



# DISORIENTATION MANUAL

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the Evergreen State College



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## YOU HAVE IN YOUR HANDS...

a copy of the 2023-2024 Disorientation Manual, a radical and working class guide to The Evergreen State College and Olympia, created FOR STUDENTS BY STUDENTS. The Disorientation Manual is a tradition that was started in 1997 with the first arming of Evergreen Police Officers. The last Disorientation Manual was printed in 2019 and has been on a four year long indefinite hiatus. With the transient state that people enter when becoming students this hiatus could happen again as the informal and generational memory and knowledge is not shared or interrupted by things like institutional incompetence, economic austerity, global pandemics, or national uprisings. If the DisMan is ever interrupted again let it be known that whoever is reading this CAN DO IT AGAIN.

The DisMan is something that is ever changing and will never be able to explain the totality of opinions of the student body or the entirety of The Evergreen State College experience. WE RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE ARTICLES MAY HAVE HOLES, BE OUT-DATED, OR OFFENSIVE, OR NON-INCLUSION OF AN ISSUE CAN BE READ AS A STATEMENT ONTO ITSELF. If you have any of those listed problems we gently invite you to not complain but to become part of our team or to send in new, better, corrected material or suggestions our way or publish an entirely new manual.

A skeleton crew of editors for 2022-2023 Disorientation are publishing this with limited time and funding to make this a fully complete work.

The editorial crews of every single DisMan have had their own ideological perspectives that have informed the approach to the project. Every year's DisMan is different in this way and takes on a distinct identity. It is simultaneously a community project and one edited by groups and people with their own ideology which you may or may not agree with.

This year the editorial crew was a collection of communists and anti-imperialists who want an end to all forms of exploitation and who deeply love this school. Submission authors, named and anonymous, remain distinct from the editorial crew and the Arcade Projects student group.

Love & Solidarity,  
2023-2024 Disorientation Manual Team

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what's the deal with housing?

## ON-CAMPUS:

On-campus housing at Evergreen has changed a lot over the past 10 years. You can't miss the tall residence halls (A-D) when walking around campus housing, but it might surprise you to learn that three out of the four buildings are not in use. B, C, & D dorms were shut down due to low enrollment a few years back and will stay closed throughout the upcoming school year. Over this past summer, the first 5 floors of A dorm were renovated and will be open to students this fall, adding 125 beds. Most students this year will live in the apartment buildings E-U. Whether or not Evergreen students will live in the modular housing this year remains unclear, and if the mods are closed that is 152 fewer beds for students. The on-campus bed count matters because there is a housing crisis in Olympia, and **it is important that Evergreen students have a safe and affordable place to live.**

The renovation of A dorm is great because it will provide a traditional dorm style experience and be more affordable than the apartments on-campus. **A room in an apartment is \$1,013/month, while a single room in A dorm is \$733.** These prices are before the mandatory meal plan. The cheapest meal plan available is the "50 Block" which will cost around \$273/month. Based on these calculations, **it's almost cheaper to find an apartment to rent with roommates off-campus, but that can come with its own immense barriers and challenges.** On-campus housing isn't the most affordable, but it can be the most accessible for students due to the competitive rental housing market in Olympia. There is currently no "themed" housing on-campus, but the housing office matches you with other students based on your preferences.

Beware of summer housing rules. Over the summer, Evergreen rents out their housing to visiting conferences, pushing out students. As of 2023, only a certain number of students are allowed

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to live on campus over the summer, and you must be enrolled in a class for at least 2 credits if you wish to stay. Plan ahead, and apply for summer housing early. Lots can be learned about on-campus housing through Evergreen's website, and I suggest you **read your contract carefully**. You do not have as many tenants rights while living on-campus as you would living off-campus. Protect yourself. Know the rights you do have.

Evergreen doesn't require freshmen to live on-campus, which is great for older students. But the rental market in Olympia is so harsh that it's not a bad idea to live on-campus if you can bear it. The campus is stunning, and you'll meet great people. Plus, there are two free bus lines that can take you into town, although these stop running at 9 pm for some reason, and we as students should start a movement to change that.

## OFF-CAMPUS:

As of 2023, there is a housing crisis in Olympia. This city used to be affordable for renters, but that has changed in the past 20 years, and there are dire consequences for students and other low-income renters. According to the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), the average rent for a 1 bedroom apartment in Thurston County in 2023 is \$1,423 which is wildly unaffordable for college students. Thurston County also has a low apartment vacancy rate, 2.5% in 2022, and this leads to high competition and higher prices. Olympia is the capital city of Washington State and it is close to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, so there are many government and military workers who are competing with us for housing in this area.

Apartment complexes and property management companies **can, and do, legally discriminate**

against college students, as we are not a protected class. Financial aid, whether it be a grant or a student loan, is not accepted as a valid source of income when applying to rent an apartment. Credit score and income requirements can be prohibitive for students. Sometimes you can get around these requirements by having a co-signer, but apartment complexes and property management companies are increasingly not accepting co-signers as a way to further discriminate against low-income people. **Ultimately, Olympia is unaffordable. There isn't enough housing- especially affordable housing- and the competition for rental housing is extremely high and this leaves Evergreen students in a tough position.**

It's a fucked up and unfair housing market, I know. But I am not writing this to depress you or dissuade you from living in Olympia. I write all of this so that you can start preparing for your off-campus housing search.

### HERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT WILL HELP:

- Start your search EARLY. Many places have waitlists. **Get on the waitlist, even if you don't end up living there.** Call property management companies to get an idea of what their requirements are and when a unit might become available.
- Network with friends, faculty, staff- anybody, really. **The most affordable housing in Olympia is advertised through word of mouth.**
- Try and get a group of people together to rent a house, and have one of your parents be a co-signer if possible.
- Take advantage of social media. Post on Instagram and Discord. Post on Facebook, specifically in "Oly Housing," "Olympia Rentals," and "The Evergreen State College Room Shares." Make your posts personal, include a picture of yourself or something about your life, and share about your hobbies and interests.
- Ask around to be added to private housing chats on Signal and Discord.
- Utilize Craigslist, Trulia, and Zillow- but beware of scams.
- Post flyers! Evergreen has bulletin boards all around campus. You can also put up flyers at the Olympia Food Co-Op and the libraries.
- Visit the Basic Needs, Advocacy, and Resource Center (BNARC) for a housing consultation if you are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. They can help get you funding and help you network to find housing.
- Start a housing club that would advocate for housing issues all around town.
- Create a student housing cooperative!
- **Know your rights!** The Tenants Union of Washington State has many resources on their website. Also, OMC 5.82 is an ordinance passed by Olympia City Council in 2022 that added some protections for Olympia renters. Take pictures of the unit you move into so that the landlords can't steal your security deposit. Document everything.

In the end, we as students need to put pressure on the administration and the city to create more affordable housing. The administration needs to step up and advocate for us. Evergreen will have a hard time holding on to students if students don't have a place to live. Godspeed on your housing journey.

## RA'S: DECLASSIFIED

### by a union-craving RA

PERHAPS you're thinking about being an Resident Assistant, also known as an RA. Supporting your fellow students, planning events, perhaps solving the occasional roommate disagreement, all while building a wonderful tightly knit community... And on top of it all, you get free housing! At face value this seems like the perfect job for the struggling college student with a desire to make a real difference in the school living space. However, there's quite a bit more going on behind the scenes. **My goal is to shed some light on this, both for those of you who are considering being a RA and others who just want to know what to look out for.**

As an RA at Evergreen you can expect to help residents set up roommate agreements, solve disputes, plan events, and the **semi-frequent shifts of 24 hour duty**. This is where you respond to calls that can be **as mundane as noise complaints, or as extreme as domestic violence situations**. As an RA, you work in tandem with folks like other RA's, RD's- which are like semi-pro staff-leadership- and the police. **You, the RA, are the first responder to most situations**, however. When a call goes out, it goes through the police office and is then routed to the RA duty phone. After this the on-duty RA goes and gets a handle on the situation. In other words, when on-duty you are going to be the one who decides if a situation needs to be passed along to a different person such as the Title IX office, or the on-duty RD. This is where the job gets difficult. Imagine: a late night call wakes you up at 3AM, and you hastily get dressed to stumble half asleep out the door, all the while having no way of knowing if you potentially hold another person's fate in your hands. For people like us who are only lightly trained for the most watered down situations, it can be a lot to bear.

This is also where we return to the benefits for us Resident Assistants. As I mentioned before, you

receive free housing... However, what they fail to mention (or perhaps glaze over) is the fact that if eventually you crumble, and you decide that for your mental health and safety you need to quit the job, they will say that they sympathize and they understand; that they've been in your shoes, of course; but then they'll gently remind you that **if you quit you will have to move out of your housing**, and what seemed to be at the beginning as the cherry on top of being able to help so many people is revealed to be nothing but a chain keeping you shackled to them through the risk of homelessness. When I first thought about quitting, I saw this manipulation of our better natures. This threat of homelessness is especially potent when you finally realize that you have only been spending money since the quarter started, due to the fact that you are only allowed to work twelve hours in a position on campus and that's only if your course load allows you to work on the side. **Quitting's not an option with 7 meals at The Greenery and 150 dining dollars.**

If you are considering becoming an RA, my true advice is to assess your situation at the time of applying and decide if you are in a stable enough state of mind to handle this for an entire school year. This position has the potential to crush a person if they're in a fragile state. **Between the stress of college, the normal RA work, the previously mentioned calls, and the potential second job that many RA's have to supplement the income you don't get from this position, it can be a lot.** Truly consider if it's right for you, because I and many people I've talked to have quit-- or thought about quitting-- many times due to these stressors. This can be a fulfilling position, I don't want to act like it can't be; you have the chance to help people and potentially make a real difference for the students living on this campus. **But they are setting you up to fail by only telling you the whole truth once you have the shackles of conditional housing on.**



## MENTAL HEALTH F'ING MATTERS!!!

If you've moved to Evergreen from out of state, you were hopefully sent with a bottle of vitamin D. Finding competent and compassionate mental health care in a region known for its high rates of Seasonal Affective Disorders and Depression may feel intimidating, but it is possible.

On campus, **Student Wellness Services** provides some counseling and health services. It should be noted that SWS only provides short-term counseling and health services, and is not available during the summer quarter. This office is a great place to start but will ultimately refer you to Olympia's more extensive healthcare system. To schedule an appointment, log into your my.evergreen account and then click on "Health eConnect" under the "Students" portion. This will bring you to their scheduling portal.

Insurance is often the first obstacle. Luckily the **Washington Apple Health** (Medicaid) website is relatively user-friendly, and applying for insurance is broken down into manageable steps through their application. Unfortunately, the school does not have a specific resource for applying to Medicaid- but **TRiO advisors** can help especially during their weekly study time. After becoming an Apple Health member you have access to their ProviderOne 'Find A Provider' web tool, where

you can find mental health providers and services near you.

If you or a peer are experiencing a crisis on campus, it is important to understand that using **Evergreen resources will more than likely involve Evergreen Police**. If you live in on-campus housing, you must call dispatch (see resources pg.) to have a Resident Assistant or Resident Director respond and the crisis may still involve police. Both RAs and RDs can only provide peer support with very limited mental health or crisis response training. There are two options from Olympia's emergency services with trained mental health professionals or peer specialists responding to the crisis without any police reporting.

### **Crisis Clinic 360-586-2888 :**

24/7 crisis hotline specific to the Olympia area. They are focused on managing crisis situations in the moment and are able to refer you elsewhere. "Thurston Community Resources" page on their website is the best place to start when looking for housing support and legal services or addiction recovery and mental health/counseling.

### **Crisis Response Unit 360-704-2740:**

Created by the Police Services of Olympia as an alternative to police intervention and staffed by peer specialists. The Unit is prepared to respond to mental health crises, grief/loss, conflict resolution/mediation, substance abuse, housing crisis, harm reduction, first aid and non-emergency medical care/connections, resource connection and referrals, and transportation to services. They specify that their services do not provide "*Restraining people against their will, violating confidentiality (with the exception of mandatory reporting), or providing transportation home*". Hours of operation: 7 AM-8:40 PM Monday through Thursday, and 10 AM-8:40 PM Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.



Making an **advance directive** is an opportunity to advocate for yourself and the treatment you want if a mental health emergency occurs and your judgment or ability to communicate becomes impaired. With an advance directive, you take back some control, including giving or taking away consent to be injected with medicine, who your emergency contact is, and so many other specifics that can make a crisis response an overall better experience for you! Any Washington Resident or out-of-state student can create your own mental health advance directive using the **Washington State Healthcare Authority website** (pg.) to access and download the form as well as view sample forms, FAQs, and in-depth instructions.

## BEST PLACES TO CRY ON CAMPUS:

- Student Wellness Services, in front of a therapist
- The Ethnobotanical Gifts Garden: s'uləxw taqwəbɫu, right beside the:
- s'gwi gwi ? altxw or the House of Welcome (literally, surrounded by medicine & art)
- Sitting at a "Happy Lamp" desk, library 1st floor, in front of Photoland (vitamin D is one hell of a drug)
- Woodshop in the Arts Annex (sawdust absorbs tears quickly)
  - Middle of the Evergreen Field under cover of night while looking at the stars
- Arts Annex single occupancy bathrooms
- Screaming at the sky in the middle of the woods (more fun with friends)



To take care of your mental health, your basic needs must be met. **The Basic Needs Advocacy and Resource Center (BNARC)** is one of the most helpful, accepting, and queer-positive spaces on campus. The center has a large foodbank, clothing section including gender-affirming clothing (including binders and bra inserts), and is staffed by extremely helpful people who can direct you to other campus resources or Olympia's resources like the **Thurston County Food Bank**. They can also help you apply for **SNAP (Food Stamp benefits)**. The center is by appointment only, and can become an issue in emergency situations. Emailing the Center directly at [arcbasicneeds@evergreen.edu](mailto:arcbasicneeds@evergreen.edu) can get you faster response, otherwise you can book a visit on their Evergreen page.

Utilizing the Basic Needs Center regularly helps show admin that it is important to students, and helps push its longevity into the future. If it were ever to go away, we can not only confirm the suspicion that Evergreen's budget is going towards the salaries of a half-assed, defunding-positive presidency by John Carmichel and the cops. During the pandemic, the Student Wellness Center slowly crumbled and as a Resident Assistant, I was often the only mental health resource for students. Evergreen has a recent history of defunding, putting huge workloads on one or two staff members or student staff (RAD in particular), and dismantling essential student services. Holding school officials accountable and demanding better resources is worthwhile; remember, budgets and spending from state funds are PUBLIC INFORMATION.

Mental well-being informs all aspects of life, and as a student, taking steps to keep yourself healthy and above all, safe, is one of the most profound ways to create a balanced educational experience at Evergreen. Advocating for, monitoring, and protecting your mental health is a form of restorative justice. Your existence on this planet is important, please keep yourself and your peers safe.

# THE POLICE DESERVE YOUR BURNING HATRED

The police deserve nothing but your burning hatred. It is not hard to understand why. All the myths that once justified cops as a non-negotiable social necessity have been exposed as bedtime stories for Amerikan barbarity. The sublime horror of this country's history compounded over the years and combined with our personal experiences have changed the general public's opinions. Where 75% of this country used to disapprove of MLK's peaceful protests, now 54% of Americans called the burning of the Minneapolis Third Precinct an act of justice.

Police Services and their rent-a-cop accomplices have full reign of campus. They are armed with AR-15s, purchased security cameras disguised as smoke detectors and electrical outlets, engage in regular patrols across campus, and cooperate with multiple other institutions of state violence such as the Seattle Police Department's Intelligence Unit and the FBI. You will inevitably encounter the cops at one point or another while at Evergreen and it is vital to understand their history and social function.

The state is an apparatus for the management of class antagonisms, constituted principally by the monopoly on violence exercised by "*special bodies of armed men*" such as our boys in blue. In Amerika, the principal origins of the police are slave-catchers and strikebreakers. In every other country the police have their own sordid histories which are reproduced in their present barbarism. The practices of brutal defense of the social order mutate internationally, with tactics pioneered in military occupations abroad or by Empire's client states inevitably being directed inward.



When we talk about the horrors of police, it's hard to apply that to our bumbling-buffoonish campus Police Services. *"You mean the cops who can't even stop basic bike theft and look like they are about to cry when you don't smile at them are monsters?"* Yes. We do. And that's what makes the whole farce of American policing so ridiculous: the most organized gang in America is composed of 'just some guys'.

Evergreen cops treat their job like counterinsurgency. There are obvious historical reasons for that, but another key factor is that they're literally just bored. We are living in the aftermath of a long history of intensive but ultimately failed struggles which cemented Evergreen's reputation as a "problem school" and ushered in our current moment of reactionary blowback. What the cops do here first and foremost is control space. Over the past couple of years we've seen a massive process of neoliberal austerity and enclosure aimed at making Evergreen "normal" in the eyes of capital. While the college has implemented budget cuts every academic year post-2017, the Police Services budget has remained steadily at over a million dollars since at least 2015, with the current budget for Fiscal Year 2024 being \$1,135,695.70.

If we look at Evergreen externally, as if it were a city or neighborhood in its own right, the situation is bleak. Workers' rights are a joke, the budget is in freefall, the drunk bus is gone, we're in a food desert, and it's almost impossible to build any kind of community by conventional means. All the rooms we can't access and things we can't use invoke the image of foreclosed homes rotting on the outskirts of Detroit. Our class divide is huge. "The traditions of all dead generations weigh like a nightmare on the brains of the living," both the tradition of struggle and the tradition of normalcy and its expectations. The police have evolved from telling kids not to smoke weed to active monitoring of the entire campus in order to impose the end of Evergreen-that-was.

Evergreen exists as a playmobil microcosm of all the contradictions of capitalist society and an omen for every other institution of higher education.



# A TIMELINE OF POLICING AT EVERGREEN

(Adapted, Edited, and Extended from Mason Soto's 17 April 2019 edition)

**1967** - School is founded with no plans for police or security presence.

**1971** - First campus security are hired, plain-clothed student aides and two guards. Phased out by 1981 for trained full-time security officers with a commission from the Sheriff's commission, sans official policy for a campus police department.

**1974** - Security Director resigns after involvement in shortage of campus funds.

**1985** - Administration opposes a sworn, armed police force on campus at recommendation of disappearing task force and campus forums.

**1989** - TESC sued by Larry Savage thru L&I claiming "unsafe work environment" sans-cops. DTF commissioned by Pres. to assess security after Senate bill targeting Evergreen fails to pressure all public universities into fully-commissioned PDs. Surveys reaffirm not arming police, recommend foot patrols and standard record-keeping.

**1990** - L&I sides with Savage, attests unsafe work environment without "full police powers," Evergreen decides to downgrade security by making them avoid any confrontation and call in Thurston County for backup.

**1992** - Year of the Rodney King Uprising in LA. Trustees and admin authorize unarmed campus police force and new security policies following outside recommendation, in the face of hard community opposition.

**95-96** - Admin, a task force, and Pres. call to arm police. Community Action Group at Evergreen organizes protests, petitions, and a sit-in that blocked the Library Loop entrance. Sidearms approved by Trustees in 6-1 vote.

**96-97** - Campus secretary alleges sexual harassment, which goes unresolved.

**98-99** - Officer forced to resign after multiple allegations of pulling gun on campus employees.

**2001** - Police acquire tasers.

**02-03** - In a span of days, a student is maced and police raid dorms with guns drawn. Forums follow to no consequence. Later, campus police are freed of arming restrictions and carry 24/7 at recommendation of UW Police Chief, then-Pres. Les Purce, and Police Community Review Board.

**07-08** - Two intoxicated students tased by police, students of color complain of racial targeting.

**2008** - In Feb., V-Day Uprising/"Dead Prez riot" over alleged police racism results in flipped cop car and police investigation into Evergreen Students for a Democratic Society. At-time Police Chief Ed Sorger requests rifles, prompting announcement from GSU, presentations by police, and review board forums.

**Apr 2009** - Police Community Review Board rifle survey results withheld from students. VP of Student Affairs Art Constantino stresses liability while Assistant Attorney General admits there is little to no liability to the college. Board rejects rifle proposal.

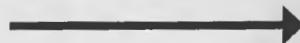
**2011** - Police Awareness and Student Safety (PASS) club founded, busted a year later with a public records request revealing that they sent police services information about students and faculty.

**2012** - Police acquire segways. (Why?)

**2014** - Public emails and faculty allegations expose campus police and Ed Sorger in particular spying on political groups on campus incl. Port Militarization Resistance activists, collaborating with military spy John Towery. Ed Sorger resigns two years later.

**Winter 2017** - Students protest swearing-in ceremony of Police Chief Stacy Brown, with two students prosecuted for taking the mic from VP of Student Affairs Wendy Endress.

**May 2017** - After dispute online and a call to police, two black students are taken from their dorms in the middle of the night and detained for hours. Protests over Bret Weinstein and emails also result in alleged use of excessive force by Off. Timothy O'Dell, who is cleared of wrongdoing.



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**June 2017** - National attention over anti-racist protests culminates in Patriot Prayer provocation, a shooter threat, and campus closure with State Trooper presence. At State Senate hearing on campus safety, Stacy Brown recommends police get rifles.

**Aug 2017** - Stacy Brown resigns, Ed Sorger named interim Police Chief. On the 14th, then-Pres. George Bridges approves \$11k purchase of AR-15 rifles for Police Services without consulting the Review Board or other campus forums, to no announcement.

**17-18** - Supplemental budget request is approved for \$150k worth of police funds, including the AR-15s and additional personnel. This was less than initial \$393k in Brown's request, admin suggested cuts could be made elsewhere on campus to make up difference.

**May 2018** - Last meeting of Police Community Review Board, which has ceased to function since.

**Summer 2018** - Evergreen cuts 20 staff positions as part of \$5.9mil budget cut. Stacy Brown makes \$625k damages claim against Evergreen, alleging hostile working environment. Status currently unknown.

**Fall 2018** - CPJ reports rifle purchase, IWW launches "Profs Not Cops" campaign in response to AR-15s and proposals for more cops, proposing new faculty be hired instead. Demonstration drew crowd of ~100, who marched on the President's office in the largest post-2017 campus protest.

**Oct 2018** - Police purchase covert surveillance cameras, citing recent thefts. No boards or forums are consulted. CPJ later exposes and denounces surveillance in April 2019.

**Feb 2019** - After phone zap and second protest, campus IWW declares "victory" as admin "appear[ed]" to fill their demands, with vacated police positions not being filled and new positions reportedly opened in Political Economy and Community Media. AR-15s remain.

**May 2019** - Ed Sorger ends term as Interim Police Chief, David Brunckhurst instated.

**Feb 2020** - George Bridges announces resignation as President and is replaced by former VP of Finance and Operations John Carmichael after 2020-21 academic year.

**Summer 2020** - Admin makes \$5.3mil in budget cuts. Students organize protest of ~30 in solidarity with George Floyd Uprising, with cops watching and heckling students. Undercover police presence alleged.

**Aug 2021** - Former CPJ News Editor Daniel Vogel files lawsuit against Evergreen alleging obstruction of access to public records related to police surveillance and possible violations of the college's Patriot Act Policy among other records which "would be embarrassing or inconvenient for the school." Litigation status unknown at time of writing.

**2022** - Admin approves outside security contract through Kaeka Group to supplement police presence.

**March 2023** - Fred Hampton Brigade organizes "Stop Cop City! Cops Off Campus!" rally and march of ~30 as part of National Day of Action Against Police Terror. Police Services photograph and repeatedly remove protest fliers and agitational artwork and forward information to multiple other campus PDs, Seattle PD Intelligence Unit, UW Police's FBI Liaison, and the Inland Northwest Joint Terrorism Task Force. Internal communications state that the situation was being "closely monitored."

AND THIS SHITS GONNA KEEP GOING-GOING-GOING UNTIL WE STOP IT

# A HARM REDUCTION PRIMER

Some terms to know when speaking about harm reduction are:

- **PWID:** *People Who Inject Drugs*
- **PWUD:** *People Who Use Drugs*

## HARM REDUCTION HISTORY

Some **OG harm reductionists** were the Black Panthers. The Young Lords. The Cohambee River Collective. *The Black Panther Manifesto* (1966) explicitly asked for free healthcare for all Black and oppressed people. The Panthers also created survival programs such as Free Breakfast for Children, later disbanded by a jealous J. Edgar Hoover and his USDA to broaden their own school lunch programs; and free medical clinics, the last of which resides in Seattle. The South Bronx Young Lords, in 7 Demands of Lincoln Hospital Occupation (1970), demanded resources for proper nutrition, addiction treatment, and child & elder preventive care programs. They also assisted in the development of the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association Protocol to heal addiction and emotional trauma. In their Official Statement (1977), the Cohambee River Collective wrote: “we aren’t just trying to fight oppression on a single front, but instead to address a whole range of oppressions” as they fought for reproductive rights through a lens of feminist Black liberation.

**Incorporation destroys a movement.** The term harm reduction was first institutionalized into US public health policy in 1980s San Francisco following an ‘act of civil disobedience by a group of pagan, hippie anarchists’ risking arrest by illegally distributing clean needles to PWID, following the first reported cases of AIDS amongst PWID in 1981. Concern regarding ‘public order’ and

‘public safety’ have always been primary justifications behind adoptions of harm reduction into US policy. The resulting discomfort surrounding the political leanings of the founding members of this needle exchange organization, called Prevention Point, can be used as a shining example of why the philosophies behind harm reduction must 1) remain centered on PWUD voices, 2) be non-hierarchical and anti-authoritarian, 3) accommodate for changing community needs, and 4) critically think about whose harm does the harm reduction policy seek to mitigate and reduce, that of the drug/service user or the social body politic. Harm reduction as public health policy attempts to avoid confronting the powers that ultimately produce the most harm for drug users: the large presence of drugs in supply chains and distribution networks, drug laws that punish users and low level dealers while applauding high level dealers, dominant discourses of drug use vs. drug addiction, and the stigmatization of PWUD.



## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In WA State, anyone trying to help in a medical emergency is generally protected from civil liabilities by **RCW 4.24.300**. WA State's 911 Good Samaritan Overdose Law **RCW 69.50.315** gives additional, specific protections against drug possession charges:

- If you seek medical assistance in a drug-related overdose, you cannot be prosecuted for drug possession.
- The overdose victim is also protected from drug possession charges.
- Anyone in WA State who might have or witness an opioid overdose is allowed to carry and administer naloxone. (RCW 69.41.095)

**But what does this mean for on-campus incidents?** Evergreen has no medical amnesty policies, which means both the person overdosing and the caller are liable to punishments for drug possession on campus. Punishments are completely up to the discretion of Evergreen police and administration depending on the "offense". *'Maybe try dragging your overdosing friend off campus grounds before calling for help?'* Evergreen seems to imply.

## VOLUNTEER

The Emma Goldman Youth and Homeless Outreach Project, or EGYHOP, is a grassroots, all volunteer-run organization that provides emergency services and resources to the homeless and low-income population on the streets of Olympia, Washington. Named after Emma Goldman, a revolutionary who lived during the twentieth century who brought different forms of healthcare into practice through a wide variety of means- including nursing and condoms long before the practice was socially acceptable. They can be found between 6:30pm - 8:30 pm in the big parking lot on Washington Street between 4th Ave and State Street in downtown Olympia most days, not Tuesdays or Thursdays. More info at: [egyhop.org](http://egyhop.org).

## USEFUL HARM REDUCTORS:

- Narcan, also known as Naloxone or "the Lazarus drug", reverses the effects of opioid overdoses. It can be injected or used as a nasal spray. In previous years, students have organized to have RAs trained in administering Narcan, and to have them carry it. This would be a very worthwhile project for students to continue to work on. Naloxone is free at pharmacies for people with Medicaid/Washington Apple Health insurance. You can also visit [phra.org](http://phra.org) for free naloxone mailed anywhere in WA state by the People's Harm Reduction Alliance.
- Test kits are more important than ever with the increase of fentanyl in street drugs, primarily powders and pressed pills. Free testing kits in the community are harder to find since priority usually goes to homeless PWID. They are very easy to find online using keywords like "fentanyl test strips", "reagent testing", or "drug identification test kits". Erowid.org has been around for years compiling information about every drug known to man. Drugsdata.org allows you to view test information about the contents of specific drugs circulating in your area.
- HIV and viral hepatitis are preventable. PrEP and PEP are two revolutionary HIV prevention measures available for free to those on Medicaid and at low-cost for through WA Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Drug Assistance Program. There is a Hep A and Hep B vaccine with the possibility of a vaccine for Hep C on the horizon. STD testing is available periodically on campus or take a quick visit to the local Planned Parenthood. Safer Sex supplies can be found at various locations around campus, your local community clinics, and at your local sex shops.
- There are professors and employees here on campus interested in pushing the harm reduction agenda forward. Ask around. Make connections.

### 2023-2024 DISMAN TEAM NOTE:

Tacoma Campus is able to accomplish the liberatory education that Olympia campus pretends to be founded on. They provide this despite institutional maliciousness on behalf of Olympia Administration who does not provide them the same level of resources as our campus.

One of the many things Evergreen Olympia (lower campus) does to deny the predominantly Black and multi-cultural working class population of Tacoma Evergreen (upper campus) is keep them legally designated as a "program" rather than campus. This makes it so that Olympia is not legally required to provide funding for kitchens, lunch programs, childcare, and housing, as well as other necessities to the student population. The complexities of whether or not Tacoma campus should be registered as a campus or a program is a question that Tacoma can only answer for itself. Nonetheless its autonomy and recognition as a valuable part of the school should be respected as well as whatever resources it desires should be provided.

Many students who have experienced alienation in Olympia have found great success with the education at Tacoma Campus.

This submission was sent by a Tacoma Student as a guide to their school. The information in this is valuable to Olympia students needing to understand the workings of Tacoma and lists resources that we can utilize as well.



## SO, YOU GOT INTO EVERGREEN TACOMA...

Congratulations! Are you wondering what in the world to do next? Well...

First off, learn Canvas, the tool used for professors to communicate the syllabus, assignments, announcements, groups, etc. You need Canvas as soon as you read this. When you do get signed up, look up your assignments and books and start reading NOW!!! Find books on Audible, Amazon, and use the online Daniel J Evans library to find books for free.

Next, meet with your Faculty Advisor often. I'd recommend for the first month or two to meet with them weekly to check in and make sure you understand what's being asked of you and communicate what your needs are to be successful. Advocate for self, always.

Another thing, USE THE WRITING CENTER. Especially when you first start and especially if you need help. Even if you haven't started on your writing assignment, make an appointment online ASAP and get the help you need to get started. The writing center is comprised of students that are ready to help other students. Even if you're a great writer, use the writing center to confirm you're moving in the right direction.

Evergreen Tacoma has some books that they loan out to students every quarter. Check with the Tacoma S&A Board Librarian for available books ASAP. For the 2023-2024 year, Kenya Adams is the Tacoma S&A Board Coordinator and Monica Culbert-Kelly is the Tacoma S&A Board Office Manager and both can give you the information you need to access available books. They can also help you form any club you wish at Tacoma.

If you're interested in student leadership, Evergreen Tacoma recruits for the positions of Librarian, Event Coordinator, and voting members. All the positions pay twice a quarter for the work they do for students.

Evergreen Tacoma has many events outside of the classroom. Stay in the know of community events and other events offered at Evergreen Tacoma. Our founder Dr. Maxine Mimms is present at many of them as are Alumni and



even Oprah has made an appearance!

There is a disconnect between the main campus in Olympia and the Tacoma campus. We've worked hard to bridge some of those gaps, but the gaps are very real. But know that you can go to the Olympia campus and look around and be present, that is your school too! Don't worry about the vibe, it's a little different over there just like it's a little different over here.

You have to get your student ID from the Olympia campus. They have gyms and pools and restaurants and a cafeteria. You can have books sent from the Daniel J. Evans Library in Olympia to you at your home or at the Tacoma campus. Call the librarian at Olympia; know who they are and what services they provide.

If you want to study abroad, reach out to Brynn and get that conversation started. Tacoma will be working on a trip to Africa and NCORE (National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education) in Hawaii this year, stay in the know.

Apply for all the scholarships you can, there is so much money you have access to that will make your educational journey easier, contact financial aid via email, they do not answer the phone, at all. They are, however, available in person on the Olympia campus, as is everything else. When in doubt, drive/bus/train down there and get what you need.

If you're a first-generation college student, contact TRiO immediately. They have support resources, scholarships, study skills training, and more.

We are a liberal arts institution, there are no grades and sometimes it feels like there is no direction. You create your own direction with the guidance of advisors, faculty, staff, and the general learning community. If there's a goal you are working towards, tell your advisor and ask for direction and guidance.

You'll have two classes and Lyceum every quarter. There are only a handful of classes you can choose from during the Fall through Spring quarters; however, in the Summer you can take classes at the Olympia campus and students at the Olympia campus can take classes at the Tacoma campus. Lyceum is every Tuesday, in person and virtually, where the entire Evergreen Tacoma learning community comes together and learns something...together. Faculty and staff will be

next to you learning the same thing from whoever the special guest(s) is/are. After Lyceum you will go into seminar with your faculty advisor and the other students who have the same faculty advisor. You will then talk about what you all just learned together. Seminars are meant to be student-led. So be prepared to speak in response to your readings and presentations given to you and be prepared to hear opinions and perspectives very different from your own. Your experiences and opinions are valid but don't be rigid. Your openness is what will get you to success in mind, body, and spirit. You're here to learn after all, and you're also here to teach, believe it or not.

Washington State Legislative Internships are a great opportunity to learn what goes on behind the curtain of the legislature. There are many opportunities for students, not just those looking to get into government/politics. TVW is a broadcasting platform for news, entertainment, and information coming from our state's capital. At the Olympia campus, you can participate in practice interviews and get assistance with your application. Reach out via the website or ask your faculty advisor how to participate.

During my time at Evergreen Tacoma, I have been a Washington State Legislative Intern/Session Aide, I led the S&A Board, I served as a student ambassador, I went to Africa with Evergreen Tacoma students and staff, I fundraised with a group of students to send students, including myself, to New Orleans for NCORE, I edited the Tacoma newspaper (The Sankofa News), I got to know faculty and staff at Evergreen Olympia, I've spoken at fundraising events, I've applied for so many scholarships, and I've asked for help in all of it. I did nothing alone, I was supported and loved on. AND I have children! You can do this, it takes focus and commitment, asking questions, and accepting help.

If you feel lost, if you feel like you can't talk to anyone for whatever reason, if you'd like more information on any of my experiences and how you can do them too or do something different, reach out to me, I'll be in the MPA program at Tacoma this year. Let's go Sankofas!!!

Peace and Blessings,

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## URBAN FORAGING

As someone who is interested in going to Evergreen, you're probably very familiar with the term foraging. Foraging generally applies to taking vegetables, fruits or herbs from the woods, sides of roads, and other, more wild places.

Urban foraging is a bit different. As the name would suggest, urban foraging is taking free things or handouts and using them to your benefit. It could also mean using edible plants from parks and planters. For some people it means stealing from Walmart. That's not what this is about, though.

In this article I will be detailing the specific spots on campus in which urban foraging is possible, and how to use what is being given out.

### SUPPLIES YOU MAY NEED:

A big bag for lugging around your forageables, some tupperware, and a notebook. It's always good to keep track of how much you've actually picked up in order to not take too much. I would also recommend bringing a flashlight, just in case you find some hard-to-reach and hard-to-see places in your adventures.

### POSTERBOARDS:

If you want to master urban foraging on this campus, the number one thing you should be looking out for is free events. Most free events happening at the college will provide food, drink and other knick knacks or fun collectibles. This makes them a perfect opportunity to practice your urban foraging skills in a closed environment!

### HEALTH SUPPLIES:

Almost all bathrooms on campus have sanitary pads or tampons in vending machines or little boxes near sinks. Some of my favorite spots to get sanitary products are **Evans Hall, Purce Hall, the CAB, and both of the SEM buildings**. The only rule for collecting sanitary products is to make sure you don't take all of one individual item before moving on to the next spot.

Another great spot for obtaining health products is the **Student Wellness Center** on the third floor of SEM 2. It's open weekdays 10:00- 5:00. The center offers a variety of small first aid kits, flu kits, COVID tests, and general relaxation kits; they can all be obtained by coming in and asking the receptionist at the front desk.



## FOOD AND OTHER:

**The Greenery** (College Activities Building, 1st Floor) has many more offerings than the thousand dollar meal plan dishes that at best tastes like a gas station meal and at worst makes you sick. The inoffensive bread and cheese next to the pizza station can be taken home. They also have a large bowl of fruit next to the soup heater. Near the back there is the cereal station where you can find about five different flavors of cereal. Most people don't eat too much of it and there'll be a lot to go around. Next to the cereal station there is a coffee and hot drinks station. To get the best and most amount of food out of the Greenery, get a giant metal-insulated water bottle and fill it up with coffee. And just like that, you've got your coffee for the week and avoid Einstein's \$7 cups! I would also suggest doing this with milk if you're not lactose intolerant.

**The SEAL** (Student Equity and Arts Lounge, CAB 3rd Floor) is a good place to find on-the-go snacks, oatmeal, ramen, and even a cup of free coffee. You can also find a variety of other supplies: condoms, lube, pronoun pins, information pamphlets, and hairpins, to name a few. Not to mention, it's just a really nice place to hang out and chill with friends.

Next to the SEAL is the **Student Activities Office**. Wednesdays are free popcorn days, and they will sometimes give out free treats around holidays. Joining a club is a good idea too, since SA will often order catering for those who show up to the Registered Student Organization meetings.

In Evans Hall, **the Library proper** carries one copy of each book a professor has asked their students to get. These books can be rented out for 2 days, which is perfect for any long night cram. The library and the computer center across from it both offer hundreds of pages of free printer

access attached to your evergreen.edu email or guest accounts. Just like the HCC, there is a free pile next to the main entrance to Evans Hall. It's eclectically stocked with donations from offices, students, and staff.

**The HCC** (Housing Community Center, near housing) is one of the best places to find food and other supplies. From the free store, to the free clothes pile, to even the Pod Market (if you have the Greener Bucks for it), you will probably find what you need. In addition to everything said above, during the move-out season (the start of summer vacation) there will be huge piles of food, clothes and other household items that you may need. It's always best to keep an eye out during the end of spring quarter to get quality items for free.

**The Police Free Store** (SEM 1, rightmost corner) is not at all a good place to get food. It's located outside the Police Services' mirrored-window-panopticon office and underneath the Parking Service Tower, (the place in which you get your parking pass for the year). The food hasn't been restocked in almost 3 years. There's still an open bag of chocolate chips and the same Saltine cracker packages that I have been seeing since freshman year. I am a junior.

My hope is that with all this new information, you decide to make your life a little bit cheaper, go out, and urban forage on your own. If you ever get nervous about taking some of these things just remember how much the college is charging you. This College owes you for its existence and for its continual operation. You should be allowed to live comfortably in your own space.

Happy Hunting.

# ***Manifesto of the Evergreen Party(-Scene)***

## **An Essay**

**Dealing with Considerations  
of**

**The Evergreen State College's  
"Party Scene"**

*in*

**a fashion most dialectical**

*and*

**including useful examples.**

**A.K.A. THE IMMORTAL SCIENCE  
OF DIALECTICAL RAGERS**

### **WHAT IS TO BE DONE... ABT WHERE DA PARTY AT??**

To those comrades who may have heard that Evergreen is plagued by a total lack of revolutionary party-consciousness, us at the Greener Front for Anti-Revisionist Ragers (Marxist-Leninist) feel ashamed to admit this is, in fact, the case. Spectacular capitalism continues to spin the masses up in its web of simulated desire, capturing the festive potentials before they can realize. While those who party too hard are beaten down by the brutal knocks of state goons. Our front formed to light a shining path towards a party scene formidable enough to confront the evil that is searching for a party on a friday night only to find nothing, or at best a large kickback with extra alcohol.

It does appear the notion has been spread that all one has to do is announce a party and meet the bare technicality of providing alcohol, we strongly warn against this *undialectical* and, quite frankly, *idealist* relation to the party task. A party is the vanguard of vibe. Its duty is to *lead* the masses to good vibes and not merely reflect the average anxious smolbean political consciousness of the masses. Without a developed consciousness the simple reaction towards immediate escapism will take the place of the party.

### **ALCOHOL DOES NOT MAKE A PARTY**

But it certainly is an often important augmentation for the party scene. It may bring out more creative impulses that exist within us to create situations, but relying on the alcohol will create an uncreative rein-

forcement. The media consumption that makes so much of our lives will fill in the place of a situation. Hence the common presentation of contemporary parties as everyone just drinking and on their phones with a couple people chatting. An adequate party-situation must be able to operate with or without alcohol, so the alcohol can be an augmentation of it.

### **THE PRODUCTION OF SPACE IS CENTRAL**

The space is the domain wherein the party situation can occur, and this does not have to be fixed. One can have a moving party that moves between different hubs or one of constant movement, in which case having a path is often a good idea. In order to facilitate any kind of party there must be the opening of space for people to move around and generate their own situations, or the space for curated situations to take place. Having objects impeding the space that are artifacts of non-party situations may impede the generation of party-situations.

Simply speaking, if we are talking about the standard Evergreen apartment, move out most of the chairs of the living room and organize the couch and tables to have the greatest open spaces. It goes without saying one would hope to clean up the space, so the last one thinks about is the anxiety of the messes they may have to clean up at home. Lastly, but by no means least, decorate! Having things which can add to the color and atmosphere of a party is key in transporting peoples emotional states to one of a party-situation. Do not forget the hallways and bathrooms as people are sure to congeal there.

### **DEVELOP INTERACTIVITY**

Simply by the nature of creating the right space and people going to what is termed a party, some slight party-situations will organically develop. Much more can be done here, generally it is important to have music going on at a loud enough volume, and some kind of food or snacks. The situation cannot be totally forced, the point is to set up nodes and vortexes of interactivity which promote organic generation. There are various ways to do that such as having games, interactive food, materials for doing different forms of art, exploring an area with certain goals, and so on. A popular attempt seen at Evergreen in generating party situations is to give the party a "theme", however unless this goes beyond merely dress theme the vibes potential will be limited. It may be good practice to have different parties themed by a focal activity, such as an art party or a dance party.

**Game Examples:** Charades, Pin The Tail on the Donkey, Bean Bag Toss, Twister, Uno, Hide and go Seek, Bingo, Beer Pong, Scavenger hunt

**Interactive Food Examples:** Cookie Decoration, Small scale cooking competition, Charcuterie Board, Gingerbread Houses (or any food building), Buffet Style anything

**Arts & Crafts Examples:** Blank butcher paper on the wall to draw on, Even just some dry erase on your damn fridge if you gotta, Coloring Books, Paper mache, Flower crowns, idk, be creative

## DO ALCOHOL RIGHT

It can do wonders to have cool cups and other forms of nice presentation. With standard plastic cups, having a marker nearby to write names or even color code to be a shorthand for people's boundries. Using conal cups that can not be placed is another step for harm-reduction. Having alcohol in stages or rotation and not all out at once is another good idea.

Now, comrades, we certainly would *never* encourage any ultra-left adventurism that could endanger the party and violate the sacred decrees of the administrative order, so do be aware of the full scope of Evergreen's alcohol and drug policies, laid out in the Student Conduct Code, which non-fascistly prohibits "the use, possession, or distribution of liquor on college property except when a student is of legal age or at a college-sponsored event that has an approved alcohol beverage banquet permit" and prohibits the "use, possession, or distribution of any controlled substance or illegal drug on college premises or at college sponsored activities."

In summation, be smart, be considerate, have good taste, and be a tribune of the party overall.

## MAINTAIN EACH OTHER'S SAFETY

An important thing to keep in mind is that a host of a party can be held responsible for the activities of guests invited or not. Don't let any of this scare you, just act professionally when dealing with the authorities, and it should all work out fine.

Incoming students may presume that because Evergreen is known to be a progressive campus that it is a space in which they can let their guard down safely at parties. Sadly this is simply not the case. Here are a few tips and reminders to keep you safe:

- Bring a buddy
- Watch each other's drinks
- Let your friends know if you're going somewhere late at night
- Be cautious when mixing substances
- Test your drugs, at least for fentanyl
- Stay hydrated!!!
- Remember, it's okay to go home if you're feeling overwhelmed
- Consent is made clear-minded

*In the case of the police arriving, remove anything suspicious from sight while also remaining calm and unsuspecting. People under 21 probably shouldn't be holding alcoholic drinks. Say as little as possible to the police.*

**Remember: Keeping each other safe is essential to having a fun time.**



# RESOURCES

## LIFE ON CAMPUS: THE ESSENTIALS

### FOOD:

#### SATELITE FOOD BANK:

Every other Tuesday, at 1-3pm, in Parking Lot C (behind COM). If you're in college, you are food insecure, and the more boxes the food bank hands out to food insecure people, the more state funding they get. Send your friends if you're in class.

#### BASIC NEEDS CENTER:

Appointments: 'Basic Needs Booking Calendar' at [evergreen.edu/care/how-access-our-support-services](http://evergreen.edu/care/how-access-our-support-services). You can make a half-hour appointment for food, household products, cleaning supplies, class supplies, gender affirming clothing (including binders and breast forms), and connection to other resources. Email: [ARCbasicneeds@evergreen.edu](mailto:ARCbasicneeds@evergreen.edu)

#### HCC:

Next to housing, has food bank and free piles. NOT accessible 24/7, check doors for hours.

#### SEAL:

3rd floor of CAB, two levels up from the Greenery. Snacks and coffee. Open weekdays 10:30-5

#### HUNGRY GREENERS PROGRAM:

Meal plan meals donated by other Greeners. Find them at [evergreen.edu/dining/hungry-greener-voucher-program](http://evergreen.edu/dining/hungry-greener-voucher-program)

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

#### FREE ONLINE TEXTBOOKS:

Look up the ISBB # and add PDF, or go to a free online collection like one of these:

PDF Drive ([pdfdrive.com](http://pdfdrive.com))

Library Genesis ([libgen.is](http://libgen.is))

#### BASIC NEEDS CENTER:

May or may not have school supplies, less likely to get textbooks but can probably get other things needed for class. You will need an appointment to get properly helped.

#### BUYING FROM OTHER STUDENTS:

Search for students who took the class before, in person or online. The Evergreen Unofficial discord server hosts a buying and selling textbooks channel.

#### EVERGREEN BOOKSTORE:

Nonprofit. They'll buy your books back from you at cost, so you won't be at a loss overall.

### STUDENT WELLNESS:

#### STUDENT WELLNESS SERVICES

Call to make an appointment during open hours at (360) 867-6200. They answer the phone 8-8:30am - 5pm. You can visit the web booking site [evergreen.edu/stu-](http://evergreen.edu/stu-)

### APARTMENT MAINTENANCE

[evergreen.starrezhousing.com/StarRez-Portal](http://evergreen.starrezhousing.com/StarRez-Portal)

- Scroll down to the green button labeled 'EVERGREEN - STUDENT SSO LOGIN' under 'Login with an External Service'
- Log in
- Click on the three horizontal dashes button on the left of the green band
- Select 'Room Maintenance'
- Scroll down to 'NEW JOB' button
- Select 'My Room' in the 'Room' category if you are putting in a request for your room. Select 'Shared Spaces' for the living room/bathroom/kitchen.
- Fill out description
- Scroll down and submit.

**EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE:** You will need to be patched through Police Dispatch. (360) 867-6832

**ON-DUTY RA:** (360) 207-1568

If the issue is with your wifi, there is wifi available in the HCC. Head there and email [resnet@evergreen.edu](mailto:resnet@evergreen.edu).

### MENTAL HEALTH:

**OLYMPIA FREE CLINIC:** (360) 890-4074

**COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES:** (360) 943-0780

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES:** (360) 704-7170

## MEAL PLAN:

All Greeners living on campus are required to have a meal plan. Meals are served in the Greenery, while dining bucks can be spent at the POD or Einstein's.

Dining hours for all locations are as follows:

### GREENERY:

Monday-Friday: Breakfast 8:00am-9:00am, Lunch 11:00am-2:00pm, Dinner 5:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday-Sunday: Brunch 11:00am-2:00pm, Dinner 5:00pm-7:00pm

In person dining and grab and go options available

### EINSTEIN'S BAGEL BROTHERS:

Monday-Friday: 8:00am-6:00pm

Saturday-Sunday: Closed

Grab and go dining only

### POD Market in the HCC:

Monday-Thursday: 11:00am-10:00pm

Friday: 11:00am-7:00pm

Saturday-Sunday: 12:00pm-7:00pm

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

### LIBRARY:

Open reserve textbooks are set aside and available for 2 days for all required books. May already be checked out.

### SUMMIT:

Ordering the books from other schools online takes ~2 weeks, but you have them for a month-ish. Library staff can walk you through the process.

dent-life/health-wellness:

### HOURS:

Monday: 10 am - 5 pm

Tuesday: 10 am - 5 pm

Wednesday: 10 am - 5 pm

Thursday: 10 am - 5 pm

Friday: 10 am - 12 pm

### MEDICAL SERVICES:

Acute Care, Sexual & Reproductive Health, Wellness & Prevention Visits, Travel Consults, Medication & Herbal Consults, Resources & Referrals, and Consultation

### COUNSELING SERVICES:

Meeting with a Mental Health Counselor, Evaluation and Referral Services, Resource Connection, Health Education + Groups, and Consultation to Campus Community

If any service they administer costs beyond what your admission has covered, they are required to tell you and you have the right to refuse.

In a mental or medical health emergency, call 911 or (360) 867-6140, or press the button on the blue emergency boxes placed around campus.

### COVID RESOURCES:

In the past years, campus has provided PCR test pick ups at no cost to students. They could be found in the Key office, RAD front office, or police services, RAD services and Student Wellness Services are good places to check for free rapid tests. Contact Evergreen's COVID team [COVID@evergreen.edu](mailto:COVID@evergreen.edu)

**SOUTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:** (844) 949-8888

## CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE & SPECIFIC SERVICES

Cielo Olympia (Latino Educational; Legal Advocates; Mental Health Services): **360-709-0931**

Downtown Ambassadors (Street Outreach; Business Support; Hospitality): **360-338-2853**

KWA: Korean Women's Association (Asian, Pacific Islander, and Elders): **253-535-4202**

Nisqually Indian Tribal Services: **360-456-5221**

PiPE (Aid & Counseling for Homeless Youth/Young Adult): **360-522-5536**

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA – Five Tribes): **360-426-3990**

Veterans Assistance Fund (Rent, Utilities, Food, Bus Passes): **360-867-2625**

Veterans Benefits and Services (WA State): **800-562-2308**

## HARM REDUCTION:

### NARCAN TRAINING VIDEO:

[stopoverdose.org/section/take-the-online-training](http://stopoverdose.org/section/take-the-online-training)

### THURSTON COUNTRY SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM, SERVICES:

Syringe Access and HIV Testing. Go to 522 Franklin Street Olympia, WA

**EGYHOP:** Critical care resources, they supply needed items such as camping gear, clothing, food, hygiene and first aid supplies

[ah-wa.us/egyhop](http://ah-wa.us/egyhop)

# homelessness in olympia & you



## PERPETUATING HOMELESSNESS IS SOCIAL MURDER

We must not forget that we are occupying land stolen from the People of the Medicine Creek Treaty. An essential step towards fighting homelessness and ultimately possible reconciliation with this lands' original residents, is returning land, such as Evergreen's Olympia campus, to its rightful owners and stewards.

The commons, once hubs for gathering, play, creativity, and community, are now primarily geared toward consumption and profit. This has a profound impact on everyone. For people experiencing homelessness, who may indeed actually have a little money, it means every day, they are punished for being homeless. They are targeted, ignored, scapegoated, fined, harassed, denied entry, denied bathrooms, denied social inclusion and advancement, threatened, and in some cases beaten; robbed; and murdered. These are not isolated incidents. Generally, these reactive interactions by the community at large lead to severe consequences for people experiencing homelessness' physical and mental health and ultimately, life expectancy. Data shows that chronically homeless individuals die between the ages of 42 and 52. What is middle age for people that sleep inside is the end of life for those that sleep outside.

The homeless population is diverse, comprising of women, families, youth, elders, students, the disabled, trans-identifying individuals (who have their own set of unique and terrifying barriers to housing and employment), men, and many others. Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are overrepresented and whites are underrepresented, compared to the overall population of this area. Some are what is considered "chronically homeless" or "visibly homeless" while others couch surf, hide, or experience other forms of homelessness. Data shows that most people (74% over a five-decade survey sample) experiencing homelessness do not use drugs or alcohol. Homelessness (or houselessness, being "home-free," "residentially-challenged," "people living without a domicile,") is very much a fluid, externally defined identity. Some of us that now live in homes were once homeless whether we admit it or not, and many of us that live in homes might become homeless ourselves one day. It is a social reality under the grotesque private-property-worshipping-system we live under, and we must admit to ourselves that it is us that suffer from homelessness and poverty. Our aunts, uncles, neighbors, children, grandparents, colleagues, coworkers, and cousins are us, and that further individualization, atomization, and "othering" mentalities exist to perpetuate ongoing fascist tendencies within the United States to divide us from each other.





### BANNER DROP AT THE (DISGUSTING) SO-CALLED "OLYMPIA" WATERFRONT

Homelessness is exacerbated by evictions and encampment clearances known as sweeps. Examples include the fenced-up Artisanal Well in downtown Olympia, as well as recent and ongoing RV and encampment evictions around the city. National scientific studies are just now beginning to show that encampment evictions ("sweeps") actually kill people experiencing homelessness. Encampments themselves have a diversity of self-organized structures, depending upon the people that live in them. More often than not, people that live in encampments understand that community is the practical and only solution to the violence of homelessness and poverty, and that "sticking together" is more than survival: it can build thriving alternatives to capitalism as we know it.

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# homelessness in olympia & you



## PERPETUATING HOMELESSNESS IS SOCIAL MURDER

We must not forget that we are occupying land stolen from the People of the Medicine Creek Treaty. An essential step towards fighting homelessness and ultimately possible reconciliation with this lands' original residents, is returning land, such as Evergreen's Olympia campus, to its rightful owners and stewards.

The commons, once hubs for gathering, play, creativity, and community, are now primarily geared toward consumption and profit. This has a profound impact on everyone. For people experiencing homelessness, who may indeed actually have a little money, it means every day, they are punished for being homeless. They are targeted, ignored, scapegoated, fined, harassed, denied entry, denied bathrooms, denied social inclusion and advancement, threatened, and in some cases beaten; robbed; and murdered. These are not isolated incidents. Generally, these reactive interactions by the community at large lead to severe consequences for people experiencing homelessness' physical and mental health and ultimately, life expectancy. Data shows that chronically homeless individuals die between the ages of 42 and 52. What is middle age for people that sleep inside is the end of life for those that sleep outside.

The homeless population is diverse, comprising of women, families, youth, elders, students, the disabled, trans-identifying individuals (who have their own set of unique and terrifying barriers to housing and employment), men, and many others. Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are overrepresented and whites are underrepresented, compared to the overall population of this area. Some are what is considered "chronically homeless" or "visibly homeless" while others couch surf, hide, or experience other forms of homelessness. Data shows that most people (74% over a five-decade survey sample) experiencing homelessness do not use drugs or alcohol. Homelessness (or houselessness, being "home-free," "residentially-challenged," "people living without a domicile,") is very much a fluid, externally defined identity. Some of us that now live in homes were once homeless whether we admit it or not, and many of us that live in homes might become homeless ourselves one day. It is a social reality under the grotesque private-property-worshipping-system we live under, and we must admit to ourselves that it is us that suffer from homelessness and poverty. Our aunts, uncles, neighbors, children, grandparents, colleagues, coworkers, and cousins are us, and that further individualization, atomization, and "othering" mentalities exist to perpetuate ongoing fascist tendencies within the United States to divide us from each other.



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about the rhetoric used against this marginalized population, and there are national efforts to legislate those experiencing homelessness as a protected class of citizens.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Carry cash and give what you can indiscriminately. If you can't spare money, spare a "hello" or a nod. Be safe, be reasonable, and use situational awareness. Do not carry more than you plan to give.

- Talk to your family and friends about the sanctity, importance, and value of human life. Do this especially if they proclaim themselves to be Christians.

- Research harm reduction, and learn how to use and carry Narcan.

- Find ways to get involved: EGYHOP, Food Not Bombs Olympia, the Evergreen student group Yes! Greeners Helping Greeners, and the BNARC on campus are great places to start.

- Stop watching and reading local news reports, as they tend to LIE ABOUT EVERYTHING. Vocalize opposition on social media, especially NextDoor and Facebook.

- Help us keep pressure on lawmakers, real estate interests, lobbyists, and the police to stop killing people.

- Find creative ways to lower the property values of your neighborhood. Lower property value could equal a higher quality of life for those of us that rent and especially for those of us that live outside.

- If you feel brave enough, try it out. Sleep outside for a night with a buddy and experience a small taste of the good, the bad, and the ugly of homelessness.

- Learn about squatting. A good, knowledgeable, fun read (written by a NASA scientist) about this topic is called Possum Living by Dolly Freed.

- Love each other, Hail Satan, and do you, boo.

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# GENTRIFICATION:

Throughout recent decades, US cities have been transformed. Low-cost housing has been demolished and replaced with luxury housing. Economies have shifted with the demise of Mom-n-Pop shops and manufacturing towards the opening of tech industries, corporate outlet stores, expensive bars, boutiques and cafes... Entire cultural landscapes have altered, as old informal mutual aid and kinship networks, often found in working-class, immigrant and POC neighborhoods are slowly eroded by displacement. The term 'gentrification' is used to describe this kind of urban change.

### BEYOND BLAMING HIPSTERS:

Gentrification is of great concern for most radicals and leftists in the US today. Yet gentrification is very rarely successfully repelled, partly because it's simply a difficult fight to win, but also because gentrification is misunderstood by many who seek to oppose it. Dominant understandings tend to analyze gentrification primarily through an identity / lifestyle lens, emphasizing the role of 'hipsters' or 'yuppies,' most of whom are white and from middle-class backgrounds. This emphasis reflects a certain reality, in that gentrifying neighborhoods/cities are characterized by an increase in whiter, wealthier hipsters and yuppies in places that were formerly home to mostly working-class people of color. However, gentrification involves much more than the individual consumer choices of hipsters and gentrification has been occurring long before the lifestyle category of 'hipster' has existed. It results from the desire to make profits in a capitalist economy. It is landlords (and

not hipsters!) who have the power to raise rent and throw people to the streets through eviction. Likewise, developers play the absolutely crucial role of tearing down older low-cost housing and building luxury housing in its place.

Government officials and politicians facilitate gentrification by doling out tax cuts and subsidies to developers, by crafting policies that target houseless people, people with mental illness and drug users, as well as by cutting social welfare programs. Lastly, police are essential in aggressively harassing marginalized residents.

If you're interested in a more developed (and incomprehensible theoretical analysis of gentrification, check out the writings of Marxist geographer Neil Smith, but the fundamental point is that as long as profit is the name of the game, gentrification will happen, regardless of the existence of particular lifestyle groups. With that, be sure to identify the real culprits: landlords, developers, government bodies and cops in anti-gentrification organizing- and target accordingly.



## HOUSELESSNESS, PUBLIC SPACE, & LUXURY DEVELOPMENT:

Criminalizing houseless people and policing or curbing public space are important components to gentrification efforts. Public space in the gentrified city and under capitalism generally is to be utilized only to facilitate consumption and profit-making. Public space that is used purely for survival (in the case of houseless people) or creativity, leisure or political activism is policed, surveilled, or enclosed and the people that engage in such activities in public space are displaced or criminalized.

In downtown Olympia, where gentrification is currently concentrated, there is little rental housing and a large houseless population. Thus, criminalizing houselessness and policing public space are especially fundamental to gentrification in Olympia. Multiple city ordinances exist to ban or limit public camping, sitting on the sidewalk, loitering, and sleeping in cars. Public bathrooms are inadequate and usually close by 8 or 9pm. Public benches are routinely removed or dividers are erected to prevent sleeping on them. It is thus necessary to view public bathrooms, benches or parks and the like as important sites for resistance to gentrification.

Downtown Olympia is currently host to various "market-rate" (luxury) housing developments. Developers Walker John (a Thurston Co. resident who also built the 321 Lofts) and Ken Brogan are largely responsible for these projects. These developments increase property values, and with them rents and prices, leading to displacement and the shuttering of local businesses. Currently there is little organized opposition to luxury development, and even less of which is informed by a radical critique of gentrification.

# WHERE'S OUR MONEY, YOU BA\$TARDS?!?! reflections on funding and power at TESC

When we look through Evergreen history, students have encouraged a culture and organized practice of exposing the questionable policies of our administration. Lengthy responses to public records requests and a discovery of smoke alarm surveillance devices purchased by campus police are but a few stories uncovered by this investigative journalism. Student organizations who cultivated communities of political education, such as Olympia chapters Students for a Democratic Society and Hip Hop Congress, were active for years with hundreds of student and faculty members. As these groups hosted more events and made larger impacts on campus systems, they met repressive ends.

In this era of increased regulatory control and low enrollment, we want things to be up and running, forgetting to demand oversight for how they run. Though it isn't solely on us; little effort is made by the administration and student government to democratically engage the entire campus community in their dealings with policy makers and financial advisers. This is no secret. For all of us to be educated about the structure of this elite framework, here are some things you have a right to know:

The Evergreen State College, as a public educational institution, is a separate entity to The Evergreen State College Foundation, a 501(3)c non-profit corporation. In this context, non-profit means that donations received by the foundation are intrinsically linked to the college for specific purposes (some tied to contractual obligations) and which cannot be considered liquid capital, surplus, or "profit". These donations are given to a private corporation that represents a public institution; they are their own legal entity. Transparency, accessibil-

ity, equity- all the things you expect from your public institution and the leaders who run it- are not rights the Foundation owes you. Those who work for the Foundation acquire donations by sniffing them out like a salesman, though they call themselves giving officers. The money can come from a family foundation whose entire economic prosperity has been built through exploitation, slavery, or colonial projects. It comes from people who are claiming to be the saviors of public education in the U.S., but are the exact forces that condemn our struggle for free education. When we understand that money is power and power is control, we can see how Foundation donations are simply ways the elite can maintain their power by controlling the production of academic work and consumption of vital resources. In this view, the office in charge of the TESC Foundation has stewardship over how our college operates, seeing as they write the grants and accept the checks. In an increasingly privatized higher education model that is adapting to neoliberal policies and values, the strive to remain viable becomes the action of oppressing students, their literal clients. For us to have power, much better understood as autonomy, over our experience, there must be transparency within bureaucracy. We don't care how long it takes to organize.

When you steward the funds of an organization, you steward its content, experience, and representation to other communities. What we learn, how we learn, how much our tuition will cost, the image of students and our values and goals, even what we eat, is decided in small, private groups between our President, the TESC Board of Trustees and TESC Foundation Board of Governors. Contracts

between Evergreen and other institutions, specifically for what kind of education will be funded, are made priority based upon a criteria set by people with “traditional” indicators of success. As you may know, our radical history is explicitly hidden by the administration’s marketing and communications teams, who focus on hosting events for conservative donors and sharing stories from our liberal colleagues who don’t rock the boat. We are green-washed, showcased as apolitical stewards of environmental sustainability. The names of our martyrs are canonized in scholarship memorials, yet few speak their full truth. Our journalism, our insistence on decolonial justice, and our absolute

disgust at the way we are policed is consistently censored, though they are the most integral aspects of campus life. We have a right to ask the administration why they care more about maintaining a police presence for FINES ENFORCEMENT and REMOVING SIGNAGE rather than re-evaluating how to meet students’ safety needs, especially in the dorms. Why the last, FULL college budget posted on our website was in 2015... 8 YEARS AGO! Where is the accountability? Why is student grief never taken seriously?

Our collegiate experience is crafted by individuals whose careers have a vested interest in the “industry success” of our institution. Even if that means gatekeeping our mascot for marketing events, disrupting student and worker organizing, recording our every move, giving our campus police military grade weapons, making some of us sleep amongst our abusers, serving us dead food of horrible quality, and attacking foundational art and media programs- the places where we create, critique, connect and mobilize. We, as a unified student body, deserve systems that support our needs, it’s that simple. We should be included in decisions that are made about our academic catalog, our recruited faculty and executives, and the values that steward the direction of the college in all its external relationships. We want to know:

What are our institutional, contractual obligations?

Who are you hiring and firing, and why?

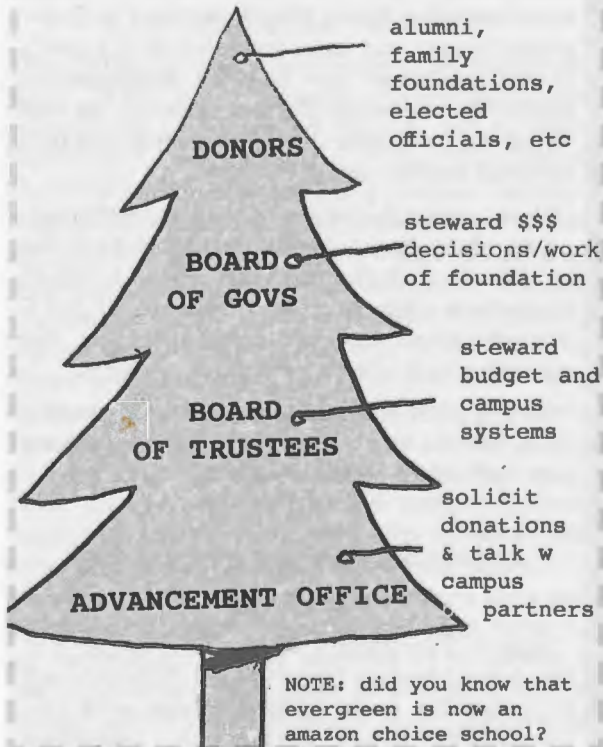
Why are you frightened by empowered students?

Do you understand that our curiosity, assuredness and topical critical analysis comes from the education WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE?

When will our leaders stand behind the youth and say “we hear you, we trust you, thank you for seeing the problems, and we are destroying the unjust and exploitative systems in your honor”?

### TESC FOUNDATION:

- private funding entity
- current campaign supports \$49.7 mil of budget.





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The 2017 Protests were cringe. There is no other way to say it. It was cringe! It's embarrassing that whenever you look up Evergreen you will be flooded with click-bait cringe compilations full of comments by wrap-around-shade-profile-picture right wing reply guys. It's embarrassing that this college's breaking point, despite its history of actual combative and radical politics, was the most impotent so-called protest ever imagined.

*"The first time a tragedy, the second as a farce" - K. Marx*

We can only call 2017 cringe so many times. But we feel obligated to because Right-Wing Revisionism and Administration's "trauma" makes it sound like the Northwest cultural revolution where students were occupying workplaces and classrooms and reactionaries were being beaten in the street, and an Evergreen Soviet had been established (If only). Sometimes when our enemies propagandize against our movements and community, we feel obligated to become uncritical supporters as a defense mechanism.

We will not talk about what the protests ended up being about. Media disinformation was so intense that the story we know as "2017" is nowhere comparable to the events of 2017. We will refuse to address the spectacle. We will talk about what started the protests.

Here is a list of some of the issues that were important to the protests and while everyone was distracted got much worse.

### WORKER STRUGGLE AMONG THE STUDENTS

Despite Evergreen's image as a utopia for trust-fund hippies (which is not fully untrue), it is also the state funded college with statistically the largest working-class population



in the U.S. Because of this, the administration sees an opportunity to exploit its desperate student-workers. Historically, student-worker struggle has won bi-monthly pay periods and safer working conditions. During 2017 protests the RA's, organized in the activist non-union group RAFT, went on strike. They presented a list of demands covering issues such as bettering wellness services for students in housing, refusal to work with police services, and increased worker protections from exploitation and discrimination. The strike ended in the mass firing and eviction of RA's during the summer and the hiring of SCAB labor for the coming fall quarter. RA working conditions have only gotten worse since 2017. Stipends have been gotten rid of, uncompensated hours and 40+ hour schedules extended, and a slow reduction of meal plans going from 10, to 7, to an attempted 5 meals a week.

### THE RISE OF RIGHT WING GANG VIOLENCE IN THE PNW

The PNW has had a long history of fascist violence. In the 1930's close to a thousand Spokane communists outnumbered, fought, and defeated Portland's Fascist Chapter of "The Silver Legion." In the 80's-90's neo-nazi gang violence became a huge problem for the PNW, specifically Portland as "skinhead city," but hate crimes and terrorism extended throughout the Northwest including Olympia. Through militant anti-fascist organizing led by communists and anarchists defeated these groups. During the Trump election some of these exact same groups reformed, restructured, as well as created new reactionary groups. In response, "Antifa" became a big deal in the PNW. In Olympia itself street combat between fascist and anti-fascist community members happened leading up to 2017, as well as the rest of the PNW. Many students and teachers were part of the anti-fascist struggle and even targeted by reactionary groups because of it. Some of the right-wing groups came onto campus before, during, and after the protests. Eventually the po-

litical gang violence would snowball into the PNW George Floyd Rebellions where Portland, Seattle, and Olympia would be intense battle grounds during 2020.

### EVERGREEN COP SURVEILLANCE, HARASSMENT, AND RACISM

Police Services at Evergreen have repeatedly tried to increase their power successfully and unsuccessfully. Police Services, despite the service part of their name, see their primary role as counter-insurgency. This is not even a stretch, Evergreen Police have in the past have spied on political radicals, sympathetic faculty and undocumented students and worked in tandem with the FBI and JBLM to spy on anti-war and eco-defender organizers at the college. Though as far as we know, the FBI and JBLM seem to have moved on to other things after successful political repression, the Evergreen mall cops feel intent on living their glory days. From assault rifles to riot gear to hidden cameras, it is also a known secret that Cops still spy on students and radicals in Olympia. During 2016-2017 the Paul Blart Brigade decided to step up their tactical-incompetence including but not limited to refusing to investigate and notify student and faculty about hate crimes on campus, detainment of black students based on facebook memes, stalking of other political radicals, and pushes to make any form of civil disobedience on campus punishable. In the aftermath of 2017 campus cops retained funding, being one of the last departments to experience budget cuts during COVID, purchased 5 assault rifles, acquired hidden surveillance cameras, and have hired extra security guards.

History is not measured in the actual recounting of events and the fallback they have for our current moment. History is now measured by speculation of events unfolding in the abstract, in electronic and informational spaces, which is the same space in which shitty vice and Breitbart articles are posted.

End of 2017 Statement.



# HOW THE FIGHT FOR PALESTINE'S LIBERATION AFFECTS YOU DIRECTLY

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"It's about time we stop apologizing for our support for Israel," Joe Biden told the US Senate in 1986. "There's no apology to be made. It is the best \$3 billion investment we make. If there weren't an Israel, the United States of America would have to invent an Israel to protect her interests in the region".

The US and Israel are both settler-colonial states founded on the genocide and displacement of the native population. Zionist colonization predates Israel's founding, but the State of Israel was founded in 1948. The event of Palestinian displacement is recognized as Al Nakba, meaning "catastrophe" in Arabic, which continues to this day. Since World War 2, Israel has been the largest recipient of U.S. military aid. To date, the US has provided \$145 billion for military "defense." American tax dollars are directly funding the world's largest open air prison in Gaza.

US law enforcement agencies such as police, ICE, border patrol, and the FBI are in active collaboration with Israeli counterparts. They share tactics such as racial profiling, massive spying and surveillance, deportations, and detentions, and other attacks on human rights. This shared and mirrored history is partly why Israel is one of the primary U.S. allies and why the U.S. can never criticize them. This also goes to show that supporting Israel is a perpetual core of bipartisan policy. In 2016, Obama signed a 10-year \$33 billion deal, the big-

gest to date. American tax dollars are directly funding "the world's largest open air prison" in Gaza.

## ANTI-ZIONISM IS NOT ANTI-SEMITISM

Zionism is a political ideology that advocates for the establishment and protection of a so-called "Jewish homeland", which since the construction of the State of Israel has been at the expense of Palestinian lives, autonomy, and land. There has been a deliberate effort by Zionists and institutions like the IHRA to define opposition to this ideology and the State of Israel as a form of anti-Semitism. Nothing could be further from the truth. Historically, Zionism was only one of many political currents among the Jewish people, among the much larger anti-Zionist alternatives such as the working-class Bundists.

Many contemporary Jewish organizations oppose Zionism and the occupation, from the ultra-orthodox Neturei Karta to secular-progressive organizations like Jewish Voice for Peace and radical left groups like Jewdas and Matzpen. Equating anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism silences countless Jewish voices and creates a false image of the Jewish people as a monolith. This is convenient for the State of Israel, which engages in systematic discrimination against Mizrahi and Ethiopian Jews.

There is nothing anti-Semitic about unconditional

opposition to the ideology behind ethnic cleansing, racist repression, and countless human rights violations.

## BELDAAN SOLIDARITY NETWORK MISSION STATEMENT

Beldaan is an Olympia-Tacoma community led by students from the Palestinian diaspora displaced onto Medicine Creek Treaty land, committed to the right of Palestinians to return to the Blad (The Country).

Beldaan's mission is to inform the community through political education, cultural resistance, and solidarity with people's struggles.

We condemn the normalization of Zionism and support the right of Palestinians to resist by any means necessary.

Beldaan seeks to condemn and reject classism, Islamophobia, Anti-Semitism, imperialism, colonialism, ableism, bigotry, and discrimination in any form. Beldaan is an explicitly Anti-Zionist network that rejects appropriating Palestinian autonomy and culture.



## RACHEL CORRIE

Palestine solidarity matters to the Evergreen and broader Olympia community. American activist, writer, and former Evergreen student from Olym-

pia, Rachel Corrie, was a pro-Palestinian International Solidarity Movement member. She had made it her life goal to protect Palestinian families and homes from ruin. On March 16th, 2003, at age 23, Rachel was tragically murdered by an Israeli Defense Force Caterpillar Inc. bulldozer, crushing her to death in southern Gaza. After the passing of Rachel Corrie, her parents created the Rachel Corrie Foundation in efforts to keep her mission and legacy alive. The Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural Project, located in downtown Olympia, is a tribute to Corrie and Palestinian solidarity which collaborates with local, national, and worldwide Palestine activists through art.

## ANTI-ZIONIST ACTION IS UNDER ATTACK

An Evergreen faculty member has recently participated with a coalition of more than 80 signatories by pro-Zionist professors and educators worldwide named The Jewish Studies Zionist Network. Their mission is "to affirm that Zionism is a legitimate movement for the national self-determination of the Jewish people in their ancestral homeland" and "reject characterizations of Zionism and Israel that seek to discredit their legitimacy." JSZN argues that criticism of Israel, particularly as a settler-colonial project and apartheid state, is "agenda-driven, manipulative, and therefore antithetical to promoting knowledge and scholarship in our communities."

The creation of this coalition was just after one of the many massive bombings in Gaza in 2021, that this time, got past censorship barriers and held worldwide attention. The outcome killed 260 Palestinians, including 66 children, 1,900 were injured, 2,400 housing units were left uninhabitable, and over 50,000 units were damaged. At the same time, towns in occupied Palestine, such as Sheikh Jarrah, Silwan, and many more, faced violent and illegal "expulsion" from their homes conducted by

armed settlers and supported by the Israeli Defense Force. This act of brutal ethnic cleansing has been the case for the duration of Al Nakba for the last 75 years onward.

Communities around the world are beginning to relearn and understand the “issue” of Occupied Palestine not as a conflict issue or a religious war but for being an illegal, violent annexation and apartheid directed by Zionist settlers and their government, which is actively funded by our U.S. tax dollars. The Anti-Defamation League was quick to reframe its definition of anti-Semitism, claiming that speaking up against Zionism and for Palestinian land and lives constitutes an act of anti-Semitism. Due to that, it has created a form of censorship of Palestinians and those in solidarity with them, allowing the world to dehumanize Palestinians and deem their living truths and history unreliable.

Evergreen is aware of this and has shown its support, standing by this faculty member who is

actively being granted funds from the Antisemitism Education Initiative grants, a maximum of \$25,000 per year renewable for up to three years. Evergreen cannot claim to honor the life of Rachel Corrie while continuing to support this faculty member.

So what does this mean and why does it matter to Greener? This faculty member joining this particular coalition means they are pledging to carry out its mission statement of “thwarting efforts to demonize Zionism and Israel, via such charges as ‘apartheid,’ ‘a racist endeavor,’ ‘genocide,’ and ‘Jewish supremacy’”. Many human rights organizations, including Amnesty International, have described Israel as an apartheid state. Israel’s behavior towards Palestinians fits the UN definition of genocide. This doesn’t just affect Palestinian students, but also peers and allies whose freedom of speech is under attack. This is an obvious form of erasure of Palestinians and their decolonial liberation struggle. **WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?**



puget sound anarchists in front of the Olympia-Rafah solidarity mural downtown, 2021

# IT'S STILL BIGGER THAN HIP-HOP REMEMBER THE V-DAY UPRISING



*"Feb 14, 2008, Olympia: a date that the pigs and the people collectively will not be able to forget for a considerable amount of time." (Disorientation Manual 2008-09)*

It has been that considerable amount of time.



On Feb 14, 2008, Pan-African Socialist Hip-Hop Duo Dead Prez performed at a concert organized by Evergreen's Chapter of Hip-Hop Congress. With the concert's collaboration from almost 40 other student groups and community organizations, hype had built significantly over the months. The event saw over 800 attendees crammed in the CRC on Valentine's day evening.

The concert went great up until the last few songs, when a fight broke out from some "self-policers." The girlfriend of someone involved ran and got the police. She pointed at a random black man, who was not an Evergreen student, claiming he was the reason for the fight. The man was detained by Officer April Myers of Evergreen Police Services who only needed the words of a dumb obnoxious yuppie as evidence(excuse) to harass an innocent black man.

The Man was detained and placed in the back of the cop car as students tried to explain the situation to an unresponsive April, growing increasingly agitated. Attendees joined in to prevent the arrest; shaking the cop car, blocking its exit with the crowd, heckling; Thurston county cops were called in as back up and blocked the concert exit doors. Patrol officers from wider Olympia took the opportunity to take out some of their rage on Evergreen students with batons and pepper spray. Tensions with wider Olympia Pigs were already

heightened from student participation in the previous month in Port Militarization Resistance blockades to stop weapons being used in the illegal Iraq war.

Students and attendees began to resist, throwing trash, tagging the cop car. The force of the crowd pressured the cops to free the falsely arrested man before retreating. In celebration, a cop car was flipped by the crowd. With no more riot to have, and the exit unblocked by pigs, everyone peacefully went home.



The uprising had the success of immediately scaring off the cops and stopping the man from getting detained. Yet, the situation was not resolved without retaliation.

Hours after the crowd dispersed from the concert, OPD riot control showed up in full gear to a handful of students and custodial workers cleaning up. After yelling at the workers to get back towards the wall, the cops posed for a photo-op with the trashed cop car. These images were circulated in Thurston County Papers— an attempt to control the public narrative, tend to bruised egos, and pretend that their uncoordinated chaotic police riot was anything but a shitshow.

Back on campus, two waves of arrests swept the student body. After a video was eagerly turned over to the police, a number of students volunteered themselves to identify individuals in the video. Others were coerced, threatened, or pressured by the pigs into cooperating. TESC administration was also overly eager to help with the investigation. None of the arrests could have taken place without the immense amount of cooperation given to the investigators by so-called members of the community.

Following a brief administrative pause on student events, new Student Activities policies caused more limitations and scrutiny over what clubs could and couldn't do. Evergreen decided to implement the Risk Assessment and Review Team into the event planning process at Student Activities. RART includes any combination of the Dean of Students, the Department of Health and Safety Officer, the Directors of Business Services, Police Services, and Student Activities, and a student representative, in order to review any big event at the college. This policy is still in place, and also relevant to any group of non-club affiliated students planning to host a protest.

Policy changes targeted Olympia Students for a Democratic Society just two months after Valentine's day 2008 with a last minute cancellation of their panel with former Black Panthers. Their decision to host the event despite the cancellation and administration's unprecedented response of suspending SDS's club status for a full academic year further positioned leftist student groups directly against administration.

The months following 2008 marked the Evergreen cops' first official attempt to procure assault rifles. Using the media sensation of the riot, the police appeal for multiple \$10,000 rifles, with a \$2000 yearly upkeep estimate. The community response is overwhelmingly

negative. The cops repeated this appeal periodically until summer of 2017, when they were acquired 5 AR-15s.

## **WHY DOES THE V-DAY UPRISING STILL MATTER?**

Outside of the retaliation by administrative-police powers which we still suffer under, there are some "lessons" and general vibes that are applicable to how we think and act under riots.

Riots are moments when the "contradictions" of capitalist society boil over into moments of combat. These contradictions, despite their violence against the oppressed, are normally experienced through boring and numb everyday routines. A riot allows for these routines to become cathartic moments of healing. Riots by themselves are not going to change the world, but they are moments of potential change which we do not normally experience in our everyday life.

Riots are not necessarily the most "militant" form of political action. Without proper political mobilization before, during, and after they can become opportunities for the state to blow-off steam to prevent a worse uprising and also resolidify, reconstitute, and restrengthen state power.

The potential for political activism to change the world, which is informed by everyday and mundane organizing, can and will only reach its conclusion through open warfare with the capitalist-state and the racist colonial class traitors known as the police.

When the pigs are sent running from our communities, when bosses leave behind factories to be used by the workers, and when administration realizes they never ran shit to begin with, we will not apologize. We should only see an opportunity for the possibility of a world that could be free.





## SOME LESSONS FROM V-DAY AND ITS AFTERMATH

### 1) YES, WE CAN WIN AGAINST THE POLICE

Resisting the police is scary. There is no point in not being scared. But when we work together there are more of us than they are off them. We love ourselves, our homies, our community, and our comrades more than the police ever could imagine. We can only fight the police together. Together we can say no to police violence and economic exploitation. We say it nicely the first time as a warning. We send them running the second time.

### 2) "No bad protesters in a racist system" I.E. DON'T SNITCH

You might think sacrificing a social outcast, a lolcow, or someone you think is cringey will protect you and make your perspective look more respectful to administration, power, and liberals. They could not give less of a shit. Don't give up people in your community. The cops and admin will appreciate your compliance and go for you next.

### 3) EXPERIENCE INSURRECTIONARY JOY. DON'T BRAG.

Participating in militant and high-intensity action is cathartic! Dare I say it's a form of Self-Care! Do not

apologize for the joy caused by successfully defending your community from racists and seeing prisons burn. We should openly express our views, refine tactics, and celebrate victories. Don't be a clout chaser though. Bragging about that badass illegal thing will not make you cool or help you get laid. It will make you look pretentious at best and get other people arrested at worst.

### 4) STUDENT PROTESTS ARE NOT KILLING EVERGREEN. ADMIN IS.

I have heard it said passive aggressively that "Evergreen would be a better place if admin wasn't put in a "tuff spot" because of all the anarchists provocateurs." BULLSHIT. The Valentines Day Uprising was one of the most successful events at the college! Good Music, huge crowd, good times, and a cop car got flipped. Enrollment actually went UP afterwards! Evergreen is a school made by the students and workers. Sometimes that's a creative urge, sometimes it's a destructive one, either way it's all out of love. The students, despite their occasional "rowdiness," have never harmed Evergreen. Administration and Police have though. And they will continue to until they don't exist.



# SPACE, ART, & ARCHITECTURE AT EVERGREEN

## BRUTALISM:

The average Evergreen student complains about our brutalist architecture in favor of the forest and they are WRONG!!!! Partially, at least. The woods are pretty sweet, but the “problem” with our campus is NOT the cold concrete face in contrast to the green that surrounds us. This contrast is incredibly cool. The problem ACTUALLY lies in how our ownership over space has never come to fruition.

The beauty of brutalism is that it’s made to facilitate the social relations inside it. Large echoing halls, huge windows, exposed and layered walkways... This architecture calls up visions of a bustling campus with students in every corner, music trickling from stairwells, trade blankets in the shade of the CAB, and canvas murals streaming down the clocktower. The strange, haunted feeling that you get from these enormous, empty grey buildings comes from encountering the spaces people should be gathered and creating in, without the evidence that they ever could in the first place.

There are traces of a past presence all around Evergreen, simultaneously adding to and easing the haunted feelings. The ghosts of student art reveal how people once engaged the geography of this campus, and how we might well do it again. I encourage you to chase them.

## MURALS:

Despite the decline in resources towards our state-of-the-art printmaking, letterpress, woodworking, and metalworking workshops, as well as the disappearing infrastructure for our arts and media programs, our artistic spirit will always be here. Tucked away in corners and buried in basements are the murals and artwork of students, the images, words and wisdom imparted to other generations.

I encourage you to visit the *Unity* mural housed in the CCBLA, located in SEM II. Created in the 2022 Mural Project program, it traces a similar legacy of student voice that this manual aims to collect. Among all the strange art in CAB, visit the 1993 *First Peoples’ Mural* Student Activities office while you’re up there joining a club.

So as not to give away the rest of the murals on campus, I’ll just point you to their whereabouts. Spend time exploring the floors of Evans hall. Take new routes, try doors... you’ll never know what’ll happen. There’s art all over SEM III. Start at the top and work your way down, as low as you can get. Check the outdoor stairs of the big dorm buildings. And finally, make sure to take a trip over to the COM building. While there aren’t exactly murals, you’ll find the ruins of performing arts at Evergreen.





## GRAFFITI:

The graffiti at Evergreen is best observed in its absences. While navigating campus, you might find patches of grey paint covering the concrete pillars of SEM II and back parts of CAB.

The most glaring example of this is the defunct site of the Evergreen Free Wall, to the back side of COM. From 2003-2004, the Free Wall was a designated arts space for people to throw up designs. If you travel there, you can find years of graffiti piled up and flaking— from both before and after the Free Wall's time— sandwiched in layers of house paint.

Even if you can't see what's buried beneath the grey patches here, you understand that it used to be something. You understand that there was a significance to someone in claiming their space, and you understand that its covering was either met with anger or a cheer from students like us.

Explore. Claim your space. And most importantly, have fun.

### EVERGREEN GRAFFITI WALL



## The DEATH & REBIRTH of THEATRE at the EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

There is no ghost light on the stage of Evergreen's theatre.

It's been five years now since budget cuts shuttered the doors of our campus' Experimental Theatre, and with it came the slow and brutal downfall of Evergreen's performing arts. The COVID-19 pandemic laid a final nail in this coffin. Riot to Follow and the Perennial Players, the performing arts clubs struggling in the aftermath, did not survive the campus closure, but their ghosts remain: in racks of costumes gathering dust in basements, in stacks of scripts written by students long since graduated, in the anger of Greeners past and present over the arts being stripped from a liberal arts college. It's all still here. It's just in waiting. And it is restless.

We want to stop waiting. We want to turn that ghost light back on.

The performing arts have long since been known to hold positive impacts in both education and in community. Theatre creates awareness and understanding of social issues, and allows for exploration and expression during times of adversity. It strengthens our communities, celebrates identity, and amplifies the unspoken. All are important in the growth of our campus and our futures. But we can't do it alone. To put on a production takes a village. **The Evergreen Theatre Club** is looking for creatives of all kinds to help us create performances both during this school year and all that follow. All experience levels are welcome to join us in building a strong community here at The Evergreen State College. To find out how you can play a part, find us on [instagram @evergreen.theatre](https://www.instagram.com/evergreen.theatre), check out our discord server through the Evergreen hub, and keep an eye out for posters around campus.

# Marxism and the Politics of Revolution

Evergreen has a reputation for a prominent activist history and culture that has earned it both admiration and admonishment. If you're reading this, it's a reputation that draws you. As you probably know, or will by the end of *Disorientation*, that history is one which was built by students, workers, and rebels at the college and beyond. The anti-racist protests which swept through campus and the national press in 2017 were a clear demonstration that any institutional commitment Evergreen has to social justice is a damn lie. It's clear that if we want anything at this school and in the world, we need to fight for it. If we want to fight effectively, we need to understand what we want, how we get there, and who we're up against. Marxism is the tool which provides us that understanding.

The basic method of Marxism is *historical materialism*. Historical materialism means:

1. Starting our analysis of the world from the entry point of material and social conditions, all of which are fundamentally interconnected. Who gets what? Why? How? What do they do with what they have?
2. Identifying history as being in constant motion, propelled by the motor of contradiction. What antagonisms play out within and between social classes and other bodies? How do they take place and what are the results?
3. Centering social practice in theoretical work. What conclusions can we draw from our analysis? How can we act on those conclusions? What points of continuity are there between past and present?

This is what distinguishes Marxism from academic social sciences. Our use of the scientific method is a *partisan* one aimed at the overthrow of class society and all forms of oppression.

Marxism does not claim to uncover any hidden truths or unshakable objects of veneration. What Marxism does is allow us to turn a living analysis into a *program for action*. A revolutionary Marxist program is a system of demands stemming from the conditions and consciousness which leads to one unalterable conclusion, the *conquest of power* by the working class. These demands can take a number of different forms.

Marxists raise political and economic *minimum* demands in specific struggles like strikes for better wages or movements in defense of democratic rights because struggles for basic improvements in people's lives prove in practice that when workers take action and exercise their collective power as a class, they can win.

Marxists also raise *transitional* demands in mass movements, like calling for labor/black self-defense committees in the fight against police terror, which are directed against the foundations of the existing system and help build a working-class counterpower which is inevitably propelled into confrontation with the bosses and the state. As revolutionaries it is our duty to seek each and every opportunity to not just build but *extend* the demands of today's struggles. Our job is to develop a new anti-systemic revolutionary consciousness against the *capitalist realism* which leads our coworkers and fellow students into doomerism or to "vote blue no matter who." Doing that means that when a serious confrontation between the oppressed and the capitalist regime occurs, like the George Floyd Uprising, we can issue the maximum demand for socialist revolution alongside the spontaneous demands of the masses and have it *mean something*.

Our revolutionary program is directed at the proletariat, the working class which has to sell its ability to work in order to survive. Marxists hold that the working class is the revolutionary subject not because class is "more important" than any other form of oppression but because the working class *makes itself a revolutionary subject through the struggle itself*. Not



only is the working class the overwhelming majority of the population, not only are we as workers strategically placed to stop the bosses from accumulating profits, but because capital is the fundamental barrier between ourselves and our development as human beings. Capital has torn away the fruits of civilization, it has taken all the products of our hands and minds and turned them against us for its own gain. Satisfying our needs takes and has always taken *class struggle*, the process by which we won the weekend, the 8-hour workday, and every single other meager gain that keeps life remotely bearable. The working class isn't and hasn't ever been the stereotype of the noble and burly blue-collar male worker. All of us who are exploited or excluded by capital, this unruly and rebellious mass of everyone from cashiers and custodians to lap-dancers and longshoremen, constitute the instruments of labor destined to dig the grave of the ruling class.

The multi-gendered, multi-racial nature of the working class necessitates that Marxists act as *tribunes of the people* who consciously combat all forms of oppression. Capitalism is built off of the subjugation of women through both social-reproductive and "real" work, maintained by the violent policing of gender and sexual norms necessary to preserve the patriarchal family. The "civilization" built by the bosses could not have come to being without the brutal dispossession of the peoples of the Global South and centuries of chattel slavery, and cannot be maintained without neocolonial exploitation, racist police terror, anti-immigrant violence and imperialist war.

All of this exploitation and oppression is carried out through an immense *monopoly on violence* and an organized network of relations of property and power. Marxists recognize that the self-emancipation of the working class

requires massive levels of organization, ultimately in the form of a *Communist Party* which carries out a program for power. Such a party is not a "party of order" but a *party of autonomy and insurrection*. It conducts *social investigation* to forge an organic link between its program and the everyday needs and struggles of the masses. It engages in mass work to build and participate in *organs of counterpower* such as labor and tenant unions, popular assemblies, transit rider unions, abolitionist groups, solidarity networks, and more. Above all, its aim is to advance and coordinate mass movements and fights for immediate demands to guide them to victory as part of the protracted struggle for a world socialist revolution.

If you want a world without borders, bosses, or cops: get organized, get rooted, take up the banner of Marxism and fight to build a Communist Party we can call our own!





EVERGREEN and the PNW will talk a big talk about progressivism but in actuality it's like anywhere else if not worse.

Evergreen for example, will participate in Jim Crow ass legal games with the primarily black working class student population of Tacoma campus to deny them the same resources as Olympia. Marketing will endlessly advertise the House of Welcome while using it as an assembly place for police and seizing their kitchen tools to prevent them from feeding their community to appease Aramarkkk contracts. Evergreen has no qualms about enforcing Washington State's most blatant segregationist and colonialist ambitions.

Racism at Evergreen and in Olympia ranges from the passive aggressive and esoteric to the violent and blunt. If you are looking for an answer to "does racism exist at Evergreen," it is what we should have expected. Yes.

Past Disorientation Manuals have listed advice for white people to navigate "discussions" on race. I don't find this helpful. White people are trained endlessly by academia, social media, and HR grifters on how to act with minorities. All this has done is deputized our peers to interact with us like case workers. The white people who are actually anti-racist aren't the ones who overthink every interaction with minorities out of some faux-white guilt. They're just normal people who interact with us like normal people. It isn't complicated.

Anti-racist action will not come from seminars or diversity training. It will come from building autonomy for oppressed nationalities and building a militant multicultural working class movement.

## **ARE THE WHITES IN THE ROOM WITH US RIGHT NOW?**

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The capitalist University functions broadly as a place to remove people from their communities, prevent the educated from organizing within them, and create a new generation of managers. Evergreen and academia is a factory for tokenization. A lot of us come here seeing education as a form of political action because of how much these institutions have been historically denied to us.

Despite how much they force us to chant “I am enough” right next to the cops at Equity Symposiums, we still feel displaced. This toxic positivity of performatively affirming our identities sets us up to be complacent with an institution that leaves us lacking. We start to think that this lack can be filled by “accountability.” Conversations like this miss the point. These institutions weren’t made by or for us and they will never be enough.

Separatism becomes our next option. We isolate ourselves from the rest of the white student body into designated multicultural spaces. But despite the idea of “separatism,” it never feels separate. A lot of “the work” that is done in these spaces is just complaining about the white people we didn’t invite. We complain about the whites generally, specific white people that pissed us off, the white people that broke up with us, and it’s like are the white people in the room with us right now?

We forget that these spaces can be used for more than just discussing whites. We do not acknowledge that we’ve built new identities for ourselves to come to the university—ones alien from the cultures we grew up in and ones that only exist in opposition to white students. In this, Evergreen succeeds in distracting us from the cultures, communities, time and money we chose to leave behind to be here. These spaces must instead be used for developing a new culture and militant anti-racist political strategy.

## **RACE AND CLASS ARE CONNECTED: SOLIDARITY IMPLIES DIFFERENCE**

Academia will try to tell us that class is just another “identity,” a long list of identities to choose from. They’ll tell us that all these identities are impacted in such enormously different ways that we can’t participate in a shared vision of the world. That even thinking we could have one struggle that unites us all is actually racist.

Your identity does not define your class. Class informs why you identify. Race doesn’t burn class, they both burn you.

Race was invented in the social process in which millions of Africans were transformed into human capital, where the First Peoples of the Americas were targeted for genocide over their land and resources, and where Asia had to be constructed as an exotic market for opium exports and tourism. And before all that, Europe had to cannibalize itself to develop its own underclasses.

When we think of how to organize ourselves inside and outside of Evergreen, we need to think of the class struggle. Class is something that affects every race, even white people. This is not to say that developing autonomy for oppressed ethnicities is secondary, the class struggle actually intensifies this necessity. From striking Chinese rail workers in 1867, to the League of Revolutionary Black Workers in 1969, to immigrant farm workers in Yakima today, our autonomy has been advanced through class struggle. Complaining and dialoging to managers and institutions that aren’t listening doesn’t make the white ruling class afraid or advance our culture. General strikes and riots do.

Class struggle is an advancement for agency and acknowledgment of differences under a totalizing goal. That is the only place where actual anti-racist struggle can develop. Solidarity doesn’t mean standardizing our experiences, or compromising multicultural spaces, but expressing all of our rage into a tactic that can actually create the possibility for a post-race multicultural future.

Solidarity implies difference.

# On Ukraine: No War but the Class War!

Among the innumerable ways in which the college's administration has attempted to posture as a progressive proponent of social justice was its sponsoring of a teach-in on the war in Ukraine on March 7th, 2022. This attempt to provide left cover to US imperialism's war drive against Russia and China is entirely non-unique, with many organizations which call themselves socialist, communist, or progressive taking a position of effective support to the Ukrainian-NATO side of the conflict. Others on the left have taken a flipside of the same capitulation, using the democratic right of Russian-speaking peoples in Eastern Ukraine to self-determination and the smaller geopolitical weight of Russia compared to the United States and various European powers as an excuse to support Russian imperialism against NATO. It is imperative that rebel workers and students at Evergreen take a principled position on this inter-imperialist conflict against the deluge of liberal virtue-signaling one finds on social media.

Anti-fascism and the defense of democracy aren't the grounds on which either side is waging this brutal war, merely a smokescreen for the real motive: the defense of profit. The war was undertaken by the Russian state in response to continued aggressive encroachment of the imperialist NATO alliance into its geopolitical sphere, with NATO bases effectively encircling Russia's borders. The principal objectives are to defend the market position of its main export commodity, halt Ukrainian integration into "Fortress Europe", and reshape the balance of geopolitical power from one dominated by the United States and its allies

into a "multipolar" world of intensified inter-imperialist competition and conflict. The objectives of the US and its NATO allies in "poking the bear" were to force their Russian competitor into a servile position reminiscent of the post-Soviet crisis of the early 1990s and to expand and maintain their hegemonic position in world affairs. These plundering bandits couldn't care less about the Ukrainian people, who have been slaughtered by the tens of thousands under NATO command!

Capitalism is a global system of exploitation, and the working class is an international class whose antagonism with the ruling class does not stop at national borders. Imperialism, the current and "highest" stage of world capitalist development, is a period characterized by the predominance of financial and industrial monopolies which compel the division and subjugation of the world periphery by the major centers. In this situation, where

Ukraine has been torn apart by two competing imperialist powers, our only response can be *revolutionary defeatism*, to declare in the words of Karl Liebknecht that *the main enemy is at home* and that the imperialist war must be converted into a *civil war* by the working classes of all parties involved against their capitalist rulers. The only road forward for Ukrainian and Russian workers and soldiers is to fraternize and turn the guns around on their officers and exploiters. For us in the United States, our duty is to fight for *workers action against all imperialist arms shipments* and for the *defeat of our own government* in its war moves.

All those at Evergreen who aim to stand for internationalist solidarity against inter-imperialist war are encouraged to form a struggle committee under one unalterable slogan: *No war but the class war!*



# What are you ACTUALLY laughing at?

## PC CULTURE, CENSORSHIP, AND FASCISM



Evergreen has, like any other public body subject to discourse, a varied opinion as to what's "right" and "wrong" when it comes to language. PC culture in and of itself is purely symbolic. With bias rampant in the news and stances altered by varying social scenes, it's important now more than ever to discern the line between righteous denouncement of cultural appropriation and bigotry and what are thinly veiled agendas attempting to strip minorities of choice and evolution in the history of their own language. There is violence in willful ignorance. There is healing in reclamation. What largely comes to mind is the discourse surrounding the LGBT+ community and the reclamation of the slurs faggot and dyke.

The rise of generalized, excessive censorship is a hallmark of times in which fascist ideology's influence is on the rise.

In Gregory Stanton's model "the Ten Stages of Genocide," he entails the (not necessarily linear) phases characteristic to the path of genocidal agendas. The first and second stages, classification and symbolization, detail the way in which victimized groups are labeled and distinguished; effectively "othering" them as

an out-group and establishing an "us vs. the opposition" mentality that festers. Comedy is one of the biggest and most easily accessible bodies of work included in the dissemination of social info and media, and that's exactly what sees it at the center of some of the most controversial conversations as troubling ideologies slip through into the everyday, parading as simple humor.

Gallows humor is a term reflecting the darker side of comedy. If a person being hung is being humorous about it, it's obviously dark – and well within their right as they cope with facing their mortal end. If someone in the audience watching is cracking jokes and laughing? They're a piece of shit. There is a clear cut difference between dark humor and shock value/offensive humor. In the first case, the circumstances of the jokes pertain to the actual person telling them. In the latter, it's at someone else's expense. When that brand of comedy expands to the world of minority groups, it takes the shape of a form of dehumanization that enables the expansion of derogatory and violent rhetoric. People grow desensitized to very real struggles these hypothetical quips make bastardized use of. Always keep a critical eye open: don't be afraid to be the person that puts their foot down when something batshit is said. And DEFINITELY don't be the guy that helps to maintain the increasing normalization of fascism through the vessel of comedy. If it takes willful ignorance at the expense of others' livelihoods to deliver a punchline - you're just not funny. We've all heard this sentiment and it's a crucial echo of resistance that has stuck for a reason: **kill the cop in your fucking head.**



# YOUR WAY TO THE WORLD

[ADA  
Accessible  
Path Not  
Available]

**BY LUC GLASCO**

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In the unfortunate reality that is how public places handle ADA requirements, not much has to be done for a space to be considered accessible. Even then, countless times we have seen this twisted to save costs or to get the people in charge off their backs. Does this mean those areas are accessible? Not necessarily. This is evident on Evergreen's campus, no matter how legal it may be.

I shouldn't have to warn disabled first years about what to look out for when wanting to exist on campus. I shouldn't have to give them elevator schedules. I shouldn't have to tell them that to make their way across campus safely that they must take a longer, more roundabout path because this campus is not

made for disabled people in mind. But, to the disabled person I know will be reading this, I want to aid you in preparing yourself for what our campus has to offer. And, to the allies reading this, I want you to hear what your peers have to go through and think within yourself what you can do with your privilege to help.

Having limited mobility sometimes will make it feel like this campus is working against you. There are little to no seats on the pathways (particularly to Red Square), and the main pathway Evergreen students take is uneven. This path does have an elevator, yet it closes at around 8pm every night-- before even the library closes. There are stairs, but stairs aren't an option for everyone, making the elevator



their only option. There are ADA pathways, but in my own experience they are poorly maintained. (This is where allies can come in—If you see a dirty ADA pathway, clean it up!) However, what I cannot recommend enough is preparing to have a back-up plan for traversing campus, especially when making your way to Red Square. The elevators can be unreliable at times, especially with how few and far between they can be on campus. There are 2 outdoor elevators, but they are out of the way and break frequently due to being outside. In general, if an “ADA accessible” pathway is out of the way and requires extra travel, it’s not actually accessible! The Evergreen website, as well as many maps on campus, show where every elevator and ADA path is on campus. I recommend keeping these in mind in case you end up wanting to use the CAB elevators before 10 AM on the weekends, or if your mobility aid can’t currently handle bumpy terrain.

A lot of events on campus will not be very accessible as well, in part to the terrain that the event may take place on. This can include events hosted by the school, the students, or class trips. In my experience, making a big deal about accessibility can make a big difference. Make sure the organizers know about how accessible the location is before planning the event. If they don’t, make sure once they find out that they let the people know! Don’t be afraid to take up space with your needs. You never know who else may need the same thing. If you cannot avoid going somewhere inaccessible, I’ve found having a buddy to accompany you does a lot to help. This could be a classmate, faculty, or a friendly stranger.

My final words to you, disabled Greener, and this one is important: Find community! It can get grim being alone in your experiences, or having no one who knows just what you’re going through by your side. There are plenty of opportunities to find community on campus—Discord, clubs/student groups, classes... I’ve made friends purely by just having casual conversations while on the Olympia buses—which do kneel and have a ramp, by the way! While I do agree that this movie screen idea of college being this hypersocial time of your life is inaccurate, there are ways you can make good friends on campus—especially those of the disabled variety. There’s also the classic option of hanging up flyers on campus, which can be used for making friends as well as mutual aid and calls to action! I’ve found this pretty successful. Whatever you may do, you have the support of many. You have community no matter if you know everyone on campus or don’t know a single soul.

I hope my words help make at least one person feel safer on campus. If you want to get in contact with me, my email is [luc.glasco@evergreen.edu](mailto:luc.glasco@evergreen.edu). I’m open to answering any more questions about accessibility you could ask.



# ADVICE FOR TRANS WOMEN FROM

You're going to face transmisogyny at Evergreen, and a lot of it. This school is, unfortunately, not a utopia or somewhere free from the social-political forces of the world. I'm not here to give every answer or act as an expert of navigating transmisogyny on campus but here are some things that helped me get through daily existence here as a trans woman.

At Evergreen the most common place I've faced transmisogyny is in the classroom, but housing can also be tricky. For me it's taken several forms; direct bigotry, ungendering, microaggressions, and the like. Being able to spot these incidents as they occur and then being able to react to them appropriately was essential for me to stay afloat here.

To quickly define the term if you're not familiar, transmisogyny is misogyny directed specifically towards trans women. Its goal is to exclude trans women from womanhood using bio-essentialism, gender roles, white supremacy and sexism to establish rigid boundaries between male and female that cannot be crossed or challenged. Some useful books on the phenomena I'd recommend would be *Whipping-Girl* by Julia Serano (this book is where the term transmisogyny comes from!), *Gender Outlaws* by Kate Bornstein, and *Transgender Warriors* by Leslie Feinberg. Learning trans feminist the-

ory as well as black feminist theory (because bioessentialism is so deeply tied to white supremacy and anti-blackness), will help with understanding transmisogyny. They'll also help you navigate space at Evergreen and avoid nasty people who don't love ya.

Most of us can spot direct bigotry from the start. When someone calls you a slur, a man, or directly and aggressively calls your womanhood into question, we know that it's bigotry coming from a disgusting place. The problem is that your cis classmates and faculty may not pick up on it until it boils over into something even uglier. In these situations, you may be your only advocate. If you do not aggressively advocate for yourself, you will be walked all over. In my own experiences I have only gotten faculty to act when I've been the biggest bitch in the world, and in the moments I didn't I got zero help. It infinitely helps to have support from other people around you, especially other women. Gauging which girls are TERFS and which ones will fight for you tooth and nail is tough, but once you can parse it you'll find some of your biggest allies.

If you're not familiar with ungendering, it's when someone strips your womanhood from you, either by maintaining you're a man, or that you're neither a man or woman. Ungendering doesn't just happen to trans women;

# YOUR LOCAL TRANSSEXUAL WOMAN

many black and brown women have been talking and writing about the concept for decades. At Evergreen it will be wrapped in progressive language, but you'll be consistently told by people through their actions that you are not a woman. You need to be as direct as possible. Any sign of passivity will lead to a pattern of behavior from those people in which they slip you into a third category because they don't see you as a woman. I always immediately correct them, sometimes outright saying "I'm a woman." It's a constant battle of being the mean, aggressive, man in a dress, or the passive effeminate failed man in their view. It's a game we can never win, so don't bother and just be a mean evil woman who knows exactly who she is and doesn't take shit. Unfortunately to make it while being a trans woman, you'll be a bitch, you'll be a cunt, and you'll be aggressive and off putting to some people.

Before I close out I feel it's needed to talk a little bit about passing and being stealth. Both are tools for navigating the world as a trans person and are sometimes needed to stay safe. Passing does not need to be the objective and I've found it's not always as active a process as some may think. You can be you and pass. You do not have to be a 50's housewife to pass and you don't even need to pass to be a woman. Passing isn't directly

correlated to effort, time on hormones, or beauty. If you want to or need to pass, you'll need to figure out how people react to you when you pass and when you don't, so you can understand when you're passing and when you aren't. Passing is a tool and nothing more. You'll certainly meet girls who define themselves by it and who separate themselves from the rest of us because they pass, but remember: we are women regardless if we pass or want to pass, if we go on hormones or not, if we get surgery or not.

Our womanhood can never be taken, stripped, or held from us. By acknowledging we are women, we have already secured our womanhood.



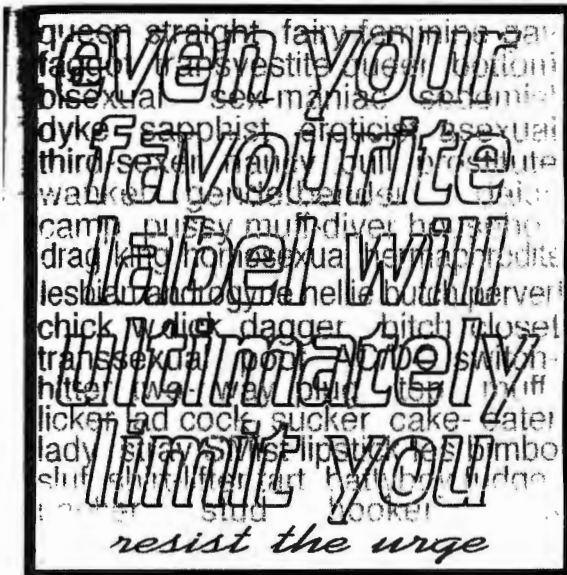


In previous editions, it has been deemed important to explain to newcomers the basics of the LGBT community. These were the not-so-far-off times before gay marriage was federally legalized and pride month became an advertising opportunity for Raytheon. Things are very different now, so we'll go forward assuming you already know all about the Ls, the Gs, the Bs, and even the Ts.

THOSE new to Evergreen will find themselves experiencing an entirely new kind of homosociality. When over half of the student body identifies as some type of queer, it ceases to be something special to define yourself by. So what's a queer to do to make themselves feel special around here? The answer to that is a lot of things. Some wear pride merchandise on their backpacks or beanies. Some wear shirts with slogans. And still others will begin to collapse in on themselves and each other in an attempt to recreate the social dynamics they were so used to back home. As someone must be on top, someone must be on the bottom, not just in the bedroom but at kickbacks, in classes, and in dorms. Evergreen, while full of gender-neutral bathroom stalls, is also full to the brim with infighting. You will hear arguments over pronoun circles, respectability politics, pansexuality, kink etiquette, passing, polyamory, hormone treatments, micro-labels, and a million more tiny things you never thought would cause any amount of strife between people who look so much alike- and really, anywhere else, would be on the same side. For decades our biggest concern was whether or not we would be gaybashed for stepping outside the house. How far we have fallen, to be taking catty potshots at each other over any ideological disagreement. Basing your friend groups and associations off of who shares your very specific opinions on gender and sexuality is a remnant of chronically online adolescence we should be trying to leave behind. Assuming the best of intentions until proven otherwise makes it easier in the long run to spot genuinely malicious people, actually! The world is not a TikTok comment section. Take col-

lege as an opportunity to log off and enjoy the real meaning of community- that is to say, acceptance, support, and taking people as they are. Bask in the light of a thousand tiny gay suns shining on you as everyone dances along to live music downtown in their shiny mesh crop tops. Do it before you're out in the world again and have to consider a problem bigger than whether or not your suitemate agrees with you on the finer details of genderfluidity.

THE obsession with birth sex at Evergreen looms large. AFAB and AMAB are used interchangeably with FTM and MTF, or transmasculine and transfeminine, as if to say- yes, I may be a man, I may be nonbinary- but I'm the SAFE kind. I can't rape or abuse or manipulate you because I'm not THAT kind of queer. We as a community can't seem to shake our obsession with how we were born long enough



to realize we have hardly deviated from the same bioessentialism that cisgender people have been perpetuating for time immemorial. In the dichotomy of bioessentialism, female genitalia is designated as being safe, non-threatening, soft and unable to harm, while male sex characteristics are ordained to be inherently intrusive, dangerous, and anxiety-inducing to be in proximity to. For decades trans-exclusionary radical feminists have been positing the very presence of a penis as a threat of rape. Why do we allow ourselves to fall prey to this tired narrative wrapped up in new woke packaging? Trans women are, by cold-hard statistics, more susceptible to being victimized. This is not up for debate. We can see it in the overwhelming deluge of trans women killed due to trans panic or domestic violence and the lack of attention paid to it. Trans girls, if you are

reading this, just know- there ARE people here that care about you, and you will find them. There are many people here that will believe you when you say you were wronged by someone when you say you've been disrespected and excluded from class conversation, when you report strange behavior or off-color comments or sexual harassment at the hands of another queer, even if everyone else seems to think that person hung the moon. Please remember that you deserve to be here as much as anyone else who falls under the categories of trans or woman. And if you aren't a trans woman, I would ask you to please consider not being a fucking asshole just because you can point fingers and make life easier for yourself.

OUTSIDE of these more social concerns, you may be wondering- how easy is it to live as trans or gender nonconforming on this campus? Firstly, you can request your housing situation be more suited to your preferences when filling out your housing application on Starrez in the 'Gender Identity and Suitemates' section. While it isn't guaranteed to be followed through, you may select the option to

either be placed alongside students who share your gender identity or to be placed in co-ed housing. Personal experience is that if you are a transgender student you are more likely to be placed with other transgender students regardless of their identity or the options you pick. Secondly, you may request your name to be switched on things like your transcript, school email, and academic statements from your legal one to your preferred one. To do this you log into My.Evergreen and navigate to the 'Profile' tab at the top of the page. There should be an option in the gray-colored 'Settings' box that says 'Change chosen name' for you to fill out at your leisure, though it is harder to change your chosen last name and there are other loopholes that may make it difficult. There is also a link below that one to help start the process of a legal name change- if you aren't already aware of this process, more information can be found at [courts.wa.gov](https://courts.wa.gov). Beyond that, as stated before, almost all restrooms on campus are gender neutral, many are single-stalled, and they contain free menstrual products for any who may need them.

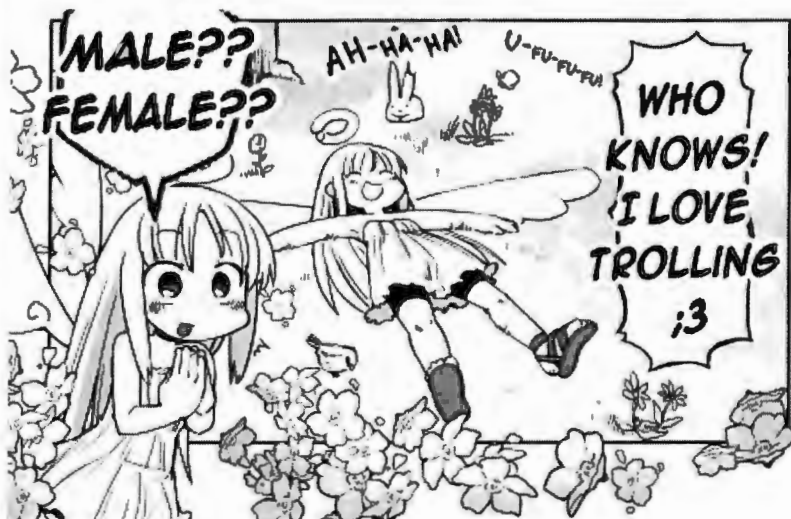
If you are looking to access trans healthcare, you are in luck. Washington is ranked among the top twenty states for ease of access, and many aspects of it are covered by Apple Health. Seattle is known to have some of the best gender-reassignment surgeons in the US if you are willing to travel. On a less positive note, Olympia Planned Parenthood has unfortunately stopped offering HRT services for its clients- though there is an ongoing effort through their union to get the service back up and running.

EVERGREEN is many things but you cannot say that it isn't more accepting of the queer and trans community than ninety percent of other places you will find yourself in. We may bicker and gossip like siblings do, but that is still what we are- siblings. Enjoy being in the presence of your siblings. Don't make yourself more miserable while you're here than the world is going to once you're out.

## INFO ON:

- name changes
- identity markers
- healthcare
- how to not be an asshole to other trans people

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## the life and times of an evergreen junkie

When we talk about drug use in academic and activist spaces, the conversation is invariably tied to the practice and slogan of harm reduction. Much of this discourse is framed as if none of its participants use or have used and as if those who do are an external, vulnerable population who exist first and foremost as an abstraction upon which we can project the desire to be compassionate.

Harm reduction is invaluable work. It saves lives and does, in a material way, combat the depiction of addicts as broken and useless human refuse. This is particularly true when it comes to those who do harm reduction work directly — correct ideas come from practice, after all. Still, however, I can't help but be alienated by the overwhelming majority of what gets said, whether it's about harm reduction, decriminalization, psychedelia, or whatever else.

Two of my friends are dead. Both of those people got pushed out of Evergreen first and foremost because they were vulnerable, they were unstable, and whether admin knew it or not they were addicts of one kind or another. I remember with one of them, E., we downed 40s and wrote all over the walls of their room with paint pens as a futile guerrilla outburst against their imminent expulsion. I smoked heroin for the first time with them a couple years later in an apartment that reeked of cat piss while their then-partner stared at me in silence from the bed. Bob's Burgers was on. The other friend, I., was someone I'd interviewed for a planned writing project about student experiences with the campus police. I bought her groceries a few times and often

held the flashlight to help her find a vein. I blew my first cloud of clear with her and ended up playing Beat Saber of all things, and one night we ended up making out until I called her "miss" and asked her to hurt me, upon which we had a conversation about kink and sexual violence I hardly remember a word of. I still listen to her playlists sometimes. E. intentionally overdosed when faced with eviction, and if I remember correctly I. went by accident.

At the time of writing I've been addicted to opioids for a year and a half and have used drugs in one or another capacity for a little over five. Between chronic pain, untreated trauma and mental illness, and by this point the raw mechanics of dependency, there's a real sense on some level that I need them. I'm on suboxone and haven't used in about three months, not because I'm invested in a notion of "recovery" but out of raw convenience.

From the common but dated phrase "be gay do crime" to shitposts about ketamine and enthusiastic reports of therapeutic experiences with psychedelics, drug use is an obvious material reality that appears to be receiving some level of destigmatization. This undercurrent of flippance and ironic detachment is in my view somewhat of a mirror to the discursive separation from drug use and its realities present in most harm reduction discourse.

The joke is often told that drugs have won the war on drugs. The reality is that the war on drugs was never a war with an end in mind, but has always been a state of permanent counterinsurgency against the vulnerable

and dispossessed. That war is very real, very brutal, and is happening under the surface and in the corner of your eye at any given moment. A clearer glimpse of the issue can be approached by asking a simple question: where did your bag come from?

Addiction and drug use aren't crimes, but they aren't cute. Like their pharmaceutical counterparts (often also their point of origin), drugs have a powerful capacity to help or to harm. That's as true of fentanyl as it is for psilocybin or MDMA. Drug users are almost invariably both treating and suffering alienation and violence. Criminalization itself wields an implied violence which compels your friends, neighbors, and coworkers that use to hide what they're doing and all it entails from you and who knows who else.

Drug use (or temporary lack thereof) often involves screaming, crying, shakes and sweats and vomiting, delusions, emotional violence, and all manner of other things. Every time

this is invoked as a deterrent to using, it creates a romantic myth of chemical seduction which finally enables their suffering to be visible and undeniable that does just as much if not more to attract and enable than any childish notion of drugs being cool and fun (which, to be fair, is often true at least temporarily). The myth of the suffering addict, just as much a figure in harm reduction discourse as it is in punitive-puritanical approaches, is one which continually reproduces itself.

At the end of the day, I'm not sure what message to leave with you, and I'm not one to divulge much more of my life story than I already have. All I can say is to be careful and compassionate. Support your local harm reduction effort, especially those self-organized by users like the PDX Drug Users Union.

To my fellow junkies, past present and future, I love you. I can't promise it'll be okay, but we deserve to be.







## NOTES FROM A STUDENT ATHLETE

I've had multiple administrators and coaches wonder why there aren't more students on campus interested in and attending sporting events. As an athlete, it almost feels like we are in a bubble and not con-

nected with the rest of the campus. There are some misconceptions that I would like to debunk.

I've been asked many times if I get paid as a college athlete. The answer is no. The NIL (Name, Image, and Likeness) bill that passed nationwide allowing college athletes to get paid allows for them to become entrepreneurs and make money from Youtube, Tiktok, and other avenues like that, but **schools aren't paying their athletes directly**. Our school only gives a few players scholarships as our budget is tight. I think there is a general misconception among students that athletes get paid, and if not paid, at least get their tuition compensated. As a Greener I understand the frustration, and that when you see athletes here going to school that you wouldn't view them positively if you had those misconceptions.

The reality is that being a student-athlete is difficult. Going to classes while being committed to playing a sport everyday is hard. Especially when you're tired from a practice, tired from a long road trip and don't feel like doing homework on the bus or in vans, since the teams in Evergreen's leagues are in Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. Many of my teammates have to work on top of playing soccer and going to school at the same time. So the reality is that we're a lot more like the average student than you think. We are affected by faculty unconcerned with our health and well-being and unfulfilling campus food, and financial and academic resources. We want there to be better living and working conditions on campus, so people are engaged in the wider Evergreen community.

We are the lowest funded school in our conference, who can't give out many scholarships. Most of the teams in our league are private schools. **We get dirty looks every time we step out of our Evergreen vans at away games.** Players on other teams always talk shit about us and criticize our mascot Speedy (calling Speedy a dead clam, a penis, et cet-

era), disparaging Evergreen's liberal arts education, calling us hippies, among other things. During my sophomore year, in 2021, We were playing a team in our conference and we were beating them, one of their players yelled, "how are we losing to this trash school?". I responded "what're you talking about, we're outplaying you right now." He said, "I was talking about your education." If you're really talking shit about Evergreen's education while we're beating your rich private school where most of your teammates have intergenerational wealth then you took the L. **You're rich and you lost to the "Woke SJW Hippie School" and you're mad.**



An opposing player on a team also once approached a fellow teammate who kneeled for the national anthem threatening to fight him for taking action for something he believes in. Myself and other teammates were inspired to do this from Colin Kaepernick who started this trend in 2016 specifically in response to police brutality. Many players across the NFL stood in solidarity and joined him. I can understand why the national anthem would be played at the Olympics, the World Cup, or any event actually representing this country. But **why do we need this disgusting normalized nationalism even at college soccer games?** We do it so often at sporting events that most people don't even think about what they are standing for. I think it's important to question that, and take action against this normal-

ized American exceptionalism and nationalistic ritual. What I see in this country, which claims to be a champion of freedom, human rights, and democracy, is something entirely different than those things. I think standing for the national anthem or pledge of allegiance goes against my personal values, convictions, and principles. **Whether consciously or unconsciously, these patriotic rituals encourage people to support their country even as it causes pain internally and abroad.** I am no longer willing to take part in these rituals and ignore the way this country oppresses millions of people at home and abroad. I don't identify with the United States, I instead choose to identify with anti-imperialist struggles and the working class which have no borders.

Evergreen student athletes are concerned about politics and social justice because of our education and lived experiences on campus, just like our fellow students. Personally, I have been radicalized by my Evergreen education to take action and protest the national anthem.

Shoutout to Coach Steve who coaches both the Men's and Women's team. He spends countless hours dedicated to coaching and supporting us in so many ways. Last season after the national anthem was played before one of the games he noticed some of us kneeling and told us that he supported us doing so.

We need to bring excitement to our sporting events. In my first two seasons on the Men's Soccer team, Speedy hasn't even been at one game! We need to start asking questions about why Speedy is at Cop Appreciation Day and in Puget Sound Energy commercials but not at sporting events. What's the point of a mascot if not to attend sport games and hype people up? Who wouldn't want to see a giant Geoduck running around! We would appreciate all of the support we can get and we should take advantage of all of the events on campus that there are since events and community building is so limited.

To build a stronger community on campus interaction between the sports bubble and the rest of campus should go both ways. We don't have many community events on campus and we should take advantage of the ones we do have. On this already isolated campus we don't need to self-isolate on top of that. Soccer games can be a good way to meet new Greeners, build community, and organize. It would be cool to have people waving signs, flags, and generally showing school spirit at our games.

**VIEW SCHEDULE:** [gogooducks.com](http://gogooducks.com)

#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Bushnell University	10/6 (Fri)	Les Schwab Sports Park (Eugene, OR)	7:00 PM
Corban University	10/7 (Sat)	Outdoor Athletic Complex (Salem, OR)	7:00 PM
Rocky Mountain College	10/15 (Sun)	Wendy's Field (Billings, MT)	3:00 PM
Carroll College	10/20 (Fri)	HOME GAME	3:00 PM
University of Providence	10/21 (Sat)	HOME GAME	3:00 PM
Southern Oregon University	10/29 (Sun)	Raider Stadium (Ashland, OR)	2:30 PM
Oregon Tech	10/30 (Mon)	Oregon Tech Soccer Field (Klamath Falls, OR)	2:30 PM

#### MEN'S SOCCER

	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Warner Pacific University	10/6 (Fri)	HOME GAME	4:30 PM
Bushnell University	10/7 (Sat)	Les Schwab Sports Park (Eugene, OR)	4:30 PM
Corban University	10/13 (Fri)	Outdoor Athletic Complex (Salem, OR)	2:00 PM
Walla Walla University	10/15 (Sun)	Walla Walla U. Soccer Complex (College Place, WA)	1:00 PM
Rocky Mountain College	10/20 (Fri)	Wendy's Field (Billings, MT)	12:30 PM
Carroll College	10/21 (Sat)	HOME GAME	12:30 PM
University of Providence	10/29 (Sun)	HOME GAME	12:00 PM
Southern Oregon University	10/30 (Mon)	Raider Stadium (Ashland, OR)	12:00 PM

## THE ARCADE PROJECTS

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an evergreen ultra fan contingency & build up a hype crowd  
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# THE SMOKE PIT: AN IMPERFECT COMMUNITY WORTH FIGHTING FOR

The Smoke Pit, for better and for worse, is the social center of campus. You would think that at a federally funded college there would be more clubs, events, shows, parties, and community spaces but as you continue here you will begin to notice an uninhabited feeling. Where you can go days on end, especially during the winter, without seeing or hearing another person. Roommates start to disappear, the field becomes barren, and public spaces remain empty. To combat the isolation you might begin to endlessly walk. Usually at night when there should be no one and everyone outside. You will probably explore abandoned buildings, lie in fields, and start to realize that the only people here are you, the cops,



and laughter from the pit.



Evergreen's marketing team is in a Catch-22 trying to repair the school's reputation after the 2017 protests. Student-run networks mostly informal, are what made the school successful, but look fucked on a brochure. Can't really brag about steam tunnels full of graffiti, or meadows where people drop acid for graduation, or cafes and punk shows organized by anarchists who came up with the crazy original idea to dress in black and fight the police in Seattle [And even on campus! see pg 32]. In trying to figure out how to market this unique and dangerously beautiful school, they decided to lie publicly and starve out any form of community privately.

So began the birth of The Pit. One of, if not the last, student-run community spaces on campus. The Smoke Pit serves as a one stop shop- it's a

student art gallery, academic advisory office, breakroom, party destination, study room, community event promoter, and of course designated smoking spot.

The pit really became The Pit during the COVID-19 pandemic when the school was in complete shutdown. Every single building was abandoned including facilities we needed like places to eat, receive healthcare, financial aid, and study. In spontaneous protest against administration incompetency people began to fully inhabit the only spot left on campus for students to use. The Pit slowly got decorated with tables, lights, international flags, paintings, graffiti, a stage to avoid the rain, food pantries, newspaper stands, and ashtrays. Smokers and non-smokers began to use The Pit as a community space hosting art days, turning into town

halls when administration would leave students to fend for themselves during heat waves or snowstorms, and becoming group check ins when an ambulance showed up or a cop harassed students.

Administration thought it was “unsightly” for students, who pay, work, and live here to be able to freely use the space. Instead of understanding why The Pit had become a necessity and opening up campus or at least providing more resources to students during the pandemic to alleviate the consequences of economic recession and mental health crisis they attempted to seize the commons. In an act of solidarity RAD workers quietly refused to “clean” The Pit. Eventually The Pit was cleaned with the Administration saying that “The Pit was nice when we didn’t have a community but now that the college is opening back up it just promotes a disgusting habit.”

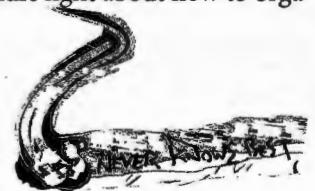
Is it gross that the community has to be concentrated around nicotine abuse? Most definitely, but it was the hand we were dealt. Despite Evergreen on paper being reopened so many resources are still defunded, mismanaged, or lost to time. This could change through political action and I encourage people to find ways to combat all the issues at this school and cultivate a community that isn’t just chain smoking and complaining about the police.

Perfect communities don’t exist and I don’t want to portray The Pit as a spot without problems. The Pit even existing in the way it does implies there are problems. What makes it different though is that it’s a place where your interaction, unmediated by hostile institutions, directly impacts a space.

The Pit might seem scary, loud, annoying, and disgusting. . . . .

The Pit is for the friendless who feel scared about their first time away from home, for students who know the in and outs of financial aid, artists who show their work for free, overworked Mail Ladies and Pod Guys who know every student by name and love this campus more than any high-paid bureaucrat, and of course for the communist rebels and student workers who scheme over smokes and candle light about how to organize their workplace and liberate the university.

You don’t have to smoke, but you can hang out at the pit. What else we got.



# D.I.Y. MUSIC IN OLYMPIA

Finding music in Olympia will not be hard, but you're going to have to want it. This city is known for its music, it might even be why you moved here. You are going to have to talk to people, scavenge for flyers by The Pit or Einstein's, and DM people for the addy.

The Oly music scene(s) are a great way to get acclimated to the city by how many different people, spots, and organizations you will have to interact with to find music. So, attend a show you know nothing about. You might be pleasantly surprised.

We don't plan on blowing up any spots here but only give you the basics to get connected. You're going to have to talk to people and know the community (that's the spirit of D.I.Y. baby!) but we will give you some clues on where to start to get plugged in.

**Le Voyeur:** A vegan restaurant with a 21+ bar that hosts ALL AGES punk shows in the back. Great for mixed age groups.

**The Mortuary & Ralph's House:** House venues, based in Oly's notorious "black houses," that hosts punk shows. Located somewhere downtown & on the east side.

**Mantis House:** A large property connected to the woods that hosts EDM, bluegrass, really anything, and throws large parties.

an independent hardcore record label that gives 100% ownership to the bands. In Oly, you will most likely find them doing all ages shows at Lamplighters downtown. [rachaelsrecords.bandcamp.com](http://rachaelsrecords.bandcamp.com)  
IG: [rachaels.records](https://www.instagram.com/rachaels.records)

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**GRIEVOUS PAIN**  
grievouspain@protonmail.com



# notes from a fatty

- pro-fat is not anti-health. “healthy” and “unhealthy” people exist all over the size spectrum. It is possible to be fat and healthy.
- obesity is not an epidemic. it is not a health crisis. the real threat is the stigma placed on **certain bodies**.
- two critical historical developments contributed to a fetish for “svelteness” [slender, grace] and a phobia about fatness: the rise of the transatlantic slave trade and the spread of protestantism. racial scientific rhetoric about slavery linked fatness to “greedy” africans. and religious discourse suggested that overeating was ungodly.
- conventional criteria for healthy body weight is based on white/caucasian body types and isn’t appropriate for all races and ethnicities.
- bmi (body mass index) and body weight doesn’t accurately determine health. excess adipose tissue doesn’t automatically lead to disease. dieting doesn’t guarantee to improve health. losing weight doesn’t guarantee an increase in quality of life.
- body standards are enforced by systems of oppression that profit off of body shame and our inability to make peace with indifference.
- there are no safe spaces for fat people. we must go out of our way to create them for ourselves.
- prioritizing obesity-related costs to the economy and health care system distract from the overall high healthcare costs, high suicide rates, and low life expectancies experienced in an economy without universal and holistic healthcare.
- watch your mouth. if you think you’re disgusting and i’m sitting right there being about twice as fat as you, i know you think i’m disgusting too. and if you don’t, maybe it’s worth considering it’s not your body fat that’s causing you to feel poorly about yourself.

**BIG FACTS: EVERY BODY IS SEXXY TO SOMEBODY!!!**

# evergreen, as she is played

I would like to apologize in advance as I haven't read Mark Fisher.

The brutalist architecture to me didn't call to mind housing projects, they suggested to me the dreams that emerged of the modernist movement and its placement in a postmodern world gave me a sense of nostalgia for the post war period. I should have trusted the gut reaction that gave form to my habitual contrarianism. There's a reason Evergreen is one of the only schools of its kind. Don't be mistaken, Evergreen IS a relic of the past.

Evergreen is dying. Or maybe it's dead. Regardless, there's no turning it around. My goal here isn't to explain the why's and how's, but to simply tell you it is dead or dying.

Predisposed to loneliness coming off of the pandemic, I understandably brushed off this hole I felt in the school as a symptom of that. But then it stayed that way. People are nice, they always are, but the school itself is lacking in many ways.

Thunder was on the horizon. Later that night it would be above Evergreen, waking me up all night. Watching the thunder, standing in a field, were a few students standing in a field staring at the sky, watching thunder strike in the distance. I struck up a conversation with foreign exchange student who told me that Jesus was the disciple of Buddha. I spoke with another student; he told me that there seemed to be an anti-community at Evergreen; I agreed with him. People seem to be repulsed by the very idea of community building. There's a hollowness at the very heart of Evergreen, and no amount of anything, whatever, will fix it.

There seem to be some cliques, but these are so insular that their only evidence is their existence in the background of your life, or otherwise they're just large groups of people.

Nobody showed up to the club I was in except for the people who organized it. This troubled me, I suppose, that so few people care about the performing arts. I showed up for each of the meetings, dutifully, not saying a word. I should have been more dynamic maybe—after all, today is the era of the loudmouthed influencer.

It was two clubs, actually, both exactly the same. Both had plans—the theater club only had one plan for the year and was just waiting for next year. The improv club was holding a showcase of some sort, and while I was not involved in organizing it, one day it just wasn't happening due to some sort of issue with Student Activities.

In June, an event was planned, and due to several factors that I don't really care to get into at the moment it fell through. Actually, this happened twice. The first with the theater club, the next with The Arcade Projects. Both times the plans were more or less finalized. Both times it was the lethargy of the administration that caused these failures.

Nothing happened in the two years I've been here. Nothing.

In the dead of the night, I climbed up the clock tower to the roof of the library and saw the sun rise.





# A Little Red Reading List

## ABOLITION

- *Black Reconstruction*, W.E.B. DuBois
- *The Wretched of the Earth*, Franz Fanon
- *Hammer and Hoe*, Robin D.G. Kelley
- *The Black Jacobins*, C.L.R. James
- *Black Against Empire: The History and Politics of the Black Panther Party*, Bloom and Martin

## CLASS STRUGGLE

- *Secrets of a Successful Organizer*, Labor Notes
- *Worker-Student Action Committees: France, May '68*, Fredy Perlman and Roger Gregoire
- *Class Power on Zero Hours*, Angry Workers
- *Teamster Rebellion*, Farrell Dobbs
- *Labor Law for the Rank & Filer*, Slaughton Lynd

## CRITICAL THEORY

- *The Arcades Project*, Walter Benjamin
- *Minima Moralia: Reflections from Damaged Life*, Theodor Adorno
- *Situationist International Anthology*, ed. Ken Knabb
- *Ghosts of My Life*, Mark Fisher
- *Discipline and Punish*, Michel Foucault

## DIRECT ACTION

- *Direct Action Manual*, Earth First!
- *How Nonviolence Protects the State*, Peter Gelderloos
- *Handbook for Volunteers*, Irish Republican Army
- *Recipes for Disaster: An Anarchist Cookbook*, Crimethink.
- *Big Brick Energy: A Multi-City Study of the 2020 George Floyd Uprising*, Unity & Struggle

## EMPIRE

- *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*, Walter Rodney
- *Open Veins of Latin America*, Eduardo Galeano
- *Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism*, V.I. Lenin
- *World-Systems Analysis: An Introduction*, Immanuel Wallerstein
- *Columbus and Other Cannibals*, Jack D. Forbes

## FILMS

- *Akira*, Katsuhiro Otomo
- *Videodrome*, David Cronenberg
- *Land and Freedom*, Ken Loach
- *Tout va Bien*, Jean-Luc Godard
- *The Working Class Goes to Heaven*, Elio Petri

## LITERATURE

- *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, Hunter S. Thompson
- *Story of the Eye*, Georges Bataille
- *2666*, Roberto Bolaño
- *Lonely Crusade*, Chester Himes
- *We Want Everything*, Nanni Balestrini

## MARXISM

- *The Fight for Socialism*, Max Shachtman
- *Workers and Capital*, Mario Tronti
- *Continuity and Rupture*, Joshua Moufawad-Paul
- *History and Class Consciousness*, Georg Lukács
- *Factory of Strategy: 33 Lessons on Lenin*, Antonio Negri
- *On Contradiction and Practice*, Mao Zedong

## QUEER + FEMINIST

- *Stone Butch Blues*, Leslie Feiberg
- *Towards a Gay Communism*, Mario Mieli
- *Transgender Marxism*, Gleeson and O'Rourke
- *Philosophical Trends in the Feminist Movement*, Anuradha Ghandy
- *Revolution at Point Zero*, Silvia Federici

## RADICAL HISTORY

- *Heavy Radicals: The FBI's Secret War on America's Maoists*, Aaron J. Leonard and Conor A. Gallagher
- *The Romance of American Communism*, Vivian Gornick
- *We Go Where They Go: The Story of Anti-Racist Action*, Shannon Clay et al.
- *Fighting Times: Organizing on the Front Lines of the Class War*, Jon Melrod
- *The Red Years: Theory, Politics, and Aesthetics in the Japanese '68*, Gavin Walker

## ZINES

- *Against the Port and Its World: Actions Against Fracking in Olympia*
- *The Hilltop Boys: The True Story of the Hilltop Crips*
- *A Field Guide to Straw Men: Sadie, Exile, Esoteric Fascism, and Olympia's Little White Lies*
- *The Post-Ferguson Struggle Against Police & Fascism in the PNW*
- *Blockade, Occupy, Strike Back!*
- *N30: The Seattle WTO Protests*
- *Blocs, Black and Otherwise*
- *Small Town Organizing for Anarchists*
- *Toward an Offensive Shoplifters Movement*
- *Build Your Own Solidarity Network*

## ONLINE RESOURCES

- *Marxists.org* (huuuuuge archive there is so very much)
- *theanarchistlibrary* (same but includes user-submitted content and an automatic zine formatter)
- *Libcom.org* (anarchist/autonomist/leftcom library and forum)
- *Cominsitu* (critical theory blog with lots of book pdfs)
- *Monkaskop* (huge arts/culture/humanities library)

## LOCAL DISTROS

- Revolutionary Education Distro (RED), autonomist Marxist education and organizing project. [red-distro.neocities.org](http://red-distro.neocities.org)
- Fugitive Distro, anticiv/insurrecto anarchists with a big library incl. good DIY stuff. [www.autistici.org/fugitivedistro/](http://www.autistici.org/fugitivedistro/)

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