riseup.net Weekly Meetings: 6:30pm-8:30pm, Location announced on listserv.





Peace and Justice Studies Association The Peace and Justice Association (PJSA) seeks to create a more just and peaceful world through integrated research, education and action. PJSA is a new organization resulting from the merger of the Consortium on Peace Research, Education & Development (COPRED) and the Peace Studies association (PSA). We are a non-profit membership-based organization dedicated to bringing together academics, K-12 teachers and grassroots activists to explore alternatives to violence and share visions and strategies for social justice and social change. PJSA also serves as the professional association for scholars in the field of peace and conflict resolution studies. To support within institutions of higher education the growth and enhancement of scholars, students and programs concerned with peace, justice, conflict transformation and human security; To encourage and facilitate collaboration among educational, professional, activist, service-oriented and scholarly individuals and organizations who share our values; and To enhance the visibility of the work of the new organization both within higher education and in public life. pjsa@attbi.com www.evergreen.edu/PJSA

People for Puget Sound

Our mission is to preserve and restore Puget Sound's water quality and habitat We are involved in local environmental campaigns, restoration projects, beach walks and other outings as well as grassroots lobbying on statewide conservation issues. We also do some monitoring of restoration projects. Our Shorewatch program involves volunteers in monitoring shoreline habitat. southsound@pugetsound.org www.pugetsound.org

Safeplace

Our mission is to empower our community to be free of domestic and sexual violence and oppression. Safeplace's services for victims of sexual and domestic violence include a confidential shelter, a 24-hour toll-free crisis line and 24-hour crisis intervention. We also provide in-person advocacy, support groups, and information and referrals for other community resources. We offer legal and medical advocacy. We have in-house Spanish, Cambodian and American Sign Language translation and provide culturally relevant advocacy to under-served populations. We also provide educational seminars and speaking engagements in the community. safeplace@tss.net (360) 786-8754 www.safeplaceolympia.org

Sound FoodShed

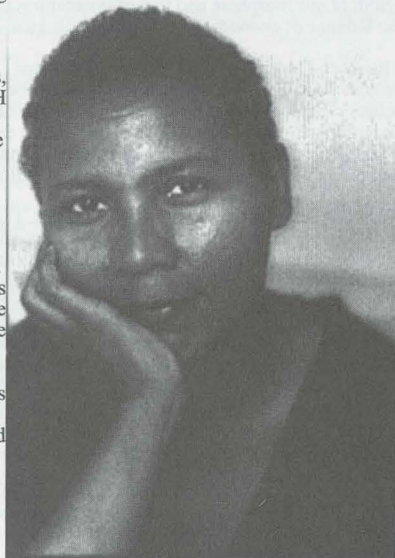
Sound FoodShed is a coalition of farmers, food processors, retailers, educators, government agencies, local organizations and community members. We act as a networking center for our members and the greater community, and provide an open forum for dialogue about local food issues. Sound FoodShed conducts and compiles research, solicits and distributes information, and educates our community about local food systems. We support and celebrate local food production! We publish the Thurston County Direct Sales Farm Map, providing a networking space for connection and collaboration in our community's food system. We host a community harvest celebration meal early October. foodshed@yahoo.com www.soundfoodshed.org

South Puget Sound Environmental Education Clearinghouse (SPEECH) / The Green Pages

A community environmental resource center publishing The South Sound Green Pages, a monthly journal of environmental criticism with a focus on regional issues. SPEECH also publishes a directory of local and regional environmental groups and provides a meeting space for environmental organizations. The Green Pages can be found in the TESC library and at the Food coops. You can contact SPEECH at (360) 786-6349, via email at speech@olywa.net. SPEECH's website, which contains a directory of regional environmental organizations, is www.olywa.net/speech

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. to encourage public entities to pass ethical purchasing agreements. We introduced a resolution to the Olympia city council for ethical purchasing of clothes for the city government. Our intent is to insure that our tax money is being spent to support fair labor standards in the garment industry. We plan to extend this work to local schools and other institutions. We hope that this campaign will provide other communities that are opposed sweatshops with a model of how citizens can encourage their public entities to pass ethical purchasing agreements. info@southsoundcleanclothes.org www.southsoundcleanclothes.org





The South Sound Gender Variant Healthcare Project (GVHP)

Our Mission: The South Sound Gender Variant Healthcare Project (GVHP) is dedicated to improving the healthcare of all gender variant people living in our community. GVHP raises awareness and increases public support for gender variant people both within the medical field and in the general population. We are a diverse group of individuals who seek to provide education, support, advocacy, and resources to the public, to clinics and providers, and to the gender variant people who live in Lewis, Mason, Thurston and other surrounding counties in Washington's South Puget Sound region. The term "gender variant" is being used as an umbrella term to include anyone whose gender identity or expression does not fit within gender norms. Identities include but are not limited to: Transgender, MtF, Intersex, Crossdresser, Trans, GenderQueer, Transsexual, FtM, Native American Two-Spirit, and all other gender variant people. GVHP will soon be starting a regular peer support meeting for all gender variant people. Please call us for further information. Or join our email list at <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/GVHP> 120 State Ave. NE #302 Olympia, WA 98501-8212

Stonewall Youth

Stonewall Youth supports, informs, and advocates for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer, and questioning youth age 21 and under. Stonewall Youth was founded in 1991 through an Evergreen contract. We have weekly support groups, trans support groups, drag shows, social events, dances, a weekend retreat, workshops, and lots of ways to volunteer for people of any age. Volunteers can plan events, make the newsletter, do fundraising, facilitate groups, do workshops, do outreach, be on the board of directors, or create new and exciting things to do around here. We also love having energetic interns from Evergreen! contact: Mara Collins, Program Director 360.705.2738 email: stonewallyouth@qwest.net website: www.stonewallyouth.org

Sustainable South Sound (formerly the Sustainable Community Roundtable)

The Roundtable is facilitating a process of dialogue, vision, action, and celebration to help create sustainable community in South Puget Sound. The Roundtable was initiated by the City of Olympia in 1991 and incorporated as an independent nonprofit organization in 1992. The Roundtable organizes roundtable discussions, "nights of the Roundtable" educational events, and seasonal celebrations. It also publishes the State of the Community report and other information on sustainability and initiates and collaborates on new "steps in the right direction", such as the Sound Exchange local currency program. If you're looking for an opportunity to put your time, energy, and skills to work for the whole community, look no further. The Roundtable currently needs volunteers for a wide variety of jobs. The Roundtable can be contacted at roundtable@olywa.net. Our website is www.olywa.net/roundtable

Terra Commons

Terra Commons is a non-profit building network. We serve communities by researching, designing and practicing habitat restoration, sustainable agriculture, and natural building. We believe that our patterns of land use and habitation are directly connected with the health of our biosphere and that of generations to come. Through our connections, we share in the responsibility of positively affecting the balance of economic, social and ecological systems. E-mail: terracommons@riseup.net

Thurston County Draft Counseling Center

Protect your rights. Learn how the system works. Reflect on your conscience and spiritual beliefs. The decisions are yours. Provides free information and free, confidential, non-directive counseling about options related to the military draft, registration/nonregistration, conscientious objection, legal and other options, counter-recruitment, and getting out of the military because of conscientious objection or other reasons. Glen Anderson glen@olywa.net (360) 491-9093

The Thurston County Tenants Union (TCTU)

TCTU is a grassroots, nonpartisan, direct action, membership organization working together for tenants rights. We believe that all tenants have the right to decent housing at affordable prices, free from excessive and frequent rent increases, unjust evictions and discrimination. The mission of the TCTU is to improve the lives of Thurston County's tenants by promoting laws, policies, and tenant organizing in support of safe, decent and affordable housing as a basic human right. Furthermore, we believe that when conflict arises between tenants' needs and owners' profits, the basic need for decent housing at affordable prices must take priority over the economic interests of the landowner. We operate a hotline to answer tenant questions on How to Get REPAIRS done, How to Get DEPOSITS back, and other questions. We have volunteer and intern opportunities. You can contact TCTU at 943-3036 or check out their web-site at www.tenantsunion.org

Thurston County Community Television (TCTV)

Public Access Television offering free classes and easy access to the airwaves. You can contact TCTV at 956-3100 or visit their website at www.tctv.net for more information





COMMUNITY GROUPS DIRECTORY

The Thurston County Syringe Exchange Program

The Syringe Exchange Program is a public health program for drug users. It is an important component of a comprehensive set of programs designed to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne infections among injection drug users, their families and communities. Syringe exchange programs provide new, sterile syringes in a one-for-one exchange for used, contaminated syringes. But syringe exchange programs are not just about syringes. They also help drug users get into drug treatment, access to health care and provide important risk reduction information. Other services include counseling and testing for HIV infection, hepatitis information, safer sex education and safe disposal of contaminated injection equipment. Thurston County's program began operating in 1995. Currently, the health department conducts exchange programs at one site within Thurston County and a mobile syringe exchange on Monday afternoon 3-7pm. The syringe exchange is staffed by Public Health employees and mainly volunteers from the Thurston County community. Harm reduction strategies meet drug users "where they're at," addressing conditions of use along with the use itself. If you want to volunteer or need more information about syringe exchange in Thurston County: Call Pawnee @ 280-6746 (cell) or come down to the site in Downtown Olympia. The site is located at 4th and Columbia, Tuesdays & Thursdays between 3pm-7pm.

The Thurston-Santo Toma's Sister County Association (TSTSCA)

TSTSCA is a solidarity organization that works directly with a community in Santo Tomas, Nicaragua. For the last fourteen years Olympia community members have participated in construction brigades, delegations, and educational events that have supported the daily work of organizers in Santo Tomas. Evergreen students have the opportunity to travel and work in Santo Tomas during spring quarter. The program has sent five successful student delegations to work in community projects like the children's lunch kitchen, the farm project, the health clinic, the woodworkers' collective, and the public library. Look for community and campus events in the fall and winter to see this organization in action. Also look for the Olympia-Santo Tomas Quarterly, our newsletter that includes articles about current politics and economics, project updates from our sister community, news from this community, as well as poetry and stories. Call Grace at 357-8323 for more information.

Thurston Union of Low Income People (TULIP)

TULIP is working to create the first state-chartered low-income credit union in Washington. TULIP's mission is to create and maintain an accessible, full service credit union organization, which is owned and managed by its low-income members. TULIP's goals include providing a variety of financial and related services designed to meet the particular needs of the low-income community, operating the credit union in a manner which involves the participation of the low-income community in its management, and operating the credit union using a consensus decision-making process. The credit union hopes to open its doors sometime in 2002. For more information, please call (360) 956-9235 or email www.tulipcu.coop

United Communities AIDS network

The United Communities AIDS Network is a nonprofit service agency for people affected by HIV in Thurston County. The mission of the United Communities AIDS Network is to provide the highest quality of life to all those infected by HIV/AIDS, to prevent the spread of HIV, and to increase awareness about the disease. Some of the care services include: advocacy, emergency financial assistance, resource center, basic needs deliveries, one-on-one meetings, volunteer training and placement, a speakers bureau, HIV prevention, and youth outreach. You can contact the United Communities AIDS network at 352-2375

Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs

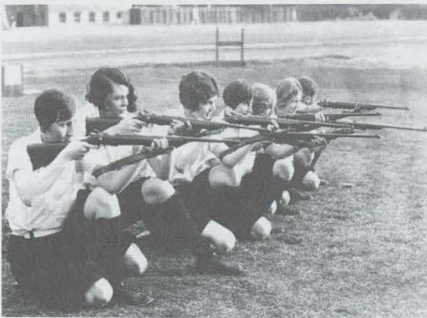
The mission of the WCSAP is to unite agencies engaged in the elimination of sexual violence through education, advocacy, victim service and social change. We offer many one to two day trainings throughout the year and an annual two and a half-day conference on topics ranging from advocacy, service provision, prevention, to management issues. We have a sexual assault prevention resource center. Please contact Elizabeth Naccarato elizabeth@wcsap.org (360) 754-7583 www.wcsap.org

The Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition (WROC)

WROC is a grassroots organization that brings low-income parents together to challenge and improve welfare policy. Our mission is to affect economic and social justice by educating and empowering low-income people, especially those who receive public assistance, to affect positive change in their communities and in their lives. If you have questions about your rights or want to get involved or do an internship, you can reach us at 360-352-9716 or wrocology@wroc.org.

Works In Progress (WIP) Journalism with Spunk since 1990

WIP is a free community newspaper sponsored and created by the Thurston County Rainbow Coalition. Established in 1990 to counter the influence of the local Gannett newspaper, WIP, throughout its existence, has been successful in bringing issues and positions to the community that have been ignored by the mainstream press. From the story exposing the state's hiring of out-of-state scab construction labor to stories of local police abuses of power, Works In Progress has continually printed working class experiences and concerns. WIP's primary purpose is to create and maintain a platform from which people can speak. People are encouraged to write their own articles in their own voices. It is a philosophy of WIP that no one can do a better job writing about an issue than those who are directly affected can, and WIP does not believe in the existence of the "unbiased" journalist. Call for more information. (360) 943-3036 *You can find WIP at the TESC Library or any number of places around town*



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 male to female violence is absolutely deplorable by most 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. Images that lack both humanity and spirit. Images that separate us and mystify us. While women in our culture also have the license to show each other affection both physically and emotionally. 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 gay 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?

A NEW MENTALITY CONT'D...

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, gay men and women face considerable obstacles in many aspects of life. As difficult as love can be, for gay couples it is even harder. Their validity and normalcy as couples are constantly challenged. They rarely live their lives outside of their sexual identity. While straight people can be congresspersons, lawyers, doctors or teachers, gay 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 gay couples have had that luxury. Gay 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.

So what can we as men do to help ourselves, 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 talking a lot at meetings, in class, or other social situations?

In addition to probing self-analysis, men can also ask women and gay friends to help them realize their own sexism and homophobia. Women can tell us kindly but honestly how our sexism affects them. And our gay friends can tell us how they are effected by our internalized homophobia. They can explain to us our behaviors that prove sexist, homophobic, or just plain hurtful.

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, gay and straight. Check out the Men's Center at Evergreen, CAB 320, space 2, for more information. or call them at 867-6092.



The current dominant paradigm is doomed.
The outcome of our current apocalypse is
Our Choice.
Disorient yourself from the Gregorian Calendar
Disorient yourself from your "watch"
Don't watch the see-lock,
Can you see what time it is?
The Great Calendar Change of 2004 is coming.
This is a message from beyond 2012. Consider:
What is the effect of human arrogance in the
face of Natural Law?
Disorient yourself from the belief that this
world can last.
Another world is possible.

Disorient yourself from the hypnosis of "time
is money"
Time is Art. Create your culture of peace.
Wake up!
We are the ones we've been waiting for.
To participate, learn, and share, contact:
TESC Student Arts Council—360-867-6412
Planet Art Network, Olympia Node
www.tortuga.com
Recommended Reading:
Time and the Technosphere by J. Arguelles
A Sideways Look at Time by J. Griffiths

have your milk and drink it too!

White privilege at evergreen

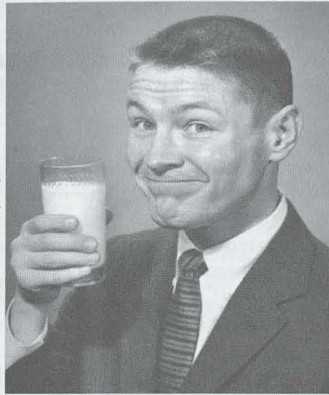
Many students come away from Evergreen with a new understanding of their privilege in society whether it be race, class, gender, ability, gender identity/expression, religion, immigrant status, health, etc. Reconciling how their oppressions interact with their privileges is a complicated process full of pain, with a lot of guilt, confusion, denial, misunderstanding, and hurt feelings. But it's also an extremely rewarding and life-changing time. Our aim is to leave people feeling less guilty and more empowered, and with a better idea of how to approach the process of understanding the effects of privilege and oppression in our lives. And hopefully, you'll catch a glimpse of the rich possibilities for transformation in our lives and communities.

Privilege and oppression are two sides of the same coin. Privilege refers to the unearned advantages enjoyed by favored populations. Many Greeners benefit from several kinds of privilege, others from little more than having access to a college education. Native English speakers, men, (white) European-Americans, heterosexuals, upper /middle class, U.S. citizens, able-bodied (but not fat) people, non-Indigenous people, and people of dominant religious beliefs have more power in society and benefit from unfair privilege.

Understanding privilege is not as easy as having it explained to you; your privilege may be invisible to you until someone points it out or you pay close attention. If we belong to one of these powerful populations, we often don't notice that we enjoy certain opportunities and advantages that are less, if at all, accessible to others. Having privilege is not something to feel guilty or ashamed of, and it's not something that we can undo or give away. Acknowledging that we have privilege is the first step toward understanding, identifying, and challenging systems of oppression.

White privilege refers to the unfair advantages that people of European descent have over People of Color. I am a white girl from the suburbs. Most of my friends, educators, and neighbors look like me. The standards I learned for beauty,

language, success, intelligence, etc. are defined by whiteness. If my application for a job or an apartment is rejected, I don't worry that it's due to my ethnic background or foreign-sounding name. I am not subject to racial profiling. If people cross the street or stare when they see me coming, it's due to my attire, not the color of my skin.



A lot of Greeners deny that white supremacy exists at this school. People claim, "I'm not racist," "I have Asian friends," or "I listen to hip-hop." Having white privilege means that white people don't have to think about racism. White people need to have real conversations about racism and white supremacy, to recognize that multicultural does not mean anti-racist. People of Color at Evergreen deal with a lot of shit—tokenism, patronizing attitudes, harassment by

the police (yup, the TESC cops too), stereotyping, white guilt, being exoticized, accusations of "reverse racism," blatant cultural and being put in situations where they are forced to educate white people.

All of the causes of racism seemed to be linked to three central power themes: Capitalism, oppression, and power. The biggest privilege white people are afforded is not having to think about racism or white culture. Most white people cannot even tell you what white culture is. White privilege is what I get every day, automatically, without having to ask. I can just expect it. And I do. All white people do. We've had it our whole lives so we're used to it.

Does the Evergreen community REALLY care about "diversity" and students of Color? We sure don't show it. It must be alienating to come to a school that promises People of Color on every bench and in every class when in reality many students of Color are the only Person of Color in their seminar. As white students, we look to that student when we want our question about racism answered or the "different" perspective. We pledge allegiance to diversity when in reality we are not so diverse. We have barely any classes for students of color. We do not even have an African American studies department and our "cultural studies" listing barely deals with the historical and modern issues of Peoples of Color.

White privilege at evergreen con't...

We do offer "diverse" classes that end up being mostly about cultural appropriation. Culture is any and all aspects of a community that provides life force including art, music, spirituality, food, philosophies, and history. To appropriate is to take possession of. Cultural appropriation is the stealing of another person's culture for white use and enjoyment without embracing the struggles and supporting the liberation of the Peoples of Color in which the tradition originated. You can learn afro-Brazilian dance, yoga and Buddhism. But who are these classes really for? How many white kids at evergreen do this with dreadlocks, Native American dream catchers, and Indian dress and jewelry?

Wealthy white kids at Evergreen who appropriate dread locks and working class clothing styles have the privilege to cut their hair, buy new clothes and return to corporate culture if they choose. The lower classes do not have this privilege. Also, disassociating from white culture with cultural appropriation is disassociating from privilege and the responsibility for oppression. Many Evergreen students including myself have the privilege to participate in "cultural tourism." This is the privilege to "study," "travel" and "experience" other cultures without having to do the work. I wonder what it means for me to have my hair cut in a semi-Mohawk. When I think of Mohawks I think of 80's punk rockers. But why did they think it was so cool to wear a Native American haircut?

Piercings, tattoos and yoga, all popular at Evergreen and in Olympia, have a long cultural history of which most of us are not aware. I am not saying white people should never, under any circumstances, do or wear any of these things...it is a complicated issue. I am sure, though, that we need to start seriously thinking about what it means for us to take these cultural icons into our white culture without acknowledging and giving back anything. Even if we did, would it be okay?

Notes on "Reverse Racism" for White Folks

Racism IS social and institutional power + race prejudice. Social and institutional power include... Access to resources, the ability to influence others,

access to decision-makers to get what you want done, the ability to define reality for yourself, others and society.

Racism is a system of advantage based on race. Racism is a system of oppression based on race. Racism is a white supremacist system because white people get the advantage again and again. This will continue until we make institutional, cultural and personal change.

People of Color do not have societal and institutional power. This is why People of Color cannot be racist. People of Color can have prejudice and stereotypes and commit violence against people based on race, but they do not have an entire system of socialization backing the prejudice up.

"Reverse racism" is a myth perpetuated by white people who can't or won't see that People of Color are still oppressed and who deny the

existence of white privilege. The concept of reverse racism denies the struggles of People of Color and ignores the fact that white-skinned people of European descent have been receiving preferential treatment for centuries. Despite civil rights acts and Affirmative Action, white people still have better access to housing, health care, education, high-paying jobs and so on.

People often cry out that it's "reverse racism" when people of color try to establish spaces free of white folks. White people need to get over our hurt feelings and realize that these safe spaces are extremely important for People of Color to support each other, heal, and have a short break from the overwhelming whiteness of Olympia and Evergreen.

When you hear people of color talking about white people in a less than positive light, wait before you get defensive. Step back for a moment and think about this: white society has "systematically devalued their humanity, covered up their history, brutalized their memory of themselves as a people, and then placed white standards as the mark by which they are judged" in terms of beauty, culture, language, and expression (Chris Crass). When white folks aren't conscious of our privilege and don't challenge the white supremacy of our society, we are contributing to the bullshit that people of color deal with.



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 assumptions to watch out for. Do your homework, respect the fatties in your life!

- ★fat isn't okay. it's dirty, ugly, smelly, and gross.
- ★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.
- ★violence against fat people isn't a hate crime.
- ★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!"
- ★cultural feelings about fat are the same across all races and ethnicities.
- ★fatties can't just BE. we should, can, and will want to change our bodies.
- ★fat people (or anyone, for that matter) want to hear "oooh! did you lose wieght?!?!" as anything other than an expression of concern.
- ★female-socialized fatties are taught to always, if nothing else, find one person in the room fatter than they are.
- ★fat people want to lie about our weights. we want you to lie for us too.
- ★fatness is important. weight matters.
- ★fatties can't be, won't be, and aren't vegetarian or vegan.
- ★fat people eat differently than other people.
- ★you should never ever 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 supportt 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. HEART yr fat, yr fat HEARTs you..



Services for Students with Disabilities

Since it is the policy of The Evergreen State College that... "no otherwise qualified person with a disability shall, solely on the basis of that disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination by any College program or activity," we are not sure why there is such a lack of ramps on upper campus. It should be noted that the lecture hall presenting area is inaccessible for folks with wheelchairs or crutches. Evergreen says it is committed to providing a well considered, comprehensive, and well coordinated system of educational support for qualified students with disabilities. It is our goal to

invite and celebrate diversity within our campus community. Our approach is designed to be holistic and to empower by promoting: self-reliance, effective problem solving skills, enhanced academic and personal development, ad equal access to all aspects of college life for qualifies students with disabilities.

Services available: Pre-admission counseling, Priority registration, Academic Adjustments, including alternate testing arrangements, scribes, Peer Note takers, books on tape, Auxiliary Aids, such as sign language/oral interpreters, closed captioning, assistive listening devices, adaptive software and computers, etc., Referral to on and off-campus resources. Contact: 867-6348 Location: Library Building 1407 D



SEX RESOURCES

sex at evergreen...like everywhere else! except perhaps you could enjoy some in the lovely forests here. we want sex to be a gorgeous activity for all. too bad orientation and housing provide no education! but as always, there are resources to help you out! please see <http://www.evergreen.edu/health/sexualassault.htm> for a full listing of information about recommended sexual assault practices. everyone should read this so we're familiar enough to support a friend in need. we have some helpful info at the end of this section about sexual assault support and options. if you are interested in working on sexual education initiatives for evergreen and olympia this year contact olysexconference@hotmail.com. also, last year the Evergreen Queer Alliance published a zine fall quarter that included the hottest places on campus to make out. Go by CAB 314 and see if they have an extra copy. Or go find your own fun spots! check out the links page for alternaporn sights! non-oppressive and HOT HOT HOT!

the student health center

The center is located at Seminar 2110, which is the main floor of the Seminar building, across the open breezeway from Police Services. Their phone number is (360) 867-6200. The staff can treat many injuries and test for pregnancy as well as sexually transmitted diseases and free, anonymous HIV. The Morning-After treatment is also available. They tend to be nice and helpful but be careful about confidentiality at the check-in window as the waiting area is right there. If your worried, make an appointment for something else and then bring up your sexual health concerns. If you do not pay while you are there, a health center charge will appear on your bill. It shouldn't be specific to sexual issues. If your parents get the bill be prepared to explain. If your worried about confidentiality, it is still important that you go somewhere. Try...

free supplies!

free condoms, lube, gloves
dental dams etc...

- ◆ evergreen student health center (SEM 2110)
- ◆ outside the evergreen queer alliance (CAB 314)
- ◆ planned parenthood in downtown olympia

get tested!

- 📍 student health center
- 📍 planned parenthood
- 📍 thurston county health department

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the planned parenthood olympia health center

It's located at 402 Legion Way, #201 or call them at (360) 754-5522. You can also check out their website at <http://www.pppw.org/Clinics/Olympia.html>. They offer STI and pregnancy testing for sliding scale fees. Ask about the Take Charge program through washington state, they offer free birth control and exams. Call to make an appointment. They are really nice and helpful.

thurston county health department

They provide testing options also. Call them at (360) 786-5581 or go by 412 Lilly Rd. NE. Also check the website at <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/phadm/adult.html>.

toys in babeland

Toys in Babeland is a sex toy store run by women whose mission is to promote and celebrate sexual vitality by providing an honest, open and fun environment, encouraging personal empowerment, educating our community, and supporting a more passionate world for all of us. They offer all kinds of sex toys, books and accessories. They are located in seattle and also have a great online store at www.babeland.com.

for general sex ed info try

<http://www.scarleteen.com/> they have an amazingly informative site about straight and queer sexual health issues.
men should check out <http://www.mencanstoprape.org/>, <http://www.jacksonkatz.com/> and <http://www.menstoppingviolence.org/>.

just to review...

no means no. if you are confused about sexual consent, STOP! communication is key. just for review... Consent: Both parties must agree or gain consent to any sexual activity before initiation. Consent is the act of willingly and verbally agreeing to engage in specific sexual contact or conduct. Obtaining consent is an ongoing process in any sexual interaction. The request of consent must be specific to each act and should be obtained with each new level of physical and/or sexual contact/conduct in any given interaction, regardless of who initiates it. Don't ever make any assumptions about consent, do not take silence as consent; it isn't. Consent must be clear and verbal. The person with whom sexual contact/conduct is initiated is responsible to express verbally and/or physically her/his willingness or lack of willingness when reasonably possible. If someone has initially consented but then stops consenting during a sexual interaction she/he should communicate withdrawal verbally and/or through physical resistance. The other individual(s) must stop immediately.

What do you do if you think you or someone you know has been raped?

Like any person in today's society, my life has been effected by sexual assault. It is understandable that each person within our society has a different understanding of rape and a different means of dealing with its' aftermath. I have decided to give information here on what types of medical and legal options are available to you as a member of the Olympia community; however, please remember that these are OPTIONS. Do not allow anyone, family, friend, counselor or police officer, to pressure you into taking any of these options, but do seek out folks who support your ability to decide what is best for you. First and foremost, get to someplace where you feel safe, then call a friend or someone you trust.

medical options:

It is important to be checked for physical injuries, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV, and pregnancy. In spite of a strong and natural desire to clean up, if you choose to seek medical attention, it is best if you do not bathe, take a shower, douche or change clothes until after the physical examination. If you must change your clothes, put the clothes you were wearing into a brown paper bag and bring them with you to the examination. Go to the hospital—Both St. Peter's (493-7289, 413 Lilly Road) and Group Health (456-1700, 700 Lilly Road) provide legal rape exams, although Group Health will only accept members of its health plan. St. Peter's will call a Safeplace advocate and a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for you—these folks are specially trained to help you through the examination. Rape exams at St. Peter's are paid for through Crime Victims Compensation

regardless of whether or not you file a police report. If you are 18 or older, the results of your exam will not be released to the police without your written consent. If you are under 18, the hospital is required by law to report that a rape has occurred. Please remember that it is always your choice to speak with the police or answer any questions they may ask. If you want to pursue legal charges or think you might in the future, it is important to go to the hospital for collection of evidence within the first 72 hours after an assault, but it is less after an anal penetration (48 hours) and oral assault (12 hours). Go to the College Health Center—Located in room 2110 of the Seminar Building on Campus (866-6000 x6200). The Health Center cannot conduct legal rape exams, but the staff can treat many injuries and test for pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV. In addition, you can receive the Morning-After pill from the Health Center.

emotional support options:

Get support from a friend, family member, peer advocate, Safeplace advocate, or anyone you trust for immediate and/or long-term support.

Counseling Center—Located in room 2109 of the Seminar Building on Campus (866-6800), the Counseling Center has licensed counselors, as well as peer counselors, who are available during the academic calendar year. Conversations with a licensed counselor are confidential and free. Drop-in hours vary from quarter to quarter.

Sexual Assault Prevention Coordinator (on campus)— 867-5221 M-F between 8am and 5pm and Police Services (867-6140) after hours. Even if you decide that you don't want to contact the police or are unsure what you want to do, call to discuss your options. The coordinator will provide support and assistance with making choices and seeking help. This web site is a great resource to check out.

www.evergreen.edu/health/sexualassault

Safeplace Rape Relief/Women's Shelter Services—Located Off-Campus (754-6300—24 hour crisis line, 786-8754—business line) Safeplace's workers and advocates are available 24 hours a day and are specially trained to help WOMEN survivors through all phases of recovery, including medical treatment and the legal system. Safeplace can also provide you with confidential shelter for women and children. Male advocates are available upon request. Due to the recent work of local trans activists and allies, Safeplace has acknowledged the need for trans survivor services but work on improving these services seems to be coming along slowly. Intersex and trans survivors should contact the survivor project out of Portland @ (503) 288-3191 and www.survivorproject.org

how to help a Survivor of recent sexual assault:

Talk, listen, respect and be emotionally available to the survivor./Accept what the survivor tells you./Accept the fact that the assault occurred/Understand that it is not the survivor's fault./Listen nonjudgementally. Suggest options and actions (medical, psychological, and other assistance,) but let the survivor decide what action to take./Let the survivor talk about the incident, but don't force a discussion./Respect and understand that temporarily the survivor may become distant from loved ones./Assure the survivor that you will be available to provide support throughout the process of recovery./Give the survivor time to heal. Be patient and understand that the healing process takes time./Take the initiative to maintain communications with the survivor./Moderate your natural tendencies to become overprotective./The survivor may need to seek medical attention immediately. You can help by encouraging and accompanying the survivor to obtain medical attention, but do not push them to do so. If the survivor wishes to seek criminal action, this should be done as soon as possible after the incident.



corporate media & advertising

If you switch on your radio, flip on the television, or open your newspaper, corporations speak to you. They do it through public relations and through advertising. U.S. corporations spend more than \$150 billion yearly on advertising, which is far more than is spent on all secondary education in this country. In some ways, corporate advertising is the dominant educational institution in our country, surely in the realm of lifestyle. -Jerry Mander, 1996

We have arrived at a point in time where, if we choose to live as most Americans, and increasingly, as many people throughout the world do, we get most all of our information from the corporate media. We receive this information passively through computers and TV, through newspapers, or through conversation, likely informed by these sources. The media presents only a select few of the events going on around the world on any one day. It then takes these events and issues and strips them down to their bear minimal entertainment value.

A handful of super-huge multinational corporations have come to dominate the media. In one day, it is quite possible that the newspaper you read over breakfast, the billboards you pass on the way to campus, the television news program you watch at night, the music you listen to while you chill, and the movie you see after dinner are all created, produced, and marketed to you by the same corporation. These corporations have access to your mind through multiple mediums, giving them many opportunities to push their products and ideas.

Let's look at media conglomerate AOL-Time Warner. AOL spoon feeds ideas, images, and trends into the brains of tens of millions of families on their internet sites, and on top of that, gains access to all the information on their personal accounts. AOL also owns Netscape Communications and Compuserve, and since it bought out Time-Warner, now controls HBO, CNN, Warner Bros Music (Atlantic, Elektra, Rhino, Sire), Turner Broadcasting, New Line Cinema, Time-Warner Trade Publishing (which had 37 New York Times bestsellers in 2000), Time-Warner Cable (which owns many local news stations), and sixty magazines, including Time, People, Sports Illustrated, Fortune, and Money. So if you're looking for diversity in the way the news is presented to you, you might want to look elsewhere.

Government investigation and violence aimed at Independent Media Centers during recent anti-globalization protests have demonstrated how much power media conglomerates have over the information that gets to the public. The IMC is a provider of progressive, truthful coverage of important events that are either completely ignored or brutally distorted by the corporate media. The IMC in Seattle was broken into by the FBI during the FTAA protests in Quebec, and the IMC in Genoa, Italy was violently attacked by Italian cops **during the 2001 G-8 protests**. Both of these incidents were based on demonstrably false claims; they were blatant attempts to eliminate coverage supporting an anti-globalization stance. Coverage on the corporate media followed the same formula as it has before for Seattle, D.C., and Philly: shots of protestors clashing with cops, property damage, arrests, and quotes from the fat old white guys at the meetings about how the protestors are causing such a disturbance and making it that much more difficult for them to productively discuss how to save the world through free trade. (sarcasm). Not a word about the rampant homogenization of culture and ecosystems being caused by free trade globalization.

For more info on the corporate media, check out:

www.mediachannel.org
www.adbusters.org
www.fair.org

A few books

recommendations:

Bagdikian, Ben. **The Media Monopoly**
Herman, E. & Chomsky, N. **Manufacturing Consent**

McChesney, Robert. **Rich Media, Poor Democracy**

Parenti, Michael. **Inventing Reality**

Stauber, J. & Rampton, S. **Toxic Sludge is Good for You!**



getting and staying informed:

Resources for You! ★



Works in Progress - your local monthly progressive newspaper (available in Evergreen's library)

The Green Pages - your local almost monthly environmental newspaper (available in Evergreen's library)

Beyond the Bubble - weekly news in column in the Cooper Point Journal (see page 22) ala EPIC (see page 18)

The OlyNetwork Project - provides a weekly email calendar of political events and more (see page 49)

www.commondreams.org/ - daily news from a progressive perspective, best on the web

ens.lycos.com/ - daily environmental news from around the world

www.indymedia.org/ - immensely popular site with unfiltered, "user-driven", non-corporate news

www.zmag.org/ - largest archive of progressive and radical research, essays, and information on the net

news.bbc.co.uk/ - the BBC is a good bit less slanted and far more comprehensive than US news sources

www.oneworld.org/ - carries press releases from progressive organizations from around the world

www.corpwatch.org/ - a watchdog on multi-national corporations with daily news and research resources

and more if you're hungry!

flag.blackened.net

www.indymedia.net

www.gender.org

www.protest.net

www.proclad.org

press.org

www.politics1.com

www.opensecrets.org

www.tradeobservatory.org

www.alternet.org

www.guerrillanews.com

www.infoshop.org/inews

slash.autonopedia.org

www.counterpunch.org

www.scene.org

www.isna.org

13 books that will shock, inspire, or just make you think

★ Blum, William. *Killing Hope*. This book offers the best documentation of the brutality of the US military machine and the CIA available, chronicling no less than 55 military interventions since WWII.

★ Churchill, Ward and Vander Wall, Jim. *Agents of Repression*. This book carefully documents the FBI's massive counter insurgency campaign launched against the Black Panther Party & the American Indian Movement. Makes it difficult to sleep at night.

★ CrimethInc. *Days of War, Nights of Love*. Extremely popular introduction to the mysterious (partially Olympia based) "CrimethInc. Collective" and their critique of capitalism, government, work, and more. It's definitely not your standard argument for "saving the world" and to some people the book's a joke, but then that's its charm.

★ Feinberg, Leslie. *TranLiberation*.

Introduction to transgender issues and how gender is tied to the revolution!

★ Glendinning, Chellis. *My Name Is Chellis & I'm in Recovery from Western Civilization*. This popular historical and philosophical book offers the thesis that mental illness in our society stems from our alienation from nature.

★ Galeano, Eduardo *The Open Veins of Latin America*. This book offers a wide-ranging and powerful telling of the centuries of brutality and exploitation perpetrated on the peoples of Latin America.

★ Goldman, Emma. *Living My Life*. Emma Goldman was one of America's most famous anarchist and feminist writers and activists. Her autobiography is personal, inspiring, and remains wholly relevant today.

★ Hahnel, Robin. *Panic Rules!* Generally regarded as the best short and up-to-date guide to the problems with the global capitalist economic system available.

★ Katsiaficas, George *The Imagination of the New Left*. Though your high school world history class may have forgotten to mention it, large scale revolutionary movements erupted throughout most of the world during the late 1960's. This work examines the revolutionary spirit of 1968 from Sri Lanka to Chicago.

★ Le Guin, Ursula. *The Dispossessed*. One of the most famous science fiction novels ever written (you don't have to like SF to enjoy it) also contains one of the best and most detailed visions of an anarchistic society you'll ever read.

★ Merchant, Carolyn. *Radical Ecology*. The most influential book on the roots of global environmental problems.

★ Muscio, Inga. *Cunt*. An Evergreen grad wrote this! It's one of the most informative and entertaining books to come out of the radical feminist movement in recent memory. It examines the cunt and its history over the centuries.

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GLOBALIZATION AND THE NEW IMPERIAL DISORDER

"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win"

-Gandhi

Globalization was the buzzword of the 1990s. With the fall of the Soviet Union, the emergence of the US as the world's only super power, and capitalism's supposed victory over socialism, it became common for people to use the word globalization in an attempt to describe a complex system of interrelated political, economic, social, and cultural, trends that were

shaping the post-cold war era. The common thread that runs through these many diverse phenomena is the emergence of an increasingly transnational capitalist ruling class eager to integrate all aspects of life and earth into a unified global system. Yet, it is clear that capitalism has always had an inherent tendency towards expansion and the proliferation of international trade. Some of the earliest forms of truly capitalist enterprises, the first limited liability corporations, were formed specifically as a means of funding dangerous, but potentially rewarding expeditions from renaissance Europe to the far reaches of the Earth. So in a way, the project of globalization that became such a prominent feature and topic of discussion in the later years of the twentieth century was nothing new.

However, we can see that there are definitely some unique features that characterized the late 20th century global capitalist order. As a response to the economic stagnation of the 1970s and the loss of faith among many in welfare state Keynesianism, there arose a new dominant ideology out of the reactionary years of Reagan and Thatcher that came to be called neoliberalism. On one hand, neoliberalism refers to an ideology that claims to be a resurgence of the faith in the 'hidden hand of the market' as well as an emphasis on individualism and maximizing individual liberty. Neoliberalism can also be understood as a specific strategy or set of strategies for restructuring national economies towards deregulation and privatization driven models in which the state is forced to step back and minimize its control over the economy. This is the logic of contemporary globalization that drives institutions such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization as well as the transnational corporations that have been proliferating and benefiting



from this system. In 1970 there were roughly 7,000 corporations operating internationally. As of 2002 there were approximately 60,000 transnational corporations with over half a million foreign affiliates.²

Many neoliberals employ the rhetoric of doing away with wasteful 'big government' when they advocate the dismantling of welfare states or the privatization of nationalized industries. Yet it is clear that under neoliberalism, bloated states remain essential ingredients to the healthy functioning of the capitalist economy. The need for massive corporate welfare programs and increased policing and security to protect private property in an ever more unequal world means that states are as big as ever, yet they are becoming little more than devices for propping up transnational capital.

In this sense, globalization can be understood as a multilateral and less overt approach to solidifying a global capitalist system in which the globalized ruling classes of all integrated nations get a slice of the exploitation pie. Although there is still the overarching imperial goal of dominating and exploiting the entire world, there is not one core imperialist state exploiting the resources and labor of its periphery. The US clearly plays a leading role in this process, yet it seems that globalization is centered more around a multilateral and transnational elite operating through a hegemonic capitalism rather than a more unilateral approach that benefits one imperialist power at the expense of all the others. In other words, under a neoliberal model of capitalist globalization the rich investors of all nations benefit at the expense of life everywhere. However, it is important to remember that there is still the entrenched hierarchy of rich and poor nations and we can see this reflected in the way that the vast majority of transnational corporations are based out of the global North. This process of elite globalization is exemplified by the annual World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland in which the rich and powerful from all the Earth's corners meet at a ski resort in the Alps to network, party, and discuss the continued proliferation of neoliberal capitalism.

One of the most interesting aspects of the

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globalization debate during the bubble of the 1990s is the way in which many corporate pundits and capitalist apologists chose to present globalization and neoliberal restructuring as inevitable and without an alternative. The post-cold war triumphalism of the capitalist ruling classes fueled the notion that the establishment, solidification, and expansion of a unified global capitalist economy was permanent and could be taken for granted. One of the most well known theorists with views such as these is Francis Fukuyama. In an article from 2000 he states, "What truly unites the world (and hence the age) today are technology and economics..." He goes on to say, "[T]here are no overarching conflicts or political conditions that characterize the world as a whole... [L]ike never before, the world's center of political gravity is almost impossible to locate in any one of its parts." Fukuyama called this age "the end of history".³

Unfortunately for Fukuyama and his "end of history" theory, the world of the 21st century is a very different place. Today, it seems foolish to assume that the peaceful spreading of neoliberal capitalism will continue indefinitely. The economic crisis that first appeared in the 1997 Southeast Asian financial disaster and quickly spread to Russia and Brazil has now made its way into the heart of the global capitalist power structure causing the US to slide into a serious recession that shows no signs of letting up and is pulling the rest of the world down with it. In Argentina, once a poster child for the IMF and the globalization project in general, the neoliberal economy has completely collapsed sending investors fleeing, the currency devaluing, and unemployment soaring. This Argentine economic implosion has significantly helped to undermine the legitimacy of the neoliberal economic model at a time when its proponents were already on the defensive.

Massive popular movements have been disrupting nearly every major gathering of world leaders as well as the transnational elite and have forced those who advocate capitalist globalization to address the human and ecological impacts of their policies. With leaders in power such as Brazil's Lula and Venezuela's Chavez and resistance to capitalist globalization spreading throughout much of Latin America, it seems as if in this area of the world neoliberalism has passed its heyday.

To top all of this off, there arose the infamous accounting scandals that exposed the lying and corruption that had become common place in some of the largest transnational corporations attempting to hide the reality of devastating declines in corporate profit. When the Enron scandal first broke, Enron was considered a flagship of the global economy and had the eighth highest revenue of any corporation in the world; financially the size of South Africa.⁴ The realization that Enron and a long list of many other transnational corporations such as AOL Time Warner, Xerox, and Worldcom, were not even playing by the rules that were designed to benefit them has further chipped away any remaining confidence in a world order dominated

by powerful corporations. In short, transnational corporations and neoliberalism are facing an enormous crisis of legitimacy that combined with a staggering global economy are seriously threatening the future of the multilateral capitalist globalization project.

This unnerving reality was apparent at the 2003 WEF in Davos. The party atmosphere of previous forums had worn off with participants sobering up to the troubling economic uncertainties and the threat of war looming on the horizon. This year's forum had the somber theme of "Building Trust".

It is under this backdrop of a failing global economy that we have witnessed the unprecedented rise of a new wave of US unilateralism and militarism. If globalization was the buzzword of the '90s, so far empire seems to be the buzzword of the new millennium. Journalist and author Robert Kaplan notes in an article in *The Atlantic* titled 'Supremacy by Stealth: Ten Rules for Managing the World' that, "It is a cliché these days to observe that the United States now possesses a global empire."⁵ With a glance over the headlines of the world's newspapers and policy journals, it would be hard to argue otherwise. Recent events such as the invasions and colonial occupations of Afghanistan and Iraq suggest that a significant faction of the US capitalist ruling class, led primarily by the neoconservative wing of the Republican Party, is set to abandon many of the pillars of multilateralism in an attempt to pursue overt empire. Other actions taken by the Bush Regime, such as pushing for the development of a new generation of nuclear weapons and the massive proliferation of US military bases across central Asia, point in a similar direction.

There is no doubt that the US has been the most powerful state in the world since WWII yet during much of this time it has placed emphasis on maintaining a multilateral capitalist system that has incorporated all of the imperialist powers into the dominant power structure.

The Bush regime and their neoconservative allies appear to be much less interested in maintaining this multilateral system and in many ways they see the other powerful capitalist countries as threats that stand in their way. As the anti-Iraq war stances of both France's Chirac and Germany's Schroeder demonstrate, the other major capitalist powers outside of the US are growing increasingly worried about the effects of an overtly imperial US and its steps towards abandoning more multilateral forms of capitalist domination and exploitation that benefit a wider range of elites. It has even been argued that the invasion and occupation of Iraq was really an attack on Europe in the sense that it was an attempt at maintaining the Dollar's dominance over the Euro.⁶ It seems that as the global economy continues to decline, wider and deeper fractures are beginning to form within the global ruling class that are further tearing apart the globalization project and causing a steep rise in inter-imperialist rivalries.

In many people's minds, the US's recent steps towards

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overt empire are merely responses to the 'wake up call' of 9/11 and the need to combat the growing threat of terrorism. Yet this is clearly not so. Influential think tanks such as the infamous Project for a New American Century (PNAC), which is composed of many members of the current Bush Administration, had been advocating this imperial strategy long before 9/11. They simply used those horrendous attacks as excuses to push their agenda on a frightened population and politicians eager to look patriotic during a national emergency. 9/11 ended up being the "new Pearl Harbor" that the PNAC needed in order to unleash a new imperial offensive.⁷ Furthermore, if the US government was seriously concerned about protecting its population from the threat of terrorist attacks it would cease its actions overseas that have enraged much of the Arab world. It would also end its funding and support of violent regimes and non-state actors that could theoretically follow the same path of Osama Bin Laden in the sense of turning on the US after it had supported them; a process now termed 'blowback'. Since these actions are clearly not being taken, we must assume that terrorism is not the empire's real concern.

When we look at these disturbing imperial trends within the context of a failing global capitalist economy, we can see clearly that they are related more to the inherent instability and contradictions within capitalism rather than its strength and permanence as a viable world system. In order to secure specific corporate profits and the dominance of the US elite in a rapidly deteriorating economic climate, the Bush regime has chosen to turn its back on many of the failing devices used to benefit all multinational corporations.

Instead they have taken actions, such as invading Iraq, that only benefit a narrow sliver of corporations closely tied with the Bush regime. Halliburton, the 'oil services' corporation Vice President Cheney was once the CEO of, has been awarded contracts involved in the Iraq occupation worth \$1.7 billion dollars.⁸ Much of this money is directly from no-bid contracts. This is really just another form of state subsidization that is being used to prop up a portion of a vulnerable corporate sector during a period in which capitalism is facing a deep crisis.

Acknowledging the growing obstacles that now

stand in the path of the capitalist globalization project does not mean that we should assume that this process is over. While recent events do point to its decline and deterioration, this multilateral and less overt form of capitalist domination and exploitation is still the primary goal of much of the global ruling class. Trade negotiations revolving around the further development of the WTO as well as the creation of the Free Trade Area of the Americas show that the neoliberal model is still being pushed on much of the world. However, the proliferation of this restructuring could be threatened by the rich states unwillingness to take the very medicine they prescribe to the poor. Afraid of further damaging national industries, many of the rich states have retained their protectionist measures such as tariffs on agricultural imports; or steel as in the case of the Bush regime. It is very possible this point of conflict between the rich and poor nations as well as the US and EU could lead to the collapse of future trade talks.

In this war torn and devastated world, there are still glimmers of hope that are shining through the destruction left behind by the new world order. Paralleling the destabilization of multilateral globalization, a surge of grassroots global solidarity has risen to confront the capitalist elite and demand a world based on social and ecological sustainability. This is the 'movement of movements' that successfully shut down the WTO's third ministerial meeting in Seattle on November 30, 1999. It is also responsible for the annual World Social Forum that has taken place during the past three years in the southern Brazilian city of Porto Alegre where participants gathered from around the world to discuss the essential notion that "Another World is Possible". More recently on February 15, 2003, this global grassroots network showed its unprecedented solidarity and strength when 15 million people took to the streets of cities in almost every country in the world to say no to war and militarization.

The Bush Regime has demonstrated that it is willing to stoke the flames of nationalism, racism and xenophobia in an attempt to coerce the people into complying with its imperial agenda. We must not let these power plays of the elite undermine our global grassroots solidarity. As Davos crumbles and Washington lashes out in desperation, Porto

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EXCERPTS FROM THE SUBURBS:

Hippies, Hypocrisy, and the Beautiful Art of Finding a home

Welcome to Evergreen, welcome to a world of heady neighbors, late night vegan snacks, and bus rides on the 41 in which you'll soon know every single passenger. Ah, it's a great place here (so great not to have to explain all the time why you're a vegetarian).

So nice not to be around people who think acrylic nails are important, or people who really like TV shows about cats that do miracles.

Where are people coming from when they arrive at Evergreen? Is going to school here a natural next-step after growing up in a cabin on a self-sufficient farm? Or maybe folks are from nice cities, had jobs building eco-friendly houses, and even biked past community gardens on their way to school.

Okay, okay, for some of us this might be true. But, for many of us, um...no. We grew up near some vomitous mass of asphalt and strip malls and subdivisions. I did. I usually say I'm from Puyallup, going with the custom of saying the closest big city (Baltimore, Denver, Chicago). It just gets too difficult (and perhaps embarrassing) to say it's really a suburb of Baltimore, a 30 minute drive on the expressway out of Denver, an unending sprawl of pavement devouring the landscape outside of Chicago. Are you from the suburbs? Does "Cedrona" on Evergreen Parkway look eerily familiar?

It's not your fault. It's not like hanging out at the mall at the age of 13 forever banishes people from becoming environmentalists that mock consumer-culture a few years later. Our past probably even encourages us to make lifestyle and value changes. And thus, the children of the white middle class seek out a place like Evergreen because they know it can't go on like this.

Often in living in this society we see how every stupid little thing with which we've been indoctrinated is wrong. Here at Evergreen, we have seminars about corporations, environmental protection, workers rights, colonization, racism, gender issues, harassment, violence, poverty, food systems, pollution, endangered species, etc...

Well, how do we fix it? How do we not stress ourselves out but be able to make the world a better place. By creating better places. By getting to the

root of how we think and feel. By connecting all these huge, abstract issues mentioned above to something real, like the earth or a neighborhood. A town is something we can feel, love, change, and in which we can have roots into the earth.

And the suburbs? Here's a two-second crash course in healthy land-use planning: by focusing the human population into cities, towns, and villages. The surrounding wild lands are preserved and the community spaces can hopefully be encouraged to become sustainable, healthy, and enjoyable. When people are clustered around places they like (cafes, plazas, and daily needs) they take up less space and are more likely to care about their community (have good wastewater, transportation, schools, and parks).

In the suburbs people tend to care less about community, but are more likely to want to run away from it. If we can create places that are truly likable and livable in some places than we can start tearing up the pavement in others. Until then, we can start by building community gardens, and putting benches where people can sit and talk to each other, and building eco-friendly homes that are affordable (so folks won't be kicked out of their neighborhoods when wealthier people want to live there).

So personally, I think that changing unjust systems and healing the earth has to do with loving a home. It's bioregional, respecting the life (animal, plant, and human) in your region and making it possible for the life to be healthier. But just because the suburbs are ugly, doesn't exclude them from the attention of the bioregionalists. Because there is such a need in the suburbs, maybe they need more attention.

What seems sad to me is that so many hippies at Evergreen would ideally like to buy property in the forest, have a garden and a cabin and create a sustainable system to live in. But the forest ecosystem where they want to park their white ass doesn't need any help to be sustainable. It already is.

It's the places that we've already tainted with our human touch, our empty city lots, our roads, our strip malls that could really use the passion that we give.

NO MORE ADVOCACY: TOWARDS A MORE INCLUSIVE PROCESS OF LIBERATION

When we talk about "social activism" we are inevitably drawn into an ongoing conversation about the merits of advocacy--that is, a third party representing the interests of a group of people. While most construe this to be a beneficial situation, there are some serious problems that arise upon closer inspection. Mainly that the people being represented are for the most part disassociated from the representatives. Thus, those who are most affected by whatever decisions that are being made have little or no chance to inject their word into the discussion on what is best for them. It seems especially strange that such a situation should arise when the representatives often vociferously claim to be representing the best interests of those they represent (often referred to as that vague and elusive entity known as "the people.")

The problem is that a model of liberation that relies on the actions of distant figures cannot foster anything but reform. The contradictions in the lives of those that are suffering are not resolved by the actions of others, they are only changed. And while certain excesses may disappear, the system that allowed the excesses to appear in the first place is left intact; the excesses appear again either in different forms or places. Thus, the oppressed remain the oppressed and the elite remain the elite. Furthermore, this model of "top down" change is insensitive to the varying situations in which individuals exist. When solutions are mass produced, inevitably large numbers of people are going to be left out. Some would counter that argument by saying that you cannot please everyone--to that I say, "Why not?"

If the contradictions are resolved by those that exist within them, the resolutions will reflect the varying perspectives of the contradictions. Such nuances are not understandable to a group of people that exist outside of the reality of those they wish to help. Thus there is no way for "advocates" to accurately represent a situation or a group of people that they do not exist within.

SO WHAT CAN CARING MIDDLE-CLASS ACTIVISTS DO?

They can start by respecting the unique qualities of each contradiction and the perspectives of that contradiction held by each group of people involved in it. They can then alleviate any desire they may have for a large scale, simple solution and instead start to view liberation as a mutual process that they enter into with all other people in the world. Liberation or revolution is not the result of "good decision making" or "high-quality leadership," it is a process of individuals coming together to critically analyze their situation and take action to transform it. In the words of Paulo Freire, "Revolutionary praxis [the combined process of action and reflection] cannot tolerate an absurd dichotomy in which the praxis of the people is merely that of following the leaders' decisions--a dichotomy reflecting the prescriptive methods of the dominant elites." It does not matter if the leaders are self-proclaimed "revolutionaries," WASHPIRG, teachers, student governments, or government officials--if they attempt to speak for "the people" they are in effect disempowering the people and furthering their oppression. Liberation is not a process that can be executed on behalf of an individual, it must be a collective process that individuals enter on their own accord. And it is within this collective process that the revolution lives. So wherever you end up this year, remember that "the people" do not need you to swoop in and liberate them, people are capable of liberating themselves.

HEY GREENER! A NOTE ON THE SCHOOL- INDUSTRY

Many self-styled revolutionaries are victims of school. They see even "liberation" as the product of an institutional process. Only liberating oneself from school will dispel such illusions. The discovery that most learning requires no teaching can be neither manipulated nor planned. Each one of us is responsible for his or her own deschooling, and only we have the power to do it. —Ivan Illich

Quite a few people come to Evergreen for its reputation as a hotbed of radicalism. Many walk away with degrees conferred upon them by the very state authorities that they reject in most of the other circumstances of life. Most end up with the understanding that Evergreen is not what its reputation might suggest. Despite the important educational reforms instituted at (or co-opted by) Evergreen, it is still fundamentally a school in the usual meaning of the term, still plugged into the educational pyramid that selects and rejects those who make it in this society and those who don't. It has an unresponsive and secretive administrative bureaucracy, and a police force—now armed, for your protection. It features an unusually institutional and prison-like approach to architecture (for a school, that is), and there are plenty of the requisite rows of fluorescent lights to make you dizzy. It's located on a wetland several miles outside of downtown Olympia in a thoroughly suburban location, surrounded on one side by parking lots, and on all sides by creeping development. Not a few locals, including the ones who drive by yelling "get a job, asshole!" at demonstrations, think of Evergreen as a bastion of elitist and juvenile rebellion. To them, anarcho-greeners are spoiled hippies who don't have to, like them, play by the rules, and have nothing to do but complain about oppression in far-off places. Evergreen is no community learning center. Evergreen is no free school.

All of this notwithstanding, a lot of Evergreen students are exposed to ideas that they otherwise might not have encountered. Many find their voices and discover a means of exposing some of the fallacies and shortcomings that have shaped their lives. After a lifetime of compulsory grading and relentless competition, the pace and educational approach of Evergreen can seem revolutionary. Indeed, the difference between getting a letter grade at the end of the quarter and getting a written evaluation, or the advantage of interdisciplinary studies, shouldn't be understated. Nor should the participation of students in struggles for societal change (300 of the 700 or so people arrested during the counter-WTO actions were Evergreen students, according to Robin Hahnel in Z Magazine). For the great majority of students the educational process is nevertheless geared ultimately toward one end... a satisfactory completion of a certain number of credit hours and the subsequent ritual of certification whereby one is graduated (for a small fee of \$25) to one or another niche of our fractured and predatory

social dis-order. Preferably not a \$6.50 per hour niche at Barnes & Noble, though.

This educational pyramid is a product of our civilized predicament. In a world defined by social breakdown—a mechanized and soulless technological regime, a highly differentiated division of labor, domestication of and alienation from nature (and each other), large-scale economics and institutions, trenched and pervasive hierarchy, isolation, suicide, and on and on—the school industry is fundamental to the continued functioning of the whole tottering system. Schools have, throughout history, been designed to reproduce the social systems of which they are a product. Nothing has changed, nor will it, in that respect. And in a world that has no place for its young, what better than a compulsory period of conditioning and mind-numbing, followed by an optional period of 'higher learning' for those who play the game well enough and perhaps are in line for a larger serving of the goods ladled out by our industrialized, earth-sucking system. Evergreen then seems like a minor concession to some good and potentially threatening ideas, co-opting subversive energy and making it relatively safe. Kind of like buying organic food at Safeway.

Of course, most of us deal with the smaller frames of our daily lives, and this involves endless contradiction and, in academic language, "contested terrain." If you want to fight the system on its own terms by, say, becoming a radical lawyer, you must simply jump through the hoops.

The challenge is to do this with no illusions as to the ultimate place and purpose of the seemingly-necessary treatment known as education (including Evergreen). You may be reading this somewhere in the depths of A-dorm and experiencing a growing sense of fatalism. The first thing you can do this year is get the fuck out of A-dorm and take the bus downtown. Volunteer at Books To Prisoners. Book an art or music show at the Arrowspace. Fight the Olympia Downtown Association with a marker or some paint, or stickers. Find a non-student and show them a resource at Evergreen that they can take advantage of without paying a dime. Drop out, get your money back, and sit in on classes anyway (if what you're really there for is classroom learning). Encourage your friends to do the same—organize a tuition strike, because learning is free! In the words of an anonymous (student) rebel during the Paris '68 uprising: Demand the impossible!

10 Books To Spur Thought:

- Freedom And Beyond and Instead Of Education, John Holt*
- Tools For Conviviality and Deschooling Society, Ivan Illich*
- Deschooling Our Lives, Matt Hern, ed.*
- Making It Up As We Go Along, Chris Scagliano*
- Demystifying School, Miriam Wasserman, ed.*
- Radical School Reform, Ronald and Beatrice Gross, eds.*
- Teaching To Transgress, bell hooks*
- A Primer Of Libertarian Education, Joel Spring*

Top 5 Olympia 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 noises 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), riparian 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.

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 ½ 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 Montesano 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.



NO FAUXXX MEANS NO FAKES

tumbleweed is a special gay cat. he is handsome and orange. he used to live in campus housing but has since moved off. he likes anal sex and eating cat food. here are some tips he has compiled for your assistance and pleasure.

★**don't assume what pronouns** people you meet at evergreen use! remember pronouns from madlibs? pronouns are what you refer to someone as such as "he" or "she." some people at evergreen and elsewhere use alternative pronouns such as "ze" and "sie" and "si." some people may not use any at all and instead prefer you to just refer to them by their name. the key is...don't assume! just don't use a pronoun until you get to know them well enough to ask them what they prefer. show some respect now kiddies!

★**you dont have to sign your evals** until you graduate! when you sign them, you can no longer make changes. some professors may make you, but if you want to revise, do so before signing! your professor must sign it when you finish though so you'll have to spend more time tracking them down if you wait longer.

★**the writing and quantitative reasoning (math!) centers** are here to help you. drop by or make an appointment. there are friendly students and staff waiting to help you with your work. they are both located in the library building on the 2nd floor.

★**tumbleweed says** for non-oppressive pansexual olympia-based alternaporn check out www.nofauxxx.com. No Fauxxx means "No Fakes." Most of their models are not professional

adult models or sex workers, although some are. Either way, they are normal people interested in expressing their sexualities. They are all sizes, all genders, all sexual orientations, all races, and from all sorts of places, doing all sorts of things. The models are in charge of their content and their representation. No Fauxxx is for models who are sick of not seeing people like them in mainstream porn, and for members who appreciate real bodies, real people, and a variety of genres.

Punks, goths, emo kids, hipsters, hippies, and other "alternative" models. They love tats and piercings, but not all of our models have them and not all of our models adhere to any subculture. Furthermore, we will strive to break down all sex stereotypes and typecasting, providing an in-depth analysis of the porn industry while creating **HOT HOT HOT HOT PORN**. Kristina Fagulera, evergreen student and olympia resident, started this site as a personal erotica site and decided to turn it into a full blown erotica site when people expressed interest in modeling for the site. contact: hey@nofauxxx.com. for more fun alternaporn check out... www.ssspread.com for Dyke, Lesbian, and Trannie Porn with lots of genderfuck! and thatstrangegirl.com for boy and girl fun.

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★**www.survivorproject.org**
Survivor project is a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the needs of intersex and trans survivors of domestic and sexual violence through caring action, education and expanding access to resources and to opportunities for action. Since 1997, we have provided presentations, workshops, consultation, materials, information and referrals to many anti-violence organizations and universities across the country, as well as gathered information about issues faced by intersex and trans survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

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