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# Student government gets down to business

GEODUCK STUDENT UNION REPRE-SENTATIVES HELD A SPECIAI MONDAY MEET-ING SEPTEMBER 30 TO DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS TO S&A HIRING BOARD. PHOTO BY HOLLY IRONS.



AT THEIR OCTOBER 7 MEETING, THE GSU DISCUSSED BYLAWS ABOUT PETITIONING TO FILL EMPTY SEATS. PHOTO BY JJ WAMPACH.

## Peanut butter jelly cops

For those of you who have recently been to the Police Services office in Sem 1, you may have noticed that the Evergreen police are now offering peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to students free of charge.

According to Larry Savage of Police Services, the free sandwiches are part of a larger push from Ed Sorger, chief of police, for improved public relations with the rest of the campus. Savage says Sorger decided he wanted something to provide an improved relationship with the students.

"Anything I can do to show our police are different from police our students have to deal with off campus," said Sorger.

This interest in improved public relations also accounts for why the food bank was moved from the Health Center to Police Services earlier this year. Because of this move, students have access to free food on campus twenty-four hours a day, whereas before, the food's availability was

determined by the Health Center's hours. Since there's no such thing as a free lunch, a free sandwich station begs the question: who's paying for this food?

"I pay for the food out of the police services budget, and we're then reimbursed by student affairs," says Sorger. According to Savage, some of the bread was donated and Aramark provided the cutlery.

Police Services plans on continuing to provide the service indefinitely as long as the sandwich station is kept neat and tidy.

~ MADELINE BERMAN

## Evergreen provides information to prevent the spread of H1N1

### by IAN PEREIDA-PERRY

Why is information about the H1N1 virus important to this campus? It affects traditional college-age students to a higher degree than does normal influenza. Eight Evergreen students have already been diagnosed with H1N1. According to both Art Costantino, the vice president for student affairs, and Elizabeth McHugh, the director of counseling and health services, the school's main strategy to combat the H1N1 virus is prevention. To notify the campus community the health center has put up posters and created a detailed web section full of resources on swine flu and recommendations on how students can stay healthy.

Also, Washington State has had a new swarm of swine flu cases, most notably at Washington State University. In early September WSU reported 2000 cases of H1N1, almost all of which occurred in students. A similar scenario could happen on our campus. The preventive measures students are urged to follow can be found at http:// www.evergreen.edu/health/flu/home. htm. These steps are essentially the same precautions that are suggested when fighting normal influenza. As classes are beginning for Evergreen, it is important to know what will happen if a large percentage of the school population were to get sick. Besides prevention,

school officials do not have any definite procedures in place. McHugh says "it depends on what going on with the virus" and there isn't an easy formula. There is a possibility that classes and public events could be canceled. Also, if worst comes to worst the school could close. Constantino cautions, "It is not clear that we would have to do that" because "at this point it (swine flu) doesn't appear any more life threatening than other types of influenza." These major decisions depend on the advice of the Thurston County Health Department, which works closely with school officials on health policy.

# What students should know

The only difference between swine flu and the seasonal flu is the population each one affects. Students, most frequently college-aged students, are being hit hard by the swine flu. It is not clear why this is. However, there are some specific activities that put students at risk. McHugh says, "Most young adults aren't worried about getting sick," which puts them at higher risk for germ sharing. Also, students' frequent "partying" culture creates the perfect conditions for virus transmission. She hopes that Evergreen can "defy the norm" by "thinking about strategies" to "mitigate risk." Hear audio of the interview with Elizabeth McHugh online at www.cooperpointjournal.com.

Ian Pereida-Perry is a senior enrolled in an independent learning contract.

### General health advice: -stay home from class -limit contact with roommates -use food kits provided by housing -clean house and living area -get enough sleep and maintain a healthy dietary regimen -find positive outlets for stress -get vaccinated against normal influenza

# Campus food services union fights for change

### by JILL STORLIE

In January of this year campus food service employees of the Aramark Corporation (the company contracted by Evergreen for dining services) held successful union negotiations for the rights of their baristas to receive tips. However, due to an Aramark policy prohibiting the solicitation of tips, this victory for the campus dining's union, International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 5, has been rendered nearly irrelevant.

Aramark employees make and serve your food all over

campus. They make, serve, and clean up after your meals at the Greenery and sling slices of pizza at the market. They greet you with a smile and a hot cup of coffee in the SEM II Café, and should you ever feel the urge to reward them for their service don't go looking for a tip jar – they can't have one. Nor can they post a sign indicating that their tip policy has been changed or even mention it to a customer without being expressly asked.

Anonymous sources within Aramark confirmed that to do any of these things would constitute solicitation of tips and violate Aramark policy, which would result in disciplinary action up to and including termination. When approached about the policy, Campus Food Services Director Craig Ward declined to comment and deferred to the Aramark Corporate Media Department, who were unaware of the situation and unable to issue a response by deadline. Check the website for updates as the story unfolds.

Jill Storlie is a junior enrolled in SOS: Visual Arts.

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### Where to get your G.R.A.S.

### by **KENT REISTER** on a full-HD wide screen TV

No, we're not talking about cannabis plants, we're talking about the Giant Robot Appreciation Society.

GRAS is a dedicated student organization that has existed officially now for over 10 years on campus! Now "What is GRAS?" you ask? It's the Evergreen State College's anime club. Our purpose is to increase cultural understanding through Japanese animation and asian cinema. This year we will be putting on showings twice a week, every week. This Fall quarter we are doing showings Tuesdays at 6pm in Seminar II room C1107, on a big projector screen and booming speakers and on Saturdays at 2pm in the Housing Community Center

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This quarter's showings are: Tues - Last Exile, a steampunk/action/drama series about a brother and sister mini-airship courier team that gets caught up in the middle of an international airship battle.

Tues-Great Teacher Onizuka, a comedy series about a biker gang leader with a change of heart who wants to become a school teacher.

Tues - Mobile Suit Gundam: The 08th MS Team, an action and drama series about war, romance, and some of the most realistic giant robots you can find anywhere.

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5 p.m. Wednesdays

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Sat - Cowboy Bebop, an action/comedy/drama series about bounty hunters in space, renowned as one of the greatest anime series ever released.

Sat - Trigun, an action/ comedy/drama series about Vash the Stampede, supposedly the most devilish and destructive gunman on the planet, or so everyone says, it could be that he's really a nice guy and is always in the wrong place at the wrong time.

So come on down, hang out, have a laugh, and have some fun, all are welcome!

Kent Reister is a senior enrolled in Technical Writing in the 21st Century.



### Plant Walks

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When: 1:00 -1:50 PM Every Wednesday of fall quarter Where: Meet at the Information Kiosk in front

of Library

Oct 14: Fall Edibles

Oct 21: Local herbs in your medicine kit Oct 28: Longhouse ethnobotanical garden walk

Nov 4: "Primitive" plants Nov 11: Tour of the Teaching Gardens Who: Everyone is Welcome!

Heron Brae is the Teaching Gardens Coordinator this year. She is excited to share her knowledge of the natural world, rooted in her field experiences and formal education in herbology and botany. Her education spans over 12 years including the Columbines School of Botanical Studies and the Wilderness Awareness School. Contact heronbrae@gmail.com for more info

### ~ HERON BRAE

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# On the road in Europe Considering the past and present human rights issues through travel

### by LIZ DONEHUE



Tomorrow, Mical is driving me an hour away from Enschede to see the "transit" concentration camp of Westerbork, the camp that Anne Frank and thousands of other persecuted Jews had to pass through in order to reach their destined death camp of Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, or Sobibor. She tells me that instead

of being preserved as it was, the camp now resembles a memorial. I guess the same process was also executed at the Dachau concentration camp outside Munich cement and metal structures were produced in memory of those that died from experimental "medical" procedures, the lack of food/water, and other cruelties.

Auschwitz, on the other hand, is mostly still intact, from what Wikipedia has shown me. Crematorium chimneys still protrude into the horizon, and Jewish possessions are on display for visitors. I feel that the journey I'm on is essentially a pilgrimage to Auschwitz, although I have no ties to the Jewish faith or ancestry in my family. I also feel that my generation has lost the knowledge, although not intentionally, about the greatest systematic effort to cleanse the European population of a certain ethnicity.

I believe my generation has a lost sense of where this catalyst actually occured in the greatest sense. Everyone is familiar with the term "Holocaust" and what it implies for millions of people, and I honestly doubt that an American teenager in 1945 bought a poster or a t-shirt displaying an Auschwitz inmate's number on it as a sign of understanding and solidarity. So in order to slow the mass production of advertisement for the struggle on the African continent, I am going to concentration camps, as a signal that should be broadcast as, "We (the people in our twenties)

haven't forgotten."The term "Holocaust" has also been used to guilt-trip people into realizing the impact of their actions or opinions. Because the Holocaust may have been one of the greatest ethnic cleansing efforts in recorded history, the term can be used to instigate a sense of anti-Semitism in another individual. Or even just the act of mentioning Hitler himself reveals a light that what we are doing or thinking is wrong. We constantly revert back to comparing present

EVEN THOUGH I AM NOT JEWISH, I HAVE A COMPLETE UNDERSTAND-ING OF THE STRUGGLE THAT MANY EXPERI-ENCED DURING THE COURSE OF WWII.

situations with the Third Reich and their Final Solution in order to establish guilt in someone else.

"I feel like the world should be rid of spiders - they look strange and they suck."

#### "That's so Hitler of you."

Once a WWII/Nazi term enters the conscience of the person who feels ill will towards spiders, they are immediately overcome with guilt, and maybe frustration. But is the act of preserving Holocaust guilt in others all we have to go by to remember what happened to the European Jewish population?

Are terms like "anti-Semitic," "Hitler," "Final Solution," and above all, "Holocaust," embedded in our political, current events vernacular just to preserve the memory, and even guilt-trip others into a sense of peace and understanding? Again, this is just what I've written in my journal, so they're just thoughts, and not intended to provoke or prod anyone into thinking one way or another. But being in Europe and places that were crucial to the war process in the European theater gives me a sense that the European population truly hasn't forgotten about their past struggles. One may even read this and proclaim, "Even though I'm not Jewish, I have a complete understanding of the struggle that many experienced during the course of WWII." This same person probably read Anne Frank's diary and thought they were doing themselves and the world a favor. Anne Frank's diary is a mark of triumph in the world of literature, don't get me wrong. But do you think reading her well-articulated, cunning, clever, and thought-provoking diary is enough to consider yourself revolutionary, or entitled to say, "Yes! I'm informed!"? You read Anne Frank's diary; now what are you going to do about it? Here's a list of suggestions, a series of actions that made me want to get the fuck off the North American continent and see things for myself:

Liz Donehue is a senior enrolled in Backpacking Europe: Creative Writing and Cultural Studies

Editor's note: This article is an excerpt of the submission. Full article is online at http://cooperpointjournal.com.

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#### by JJ WAMPACH



As a freshman at Evergreen State, I'm new to Olympia. The last few weeks have been full of sightseeing and adventuring.

As my gaze drifted from the cover of forest and capitol dome, I started to notice the smaller, less grand parts of the city.

the empty real estate, boards stand in front fields and forests to armounce the new structures about to pop up. If initial funding is found for those projects, they often sit vacant after completion.

It seems to me that we're building our

### SIGNS FALL OFF SHOPS AND IN

save a nail salon or two. Even with all gether more future friendly. It's not like there isn't room for growth in other directions; wind and solar farms have become lucrative projects, and there are many older buildings that could benefit from a retrofit for efficiency. The markets are there, the people are there; it seems the only thing not there is adaptability. Maybe we should

focus less on making empty buildings, and more on filling the buildings that lie empty.

JJ Wampach is a freshman enrolled in Introduction to Natural Sciences

I've been all over the country, from Oregon to Wisconsin to Utah. And in one way, all the cities I went to were the same: strip malls.

Parades of Target, Wal-Mart, Taco Bell, and Borders dribble past in almost every American city. They're so ubiquitous we almost take them for granted. Lately however, signs that the instuition of the strip mall is crumbling have appeared.

Circuit City stores, once a nationwide brand, now sit barren. Due to the uprise in online media, companies like Hollywood Video have been struggling to survive, closing stores every month.

A more worrying trend has popped into my view; in my own hometown of Vancouver, vast strip mall complexes sit empty,

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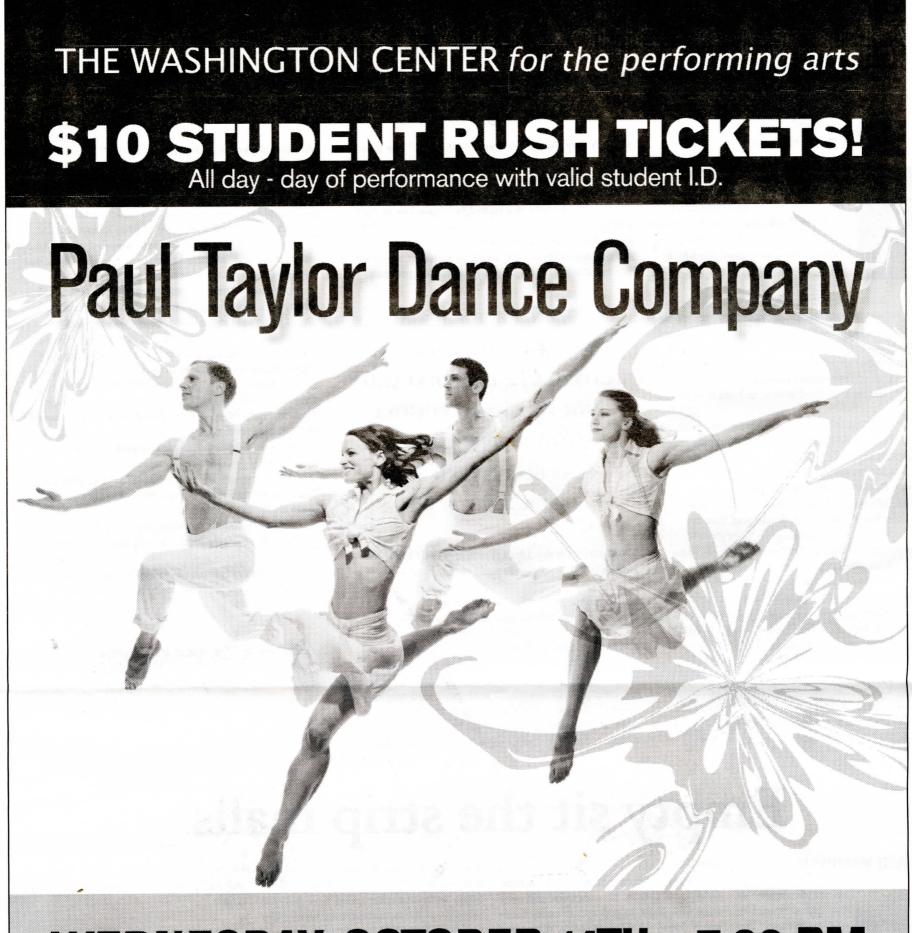
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> in a field already in surplus doesn't make sense though; no more money can come from an empty building.

> The solution is to change the industry's products. Just as telegrams gave way to telephones, wagons gave way to cars, so to must our manufactured homes and cookie cutter shops transition into something alto-

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# WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH • 7:30 PM

Few artists of our time have had the profound impact on their art form that Paul Taylor has had on dance. People in cities and towns throughout the world have seen and enjoyed live modern dance performances due largely to the

far-reaching tours he pioneered as a virtuoso dancer in the 1950s. He has influenced dozens of men and women who have gone on to create their own dances and/or establish their own troupes. As the subject of the widely seen documentary, Dancemaker, and author of a critically acclaimed autobiography, he has demystified his creative process as few artists ever have. At 77, Paul Taylor may be the most sought-after choreographer working today. The Center will show Dancemaker on Monday the 12th, followed by a conversation with the company's dancers, who will then participate in a dance master class for local dancers on Tuesday the 13th.



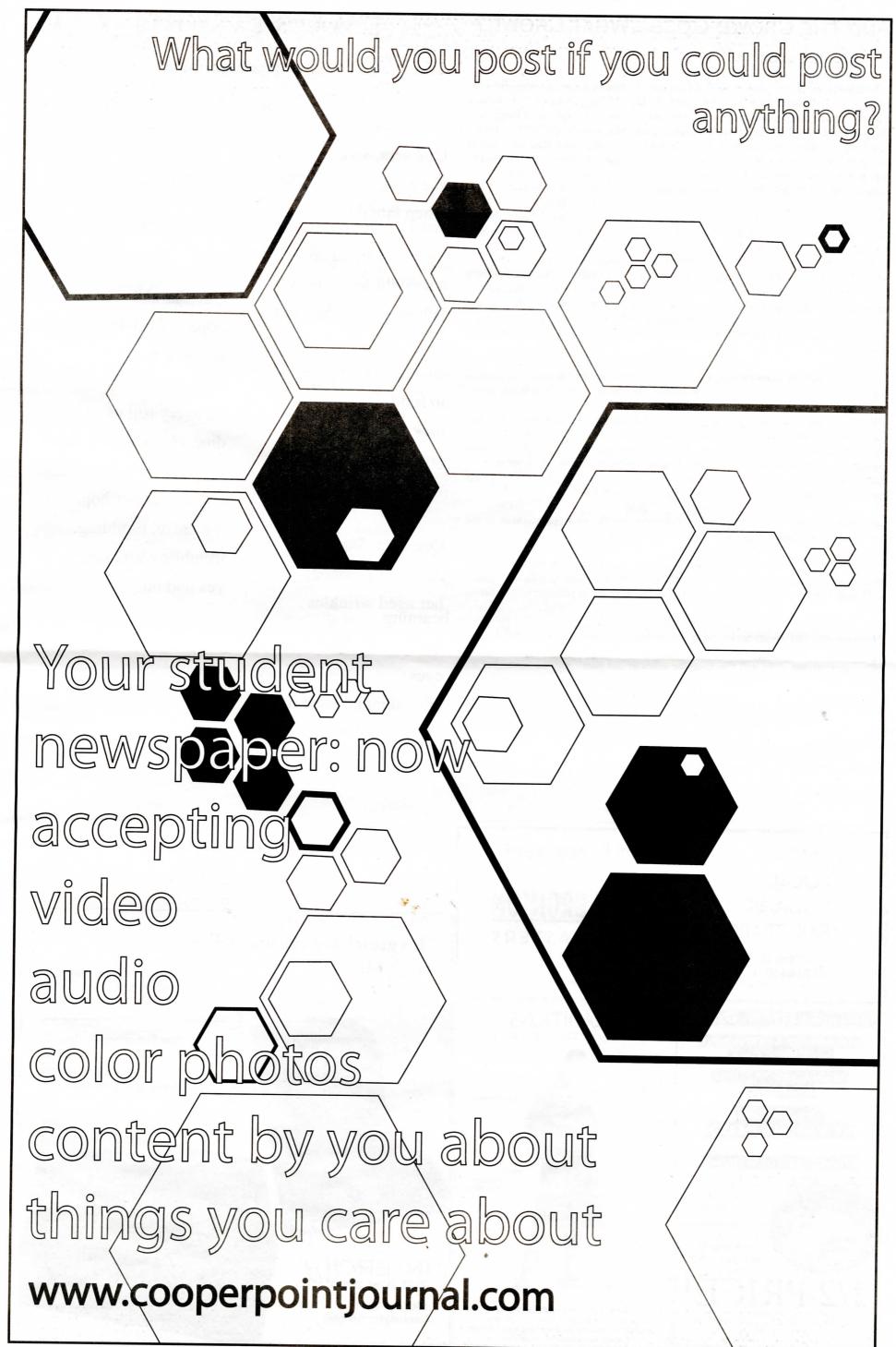
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### AND THE CROWD GOES ... WHAT CROWD?

### by NICK PACE

Though Evergreen may start classes later than most colleges, student athletes and quite a few club sports are summoned earlier to get outside or in the gymnasium. If you're a student athlete you definitely begin to notice who is involved in athletics at Evergreen, because you hardly ever see anyone else hanging around campus with their face buried in a book or taking notes on the field. Even athletes just beginning their first year at Evergreen come before orientation week. This is particularly true for those involved in both men's and women's soccer, cross-country, and women's volleyball, who start their seasons first. Even basketball practices start relatively early before classes start.

So far, four cross-country meets, 10 women's soccer games, seven men's soccer games, and 13 (add one to each if you count the alumni) volleyball games have already been completed. Home games, however, have been surprisingly sparsely populated. It could be possible that some students haven't been entirely aware of the sports scheduling that has been going on ever since fall quarter commenced. For example: The Pete Steilberg Cross-Country Classic two weeks ago barely had any visible Evergreen students on the sidelines. Then again, the first race was around 10:30 a.m. on a Saturday, so not many students were up and about, but nevertheless one wonders whether students are even aware of the athletic events that some of their seminar sparring partners might be engaged in.

For the most part the chance to watch the runners in cross-country has passed, unless you want to eat up gas and/or time to drive to western Oregon or northwestern Washington.

However, there is still an opportunity to see both basketball teams in action. The key date is October 19, when the men spar with Lewis and Clark College, and the women clash against University of Puget Sound. For soccer it's not over either; October 9 marks the date when the women face Southern Oregon University, and the men continue the fight facing Northwest Christian College. Volleyball has six upcoming home games starting on October 14 when they compete against St. Martin's.

So remember: this Saturday and next Wednesday are the next opportunities to see Greeners sweating and toiling on the field or in the gym.

News about club sports has been somewhat slim, possibly indicating that planning processes are in effect. After all, some captains of club sports such as Ultimate Frisbee and baseball did graduate last year, so new management and scheduling will be taking place.

However, new club sports are bound to start at this stage, perhaps not as official clubs, but as informal student groups with routine meetings. One also has to inquire whether former recreational clubs will rise from the ashes of last year. Anyone remember the Outdoor Club?

QUE SERA, SARAH

BY HILARY STEVENS

Que sera, sera,

she says, when fate deals a bad hand--

like a diamond on

a straight heart flush--Whatever will be, will be,

she knows

in time

luck will change

green light whatever will be, will be

Que sera, Sarah,

Abuelita crooned,

her aged wrinkles beaming

into young pansy-brown

eyes,

after skinned knee or

other childish disappointment

Que, Sarah? hope, a fresh hand lay your cards on the table, on every roll of dice, she whispers low whatever will be, will be as she cast her hopes onto the baize, tumbling, trembling between yes and no.

Nicholas Pace is a senior enrolled in Japan Today.

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### **Reading Nature as Sacred Text**

Deric Young, Quaker Kayaker & Vision Quester share contemplative practices for reading the Book of Nature as a Sacred Text. Join Common Bread at 5:30 for potluck and 6:15 for nature meditation. 5:30 p.m.

### Friday October 9

Movie Night in the HCC! Friday night is movie night in the HCC! 6:05-8 p.m.

### Saturday, October 10

Yoga For The Cure Take yoga and help fight breast cancer. Donations (\$5 suggested) benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Every Saturday in October. Gentle Yoga 9-10 a.m. Yoga 1 11 a.m.-noon 219 Legion Way, Ste 202

### **Giant Robot Appreciation Society**

Do you appreciate giant robots? Then join the Giant Robot Appreciation Society, Evergreen's anime club. Meetings usually have free popcorn. Showing Saturdays: *Cowboy Bebop* and *Trigun*. 2-4 p.m. HCC

### Sunday, October 11 Storm Still

The Nonsense Theater Company presents *Storm Still*, a meditation with music based on William Shakespeare's *King Lear*. Shows at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. COM 209

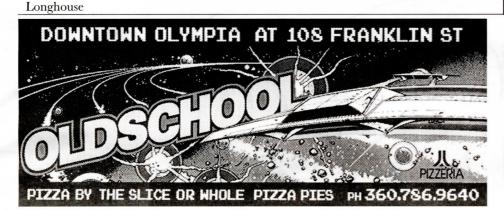
### Monday, October 12 Ecological Restoration in Olympia's Urban Forest Presented by the South Sound Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society. 7:00 p.m. State Capital Museum Coach House 211 21st Avenue SW

### Wednesday, October 14 PLANT WALKS: FALL EDIBLES! with Heron Brae

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