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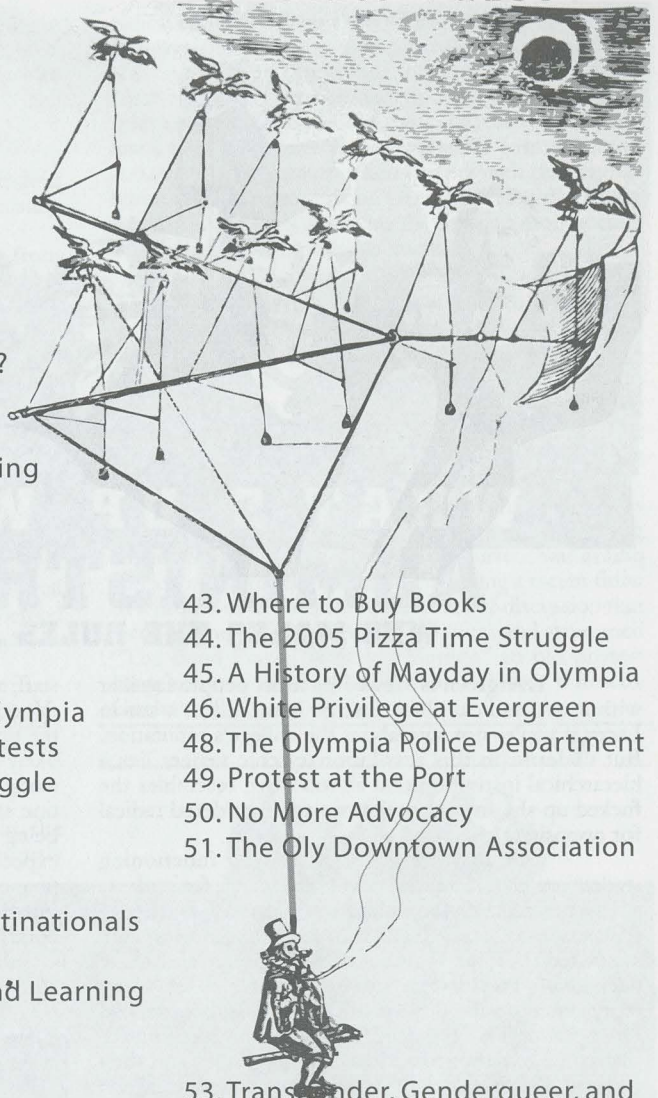
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WHAT'S UP WITH THE ADMINISTRATION? WHO MAKES THE RULES AT THIS PLACE?

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

One of the reasons there's no functioning student union or separate form of governance for students at Evergreen is that the college was formed with the idea that students, staff, facility and administrators were supposed to come together to write policy and make decisions. To this end students are supposed to be represented on the dozens of committees, boards, and Disappearing Task Forces (DTFs). DTFs are committees that come together to address specific issues and then disband, the first ever DTF wrote the colleges leased dog policy. There are dozens of DTFs, boards and committees although often the discussions and decisions that come out of them are simply viewed by the administration as recommendations. Despite the exist of these more or less democratic decision making bodies most decisions that affect the college are made unilaterally by the administration.

DTFs are generally run on a loose form of consensus decision making, on paper they seem very democratic. Representatives of staff, facility, and students are supposedly having open discussions about issues affecting the college. Unfortunately, in practice facility,

staff, and most often students are kept from having voice.

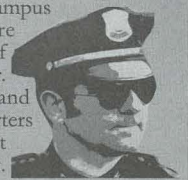
Your typical DTF or Board meets once a month and the time/place is rarely advertised publicly. It will most likely have a representative of the administration their along with at least two staff and two facility and maybe one student. Students are the only people for whom being on the committee isn't a part of their job; we're expected to participate in a process that has rarely been proven effective out of the goodness of our hearts. Furthermore, when decisions need to be made that are controversial (i.e. changes to housing, foodservice, cops etc) they are often made in the summer when very few students are around or involved in campus politics.

Evergreen is a bureaucratic maze that keeps

EVERGREEN'S CORPORATE BOSSES: The Role of the Board of Trustees

Many students suspect that corporate interests dominate our college, but few realize how bad it is. The eight people serving as the Board of Trustees are at the top of Evergreen's hierarchy, and are responsible for everything from hiring and firing TESC's President to determining the cost of on-campus living, to setting policies for the entire institution. The Trustees serve a term of six years, and are appointed by the Governor.

They are generally prominent business and community "leaders" and political supporters of the Governor. Knowing anything about life at Evergreen is not a requirement.



many students, even activist students, from engaging in policy discussions. Compared to many other 'progressive' liberal arts schools Greenerers have very little decision making power.

How to join a board or DTF:

1. Visit the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs' office in Library 3236 and ask for a list of existing boards/DTFs.
2. Pick one that you are interested in, anything from facility hiring to campus sustainability.
3. Contact the Chair of that board/DTF and find out when and where they meet.
4. Show up, and keep showing up

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

Student Trustee:

There is a single student trustee, that position rotates every year and is also appointed by the Governor.

Admin vs. Students?

There are clearly certain powerful figures in the administration that view Evergreen as a dangerously

radical and these people would like nothing better than to move the college in a more mainstream direction. However, you should not assume that all of the administration is bent on undermining the more radical sides of Evergreen. In the past, students have found many allies within the faculty and staff. Just make sure you use your discretion when dealing with the schools bureaucratic process and don't let their actions discourage you and your efforts at making the college a more socially and ecologically responsible institution.

The President

TESC's prez is responsible for implementing the Board of Trustees policies and shapes the entire landscape of the college's administration. Most of the president's job is done behind closed doors and rarely includes direct contact with students. Despite towing the official line Les Purce is generally thought to be a very nice guy.

I once participated in a sit-in of the President's office in March of 2003. Students and faculty had strong concerns about the beginning of the current war in Iraq and job safety for radical faculty following a recent firing of a professor in Florida. After hours of discussion that went nowhere, Les pulled out his guitar and strummed "The Band Played Waltzing Matilda" an old protest song about a vet from WW1. Les Purce: 1 Rowdy Greenerers: 0.



The Top Four Excuses the Administration gives when attempting to Crush Student Efforts to Make the College a more Socially Responsible Institution:

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

Student Journalism at Evergreen (or, how to make the CPJ readable in spite of itself)

True story that is possibly untrue: Matt Groening's lawyers are loyal subscribers to The Cooper Point Journal. Mr. Groening, as you are surely now aware, was a student here at Evergreen, where he was the Journal's editor-in-chief. More importantly to his lawyers, though, he also drew several comics for the paper throughout his tenure, comics for which he retains the copyright. So every Friday the Groening team finds a copy of the CPJ in the mail; they open the back pages, scan the comics section, and, finding nothing resembling "Life is Hell," throw the paper in the recycling bin.

Those lawyers have something in common with most of the students at Evergreen. During the last few years the CPJ has deservedly earned the reputation as an unreadable rag hopelessly out of touch with the Evergreen community. This is due in no small part to the sometimes hostile and conservative-leaning staff of the paper, but the pervasive and widespread apathy among the general student population is equally responsible. So when the paper comes out every Thursday, students pick up the paper, read incoherent and inscrutable comics, and quickly discard it. It's a communal activity shared by nearly everyone on campus, including at least half of the CPJ staff.

The Cooper Point Journal is written, edited, distributed, and operated (and, to a great extent, funded) by students at TESC. It has a student staff of about twenty-five, including editor-in-chief, managing editor and business manager. The paper's editorial policy is that any student is welcome to submit any article on any subject at any time (the priorities, in order, are: Evergreen, Olympia, Washington, United States, Earth, outer space). Yet the editors and section coordinators can and do decide what is fit to print, and have refused to publish articles for any number of criteria. Generally the paper is fairly lax on what it will publish.

This means there is a wide variance in quality and quantity from week to week and article to article. The staff is not responsible for manufacturing content per se; while some are required to write one article per week, the paper is made entirely from whatever submissions there are. As the saying goes, a cook is only as good as his ingredients. However, the section coordinators are also responsible for soliciting stories and recruiting regular contributors, at which they dramatically failed. In other words, the cook has done nothing to improve his ingredients.

Should you decide to become involved with a student group (and you should! All of you! Especially you!), you'll probably have to deal with the CPJ at some point. Horror stories are abundant. Censorship isn't so much an issue as much as mishandling, with simple inexperience rather than. What's alarming about many of the mistakes from last year is how many surrounded issues of color, especially in regards to headlines, photo choices, and placement in the paper. A section called "Voices of Color" was quietly phased out last year after being left empty for several weeks at a time.

The CPJ also has a business side of the operation which is responsible for soliciting advertisers, parent subscriptions, and so on. Last year the business staff ran several ads from a corporation called 360Youth. Their extensive clientele is a virtual "who's who" of the most notorious multi-nationals. They use advertising and consumer data to not only make business good for Generation Y, but make Generation Y good for business. Several ads were run for car companies like Toyota. One staff member complained in an op-ed that ads for SUVs did not accurately reflect the environmentally conscious Evergreen community; an editor responded that she knew many students who owned SUVs. One imagines that cigarette ads would never see the light of day in the CPJ, but perhaps this isn't an ethically valid comparison; after all, one product is responsible for more deaths in this country than any other and is proven to cause cancer, and the other is tobacco.

There's good news, though, and it's that all of the above means buckiss on the first day of school. The CPJ's editorial policy is based on the belief that you don't need trained and professional experts to tell you what's going on in your community, on your planet, or in your life. You don't need to be interested in journalism, or an exceptionally gifted writer. You just have to care, and in this day and age that gets you further than you think. So how can you combat the CPJ's mediocrity? Get involved with the damn thing! With the exception of editor-in-chief, business manager and managing editor, every position on the staff is wide the fuck open. The CPJ is also a student group (albeit one with a nearly \$300k biannual operating budget), with four-times-a-week meetings open to everyone. You may be met with resistance, but the result will be a paper that reflects your community and reflects your life. Decisions are made by those who show up.

HOW THE COPS GOT THEIR GUNS

CAMPUSCOPS

A HISTORY OF THE ARMING CONTROVERSY

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

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

The so-called "limited arming" of campus security, which began in the 1996-97 academic year, meant that the newly ordained Police Services had access to guns in lockboxes and were allowed to carry them on their persons from 6pm to 8am and when "patrolling areas distant from their vehicles" at any time during the day.

In one fell swoop, what were once generally helpful "safety" officers attired in polo shirts and shorts became intimidating, and armed, "police" officers in SWAT style uniforms. Along with the

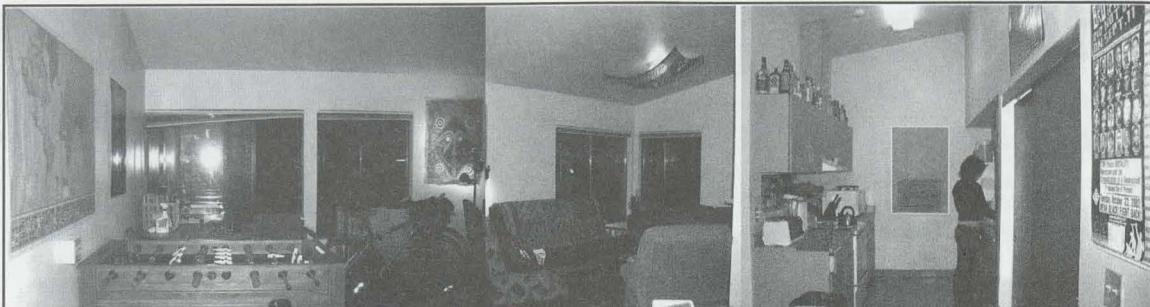
more authoritarian appearance, the campus police gained the ability to cite moving violations, make arrests, and so on.

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

During September of 2002 Evergreen cops began carrying guns with them at all times of the day. At first, the excuse was that there had been malicious threats toward students and faculty and they had to be prepared. But it became clear that members of the administration, the police, and the Washington Federation of State Employees (the cop's union), were intent on keeping the Evergreen police's holsters filled permanently. The cop's union claimed that they were concerned about officer's safety, and by not allowing the Police to have guns at all times, the officers were being forced to work in unsafe conditions. Vicky Peltzer, chief of police for the University of Washington, was brought in as an outside consultant on the issue. She, too, recommended that Evergreen police be armed 24/7. The Police Services Community Review Board held several forums around campus to discuss full time arming and also recommended that campus police be allowed to carry guns 24/7.

After reviewing the recommendations, Art Costantino chose to follow along and recommended to President Les Purce that campus police be allowed to carry guns at all times. Finally in May of 2003, Les Purce made his final decision to authorize a rewriting of campus police procedure to allow for 24/7 arming. He was quoted as saying, "the safety of both the campus and our officers will be enhanced by allowing our officers more consistent access to firearms." And that is how the cops got their beloved guns 24 hours a day and seven days a week!





SHIT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HOUSING:

Though it's certainly convenient, it is not the cheapest housing in Olympia, in fact it's some of the most expensive. Many students have found housing in town that gives them much more room while paying less rent. For cheaper housing, check the housing boards in the Library Lobby and the food-coops, Cooper's Glen Apartments, the Olympian, or cruise around the neighborhoods you're interested in and look for obvious FOR RENT signs. This may be time consuming, but sometimes it is the best option. You'll soon find out about the many other quirks, perks and disadvantages of Campus Housing

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

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

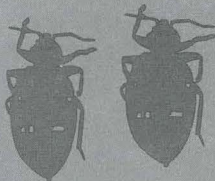
If you have a roommate and they move out, it's bad because you get your own room, but it may cost you due to something Housing calls "Reduced Occupancy". The way to avoid this is to find another roommate, be willing to move to another room, or keep all your stuff on one side. They'll charge you money for whatever they

can, so be careful.

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

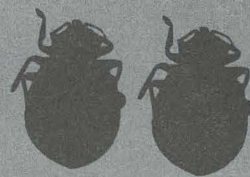
Partying can be pretty pervasive in Evergreen Housing (see partying section), so if you have trouble concentrating you may want to get off campus, or hit up the library or some quiet grove in Evergreen's backcountry. But if you're a social person it can be a whole lot of fun, so we say hang out, open your door, take part in your community and form many fond memories. It used to be fairly easy to find somebody to buy your housing contract, but recently housing has taken over that gig; it costs 40 bucks that you get back if nobody takes over your contract.

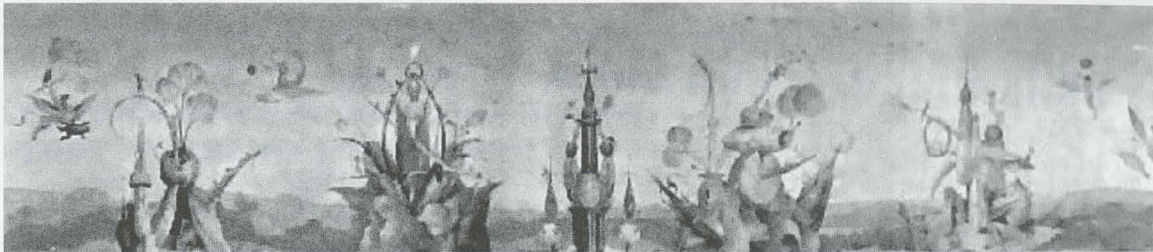
One last thing: Washington Title 59, RCW 59.18.040 exempts residents of public or private educational institutions from the Washington State Landlord and Tenants Law - in other words, you exempt yourself from nearly all renter's rights laws by choosing to live in Housing. Including the police's right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



BED BUGS: Your Friends!

These little flat red bugs have been a real headache for housing and its residents in recent years; entire floors in housing have been shut down because of these curious creatures. If you're living in housing, you might want to befriend the little buggers!





HOW TO THROW a PARTY ON CAMPUS

Even though the dorms are state property, they can be a great place to throw crazy parties, and in most cases, the RAs, Housing and cops are fairly cooperative. Most campus parties occur in Alphabet Soup (the A - U campus dorms) and are a great way to let off stress and help sustain the campus nightlife. Before you crunk up, here are some crucial things to remember when you plan on hosting a party.

First of all, you have to make the decision about whether or not you want to notify the authorities. In most cases it does not hurt to fill out a party application provided by Housing. Housing will notify the Police about the party and they may swing by before it starts just to check in with you. If you decide not to fill out the application, there is a good chance the Police and/or RAs will find out about it on their walkthroughs and respond in a more negative and confrontational way.

Second, quiet hours start at 11:00pm on weekdays and 1:00am on weekends. If it's past quiet hours, and if you have a loud, large party that spills outside, the authorities will definitely come and tell you to shut it down. Although gigantic loud parties with deejays or bands that span multiple rooms and have a huge drum circle out front with dancing hippies are definitely entertaining, remember that the larger it is the more likely it will have to end early. In general, it is a good idea to send a representative outside to meet the RAs and Police when they conduct their walkthroughs to see if there have been any complaints, etc. As well as showing a level of maturity, this tactic will keep the authorities outside of the party when they want to

talk with you.

Third, in 2002 the campus implemented a no-keg policy and they were not afraid to enforce it. Early in the year, one student was kicked out of housing for hosting a kegger in his dorm. The general rule for alcohol is that it must be kept inside. You are not supposed to be selling or giving away liquor to minors on campus, but if it all stays inside, the police do not have much of an excuse to come in and bust you. At really large parties where lots of people are enjoying themselves outside, the police have been known to show up and make an example out of some kid by giving a breathalyzer and performing a search of the person's pockets and/or bags. The poor kid usually gets written up with an MIP and has to go to grievance but the party inevitably rages on.

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

Also, there's a fair amount of money available for students wanting to host events through Housing. For instance, a few years ago there was a 4/20 party. Housing paid for bands, food and advertising. Ask your RA how to apply for these funds, and remember your RA is given a certain amount of money per month to spend on her or his residents, so make sure they use it.



CAMPUSCOPS

DRUG RAIDS, LYING COPS, & MACED STUDENTS

POLICE VIOLENCE AND MISCONDUCT DURING FALL QUARTER, 2003

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

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

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

Right around this same time, during the end of October, another incident occurred which further strained community and police relations. A drunk

student in T dorm tossed an empty vodka bottle at a passing RA and an officer who arrived on the scene to check out a noise complaint was informed of the incident.

He told the residents that he wanted to speak with the drunk student and when he approached the bottle-thrower, the student attempted to push past the officer and would not respond to his verbal commands. After a brief scuffle, the officer proceeded to mace the student directly in the face and hand cuff him. The student fell to the ground screaming for water but the police did not allow anyone to approach him. Despite other party goers attempts at helping the maced student, the police refused to allow anyone to administer medical treatment for nearly half an hour until paramedics showed up.

These incidents disturbed many students and sparked a lot of debate about the role of police on our campus. A series of community forums with Chief Huntsberry were held. Although the Deadly Force Review Board concluded that the officers actions in the drug raids were justified, they also decided that the decision not to report the drawing of firearms was explicitly against the college's standard operating procedure. There are a number of 'Cop Thoughts' boxes around campus for students to use in expressing their opinions about TESC police. A year later, the campus police continue to use non-lethal weapons as substitutes for tactful non-violent solutions.





The **KEY** of **COUCH SURFING**



Step One : Make Friends!

Hang around the dorms, go to a few parties and when you hopefully meet some people that are friendly enough to let you stay, don't forget their names and location of the dorm. Make sure it is okay with ALL roommates before "moving in".

Step Two : Help Out.

Before you pose any difficult questions to your newfound roomies, offer to help with things like dishes and garbage/recycling. These are chores that are very rarely done in dorm life and if you jump on that grenade when it needs to be done, that improves your standing in others' eyes.

Step Three : Get Out of the Way.

Couch surfing does not necessarily mean sleeping on a couch. People have couches so they can sit on them, not so you can sleep on them. If you find yourself sleeping on a couch, make sure you clean up your bed in the morning before you are asked to. But there are a variety of places you can sleep. Empty closets are an ideal place to sleep depending upon your intended stay and you can store all your shit and keep it closed when you need to. Another idea is to portion off a small (emphasis on small) part of a bigger room, but only after you clear it with all people actually paying rent.

Now you're in. Don't fuck it up.

🔪 **Rotation Method**

for a new place to crash before getting evicted. Switch dorms every few nights but make sure not to leave a trail of your possessions or your messes. This is a good way to piss off a lot of people and lose your stuff. If necessary, establish a home base for long-term storage and fallback sleeping area, while maintaining options at secondary sites.

🔪 **Hygiene**

Keep your roomies happy by washing your clothes, brushing your teeth, using deodorant, and showering regularly. These activities are all small investments of time and money that will make a huge difference. Whether you are crashing until you find a job, a new place to live, or whatever your reason for being homeless, you'll find it easier to do it without being covered in filth. Also it will help you avoid the next issue...

🔪 **Parasites!**

Ticks, lice, fleas, scabies, etc. Do not associate with these blood sucking little beasts. Do not sleep with animals (pets). Check yourself regularly for infestations, especially if you have been gallivanting in the woods or have gone without bathing for a while. Make sure to deal with any parasites before they spread. Not only is this good for your own health and that of those around you, nobody forgets the dirty hippie that gave them lice. Avoid other peoples' dirty laundry, keep clean, and if you must, cut your hair very short (don't worry, it'll grow back). Another important thing in this same vein is always, always...

(free at the TESC Health Center). This isn't high school sex-ed, but be safe. Also don't abuse the seduction-for-a-place-to-sleep trick. This makes a lot of enemies.

⚡ Don't Borrow Money

That is unless you absolutely have to. Instead earn money through hard work, it makes for a much more admirable character. Drug dealing while couch surfing is a bad idea because it draws extra attention from authority figures and you could get two charges (at least) if you're caught. And if you are forced to borrow money, don't spend it on booze or drugs. These items are luxuries. Borrowed money should be spent on food, gas for a job hunt, bus fare or whatever absolute essentials might be beyond your budget. Write down your debts and pay them promptly or give a semi-solid date when it can be repaid before accepting money. But if you find yourself with a little extra money...

? Partying as a bum

First of all, don't spend money on parties that could be spent on food, clothing, or rent. But if you find a few extra bucks in your wallet, getting your room-

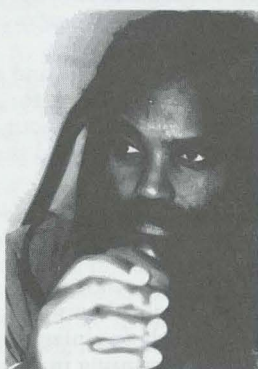
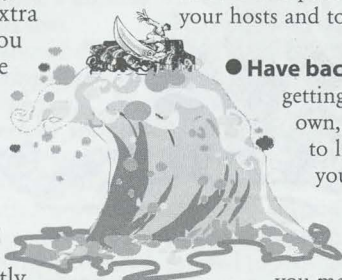
mates drunk/ high/ whatever will increase your palatability (if they're into that sort of thing).

Some parting tips..

● **Return favors.** Remember people that probably didn't know you well took you into their home. These people are being kind and benevolent and you should try to do the same if ever put in their position. Repay your karma to your hosts and to others.

● **Have backup plans for everything.** Whether it's getting locked out, kicked out, leaving on your own, finding employment, or finding a place to live, you need to have a secondary plan. If you find yourself in dire straits, there is always one last option:

● **Camping!** The family activity that you may have done growing up is now how you have to live. This is only a viable option if you have the equipment. Don't think you can just wander into any wooded area in Olympia and carve out a niche for yourself. Oly winters are typically cold and wet and you need good warm waterproof gear to consider this as an option. The Evergreen Woods are notorious for people camping within them. Camping is illegal in the woods (if you get caught) and can be dangerous.



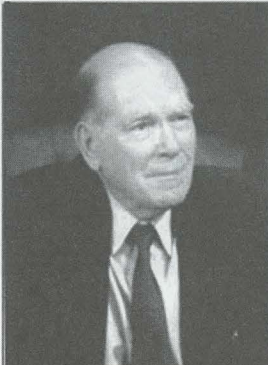
GRADUATION SPEAKER Mumia Abu Jamal

You may have heard about Evergreen and the controversy created when former Black Panther Party activist Mumia Abu-Jamal spoke at its 1999 graduation ceremony. Abu-Jamal has been on death row since 1982 for allegedly murdering a police officer in Philadelphia in 1981. His trial was a case study in the corruption of the US Criminal Justice system, and nearly every human rights organization in the world has demanded a retrial. (More information is available at www.mumia.org).

Students worked hard throughout the year to raise awareness about Mumia's plight and the problems of the criminal justice system, and encouraging students to write-in Mumia for the graduation speaker vote. When Evergreen's first choice for graduation keynote speaker (Governor Gary Locke) fell through, Mumia was chosen as the replacement. Following significant media attention and pressure from the state government, the higher ups in the administration overruled the decision of the graduation committee, unilaterally selected another keynote speaker, and reduced Abu-Jamal to a less prominent position in the event.

Despite this setback the event was a huge success. Before the day of graduation rumors circulated that during Mumia's speech discontented seniors and opponents of Mumia would be playing horns or screaming to make his words inaudible, but the speech went on with no disruption. Instead, the majority of the crowd (students and guests alike) rose to a standing ovation.

IF IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...



spread the ideology of LaRouche my minions. mwa hahahahahaha!!

know some of the articles have nothing to do with politics, but are brainy discourses on general philosophy. You'll see some of his brochures, I promise. Depending on who you talk to, LaRouche is either a statesman and brilliant economist who was framed by the government (www.larouche.pub.com, www.larouchein2004.net), or a "Neonazi," "fascist menace" (www.protest.net/view). No one has a lukewarm opinion about LaRouche. LaRoucheites are some of the most aggressive recruiters on campus. They set up tables on Red Square or in the CAB, and are more than happy to debate the finer points of LaRouche's plans for hours at a time. They are smart and articulate, and they know LaRouche's

Here's a little background on LaRouche, as best as I can tell. LaRouche was originally a member of the radical student movement in the '60s. He has worked as an economist and activist. He was convicted of fraud, and went to jail from '89 to '94.

LaRouche ran for president in '76 on the labor ticket and tried for the democratic nomination from '80 to '92, as well as running for congress from Vermont. His publications, including the ubiquitous New Federalist, come across as highly intellectual, with lots of Platonic and Socratic references. To be 100% honest here, I've never actually finished reading one - they tend towards histrionics and would seem to require lots of research to substantiate their claims - so I'm not sure how philosophically rigorous or logically defensible they are. I do

teachings in and out.

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

Here is where **YOU MUST BE CAREFUL.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

...IT PROBABLY IS.

...WHERE DOES THE MONEY IN MY BANK ACCOUNT GO?

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

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

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

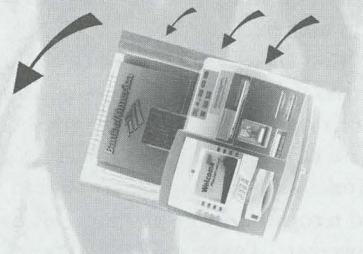
BUT THERE IS GOOD NEWS

In the past, TESC administration did not care to provide an alternative to BoFA's on-campus ATMs despite these issues. But after 10 years of hard work and red tape, you now have a better option. The Washington State Employees Credit Union (754-6133, 400 E. Union St.) is a nonprofit institution that offers most of the same services as BoFA, to students (as a student at Evergreen, you qualify for membership). They too will invest your money in a wide variety of activities that you may not

approve of, but they're probably a bit more socially conscious than BoFA and are more likely to give out more loans to lower-income community members.

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

Avoid the pot tax: a no-fee Washington State Employees Credit Union ATM is available on the second floor of the CAB building next the book store.



a history of

International Women's Week

at evergreen

I For the past 16 years on March 8th, Evergreeners have joined millions of women and men around the world celebrating International Women's Day. Over the years, International Women's Day has turned into a week of events commemorating women around the world. The week recognizes women who stop at nothing to fight for women's social freedom. On this day we celebrate the accomplishments and progress of women through our struggles with self-recognition, quality of life, and challenge that face women in our societies. While weights among oppression, race, and economic prejudice suspend from the phallus skylines of this nation, internationally women have faced a myriad of control-confining laws against them. I once wondered about the ways that under-represented people are highlighted on the calendar by a day or a month, if a white, male dominated society felt sorry for under-representing us and gave us a day out of the year to recognize ourselves. This negativity isn't the case; on International Women's Day we flip this perspective around to say that we deserve this. Women of all colors around the world were not just given a day, we give ourselves everyday as ordinary makers of today and history. International Women's Day is a time for women to recognize the diversity of experiences and common struggles women inherit solely because they are women.

Recognized or not, women are expressing themselves daily, helping and seeing each other, creating their own ways to reconcile and live more freely. We gave ourselves this day to celebrate and highlight the works with the community, and in sharing our voices, to recognize the potentials in all of us working together. I've ranted as if you need justification why

this celebration of women is highlighted for a week at Evergreen.

Although too often, the celebration of women in this society is defined by patriarchal lust, a racist rah-rah of white history's progress in a land of genocide, or a perspective that only looks behind and sighs in thinking how innocent this society has become now that women vote in ballot boxes. This doesn't paint our pictures. Although the struggle for gender equality underlies the International Women's Day movement, what is not often remarked is that women of color face additional challenges. The validity of these experiences hit a pressure point on the body of this institution. Two years ago International Women's Week at Evergreen began a divaricating shift in leadership.

From margin to page

The week was silently protested by women of color at Evergreen because the events were not culturally aware or conscious of the different experiences women of color face in their every day lives. At the time, the Women's Resource Center organized events addressing gender and sexuality, body health, self defense, etc. Not only was the Women of Color Coalition omitted from the planning process, but to many, this reflected a common reality that women of color are marginalized and their needs are overlooked. After a continuing dialogue with the Women's Resource Center, the Women of Color Coalition agreed to take on International Women's Week the following year as well as years after. This was a conscious decision that came out of meetings held with the WRC and the WOCC.

a history of *International Women's Week* at evergreen



ow more than ever, women at Evergreen work with others to put more of our own realities and presence in this picture. It is the collaborative work of performers and guests, campus activity boards, and especially the student groups eagerly brainstorming to bring events and activities that address issues concerning women from different ethnic, political, cultural, linguistic, and economic backgrounds. We encourage the artistic expression of women believing in the transformations through art, and events have ranged from improvisational theater to music performances that break down the walls of perpetuated silence created by stereotypes. During workshops we moved through personal journeys, exploring our multi-faced and sexual identities. We discover our potentials in the communion with our place in the world. In March 2005, along with 10 student groups, we held a natural contraceptives workshop at the Organic Farm to explore the unique ways we can get access and take control of our bodies through alternative methods to the medical industries. Siren's Echo, Scream Club, and the Female Hip-Hop Alliance brought the electricity under our

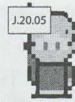
feet to the mic and voice, performing female empowered underground hip-hop that flows unstoppable in our neighborhoods. The Medea Project, using theater to transform the lives of incarcerated women and ex-offenders, performed improv to tell their stories, remember the power of creativity in transforming pain and the obstacles lived through to offer as hope.

This year women at Evergreen envision working together to make International Women's Week a meaningful, creative, healing, and empowering time for ourselves and the community. Your visions and help are needed and encouraged. IWW is made possible with lots of fundraising and a collective, supportive, and respectful environment. In connecting with the performers who give to the Evergreen community, we take and give back, making the threads meet through our borderless struggles as women. Because we give thanks to those who believe and who let us believe in the transformation from violence to hope and sisterhood. Because we live in unnoticed potentials. Because we've got stories to share and stories to create us.

For more information about International Women's Week, contact the Women of Color Coalition at wocc_tesc@yahoo.com



a tale from the inauguration protests



The first version of this article was written on a train heading out of DC six hours after I was released from jail. The retelling of this story begins after a long day (January 20, 2005) of mostly unempowering marches. The day concluded with an Anti-Flag show at a local church, filled with amazing energy. Truman, the nine-year-old son of the lead singer, read an inspiring essay he wrote about imperialism and the need to rise up and oppose it. Afterwards, an unannounced march began with this energy and headed towards the Adams Morgan neighborhood with torches and chants. The first march of the day without a police escort had great energy to it: a banner hung proclaiming “With War and Occupation Comes Resistance.” As the march passed a Starbucks, windows were broken (not at random, windows were broken at multi-national evildoers such as KFC, Citibank, Riggs Bank,

McDonalds, and a police substation with an estimate of \$15,000 of property damage) and barricades were drug into the streets. As all this energy coalesced, the police caught up to the march. In riot gear, the cops broke up

the force for liberation and justice. We were chased down the street and trapped in two allies. Riot police pepper sprayed the protesters in the front. We were forced to kneel down in the snow for around an hour with our hands behind our head. One activist complained that she had a heart condition where she couldn't have her hand above her heart for too long. Her call for medical aid failed and the cops yelled at her with pepper spray in-hand to keep her hands on top of her head.

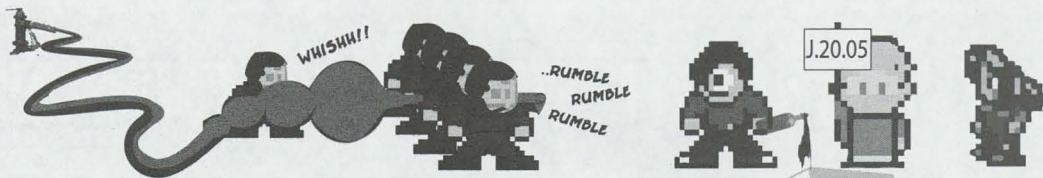
After an hour of kneeling in the snow, the transport vehicles arrived and the cops cuffed us with very tight flexi-cuffs, one by one. We were formed into lines as they processed our names and addresses.

While we waited for this stage of processing to end, one cop decided to “educate” us on the process. He informed us that, if we cooperate and give our full name, address, and date of birth, we'll be released in a few hours. However, if we only give our name or, heaven forbid, refused to give our name, we'd be in jail, in his words, “forever and ever and ever. And then, when I show up to work in a year, you all will still be rotting in jail.” This was too much for me. As the cop yelled at me to stop, I told the crowd of their right to remain silent, that refusing your name is a valid form of protest, how best to deal with pepper spray, and that, above all, cops lie.

They finished processing and loaded us into police transit vehicles. Forty-five minutes and we arrived at the Blue Plains Police Academy in the far southwest edge of DC, very far from any form of public transportation. Even after we arrived we were held in the van for another hour and a half. The officer in our van told us that we are being charged with “parading without a permit”

and that, if we pay them a \$50 extortion fee, they will drop our charges, we won't have to go to court, and there will be no conviction on our records. He also told us that if we paid we should be out by 3:45am. A number of us complained about wrist pain and they said the cuffs would be removed once we were inside the Academy. They also wouldn't let us use the bathroom (even after four hours), so a couple of the people in my van decided to use the back of the vehicle. After they escorted us into the Academy, they took away most of our property, including shoelaces. This I call Search #1. Then they asked if we were going to take the \$50 deal (most responded that they would) and we got a bathroom brake—but only with a police officer watching. We were led into

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a classroom at the Academy. They separated the women from the men; women were on one side of the room, men were on the other. Since the door to this "classroom" didn't lock apparently, about five guarded over us. They cut off our flexi-cuffs and replaced them with zipties, allowing us to hold our hands in front of us. For many of us the zipties were loose enough to slip in and out of. Others had zipties that cut off circulation after the several hours of restraint.

Around six in the morning those who paid the \$50 fee and had their identification were released. I was among the unlucky without IDs, which is not illegal. They felt the need to further investigate our identity after we paid them the extortion fee. We were put in a waiting room for a van to arrive so they could transport us to the DC Central Jail and fingerprint us. After the fingerprints ran, we would be let go, so we are told. After about thirty minutes, our ride came and we are searched. Search #2. We're led to the police van and told the rules of the ride: no "monkeying around," spitting, knocking on windows, or yelling, or they'll fill the van with gas and they'll knock us to the ground. Once at the Central Jail, we had to wait forty-five minutes before they let us in. Here they gave us Search #3. Then we're led into cells about the size of the bathrooms in

Lab 2 metal bunks to sleep in. Three hours later we're finger printed, photographed, and given two sandwiches. As hungry as I was, bologna-mayo and cheese-mayo sandwiches didn't seem edible to me, so I refused. After another hour, around 10 am, most of the people in my group were released. Another man and I remained. I inquired why I remained in that small, cramped, dirty, bug-infested cell, but no one answered my question. Around noon, a cop came around to round up folks going to court. She realized that my friend and I should have had been released hours ago since we paid the \$50 extortion fee. Finally we are released. Unfortunately, the police didn't send our property to the Central Jail, so our money, Metro Cards, phones, etc. were still at the Police Academy. Fortunately I met with the members of Oly Bloc who were doing court support work, which thrilled me greatly.

My hope, by retelling this sad tale, is not to discourage folks from getting involved or protesting on the streets. My twelve-hour jail experience, as awful as it was, is nothing compared to the lifetimes of oppression that the U.S. Government, acting in our name, inflicts on the rest of the world. I hope this tale inspires more people to rise up and to oppose the imperialism and capitalism ruining our lives.

TWICE A MONTH PAY CHECKS STRUGGLE

UNION OF STUDENT WORKERS

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

In the first year, USW met with "standard administrative delay strategies" (SADS?!?). The school claimed the focus was too broad when USW brought many student worker issues (livable wage issues, not being allowed to work more than 19 hours/weeks, the once-a-month pay schedule) to their attention. They then turned around to claim that our focus was too narrow when we brought to them a single issue - the once a month paychecks! In the Fall of 1998, in front of 400 supporters, the USW confronted the administration on their inconsistencies and presented them with a plan to move to a twice-a-month pay schedule. After a long period of haggling, the administration finally committed to the idea. It then took two years of planning. In the spring of 2001 twice-a-month paychecks were finally enacted. However, coordinators of S&A groups are now paid on a stipend system which operates on a twice-a-quarterpay schedule. UNFORTUNATELY, THE USW NO LONGER EXISTS.

GRAFFITI AT EVERGREEN

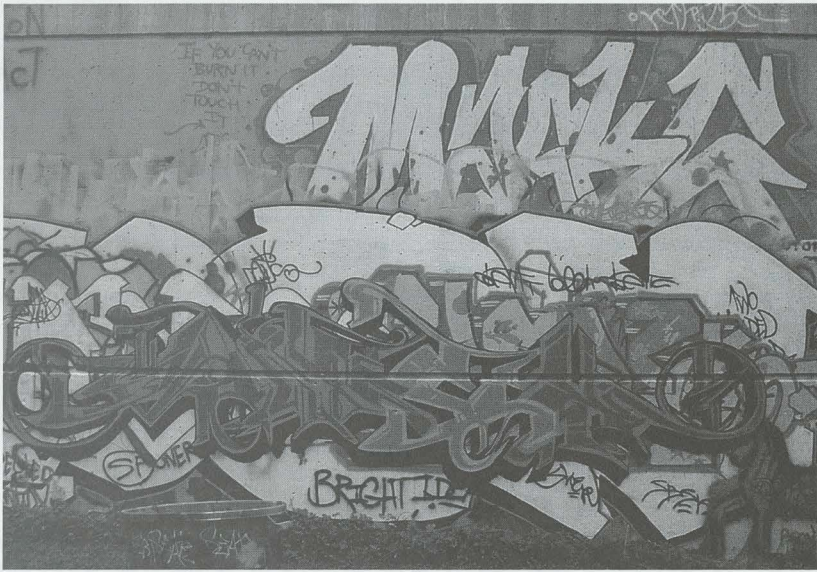
A little known secret that most new Greeners will not hear about is the amazing graffiti wall that used to exist behind the COM building. During the 2002-2003 school year graffiti artists and the Evergreen administration brokered a deal to allow graffiti on the large blank wall on the back of COM. Sadly, the wall was shut down before the 2004-2005 school year started. Rumors have circulated that it was due to fumes from spray cans entering the ventilation system from the back of the building that irritated and made people sick. I was unable to find out the true reason for ending the

progressive art piece known as The Wall since there was no documented evidence. As a final insult to creativity and free speech, the administration not only shut down the wall, but painted over all the huge freehand pieces. As a remedy to this loss, the administration

brought a large corrugated cargo container, located behind the tennis courts along the path to Overhulse Rd. and the Childcare Center. The only problem to this seemingly fair deal is the container itself. The corrugated metal sides are, well, lets just say much less than ideal for freehand than a concrete wall, and the container makes stencil work utterly impossible. The only solution that many artists have come to accept is that we can no longer restrict our artwork to the sanctioned areas if the administration cannot provide us with something better than a fucking shipping container. There is basically no surefire way

to get away with defacing campus property, no matter how amazing the piece may be, but if you follow these few suggestions you will find your midnight adventures more fruitful and grand. First, pick your spot carefully. Hitting places like the front of soup dorms, or the entryway to the SEM II cluster would be considered...bad. These well-lit areas will get you spotted and busted by Perez and Co. faster than you can drop your cans. Next, make sure you bomb places at the right time. Sunday through Thursday nights after 11 pm walkthroughs (from about midnight to

daybreak is the best window to ensure your stealthy mission is successful), Friday and Saturday nights are pretty much bad because even though walkthroughs are done by 1:30, people still wander around getting fucked up till early morning. This means the cops are still out doing



their job. Lastly don't tag your real name on your work. Remember the more graf that's out there, the more attention you will get. The only people who should know your work on campus should be those who do it with you and fellow trustworthy artists. Well, that's about all the info you are going to get out of me. Have fun, keep the art real and wear your respirators! Some good websites to check out would be: www.woostercollective.com and www.stencilrevolution.com. A final word of respect for others' work: "If you can't burn it, don't touch it!"

A HISTORY OF MURALS

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

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

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

Another greenish, abstract linear speed portal grabs people's eyes from a far wall, shrouded in darkness. Down in the corner the three word title is

painted in small, neat black letters: "Chaos, Calculus, Confucius." Former TESC students Erik Phenix and Chris Evans are the masterminds behind this brilliant piece painted in 1992.

So as not to give away all the details of all the murals on

campus and ruin their majestic character, I'll just clue you into their whereabouts. Check out the A Building Lobby and bottom floor plus all the stairwells of A, B, C and D buildings (there's a ton in here kiddies!).

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

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

ARTISTS!!!

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





Notes from a Breakfast Pirate

There is something magical about breakfast. Students, whose brains and bodies benefit from a nourishing first meal, often neglect breakfast. The cafeteria on campus is limited, expensive, and uninspiring. Determined to provide wholesome organic food for friends and neighbors, we set up shop twice a week in a cozy dorm, opening a space for socializing, studying, and eating.

In the spring of 2005, with a few loyal friends, I operated a breakfast club from a kitchen in housing. We cooked and served hundreds of hot meals in seven weeks. At first I was nervous. I would spend most of my paycheck at the Co-op, buying a giant load of eggs, cheese, potatoes, fruits, veggies, coffee, bread, tortillas and condiments then trek it all to campus early in the morning, often on bicycle. I would get the potatoes cooking and coffee brewing by 8 am and wait, hoping that people will notice my presence and take advantage of this nutritious scheme.

It was a success. Nobody made any money, in fact we barely broke even.

But good food and friends compensate for hard work. This is not a business or an attack. It's about friends pooling resources together, enjoying an honest meal. One small kitchen is capable, at best, or serving a couple dozen. The potential of this idea, replicated in multiples, could be awesome. Imagine different kitchens around campus doing different meals in rhythm, expanding the possibilities of community food at Evergreen. Here are some tips to get started:

First, if you don't have a kitchen in housing, find one. It is vital to establish a good relationship with each resident in that particular dorm. Offer to do some deep cleaning and provide free meals for the folks who'll be putting up with the ruckus. Clean the place, decorate, and get some music going. Next, buy groceries. Figure out what you're willing to spend, and don't expect to get it all back. I encourage you to buy local organic for everything possible. This scheme can support local producers and grocers, plus you utilize the "oh yeah, well this is organic" statement. Once you have groceries, sit down with the receipt and draw up a menu with suggested prices based on product cost. Decide what time you intend to be cooking and get the word out. Call your friends, make an

email list, pass out invites, and put a sign on the door. Don't get caught advertising around campus or you will risk drawing unwanted attention and breaking certain rules. Keep in mind that this is primarily a social event, akin to a potluck, with emphasis on sharing food among friends and developing your culinary skills.

Start prepping your food early in the morning. Clean and chop the veggies, cut up the fruit, cook off the potatoes (or whatever) and start brewing coffee. If you're not invited to use the refrigerator (which is always full by the way) get a big plastic bin and fill it with ice from the A-Dorm community freezer. Practice basic food safety. Have plenty of clean utensils on hand, and for god's sake, get yourself a decent knife.

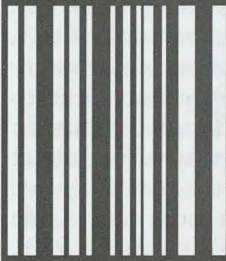
Divide the labor. There are a number of tasks: set-up, clean-up, prep cook, order cook, beverages, dishes, host / server, DJ, menu artist, etc. Three is a good number. One person greets, takes orders, serves, and buses dishes. The

second person cooks the orders. The third person washes dishes, brews coffee,

and backs up persons one & two.

A note about money: don't do it for money. Do it for food. It is very unlikely that you'll make any profit. The goal is to feed people at a low cost and have fun. Some people won't pay and some people will give you twenty-bucks for the cause. Maybe you break even, maybe not. No matter what, you will eat for free or cheap, have fun, and learn something—so don't complain. In seven weeks, I broke even. I didn't make anything, but I ate for free. That makes all the hours of hard labor and early morning commitment worthwhile. We decided not to charge money, nor to handle anyone's cash. Our "prices" were just cost-based suggestions. We left a cup on the table and if we did our job well, that cup would get very full by the afternoon.

Now for the authorities. There are many different ways to go about eating, cooking, feeding, sharing and pooling funds. Some of them are delightful and innocent; others are heinous and punishable crimes. Remember: cooking is no crime. Sharing food is legal. Paying people back for a good meal is basic. Operating a for-profit business without license, without following basic food-handling guidelines (see USDA for details) and advertising that business in Housing, in breach of their contract with [insert multinational here], is criminal. So don't do those things.



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NOTES ON OUR CORPORATE FOOD SERVICE

Food service at Evergreen has been the topic of debate and controversy for years. The last two years have seen the formation an S&A student group focused specifically on the topic of food service. Students Organizing for Food Autonomy (SOFA) formed at the beginning of last year (2004-05) and works to make food service a visible part of college life. But before we talk about the last year's actions it is important to look at the work the students that came before us have done.

In the spring of 2000 the school announced replacing their current food service provider (Fine Host) over the summer (while the students were away on break). After briefly checking into the corporations bidding on the contract it was clear most of the corporations were pretty shady at best (surprise, surprise). One of the most egregious of the corporations was Sodexho, a Paris based corporation with a monumental history of abuse of its employees, violating health codes, and with major fiscal and managerial ties to the for-profit prison industry (yes, there are corporations that build and operate prisons and make big bucks doing it).

It was assumed that with a record like this the administration would not want to deal with Sodexho. On the contrary, they called us liars, rumor mongers, and accused us of "falling victim to leftist conspiracy theories." Their evidence against us? A letter from Sodexho's corporate spin machine warning them not to believe us!

We were eventually able to convince that administration that we had are facts straight, but the administration was unconcern. They gave the typical TINA (There Is No Alternative) explanation and continued with negotiations with Sodexho.

We hung banners around campus warning Sodexho and the administration that they were asking for it, did some fun guerilla theatre in red square for the summer school crowd and the international students, notified the press, and scheduled a massive town meeting to discuss the situation with the campus. Apparently somebody got scared because just a few days before the town meeting the negotiations mysteriously broke down. The college asked the permission to extend the contract with its old food service provider: the threats of TINA were bogus. Students had kept the 2nd largest food service corporation in the world off Evergreen's campus!

Then in 2001 Sodexho tried to come back. It was decided to send a clear message to Sodexho that corporate pillagers were not welcomed at our school. Forty students and community members greeted the Sodexho representatives on campus in masks, camouflage and black clothing. They read a statement warning Sodexho that coming to Evergreen would be the worst mistake the company had ever made, and implored the company to leave campus immediately.

The administration, under the leadership of Art Costantino, completely flipped. Within



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48 hours hundreds of "wanted" flyers had been posted around campus, greatly distorting the confrontation, accusing the masked protesters of threatening the Sodexo employees with violence, comparing them to the KKK, and encouraging the campus community to turn the names of any of protesters in to the police.

The administration eventually realized that the protests would only grow worse if they continued their witch-hunt, and the investigation was dropped. Meanwhile, Sodexo (along with several other crooked food service corporations) had dropped their bids, citing an "anti-corporate" climate on campus! The school was forced to contract out to the only company still interested, Bon Appetit.

At the time, Bon Appetit was a small west coast company who provided organic and local food. Ironically, soon after coming to Evergreen Bon Appetit was bought out by the multinational corporation, Compass Group (yet another company that profits outrageously from the current military occupation in Iraq and the prison industrial complex).

The contract with Bon Appetit was slightly different than the contracts the school entered into involving food service. The school paid Bon Appetit a flat managerial fee to Bon Appetit.

This meant Bon Appetit received the same amount every year regardless of whether food service was making a profit or not. Whatever profit (or lose) would be the school's. Well in the three years Bon Appetit was on campus, food service cost the college approximately \$1.5 million dollars. These soaring losses lead to the school instituting a forced meal plan for the first time and have been blamed for the removal of the kitchens from Phase 1 in Housing (I've personally have had high up members of Housing tell me that it was at least

part of the reason for the kitchen removals).

These new changes, coupled with a growing number of students becoming aware of Bon Appetit's ties to war-profiteers lead to a campaign to get them off our campus. In the 2003-04 school year Bon Appetit's contract was coming up for review; the students once again starting lobbying for a more sustainable food service at Evergreen. Pointing to a 2001 report issued by a Disappearing Task Force (before the school contracted out to Bon Appetit) charged with researching the food service situation at Evergreen, the students began calling on the administration to draw up a business plan to run it's own food service (this is known as a self-op food service). The report, which was later corroborated by an independent paid consultant (which cost the school thousands of dollars), stated that though there would be a considerable start up cost, and a few years of functioning in the red, a self-op food service would be the school's best option. Students wrote articles for the CPJ, held public discussions over the future of Evergreen's food service, and signed a petition, all of which was ignored by the administration.

As early as January it was clear that bon Appetit was not going to remain on campus. The students made it clear that we would not be silenced until Bon Appetit was off our campus; the administration also had strong reasons to end their dealings with Bon Appetit.

The school was losing about half a million dollars a year due to food service. It's a good thing the school decided to contract out to a company that is better suited to run our food service then we would be. Though it was cleared Bon Appetit wasn't coming back, the administration waited until the spring to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP, essentially a want-ad). The RFP was drawn-up by members of the administration, without any student input.

There were students (I believe it was four, one left to protest the lack of any real voice in the process) on the board that was to approve the RFP, but all debate over a companies

bid had to be focused around the RFP. Initially the board set a minimum score that any bid had to receive in order for a company to be invite to campus for a public presentation. Aramark did not receive this minimum score, but since they were the only company to submit a bid the school had no choice but to invite them.

The campus community packed the presentation room (it is important to note that the presentation took place during the last week of school, which is an incredibly busy for the students). There wasn't an empty seat in the house. Aramark provided us with a wonderfully cookie cutter marketing presentation. All was as expected until one student stated that she ate Aramark food in prison and it was absolutely horrible. A member for Aramark assured everyone they provide much higher quality of food at schools. The Aramark member went on to say that when they work at prisons they provide the level of food the situation calls for. Since prisoners are "bad people" they get bad food. But we at the Evergreen State College have nothing to worry about.

Regardless of this presentation the administration had no choice but to contract out to Aramark (since Aramark was the only bidding company). Contract negotiations took place over the summer and Aramark began serving food the Evergreen population in September.

By now you have probably picked up on some trends: the school likes to make large decisions over the summer while the campus is virtually empty, and the school's consistently has to negotiate with the only company that applies. The last three times the school issued a RFP (2000, 2001, and 2004) either no companies issued a bid, or only one company issued a bid. This forces the school to make concession to the companies and leaves the school in a position, like with the Bon Appetit contract, where it is forced to subsidize a large corporation at a rate of half a million dollars a year.

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Last year saw some major changes in the food service debate. Over the summer there was some reshuffling within the administration.

Food service, which was the jurisdiction of the Vice President of Finance, came under the authority of the newly hired director of Residential Life, John Lauer. This led Evergreen Housing and Aramark working with each other. A member of Aramark's management attending the weekly meetings between the RA's. Aramark would constantly bounce new ideas of the RA's wondering if "their residents would be into" whatever new marketing scheme they could come up with.

At one point the director of Aramark came to the RA meeting with some questions about the Killer Coke Campaign. Like most (all?) multinational corporations, Coca-Cola has been accused of some gruesome acts. Union organizers in there plant have disappeared or been killed. They is good reason to believe that Coke funds paramilitary death squads in Columbia. The Killer Coke Campaign () is a grassroots campaign calling for a boycott of all Coke products until they clean up their act. Schools all throughout the country have joined the boycott, refusing to sell Coke products on their campus. Students at Evergreen have been pushing for Evergreen to join the boycott and last year all their hard work almost succeeded. Aramark came to the RA's to see if the RA's felt that Aramark should stop carrying Coke. This proposal was quickly shot down, most vocally by Andy Seabert, Area Director of Phase 1 (If you're as outraged by this as I am let Andy know. You can reach her at 867-5113.).

This is a perfect illustration of the new tie between Housing and food service. For those of you living in Housing your RA might

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be a better person to talk to about complaints with Aramark than Aramark's suggestion box (though to their credit Aramark does seem to take suggestions seriously). If you live in Housing and have an issue with food service it would definitely be worth your time to the Housing Professional staff is aware of your complaints. This includes the Resident Directors (Luda Konshin 867-5115 and Dionn, the Area Directors (Andy 867-5113 and Monique Vallot 867-6133), the Assistant Director of Housing (Chuck McKinney 867-6191) and of course the big cheese John Lauer 867-6419.

Last year also saw an explosion in activity. The students, taking a lesson from the global Food Not Bombs movement (now in its 25 year), decided get together and hold large weekly, highly visible potlucks open to everyone on campus. These large public protests/celebrations were a huge hit and made the subject of food service a key campus issue, dominating the Cooper Point Journal (the school's paper) on a weekly basis. On some days upwards of 200 people came to share food and socialize with their fellow community members. This of course did not sit well with everyone. Emails started circulating and eventually someone told the school health inspector, Robyn Herring (867-6111) to shut us down. We were told that Robyn received the email from the school's catering service, but when catering was asked about the email they denied ever sending it. The administration has refused to release the email. Not even the Cooper Point Journal was able to obtain a copy.

Robyn attempted to put an end to the potlucks claiming that we were breaking health codes. But according to Washington State law potlucks are exempt from health codes. This led to a 2 month long ordeal where we were

constantly debating whether or not our event met the Washington State law definition of a potluck (ridiculous I know). Eventually Robyn backed off and we finished out the year with weekly potlucks.

SOFA also organized a series of community discussions on the future of food service. John Lauer and other members of the administration were always willing to attend and here what the students had to say, but they refused to commit to working towards self-op.

At a meeting between a group of students and Les Purce, the school president he stated that he did not view self-op as feasible and said it was not a priority to the college. The college did, however, finally decide to institute one of the recommendations from the 2001 DTF report and started a Long-term Planning Committee.

The battle to get corporations off our campus has been a long one, and momentum has ebbed and flowed throughout the years, but last year we made some large gains. The Long-term Planning Committee has been focusing multiple different ways for the school to go self-op to some degree or another. Though it is crucial to the movement to maintain a voice on the committee and the DTFs focusing on food service, we must realize that the only reason why we are in the favorable position we are in right now is due to direct action on our part. It was direct action that kept Sodexo off our campus (twice) and the formation of the Planning Committee was due in large part to the weekly potlucks and the demand from the students for some progressive steps to be made in the direction of self-op. If we hope to see an end to the corporate rule over every aspect of our lives we need to take a firm and make it clear to everyone watching that we will find the means to feed each other; multinational corporations with no respect for human life will never be welcomed on our campus; we will not rest until corporations go the way of the dinosaurs.



Eat Sustainably! where to get your food:



In the chaos of going to a new school and community, it may seem that everything in your life is in flux. Rest assured fellow Greener, one thing will remain constant: you will get your energy from food. Accepting that truth comes the realization (hopefully) that your consumption effects the world. Every bite of food is a political, social, and environmental issue.

Although advertisements and grocery store shelves entice you with convenience, a lot of heavily marketed "food" is full of utterly horrible shit. Hydrogenated oils and genetically modified crops have unknown, barely studied effects on human bodies. A survey of scientific studies of Aspartame (aka NutraSweet, an artificial sweetener) shows 92% of independent researchers identified it as dangerous, linked to headaches, seizures, and brain-damage. (None of the studies funded by NutraSweet were "able" to identify any health concerns).

The food industry is also replete with worker exploitation. In the U.S., migrant and immigrant workers get the short end of the stick. Labor laws rarely do good for agricultural workers, both because of the laws themselves (for example, 1 1/2 pay not required for Overtime) and because the laws are rarely enforced (businesses are supposed to be punished for employing illegal aliens, but it's almost always the workers who suffer). Safety on the job is a joke, with most workplaces full of toxics (pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, etc.) which poison workers. Slaughterhouses are listed as the most dangerous workplace by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Coffee farmers throughout the Americas work in sweatshop-like conditions, earning less than \$1 per pound of "gourmet" coffee.

It's hard for anyone who tries to get by-producing high quality, organic (no artificial chemicals), non-exploitative, sustainably-grown food. On top of that, market conditions force prices on organics so high that they become accessible exclusively to the middle and upper classes. It's a fucking mess. But, here's a rundown for what your options are for keeping yourself fed conscientiously.

Growing Your Own - Be it gardens, farms, or guerilla gardening (gardening in otherwise unused space), growing your own food is extremely satisfying and surprisingly easy. Watching little hard seeds exploded into luscious edible green things is intensely fulfilling. It is this connection to your food which makes you truly independent. It is also cheap. The food is top notch.

There are lots of opportunities around Oly for access to garden space.

Olympia Farmer's Market - April-October: Thursday-Sunday, 10-3. November-December: Saturday & Sunday 10-3. (401 Capital Way (north of 4th and State), 352-9096)

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

The Thurston County Farm Map - Is a directory and map of small farms in the Olympia-area. Take a bike ride over to one of the farms, talk with the growers, and enjoy the beauty of small-scale agriculture. This is where food should come from. Putting money directly in the hands of the farmers is exciting for everyone. Pick up a Farm Map at the Farmer's Market or the Food Co-op

The Olympia Food Co-op - (2 locations: West Side (closer to TESC) 921 Rogers (754-7666); East Side (near I-5) at 3111 Pacific Ave (956-3870). The Co-op (Cooperatively run) is a friendly, non-profit, member-owned store with high ethical and nutritional standards, and an emphasis on organic and bulk food. Comparable prices, vegan-friendly, and community bulletin boards. The Co-op donates money to various non-profits, and is always looking for suggestions on how to better serve the needs of our community. For a small fee (waived for low-income individuals) you can become a member of the Co-op. Non-members pay 10% above the marked (shelf) price. Members can vote in Co-op elections, volunteer at the co-op and receive extra discounts. Go to the Co-op. It feels like home.

Dumpster Diving - Corporate grocery stores and many restaurants throw away lots of food every single day. An example of this can be found on campus. Dumpster diving is best learned by getting out and doing it and not getting frustrated if you don't get immediate results. And yes, dumpstering is illegal (aka theft, trespassing) so take that into consideration.

Food Not Bombs - Food Not Bombs (Mondays, 3:00 @ the Public Library, 313 8th Ave SE. Additional times TBA) is a growing movement in Olympia to provide a source of free, tasty, and healthy food for the community on a regular basis, as well as spreading values of community food action and sustainability. It's also a way to eat amazing food, meet new people, and give something back to the community while you're at it. Food Not Bombs is always looking for help: come to a weekly feeding for info on how to get involved.



cell

Center for Ecological Living and Learning

In recent years, the distance that food travels from farm to table has increased. As a corollary to this, waste streams and pollutant byproducts resultant of our globalized food system have increased for a variety of reasons like the greater focus on advertising through unnecessary packaging, environmental effects from transportation and shipment, and an expanding use of pesticides and preservatives. Symptoms are apparent as our recent physical, mental, and spiritual disconnect between growing and eating continues to expand indefinitely.

The Organic Farm

The TESC Organic Farm successfully integrates elements of a subsistence-oriented economy into campus life, while simultaneously providing students with an opportunity for hands-on, experience-based learning in an agricultural environment. Through the Organic Farm market, students and faculty are offered a chance to indulge in an array of locally grown, freshly picked, and minimally processed vegetables, eggs, flowers, and plant starts. At supermarkets, the full price of the products sold is not displayed on the label, and it is our goal to eliminate the often hidden costs of food production, including ecological devastation, adverse health effects, workers' rights abuses, and the economic difficulties now common to virtually all locally-owned farms, processors, restaurants, and grocery stores. Unfortunately, Aramark, Evergreen's food service provider refuses to buy fresh goods from the Organic Farm for stated reasons of cost effectiveness. The market is open from 10am-5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in front of the library building (second floor). Currently, the Organic Farm has about 17 subscribers their CSA. To find out more about Evergreen's own Organic Farm, visit the website at www.evergreen.edu/organicfarm/home.htm. The Organic Farm is also available on weekdays at 360.867.6160.

Compost Facilities

The Compost Facility closes the nutrient cycle on campus by recycling pre and post-consumer food refuse into compost and worm castings. It provides students with real-world learning environment and community outreach and research opportunities. All compost produced is used to increase soil fertility on the Organic Farm and the Gardens. On-campus composting depends upon the student body's educated support and use of the compost bins located throughout campus. Basically, on campus dorm kids need to pay attention to which bins they dispose of their compost into. To end the confusion and compost frustration, pay attention to the following tutorial. First, dump your bucket of dorm compost in the gray buckets and then grab some of the dust in the black bucket and throw it in your now empty dorm compost bucket. Yesss! For more information on Evergreen's advanced composting system, call 360.867.6145 or visit www.evergreen.edu/cell/.

The Community Gardens

The Community Gardens is an area of the farm designated to bringing together students, alumni, and community members who wish to have a place where they can grow their own organic produce. This allows people to be directly in touch with the food they eat and encourages individuals to learn, teach, and grow together. To find out how to reserve a plot or for other related questions, call the Community Gardens Coordinator at 360.867.6145 or visit www.evergreen.edu/cell/.

The Farmhouse

The Farmhouse integrates a classroom-style atmosphere into the Center. It is a meeting place where students, faculty, and other community members can teach, learn, cook, eat, and share experiences with each other. To reserve the Farmhouse, contact Space Scheduling at 360.867.6143.

Demeter's Garden

Demeter's Garden is a low maintenance, forage style food system based on the design principles of permaculture and other food forest systems from around the world. It is a community based educational garden that is open to the public for foraging food and herbs and learning about the dynamic relationship humans have with nature. It is a model for sustainable Pacific Northwest forest permaculture which - as of summer 2003 - is still under development. To learn more or get involved in this project, contact DEAP (Developing Ecological Agricultural Practices)

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



The Evergreen Compost Project was conceived in February of 1997. The fact that it took 4 years from first idea to the first clod of ground broken is partially due to the amount of work and thought required to design a small facility to handle all of the college's compostable food wastes. However, much of Tom Gilbert, Jeff Clug, Teagan Robinson, Charles Hannah, and many others' time was taken up cutting through the ocean of red tape that the college strung in front of them. Red tape is sometimes the product of innocent ignorance, people not knowing any better. The people who create red tape are not necessarily out to stifle creativity. But whether or not individuals are to blame, red tape is most likely to accumulate in front of causes that the people in power do not feel are important. In this case, the ease with which the directors of facilities - the body that contains and shapes the school's spirit - brushed off a project that came from a vision of a sustainable campus, made it clear how shallow Evergreen's green is.

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

A few individuals went above and beyond the call of duty in obfuscating them. Michel Kelly, Director of Facilities, twice did not invite the students who had made a life of getting composting onto campus to large meetings where vital decisions and announcements were made. In the first of these exclusive meetings, Kelly Smith, coordinator of the organic farm facility, was named director of the project. This seems to make sense, since composting would likely be on the farm's grounds. But, since Smith didn't want the project to take off in the first place, the decision amounted to a coup. Smith often failed to schedule meetings with them, and then did not show up to those meetings that he did manage to write onto his schedule.

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

This helped the composters along, but in the end, besides having to invent a new sort of facility to deal with the school's special needs, the composters had to jump through hoops, do oceans of paper work, and single handedly raise \$56,000.

On August 1st, 2001, the first ground was broken on the organic farm. The facility has been up and running since last fall.

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

Tom knows that Robanco will close the Thurston County Landfill in several years, and truck the county's trash 200 miles to the Southeast, to the town of Roosevelt in Klickitat County.

This is not news to the public: Robanco was not secretive and, besides, that is just the ways things are done in an era of increased privatization of public services. Food and supplies enter the community from distant sources, where they are produced in specialized facilities, and when they become trash, they are shipped out to distant places for disposal. That's the shiny story told to the papers. Tom and Jeff knew that the realities were not that bright. They knew that the poorest, most minority-dense, and most economically desperate areas take these facilities on, because they don't have the power to combat them or the influence to be able to object if the company poisons them. Tom and Jeff looked past the front and found that Roosevelt's population was the poorest in the entire state, and that Robanco was currently accepting all kinds of toxic materials there, including radioactive waste from Hanford, although the site was not certified for this type of hazardous waste. Any business that Robanco gets supports the dumping of horrifically toxic substances in the backyards of the people who can least object. During the endless meetings, what got to him most was that TESC, once informed, did not rush to decrease its dependence upon this abusive, destructive cycle. Currently, the compost crew collects at minimum, 2 tons of compost every week. This includes food scraps from housing, food service, and the childcare center. With an operational budget supported by the Department of Academics, the compost facility can afford to process this abundance of waste. Funding and support for the Organic Farm and the compost facility is all thanks to much support from the community in Olympia, as well as pressure from the public stressing the importance of such a facility to be in existence. Look out for compostable plates! Collaborations between ARAMARK and the Organic Farm include the future introduction of compostable dining ware. As much as it is worth, ARAMARK claims to have ordered boxes of the dining ware and is simply waiting to introduce it.

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

race politics at evergreen

the real story

Evergreen boasts of its diversity, but as one staff member observed, "Evergreen is alternative, not diverse." Be careful when reading the percentage of students of color presented by the school, it sometimes includes students on the Tacoma campus and students who are enrolled in study-abroad programs. So, many misled students of color find themselves feeling isolated and under-represented. One of the educational tools we have at Evergreen is seminar. In seminar we are supposed to have insight on our studies by listening to our peers' interpretations. Yet, an overwhelming majority of Greeners are from white upper-middle-class-liberal families. The typical Greener misses out on many perspectives. Students of color often face tokenism and are labeled race-obsessed. Students of color who are listened to when they share often feel like their points are quickly abandoned. This is because Greeners generally lack experience with people from other ethnicities, cultures, and classes, so they don't know how to further the discussion.

Many students of color entering Evergreen find that Greeners are highly interested in "ethnic" ideologies and, more commonly, "ethnic" products. We also find that these people are entirely unaware of these objects' historical and spiritual context and are separated from the people whose culture these products come from. This often leads to cultural appropriations, stealing someone else's culture, which is especially fucked up when it is used for artistic recognition or for profit. Students of color often feel as if there are barely any traces of our heritage in Olympia. We cannot find people that look like us, movie theaters that play our movies, bookstores that sell our books, barbers and hairstylists that know how to work with our hair, religious establishments that reflect our heritage, grocery stores that sell our goods, and environments (clubs/ malls) that are geared towards and accepting of our social habits. Students of color soon find that Lacey and Tacoma, which are both city bus accessible, provide them with some of the physical, social, and spiritual necessities that Olympia lacks.

first peoples advising

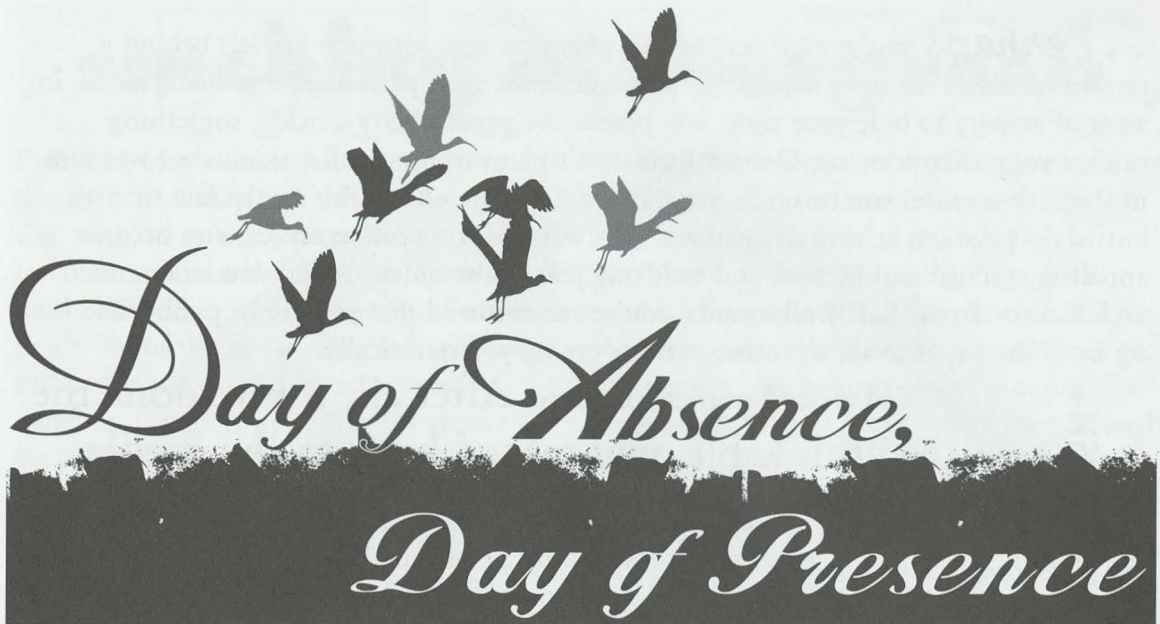
However, Evergreen does provide services for students of color. First People's Advising provides personal and academic counseling. They have materials available and are an excellent resource for connecting students to other services and other students. First People's

also plans cultural events on and off campus and they welcome ideas and assistance from all students. First People's provides support services to students of color by assisting them in achieving their academic and personal goals. Their services are tailored to meet the needs of students of color and are open to all students currently enrolled at Evergreen.

hate crimes at evergreen

Surprised? Well, students of color have known that Evergreen is not a safe space and more people are starting to hear about it. In Spring 2003 there was a hate crime in Housing involving a student whose room was broken into. Some CD's were stolen, the room rifled through, but most significantly was a note left behind with a derogatory term written on it. The term referred to a person of African descent while the student's ethnicity was from an entirely different continent. So while this asshole was a complete idiot, it still leaves the problem at hand— Intolerance, immaturity, hate, and students feeling unsafe and wanting to transfer out. What is even more appalling than the crime itself is that Evergreen does not even have a policy that deals with hate crimes! While this was the only documented hate crime, plenty of discrimination occurred on campus and students are speaking up about it.

This past year there was a group of students of color on campus who were so fed up with the hostile and unhealthy learning environment in the classroom that they created their own independent learning contracts. Their contracts were varied and ranged from art to social science. Essentially they created a learning community, complete with faculty, a syllabus and regular class meetings. The students met regularly with their faculty, read books that tie in what they were all doing, and met together to seminar among themselves. What these students did is exactly what they should at Evergreen; they got what they needed academically by creating the vehicle to obtain it. They didn't quit like so many other students of color have been forced to do.



Day of Absence, Day of Presence

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

During the Day of Absence at Evergreen, many of the faculty, staff, and students of color are absent from campus in order to participate in an off-campus retreat. Their absence from the college serves as a tangible reminder of the diversity present at Evergreen. While away, the community of color looks at issues within our communities and strategize ways to strengthen our support for

each other. The day is spent enjoying each other's company and looking at administrative and community-based solutions for providing a safe and welcoming campus atmosphere. Previous themes for the Day of Absence/Day of Presence are examining racial climate in the classroom, incorporating anti-oppression values in the workplace and seminar, exploring one's own internalized oppression, and every year guest speakers are featured as part of the program.

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

For more information, contact First People's Advising at 867-6467 or drop by Lib 2153.

.. *Perhaps* you've experienced this phenomenon: someone has left behind a certain nameless major newspaper in a restaurant of your patronage, and being alone, in want of activity to bide your time, you peruse the paper. Pretty quickly, something catches your attention; say, Donald Rumsfeld's plans to use small-scale nuclear weapons in Iraq. It's an offensive turn of events, made the more unbearable by the fact that it's buried on page six, behind department store ads and the weather report. You become appalled, agitated and excited, and suddenly your pulse quickens and you let out an exclamation. Immediately afterwards, you've remembered that you are in public, and look up from the paper to see the other patrons eyeing you quizzically.

You are embarrassed, of course. **After all, you've done the unthinkable: you talked back to the media.**

This is why independent media is important. In a media environment where only a (very small) handful of (very wealthy) corporations own (very many) of the media outlets, the odds of hearing your voice, your interest, and your life amidst the din of commerce-disguised-as-news, are slim to none. By doing it yourself, you are reclaiming your voice from the plutocratic punditry; you are rescuing the truth from the capitalist sewer passing off as the stream of information.

This is where the Infoshoppe comes in. The Evergreen Infoshoppe is a student-run resource center for students who wish to print their own media.

Want to print your own zine? That's what we're here for. We can help you create it, print it, and copy it. Or, we can leave you alone, and let you have access to our resources. But this is only one aspect of the Infoshoppe's mission. We also have a growing **zine library** with many international zines, and a book collection that includes lots of radical literature. Because we regularly exchange with other distros around the globe, our collection is continuously growing. When it comes down to it, the media not only stunts your own voice, but it seldom lets you hear the voices of others.

*Kill your TV and come chill with us! The Evergreen
Infoshoppe, CAB 308, Space 10. Call us at 867-5114
or email evergreeninfoshoppe@yahoo.com.*



smoking at evergreen

Everyone who smokes has a reason for doing it. One may puff away to forget the day, as is the patent excuse. One may choose to contemplate at the mercy of a subtle red flame. Although it is common to forbode that sting of the eye as one crouches low to utilize the hands, the cigarette stays, dangling from the lip. One may smoke because cracked hair doesn't cut it and fingernails take too long to grow. One may chase dreams in the shapes of flowing gray clouds, partake in the means to a firey ends, or buy them just to give them away. Or perhaps one is disposed to quiet dependancy.

Whatever the reason, there are plenty of smokers in Olympia to keep you company. And I mean plenty. Olympia has got to be the smoking capital of the planet. Cigarettes are practically springing up from freshly mowed lawns and between cracks in pavement. Find them if you can: Phillip Morris has factories hidden in downtown Olympia and hires agents who infinitely bum off cigarettes. When it rains, every-other person in the streets cradles a hidden treasure in their palms.

With this said, if you're a social-smoker-trying-to-quit, you're completely done for. This town turns people who smoke only when they're wasted in to Molboro men. It's amazing that in a town where "meat" can't be said aloud to children so many people smoke. But I don't question them; they have their reasons.

The obvious truth is that smokers and non-smokers co-exist at Evergreen. While this has been true for years, it is only recently that the relationship has grown uneasy. Recently the College instituted a non-smoking policy, herding smokers in to unfriendly blue bekons across campus. The new policy forbids every square foot of earth not covered by an outrageous blue circus tent from smokers. The marginalization goes further: as the policy is "peer inforced," it turns student on student. I found these realities quite unpleasent when, weeks ago, when puffing on the last cigarette from an empty box, a biker wore his breaks to inform me of the policy. "Thanks," he said as I scraped my good friend against my shoe. As he rode off there was no one but his fading form.

Smoking on campus isn't going to get any easier. The college admitted to advocating complete cessation in an official document. As the new policy sets in, fewer smokers will gather together outside of building doors in dissent. I remember when the school took the ashtrays away and masses of butts paraded the streets in silent protest. Their numbers dwindled fast. Weeks passed and I began seeing people loney under hollow ice caps, sulking with a hated curse.



A New MENTality:

How Male Socialization Relates to Sexism and Homophobia

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

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

Socialization/Gender Boxes

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

The socialized gender boxes of patriarchy force

men and women alike to present a false image of themselves to each other. Images that lack both humanity and spirit. Images that separate us and mystify us. While women in our culture also have the license to show each other affection both physically and emotionally. If men do the same, fear or suspicion often follows. For men, homophobia keeps the gender roles in place. Should a man want to divert from any sort of social standard of masculinity (wear pink, act effeminate, cry in public), he may be, at the very least, silently judged by others as weak or as less of a man.

Homophobia

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

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

Socialized gender boxes also dictate who we should be attracted to. How do we treat those who's sexuality doesn't fit the mold? As straight men and women we take our heterosexual privilege for granted. Besides the obvious challenges of being rejected and scorned by society at large, gay men and women face



considerable obstacles in many aspects of life. As difficult as love can be, for gay couples it is even harder. Their validity and normalcy as couples are constantly challenged. They rarely live their lives outside of their sexual identity. While straight people can be congresspersons, lawyers, doctors or teachers, gay people are known most often for their sexuality, and secondly their talent or occupation. We as straight people have the right to raise children without the threat of state intervention; few gay couples have had that luxury. Gay men and women, just as straight men, do not have the social acceptance to share affection in public. Therefore, ending heterosexual privilege contributes to our own liberation as loving men.

Sexism at Evergreen

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

assaulted.

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

In addition to probing self-analysis, men can also

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

We can mentor our younger peers. We can provide them with healthier models of masculinity than what we may have received growing up. We can provide them with courage and support to stand up to derogatory comments,

sexist and heterosexist stereotypes, as well as educating them about their own privilege as males and how not to abuse that privilege.

Most of all I encourage men to talk to other men in deeper ways than you usually do, to create a new mentality behind our notions of masculinity. Equally important, I encourage men to listen more deeply to other men and to other women, gay and straight. Check out the Men's Center at Evergreen, CAB 320, space 2, for more information. or call them at 867-6092.



SEX RESOURCES



SEX at evergreen...like everywhere else! except perhaps you could enjoy some in the lovely forests here. we want sex to be a gorgeous activity for all. too bad orientation and housing provide no education! but as always, there are resources to help you out! please see

<http://www.evergreen.edu/health/sexualassault.htm> for a full listing of information about recommended sexual assault practices. everyone should read this so we're familiar enough to support a friend in need. we have some helpful info at the end of this section about sexual assault support and options. if you are interested in working on sexual education initiatives for evergreen and olympia this year contact olysexconference@hotmail.com. also, last year the Evergreen Queer Alliance published a zine fall quarter that included the hottest places on campus to make out. Go by CAB 314 and see if they have an extra copy. Or go find your own fun spots! check out the links page for alternaporn sights! non-oppressive and HOT HOT HOT!

The Student Health Center

The center is located at Seminar 2110, which is the main floor of the Seminar building, across the open breezeway from Police Services. Their phone number is (360) 867-6200.

he staff can treat many injuries and test for pregnancy as well as sexually transmitted diseases and free,

anonymous HIV. The Morning-After treatment is also available. They tend to be nice and helpful but be careful about confidentiality at the check-in window as the waiting area is right there. If your worried, make an appointment for something else and then bring up your sexual health concerns. If you do not pay while you are there, a health center charge will appear on your bill. It shouldn't be specific to sexual issues. If your parents get the bill be prepared to explain. If your worried about confidentiality, it is still important that you go somewhere. Try...

Planned Parenthood Olympia

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

Thurston County Health Department

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

health/phadm/adult.html.

FREE SUPPLIES!

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

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

GET TESTED!

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

Toys In Babeland

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



General Sex Ed

<http://www.scarleteen.com/> they have an amazingly informative site about straight and queer sexual health issues.

men should check out

<http://www.mencanstoprape.org/>, <http://www.jacksonkatz.com/> and <http://www.menstoppingviolence.org/>.

No Means NO

no means no. if you are confused about sexual consent, STOP! communication is key. just for review...

Consent: Both parties must agree or gain consent to any sexual activity before initiation. Consent is the act of willingly and verbally agreeing to engage in specific sexual contact or conduct. Obtaining consent is an ongoing process in any sexual interaction. The request of consent must be specific to each act and should be obtained with each new level of physical and/or sexual contact/conduct in any given interaction, regardless of who initiates it. Don't ever make any assumptions about consent, do not take silence as consent; it isn't. Consent must be clear and verbal.

The person with whom sexual contact/conduct is initiated is responsible to express verbally and/or physically her/his willingness or lack of willingness when reasonably possible. If someone has initially consented but then stops consenting during a sexual interaction she/he should communicate withdrawal verbally and/or through physical resistance. The other individual(s) must stop immediately.

sexual Assault

Like any person in today's society, my life has been affected by sexual assault. It is understandable that each person

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

Medical Options for victims of sexual Assault

It is important to be checked for physical injuries, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV, and pregnancy. In spite of a strong and natural desire to clean up, if you choose to seek medical attention, it is best if you do not bathe, take a shower, douche or change clothes until after the physical examination. If you must change your clothes, put the clothes you were wearing into a brown paper bag and bring them with you to the examination.

Go to the hospital— Both St. Peter's (493-7289, 413 Lilly Road) and Group Health (456-1700, 700 Lilly Road) provide legal rape exams, although Group Health will only accept members of its health plan. St. Peter's will call a Safeplace advocate and a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for you— these folks are specially trained to help you through the examination. Rape exams at St. Peter's are paid for through Crime Victims Compensation.

regardless of whether or not you file a police report. If you are 18 or older,

the results of your exam will not be released to the police without your written consent. If you are under 18, the hospital is required by law to report that a rape has occurred. Please remember that it is always your choice to speak with the police or answer any questions they may ask. If you want to pursue legal charges or think you might in the future, it is important to go to the hospital for collection of evidence within the first 72 hours after an assault, but it is less after an anal penetration (48 hours) and oral assault (12 hours).

Go to the College Health Center— Located in room 2110 of the Seminar Building on Campus (866-6000 x6200). The Health Center cannot conduct legal rape exams, but the staff can treat many injuries and test for pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV.

In addition, you can receive the Morning-After pill from the Health Center.

Emotional support Options

Get support from a friend, family member, peer advocate, Safeplace advocate, or anyone you trust for immediate and/or long-term support. **Counseling Center— Located in room 2109 of the Seminar Building on Campus (866-6800),** the Counseling Center has licensed counselors, as well as peer counselors, who are available during the academic calendar year. Conversations with a licensed counselor are confidential and free. Drop-in hours vary from quarter to quarter.

Sexual Assault Prevention Coordinator (on campus)— 867-5221 M-F between 8am and 5pm and Police Services (867-6140) after hours. Even if you decide that you don't want to contact the police or

are unsure what you want to do, call to discuss your options. The coordinator will provide support and assistance with making choices and seeking help. This web site is a great resource to check out:
www.evergreen.edu/health/sexualassault.

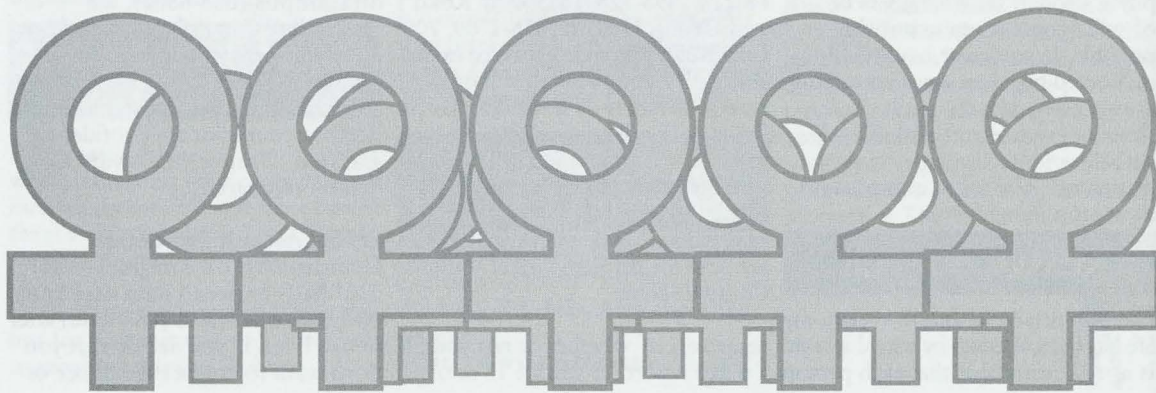
Safeplace Rape Relief/ Women's Shelter Services— Located Off-Campus (754-6300— 24 hour crisis line, 786-8754— business line), Safeplace workers and advocates are available 24 hours a day and are specially trained to help WOMEN survivors through all phases of recovery, including medical treatment and the legal system. Safeplace can also provide you with confidential shelter for women and children. Male advocates are available upon request. Due to the recent work of local trans activists and allies, Safeplace has

acknowledged the need for trans survivor services but work on improving these services seems to be coming along slowly. Intersex and trans survivors should contact the survivor project out of Portland @ (503) 288-3191 and www.survivorproject.org

How to Help a Survivor of Sexual Assault

Talk, listen, respect and be emotionally available to the survivor. Accept what the survivor tells you. Accept the fact that the assault occurred and understand that it is not the survivor's fault. Listen non-judgementally. Suggest options and actions (medical, psychological, and other assistance,) but let the survivor decide what action

to take. Let the survivor talk about the incident, but don't force a discussion. Respect and understand that temporarily, the survivor may become distant from loved ones. Assure the survivor that you will be available to provide support throughout the process of recovery. Give the survivor time to heal. Be patient and understand that the healing process takes time. Take the initiative to maintain communication with the survivor. Moderate your natural tendencies to become overprotective. The survivor may need to seek medical attention immediately. You can help by encouraging and accompanying the survivor to obtain medical attention, but do not push them to do so. If the survivor wishes to seek criminal action, this should be done as soon as possible after the incident.



low Income Resources!

Finding the money to provide basic needs for yourself (and your family if you're a parent) can be very difficult for those with a limited income. This is true in Olympia where unemployment is chronic - a town of limited employment and an abundance of students willing to work for poverty level wages. In Washington, the unemployment rate as of August 2004 was 6%, a half a percent higher than the national average.

Unfortunately, American capitalism teaches from a young age that taking assistance from the government is lazy and selfish. Furthermore, it's plain "UN-AMERICAN"! Despite the social stigma associated with state and federal assistance programs like food stamps and welfare, many in this "prosperous" country have no recourse due to economic and political issues beyond their control. If any shame is called for, it is against a capitalist system that exploits workers and creates a class system that prevents workers from attending colleges and universities due to high tuition and unreasonable expenses.

BOGE! There are more low-income students at TESC than at any other four-year college in Washington.

MYG! There is a strictly limited pool available for food stamps.

BOGE! Just because you decide to collect food stamps in order to supplement your food budget, it does not mean that someone else will get denied.

get free food!

Free Food Box: Located at the TESC health center. Check out bread and roses; they provide all sorts of assistance. See the community directory!

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

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

If you earn less than \$970 per month in a single person household you are eligible for food benefits from the state of Washington. You can apply for food benefits online at https://wvs2.wa.gov/dshs/onlineapp/introduction_1.asp

Dumpster, yo! And check out Oly Food-Not-Bombs! Check out the Oly for Free guide later in this manual for more information.

get free shit!

Historically there has been a free box located next to the HCC that has served Evergreen for many years. The free box was removed at the end of the 2002/2003 school year because housing claimed it was being overused. You should harass them to get it back! Housing tends to be a wasteful environment and people throw all sorts of things out.

Also, check out the Free Store located in front of the west side Food co-op!

get a cheapER education!

If the main reason you are in school is to get a diploma, find out about some of the ways to get it fast and cheap. CLEP (college-level examination program) tests are cheap, easy and will give you credits.

Classes at SPSCC (South Puget Sound Community College) are also fairly cheap. PLE (prior learning from experience) is a program offered through Evergreen that offers credits for non-classroom experiences. Academic advising (866-6312) can fill you in on these alternatives.

low Income Resources!

get residency!

Before school starts, immediately open a bank account in the state, register to vote, and get your Driver's License or ID card IN THIS STATE and register your vehicle if you have one. For more information about residency, contact Rafael Lozano at 867-5189 or pick up a checklist from the registration office.

get health insurance!

WASHINGTON BASIC HEALTH: Washington State provides subsidized health care plans to low-income individuals. The waitlist is usually very long. Apply early! Plans cost as little as \$17 a month. The application process is simple and easy. To apply contact the Washington State Health Care Authority at 1-800-826-2444 (ask for a Basic health application packet), pick up a packet at the health center, or find more information online at <http://www.basichealth.hca.wa.gov/>.

DENTAL INSURANCE: Basic Health does not provide dental insurance. Go to the TESC Student Health Center for information on low-income dental care options. They are extremely limited and there is often a waiting list for most routine services. Emergency dental services are, however, available with a minimum wait and with costs on a sliding scale.

get married!

If you are under 24 and your parents make the big bucks you WILL NOT be eligible for financial aid even if they don't give you one red cent of it... unless you get hitched! Find a friend who you trust enough to join in eternal matrimony (or at least for the duration of college) and you will be considered financially independent and will be eligible for thousands in grants and subsidized loans that you would otherwise have no access to. Do it before the deadline for financial aid! Applications are at the county courthouse, 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, 786-5453. If you want your application processed faster, APPLY ONLINE at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. You can make around \$5500 in personal income and still receive full financial aid.

Explore!

There are tons of ways to lower your expenses. Try playing around with your needs and seeing what superfluous things in your life you can get rid of. Try living in the woods, using coupons, or both! You can work with the Bikeshop to build a bike, get your books from the libraries, or photocopy the chapters you need. You can audit classes, stalk the CRC's back-country trips, or make your own beer! If you ever run out of ideas, the kids in the EPIC office will offer great advice on how to never pay for anything!

SERVICES

for students with disabilities


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

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

Access Services

LIB1407D

867-6348



Riding a bike is fun. Driving a 2000-pound machine powered by explosions at unearthly speeds emitting toxics fumes that are killing the planet is stupid. But let's not dwell on sad topics like the people that are killed to provide you with gas for your car, or how gas prices are going up, or about how over 40,000 people are killed by cars each year on america's highways each year. Let's talk about putting some fun between your legs.

Riding a bicycle is a great way to improve your physical fitness, think of it as cross training for out running cops or any other sport you may enjoy. Or to appeal to your vanity think about how hot biking will make your ass look. There's probably nothing more fun in all of Olympia than bombing down Harrison Avenue through the round-a-bouts and riding past all the cars stuck in traffic downtown. It's all about putting the fun between your legs.

Bikes can be really cheap. Not only don't you have to pay for gas but it's not that difficult to learn to do your own repairs. And you are privileged to have resources that can help you learn more about your bike. If you have a car you could deck out a sweet rig and have lots of beer money left over if you sold it.

People who ride bicycles will tell you that the world just looks different outside of a car. You'll notice all manner of interesting little things from people watching to plants growing through the cracks of the

sidewalk to graffiti art. A car drives through/past/over communities, cycling is travel in communities.



BIKE AND Bitch

free bikes/parts/repairs for low income folks
Sundays 5th & Eastside

TEC BIKE SHOP

Free/cheap bike stuff and knowledgeable volunteers to service your bike. Open as often as volunteers can staff it, open everyday in the basement of the College Activities Building

CAPITALIST VENTURES

Or if community resources aren't your thing you can get ripped off at one of the many bike shops in the Oly area.

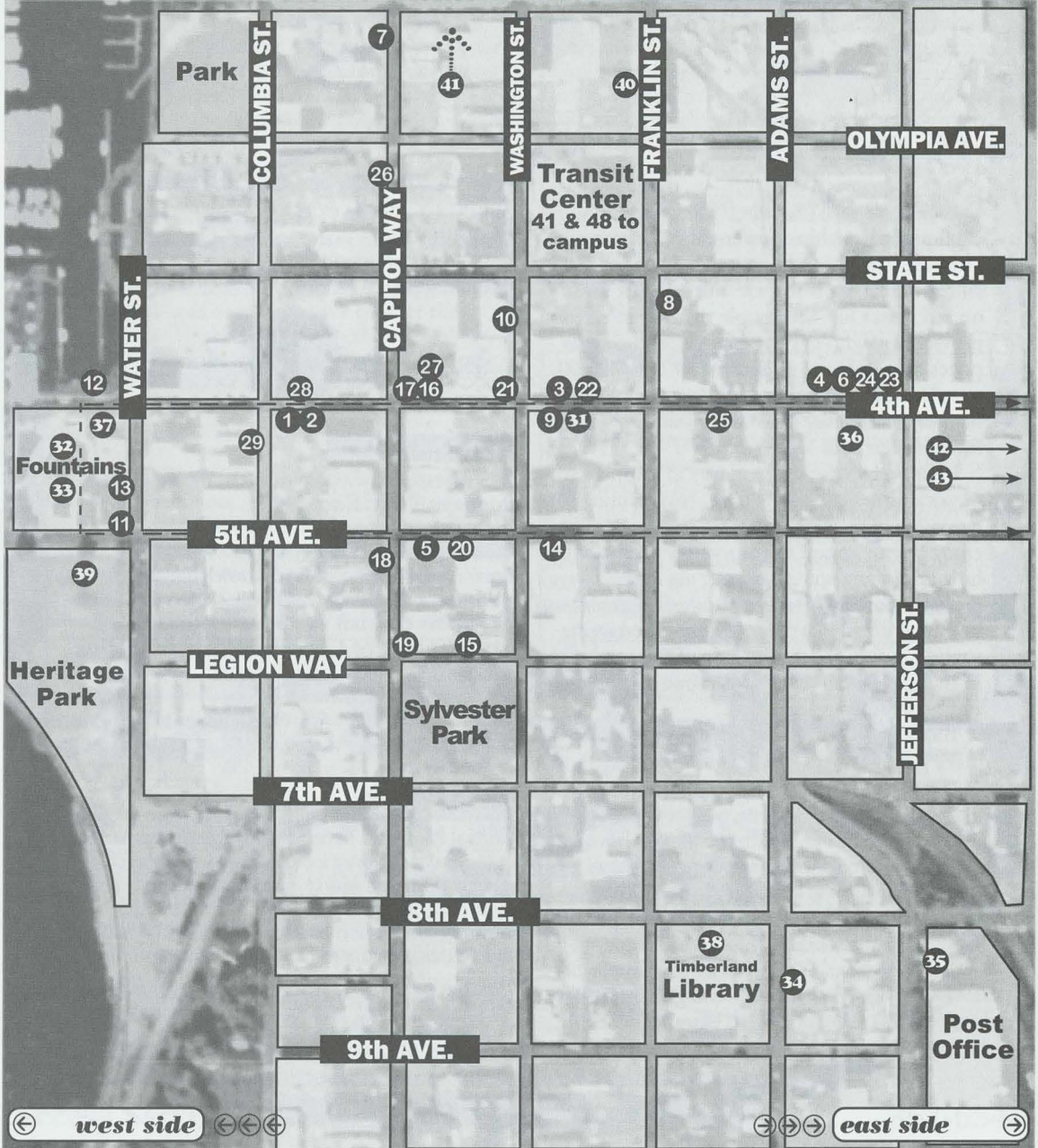
CRITICAL MASS

Critical Mass is a national movement that started in the Bay area over a decade ago when cyclists started riding en masse once a month to assert their presence in traffic. For years now that monthly celebration has spread across the nation and has attracted a lot of police repression in urban centres, most notably NYC. The ride happens across the country every last Friday of the month. In Oly riders gather at Harrison & Division at 4:30pm.

DOWNTOWN

1 for money

25 for free!



OLYMPIA



..for free!

PRICE GUIDE: \$ 5 BUCKS OR LESS \$\$\$ 5 - 8 DOLLAR MEAL \$\$\$\$ GETTING PRICEY \$\$\$\$\$...NOT FEATURED IN THIS GUIDE!

Restaurants

- 1 **The New Moon Cafe** - \$\$ - If you eat breakfast here you're unstoppable for the rest of the day. Trust me on this.
- 2 **Quality Burrito** - \$\$ - More like "Quantity Burrito" HAHHAHAHAHA. Eat here if you like your food on wheels, New Moon Cafe's alter-ego. Late night, open till 2am.
- 3 **Lemongrass** - \$\$\$ - Thai cuisine. I've only eaten here once because usually this place is pouring people out of its golden doors (packed). But I was very delighted when I did.
- 4 **Le Voyageur** - \$\$ - The most hip greasy spoon in town. Sandwiches, soups and entrees all of which can be made vegan on request with as much grease and grit as a street kid. Regular hang out for many Oly weirdos like you.
- 5 **Saigon Rendezvous** - \$\$ - has many Vegan and vegetarian menu options. Spring rolls = good. Dark atmosphere; just right for a lazy, rainy Olympia evening.
- 6 **Clubside Cafe** - \$\$ - Newly remodeled but brighter than looking directly in to the sun. Carry shades and prepare yourself for delectable deliciousness. Don't forget to close the door.
- 7 **Mini Saigon** - \$\$ - This place gets five stars. There are suitable quests for the light-hearted appetites and epics for the more ambitious. If you figure out the secret, don't tell a soul.
- 8 **Old School Pizzeria** - \$ - One of many digs to have fallen in the flame and risen from the ashes, this place however, looks no different. The pizza is good (excellent) and cheap. The Iron Maiden posters are completely rad.
- 9 **Fuji's** - \$\$ - Snag the seaweed salad. And vegetable tempura. Good sushi. Japanese restaurants are few and far between in Olympia-- be sure to check Fuji's out.
- 10 **Otto's Bagelry** - \$ - Olympia is a good breakfast town. It's also a good lunch town; Otto's is to be blamed for both of these fortunes.
- 11 **Traditions Cafe** - \$\$ - Delectable food (soothing soup), entrancing musical acts, inspirational performances, and some very nice Olympia folk. It's all Fair Trade too.
- 12 **Oyster House** - \$\$\$ - Expensive seafood/ local history palace. Not for the lone soul's wallet; get your guardians to take you here.
- 13 **El Guanaco** - \$\$ - Good Salvadorian food, check out the gigantic nacho journey; it's the cheapest trip you'll ever take.
- 14 **Darby's** - \$\$ - Best mother fucking mimosa on the goddamn mother fucking planet. While there are a few breakfast digs that might compete with Darby's "best tofu scramble in Olympia," I won't believe it until I see the death match.
- 15 **Urban Onion** - \$\$\$ - An almost classy healthy restaurant/ gay nightspot. Remodeled recently, still finding it's audience, great organic food last time I was there.
- 16 **The Spar** - \$\$ - By far the best thing about this restaurant is that you can sit around eating your all American burger and sipping on your vanilla milkshake and looking at loggers standing on giant trees they cut down fifty years ago. Well, if that's your idea of a good time.
- 17 **The Santosh** - \$\$ - Very good food and the buffet is the best priced and most tasty in town. It's quite easy to fill oneself and pop on the way home, so I guess my only advice is to be careful.

Coffee Digs

- 18 **Baldorf & Bronson (B&B)** - \$ - Go there at noon after a night of partying to see who woke up together. *Unverified* allegedly "Fair Trade" coffee- skip this place for Traditions.
- 19 **Starbucks** - ☠ - Avoid at all costs.
- 20 **Off the Chain** - \$ - Get wired into the human web and an americano while your at it. Friendly folk, open very late.
- 21 **Caffe' Vita** - \$ - Definitely hip, academic, and chill. Bring your typewriter and kick it. Hopefully your not and passerby who takes a seat OUTSIDE the restaurant though, or you'll be told to leave.

Bars

- 22 **The 4th Ave Tap** - \$ - Pretty low key with a friendly staff and a pool table.
- 23 **The Barcode** - \$\$ - This place bumps like my last online post. Some good hip hop acts come through here. Typically rowdy, surely off the hook.
- 24 **The Eastside Tavern** - \$ - Hit up for some fine beers. Cue up for some fine pool. Get up for some fine dining from the East Side Club.
- 25 **The Brotherhood** - \$ - If your lucky enough to sit somewhere where the music isn't tearing your eardrums apart and the smoke isn't making you claw your eyes out, you might have a good time. Keyword is "night."
- 26 **Jake's on Fourth** - \$ - Perhaps the best addition to Olympia besides you, Jake's has more energy than a light. The karaoke is karao-KEY.
- 27 **The Highclimber** - \$\$ - Let it roll of the tongue: boooshii.
- 28 **Ben More's** - \$ - This is a laid back bar without all the frills. Good for solo or couple adventuring-- do everyone a favor and don't go with four of your friends.
- 29 **The Mark** - \$\$ - Some good shows come through this place, problem is, it's expensive as hell. If you co be sure to dress nicely.

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Frills without the bills!

FUN GUIDE:



GOOD FUN



DATE WORTHY



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FOOD FOR THE BODY







GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Random Shit to Keep You Occupied

-  **31 Zine Library @ Last Word Books** - Inside Last Word Books hides a cave that will fill your day with enjoyment. The Zine Library is GIGANTIC, so check it out.
-  **32 Fugitive** - An urban Cops and Robbers assault. By far the coolest shit in Oly. Training for the Revolution; practice your evasion skills. Every Thursday at 10pm(ish) at the Fountain.
-  **33 Critical Mass** - Get your bike and rock the city. Meets at Harrison and Division at 4:30 and at the Squirry Fountain at 4:45.
-  **34 Media Island** - See Community Directory - A good place for literature and local zines, happy, friendly people, and an excellent place to figure out how to help the community.
-  **35 Olympia Freeschool** - See Community Directory - Classes are taught and attended by people of the community. Lots of great skill shares. Be sure to check out the Fall Schedule @ www.Olympiafreeschool.org! *Moving soon.*
-  **36 Artesian Well** - If you enjoy clean, fresh, plentiful water, check out god's faucet. This water flows up from a giant underground reservoir.
-  **37 Women In Black** - Go support the Women In Black, a silent vigil for peace, Fridays at 5.
-  **House Shows** - Listen to Free Radio Olympia (98.5) for clues to good shows. Check out posters and flyers - you probably know all this.
-  **Events at Businesses** - Many Oly businesses host awesome events like teach-ins, concerts, movies, and more. Again listen to FRO or check the bulletin boards.
-  **Urban Climbing** - You can climb in concrete jungles too. Be sure to 1) be very careful, 2) know where the power lines are, 3) do it with a friend and 4) don't do it drunk.
-  **Eat the Rich** - They're tasty.





Free Edibles

-  **38 Food Not Bombs** - I think the name says it all. Serves Mondays, 3pm, library downtown. Go and eat, go and help.
-  **39 Safe Food for Change** - Another way to snag a meal. Serves Wednesday at 5pm. There's also a small organic produce giveaway usually accompanying the feast.
-  **40 Thurston County Food Bank** - If you're low on funds for food, check out the Food Bank. Remember that Financial Aid does not effect your eligibility. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 1-3pm. 12:30 for fresh pickins, or show up late to avoid the line.
-  **Other Free Meals** - If you're desperate, check out the Union Gospel Mission (breakfast & Lunch 6 days a week), the First Baptist Church (Sun, 4pm), or the Salvation Army (avoid if you have a warrant out for your arrest).



Eat Trash?



-  **41 Olympia Farmer's Market** - Eat your heart out in the garbage can buffets, open on Saturdays and Sundays morning to midafternoon.
-  **42 Safeway Dumpster** - An alternative to stealing from Safeway.
-  **44 Ralph's Thriftway Dumpster** - This dumpster is watched occasionally, so be careful. Also be prepared to scale a wall. If you are successful you will have loads of awesome shit to show for your efforts.
-  **Grocery Outlet** - (Westside) What's better than getting two pounds of cheese at a heavily discounted price? Getting it free off the floor of a dumpster!



FIND MORE SHIT AND TELL US - There are lots of things you can do without spending a dime. There are also people who would accompany you on those adventures - so explore, inspire, and create!

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Often we hear about the idealism of youth. Our parents' generation had puritanical and bourgeois values to rebel against, and comprised a revolutionary social and cultural movement in response. Looking back upon the late sixties and seventies, one can sense a spirit of revolution. Those who were not active in social causes started businesses, raised families at a young age, built non-profit organizations from nothing, lived sustainably, were openly gay, grew their own food and medicine, ran for office, and developed communities. Many lived what their own parents would euphemistically call an "alternative lifestyle."

Not much has changed; there still exists a status quo to question. However, today it is not so much piety that the dominant culture regards as ideal (one flip through the channels will confirm that), but rather a sort of gluttonous luxuriance. And it seems that some force of the system (Reaganomics?) has effectively disenchanting a huge group of people who now comprise the majority. Some of these people are our parents.

Don't get me wrong, this author knows some pretty hip parents. In no way does ze* mean to marginalize anybody. But generally speaking, most Evergreen freshmen will go home this fall for Thanksgiving break, eager to confront Uncle Investment Banker on his privilege, and be met with jaded condescendence. They've done that whole change-the-world-revolution thing and found that it is better suited for a Nike ad than for actual practice. It is easy to feel disempowered by the system, and it is even easier to resign oneself to apathy. Contributing to the general feeling of futility that characterizes our generation are the jaded musings of our parents and their peers. Perhaps the most active form of revolution is to merely resist the sense of resignation, hopelessness and defeat that seems to sweep people up after years of an uphill battle. You can reduce the amount of oppression occurring in third-world sweatshops by choosing to buy used or sweat-shop free clothing, and by encouraging your friends to do the same.

You can help build up your community by supporting locally-owned businesses and farms rather than Wal-Mart. You can feed and heal yourself with weeds and plants that grow in your backyard. You can love whomever you want to.

Most importantly, you can do something amazing. It is not part of capitalism's status quo for non-college graduates, racial and sexual minorities, lower-income people, or youth to start businesses, raise children, or run for political office. In Olympia, however, you can find many business and organizations which have been born out of opposition to this standard. The Olympia Food Co-op is entirely member-run and Dumpster Values is owned by women. The Last Word Books/RecThePlace Fantastic Records collective began in 2002 when three Evergreen students opened a small bookstore in the back of the now defunct Olympia World News. Two years later a second business has sprouted from the first, a few additional members have joined and both work collectively to provide a community performance space.

Don't be disempowered by a lack of credit, education or money. Most importantly, don't allow doubt from others keep you from doing what it is you want. The true tools of change are those that money and privilege cannot buy; a community of support, faith in self-sufficiency, collective action, creative ingenuity and hard (very hard) work. If you don't know where to start on a project in the community, we can point you in a good direction. Books are always a good place start... And you'll probably need some good music to pump you up for your endeavor...

You can find us at 211 Fourth Avenue down the street from Metro - or by calling 786-WORD. Visit us on the web at www.lastwordbooks.org.

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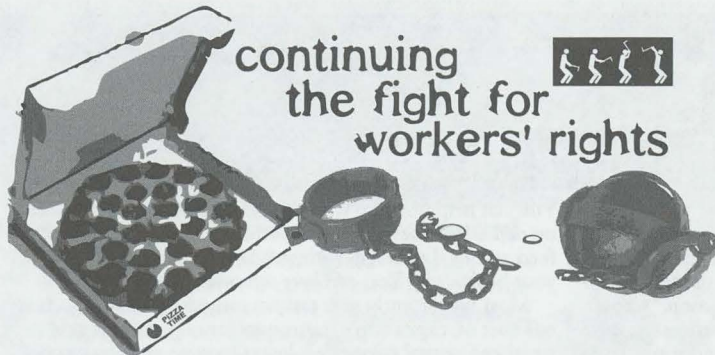
where to buy books in olympia

Last Word Books
211 4th Avenue

De Colores
507 Washington St

Orca Books
509 4th Avenue

You can find class books at these stores. De Colores is a multicultural bookstore with tons of children's books. Try to avoid the TESC's bookstore if you can- the clothing is sketchy and the books are far more expensive than the downtown shops. Definitely check out Powell's bookstore in Portland! It's a treat! Also, don't forget to check out Last Word's kickass zine library.



THE 2005 PIZZA TIME STRUGGLE

In February 2005, all the Olympia Pizza Time workers, and the manager, went on strike, taking a stand against racism and for workers rights. Shane Bloking, a previous manager at Pizza Time, bought into the business and immediately fired two competent employees without reason. Shane had a history of uttering racist comments and it was no surprise when the store's only African-American employee was the first to be fired. Shane intended to replace the workers with his incompetent brother and his friends.

Instead of getting fired for no good reason one-by-one, we held a meeting the night of February 11th. We could not work at Pizza Time under these conditions. We drafted a list of basic demands that had to be met or we go on strike instead of making and delivering pizza. The demands were:

1. Abara and John get their jobs back. Jeff (the owner's brother) has to go.
2. No workers are fired without Just Cause and without warning
3. No more racial slurs
4. A friendly, clean, safe work environment
5. Standardized breaks
6. Respect for the workers' right to unionize

The next day, Shane arrived at work over 7 hours late and found his entire staff waiting for him, except for Jesus who was out on delivery. Once Shane entered we confronted him with our concerns.

Shane cut us off right away and said his brother was staying. He chuckled with his brother and blew off our concerns, and so the entire staff walked out the door. We picked up picket signs and expressed our outrage.

After seven days of picketing, community support had brought Pizza Time's business to a trickle. The owners realized they would not be able to operate the business successfully without meeting with the workers. Rather than establish fair working conditions, they chose to punish the workers and shut the place down.

In July, five months after the beginning of the struggle, new owners took over the franchise. We hoped the new owner, Heath Flores, would help resolve the situation. Flores refused to meet and denied any responsibility. We resumed our picketing, until Flores agreed to meet to

discuss reinstatement and basic worker's rights in writing.

At the meetings, we made it clear that there was no animosity against Flores personally; what we wanted was resolution for the injustices of the former owners. We felt he had a responsibility to set things right because it was our unity and the community's stand for justice that ultimately drove Shane out, and gave Heath the opportunity to own Olympia Pizza Time.

To mend the previous injustices, we asked for reinstatement and basic recognition of our rights and our 5½ month long struggle. Our one-page proposal included recognition for the Olympia Workers Association, the organization we created when we united in February. It also included a non-discrimination agreement to ensure we would be treated the same as our replacements, a just-cause provision for job security and an agreement to give us a voice at Pizza Time. We made it clear we did not want to displace those who had recently found employment at Pizza Time, and would only take work when it became available.

Flores' proposal was for us to re-apply for work without any agreement or recognition. He noted he would have to check references, since he wasn't sure if we were qualified enough to work at Pizza Time. We made it clear we could not return without assurance that our rights would be respected, and Flores refused our offer to draft an agreement together.

Flores' final offer was unacceptable. He claimed that because he was such a nice guy we didn't need unity or just cause, and that to be fair, he had promised the replacement workers he would not consider our terms. He said it took every ounce of his training as a repo-man to remain calm over the past few weeks, and for that we were indebted to him.

After many concessions we refused to give up the Olympia Workers Association, and felt we owed ourselves, our supporters, and our community nothing less. In the end, Heath Flores decided that keeping the OWA out of the business was more important than giving a guarantee to the community that unjust labor practices are unwelcome at Pizza Time.



For more information on the Pizza Time struggle or the Olympia Workers Association, visit www.olympiaworkers.org.



a history of mayday

May Day

May Day is an international holiday that celebrates solidarity between workers of the world and is commemorated by gathering for a good time, and continuing the struggle for worker's rights.

Before May Day there was a worker's holiday called *Beltane*, a celebration of the planting season, summer, and fertility. Celebrations of this kind have been practiced for centuries by certain European tribes, namely the Celts and the Saxons. Some traditions carried out on this sacred holiday included jumping through fire for purification, igniting large wheels and rolling them down hills, and the May Pole, a magic item used to unite people into love. Sexual openness and spontaneity was enjoyed on this day, as tradition would include going into the forest to have sex. As history progressed, Catholic, Puritan and Governmental forces attempted to criminalize May Day celebrations. May Day was a day where everyone was considered equal, and people teased local authorities.

A mischievous figure celebrated on this day was Robin Goodfellow, a precursor to the folkloric Robin Hood, an appropriate figurehead for any incarnation of May Day. In general, May Day is a day for doing things that you wouldn't normally do.

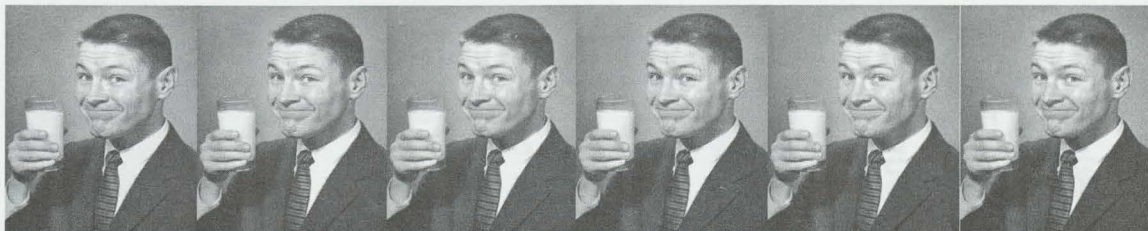
May Day's manifestation as a worker's holiday began, ironically, in North America, where it is not officially recognized as a holiday. During the 1880s, a struggle began for 8-hour workdays, when the typical workday was 12-16 hours long. Protests took place all

over North America in demanding these rights. The events came to a flashpoint in Chicago on May 4th 1886, when a peaceful protest was interrupted

by a bomb that killed and injured several people, protestors and police included. This event is known as the Haymarket affair. The bomb is a mystery of history; yet, the radical leadership involved in the protest was blamed for the actions of a righteous madman or police saboteur. Eight Radicals were persecuted in order to disrupt the organization of labor; four of them were hung by the state of Illinois. The trial was by no means a typical "fair" trial; the jury was hand selected by the prosecution. The Haymarket Martyrs were later commemorated by the Second International in Paris, calling for an International Worker's Holiday to be celebrated on May 1st. Since that time many European countries have turned this day into an official holiday.

Olympia has a rich May Day history with events constructed from the collective Olympia community, Evergreen members included. Every May Day in Olympia is celebrated with marching and a festival. These festivities have attendance in the thousands and are the largest annually occurring political gatherings in Olympia. Sometimes there is overnight camping for May Day celebrators with festivities going into the night.

May Day has also been a day to create guerilla community gardens in Olympia. Every year many events occur on this day, and it is a good way of getting closer to the subculture in Olympia. Seek community groups to learn more of May Day festivities and how you can help, or plan something fun yourself.



white privilege at evergreen

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

Privilege and oppression are two sides of the same coin. Privilege refers to the unearned advantages enjoyed by favored populations. Many Greens benefit from several kinds of privilege, others from little more than having access to a college education. Native English speakers, men, (white) European-Americans, heterosexuals, upper / middle class, U.S. citizens, able-bodied people, non-Indigenous people, and people of dominant religious beliefs have more power in society and benefit from unfair privileges.

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

White privilege refers to the unfair advantages that people of European descent have over People of Color. I am a white girl from the suburbs. Most of my friends, educators, and neighbors look like me. The standards I learned for beauty, language, success, intelligence, etc. are defined by whiteness. If my application for a job or an apartment is rejected, I don't worry that it's due to my ethnic background

or foreign-sounding name. I am not subject to racial profiling. If people cross the street or stare when they see me coming, it's due to my attire, not the color of my skin.

A lot of Greens deny that white supremacy exists at this school. People claim, "I'm not racist," "I have Asian friends," or "I listen to hip-hop." Having white privilege means that white people don't have to think about racism. White people need to have real conversations about racism and white supremacy, to recognize that multicultural does not mean anti-racist. People of Color at Evergreen deal with a lot of shit— tokenism, patronizing attitudes, harassment by the police (yup, the TESC cops too), stereotyping, white guilt, being exoticized, accusations of "reverse racism," blatant cultural accusations and being put in situations where they are forced to educate white people.

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

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

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

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

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

Racism is social and institutional power + race prejudice. "Social and institutional power" include access to resources, the ability to influence others, access to decision-makers to get what you want done, the ability

to define reality for yourself, others and society.

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

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

"Reverse racism" is a myth perpetuated by white people who can't or won't see that People of Color are still oppressed and who deny the existence of white privilege. The concept of reverse racism denies the struggles of People of Color and ignores the fact that white-skinned people of European descent have been receiving preferential treatment for centuries. Despite civil rights acts and Affirmative Action, white people still have better access to housing, health care, education, high-paying jobs and so on.

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

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



★ THE ONGOING HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

★ CHECK THE LAST DISMAN FOR MORE HISTORY ★

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

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

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

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

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

January 2001: Police shoot and TASER Kent DeBoer, a mentally ill man who lives in Olympia, Washington, who was showing aggressive behavior due to a change in medication. Kent DeBoer lives, but experiences severe health problems as a result of his injuries. His Federal lawsuit is dismissed.

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

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

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

November 2002: Police TASER a man four times in one minute outside Ralph's Thriftway for suspected shoplifting, and punch him in the face, knocking him unconscious. Stephen Edwards is dead just 15 minutes later.

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

Summer 2004 Ad Hoc Committee on Police Accountability forms in reaction to Police using a motorcycle to push a 55 year old woman out of a street during a protest. Committee meets, reviews history, and had not yet recommended action as of September 2, 2004.

Summer 2004: Oly Copwatch begins broadcasting on Free Radio Olympia 98.5FM each Tuesday, 5-6PM their radio show "Seeking Justice" with host, Drew Hendricks 870-3127.

2005: Oly Cop Watch maintains records of police use of force and puts continued pressure on the city council to reign in the police.

Feb 2005: marks the beginning of a significant drop in use of TASERS to about half of their previous uses



CONTACT Drew Hendricks 870-3127 for info on Cop Watch.

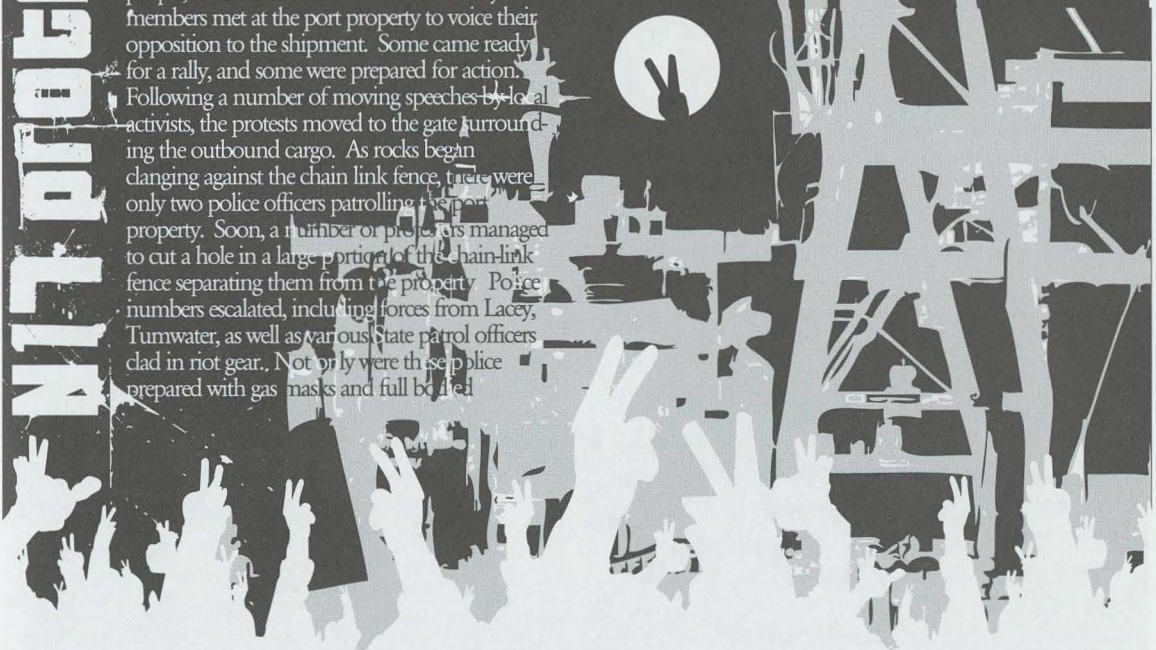
NIT protest at the port

Welcome to Olympia! Home of anarchists, progressives, liberal activists, and the like. This sounds perfect, doesn't it? This is all too good to be true. Don't get too comfortable my comrades. We still have our work cut out for us when it comes to the BLANK status of our city. Currently the port of Olympia is profiting from military shipments sent to geopolitical war zones across the globe. Hopefully this fact will outrage any of you opposed to military control and United States Imperialistic shenanigans. The protest occurred as the SS Cape Intrepid, a Navy transport, loaded helicopters, trucks, and containers bound from Fort Lewis to the war zone in Iraq. The ship arrived at the port Wednesday night, which people had been prepared for through information shared by independent informed sources. A walkout on Evergreen campus was planned mid-day informing students of the history of the port as well as the current shipments to be made in the following days, containing, and "unspecified cargo". Depleted Uranium anyone? Four days prior to N/18, the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace had hosted peace vigils at the port. On the night of Thursday, November 18th, 2004, a gathering of people, both students as well as community members met at the port property to voice their opposition to the shipment. Some came ready for a rally, and some were prepared for action. Following a number of moving speeches by local activists, the protests moved to the gate surrounding the outbound cargo. As rocks began clanging against the chain link fence, there were only two police officers patrolling the port property. Soon, a number of protesters managed to cut a hole in a large portion of the chain-link fence separating them from the property. Police numbers escalated, including forces from Lacey, Tumwater, as well as various state patrol officers clad in riot gear. Not only were these police prepared with gas masks and full body

bulletproof protection, but they were also armed with batons, pepper spray, as well as locked and loaded guns. An estimated 120 protesters stood strong and the gates of the port that night. By the end of the night, two arrests had been made and the remaining citizens left with an imperative of ending the militarization of their city's port.

The port commissioners have used financial surplus as justification for the acceptance of military shipments. The first financial surplus in nine years came about due to this year's shipments, but can we continue to accept the economic stability of the port of Olympia if the deal has been made through war profiteering? After all, the blood is not only on the hands of port commissioners, but as well as the citizens of Olympia itself. Not to mention the compromising of the safety of ourselves and our community members by accepting "unspecified cargo" through our city's port. Meetings have been held with the port commissioners to implement a plan of "peace" for the port, including alternative financial resources to compensate for the refusal of military shipments. The port of Olympia is not required to accept such shipments, but the commissioners seem very reluctant to implement a peaceful plan.

What can you do to oppose militarization at home? Attend the meetings of the Port commissioners held on the last Monday of every month. Keep informed in regards to future shipments through local activist networks such as EPIC and OMJP. Also check the Indy media websites and listen to Free Radio Olympia for updates. Most of all, get active and demonstrate your commitment to a demilitarized port and city.



NO MORE ADVOCACY

Towards a More Inclusive Process of Liberation

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

The problem is that a model of liberation that relied on the actions of distant figures cannot foster anything but reform. The contradictions in the lives of those that are suffering are not resolved by the actions of others, they are only changed. And, while certain excesses may dissipate, the system that allowed those excesses to appear is left intact—the excesses just reappear either in different forms or in different places. Thus, the oppressed remain the oppressed and the elite remain the elite. Furthermore, this modern of “top-down” change is insensitive to the varying situations where individuals exist. When solutions are mass produced, inevitably large numbers of people are going to be left out. Some would counter by saying that you cannot please everyone. To that I ask, “why not?”

If the contradictions are resolved by those that exist within them, the resolutions will reflect the varying perspectives of the people involved. Such nuances are not understandable to a group of people that exist outside of the reality of those they wish to

help. There is no way for “advocates” to accurately represent a situation or a group of people that they do not exist within.

So what can caring activists do?

They can start by respecting the unique qualities of each contradiction and the perspectives of the contradiction held by each group of people involved in it. They can then alleviate any desire they may have for the large scale, simple solution to instead start to view liberation as a mutual process that they enter into with all other people in the world.

Liberation or revolution is not the result of good decision making or high-quality “leadership,” it is a process of individuals coming together to critically analyze their situation and take action to transform it. In the words of Paulo Freire, “Revolutionary praxis [the combined process of action and reflection] cannot tolerate an absurd dichotomy in which the praxis of the people is merely that of following the leaders’ decisions, a dichotomy reflecting the prescriptive methods of the dominant elites.” It does not matter if the leaders are self proclaimed “revolutionaries,” WASHPIRG or EPIC, teachers, student governments, or government officials. If they attempt to speak for “the people,” they are disempowering the people and furthering their oppression. Liberation is not a process that can be executed on behalf of an individual; it must be a collective process that people enter on their own accord. And it is within this collective process that the revolution lives. Wherever you end up this year, remember that “the people” do not need you to swoop in and liberate them, The People are capable of liberating themselves.

OLYMPIA DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

RESIST THE BIDDING OF THE ODA

Follow-up Inquiry into the ODA

Acting on the information that Beth Ward presented with her article "An Inquiry into the ODA" which originally appeared in *The Voice*, I reviewed the city files on neighborhood associations, specifically the Olympia Downtown Association. It is clear



that the ODA does not meet the city's eligibility standard for classification as a neighborhood association because they have repeatedly violated the annual reporting requirements through the entirety of the city file, which dates back to 2002 (the 2004 report was absent from the file). And yet the city, in their love-affair with the ODA, gives them thousands of dollars year after year to the possible detriment of other neighborhood associations that received only partial funding or none at all from this limited resource.

Olympia Municipal Code 18.86.060(A) requires that neighborhood associations annually report on why 'renters or lessees' are not allowed in the organization and whether or not they are to be included in the future. The ODA does not grant FULL membership, including organizational voting rights, to rental residents. The ODA has not properly reported this condition to the city of Olympia year after year. This requirement is not too hard to understand as evidenced when another association referenced it in their application process. OMC 18.86.060(D) states essentially that the city needs to notify the offending neighborhood association, the ODA, of their non-compliance and possibly suspend them.

I believe because of *The Voice's* intrepid inquiries, the city developed a new annual form (dated June 8,

of this writing, the ODA still has not reported their exclusive membership. In the community's interest, the ODA should at the very least return all its ill-gotten funds from the city's Neighborhood Matching Grant program.

The city should end its love-affair with the ODA. Perhaps the Olympia Downtown Association is not an honest or capable corporate citizen as they claim or as the city of Olympia automatically gives them credit for. They have been the instigators and proponents of anti-homeless and anti-youth legislation for nearly twenty years. And they are still pushing an agenda that needs to be examined even more closely now, given the reporting discrepancies detailed above. Interesting to note that the current ODA president and main spokesperson, Jeff Kingsbury, and former spokesperson, Joe Hyer, are both running for city council this year. I guess they want to supersize their discrepancies and further dilute the chain of command between the city and the ODA.

The Olympia Downtown Association is a non-profit corporation that works tirelessly for the profit of a few and, despite their rhetoric, are not necessarily community-minded. Only half of their current Board of Directors in the city of Olympia. Their anti-homeless and anti-youth legislative initiatives have cost the city thousands of dollars to 'study' and have repeatedly divided an otherwise caring community.



The business association only represents a fraction of the estimated 540 businesses downtown with a current membership of 230, at least 20% of whom are

A number of downtown businesses actively avoid the ODA. Currently the ODA is at its historic high-water mark in membership but is now proposing mandatory membership of all businesses into what it claims is the next evolution: a Business Improvement District. A BID is a special tax district in which businesses or property owners downtown would decide to add an additional fee to their tax bill that they can decide to spend later. Nothing is stopping the ODA as a non-profit to raise and spend money voluntarily without creating a new taxing district except the likelihood that small businesses can't afford to contribute or may not want to be a part of the ODA otherwise. But through business/asset bullying, all businesses downtown would be compelled to do their bidding.

The primary purpose of the district would be to operate a publicly funded and constructed parking garage. Studies have shown that the majority of parkers downtown are business owners and their workers. Businesses could invest in a shuttle or subsidize their workers' use of alternative transportation to free up the streets for consumer needs. It would be less expensive than demanding a parking garage. The Downtown Neighborhood Association conducted a survey of residents. The preliminary results show that residents were more interested in improved public transportation than a parking garage. If a parking garage is so needed, surely a private entity would have already seen the merits of building one. Their plan sounds too much like plundering public resources for private gain.

The city's Comprehensive Plan and the city priorities is to develop downtown as 'Mixed-Use' with some residential, some retail, some commercial, etc. Declaring downtown a business zone is not consistent with such community-minded plans and priorities. Such a zone downtown could approach a sense of community if it included improved business guarantees such as fair trade, living wage, mandatory recycling and waste reduction, and additional consumer protection requirements; residential discounts; and enhanced public accommodations

including open access to restrooms.

A BID would be unfair to the two captive markets downtown, residents and local consumers. Since the BID would compel financial contributions from all businesses (something the ODA has not been able to accomplish otherwise), the cost of which would undoubtedly be passed onto the consumer, raising of rental housing and all other prices downtown will result. And the consumers won't necessarily have a vote on the formation of the district or how the funds are to be spent. If I'm not mistaken this country was founded on the slogan "No taxation without representation!" It seems the ODA is behind the times.



The only upside to their BID proposal that I see is an implied statement that downtown Olympia is no longer 'struggling' since they are so pleased with downtown they are considering raising prices across the board. Hopefully, their consistent negative campaign over the decades that downtown is struggling which has pitted them as 'underdogs' to the 'controlling interests of the youth and homeless' under the construction of 'safety' is finally finished. Goodbye to their clever attempts to deprive vulnerable populations of their civil rights. Actual crime downtown as documented by the Olympian and the police department has remained fairly constant - and was never really high. Fear of crime and fear of 'others' is the flames fanned for decades by the ODA. Downtown is safe - just ask those who live downtown.

Hopefully enough local businesses can come together to oppose the ODA's BIDDing so we can maintain downtown's mixed-use character. We regular citizens, flesh and blood persons, are second-class citizens without a right to vote on the issue that will certainly affect those of us who value downtown Olympia.





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



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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Some of the issues gender variant activists and allies are working on this year include housing gender segregation, evaluation pronoun issues, and single-stall gender-neutral bathrooms. feel free to join the gender variant activist list serve (oly_gender_activists@yahoo.com) to stay in touch about this work. also check out <http://www.tgguide.com/7Guide/washington.htm> for a list of trans resources in washington state. there you will also find information about a transsexual prisoner support program.

guide to safer bathrooms for gender-ambiguous and trans/genderqueer folks

All the bathrooms are single stall and can lock, yet not all are gender neutral. this is the key: GN means gender neutral and G means gendered yet still safer because you can go in alone.

in olympia...

Le Voyeur GN

Orca books GN
 Metro Body piercing and Tattoo GN
 Dumpster Values GN
 Old School Pizza GN
 New moon Cafe / Quality Burrito GN
 Batdorf and Bronson Coffee shop GN
 Traditions G in the back
 Chopsticks G in the back
 Chang Mai G in the back
 Otto's G in a hall way

Starbucks GN
 More than Friends (bar) GN
 Ben Moore's- G in the back
 Mini Saigon G on side
 Thai Pavilion G in the back

and at evergreen...

CAB 3rd floor G
 Lab 1 basement GN
 Arts Annex G & GN



Evergreen, Anthropogenesis, and the Politics of Land

Evergreen's thousand-acre campus is the second largest college campus in the country; though it is not uncommon for colleges to set aside a bit of land as a nature preserve, the scale and setting of Evergreen's approximately 800 acres of undeveloped land make it unique. Although all of the land has been logged within the last hundred years and there are no old-growth trees remaining, the woods are an amazing place. One grizzled Greener-grad has told me that Evergreen is the largest piece of wild land left anywhere on Puget Sound.

But what does wild mean exactly? It's important to understand how our cultural conditioning frames the way we see the land. Even in these postmodern days the mythology of the old west is still alive and strong, and often goes unquestioned even at Evergreen. It's in the water. You know the old story: the American West is an unlimited and untamed land which was mostly empty before the white folks came in with their bold blood. To uncover deeper stories in the land we have to look farther back.

Long before Evergreen was built, the land our school now stands on was stolen from the Indians of Puget Sound (this author is unclear as to whether this land was occupied by the Squaxins or the Nisqually people, or both). This led to the Puget Sound Indian war, a rarely-mentioned but important piece of local history. When the white settlers forced Indians off their land, the traditional techniques of land management went with them. Thus the camas fields—thriving semi-wild gardens of a potato-like bulbs and onions south and east of Olympia—were no longer maintained through regular burning.

There's a lot of evidence that Indigenous people throughout the Americas have managed huge areas of land for the production of food and medicine. (See the fascinating article "1491" from the March 2002 issue of Atlantic Magazine, which can be found online—just google "1491.") In the Northwest, this has often involved the pruning of berry bushes to maximize production and the burning of certain lands to encourage certain plants and provide forage for game animals. While our Western mythology frames pre-invasion America as a wilderness, there was actually little land that wasn't traditionally maintained for production of food, medicine, fiber, and other necessities.

This traditional Northwest way of living lies in stark contrast to colonialist culture wherein we abuse a lot of land with total disregard for natural patterns, but then set aside a few chunks which are to be untouched. This way of relating to the land just won't work in the long-term: if we don't change our agricultural techniques there will be no soil left to plant in. We will learn to see that food-production can be a beautiful thing when we turn our yards into perennial polyculture gardens we love, combining domesticated and native plants. And we won't all have to go out to the same national parks with their big parking lots on weekends if we create places we love right where we live. Get rid of those sterile lawns.

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What I'm trying to say here is that it's important for us all to connect with the land where we live. Pick some berries when you walk through the woods and get to know the plants. Learn how to use some of the common medicinal plants here and harvest them in a sustainable manner. I've known Evergreen students who are scared to dig an Oregon grape root because they don't want to disturb nature, but they buy their food from a vast monoculture farm that is chaos in terms of following natural patterns, even if it is organic. I'm not saying we should all get all of our food and medicine out of the woods—it couldn't support that anyway—but moderate use of a few herbs can actually connect us to the land and in that sense preserve it because we who have the local soil pulsing through our veins will always be the first to lie down in front of the bulldozers when they come to clear land for a new state office building. (That's a real threat, says Evergreen Professor Frederica Bowcutt, since Evergreen is state land.)

Now that I've had my rant, I'd like to talk a little more about the management of the Evergreen woods by the college. The Campus Land Use Committee (CLUC), a group of various staff members with a token student, is charged with the responsibility of recommending management plans for Evergreen's land. For the most part, they leave things outside the core campus area alone. An exception to that occurred in the spring of 2003 when CLUC decided to pave the major trail to the beach. While that in itself is somewhat controversial, the builders used the meadow—place of great full moon bonfires for all of Evergreen history—as the staging site for the paving project. To this day, half the meadow is covered in a thick layer of basalt paving stones.

Lots of Evergreen students over the years have realized that the woods can make a great place to live. There's no way to get to know the land like living on it. For the most part, the school does little to stop people from long-term camping trips in the Evergreen woods, especially when those people are bona-fide students. They are slightly less sympathetic to random people living on campus, but generally

don't patrol for campers except when they get complaints. There have been times in the past when so many people were living in the woods that the powers that be swept through looking to oust any camps they found. And those times may come again: rumor has it that at this writing (summer 2005), Facilities is looking to hire someone to trek around in the woods, marking the location of all campsites using GPS units. They will then hire an outside contractor to demolish these campsites. My take: they don't want to do the dirty work of kicking out innocent kids themselves, not to mention potential PR hassles, so they'll hire it done.

If you've read this far I hope you see that there's a big part of Evergreen that most people are at best vaguely aware of during the years they spend here. As students we have the great privilege of having this land all to ourselves. Unlike most public lands, at Evergreen you won't find hunters, meth-heads, commercial pot-growers, or ATVs to intrude upon your wilderness rambles. But we also have the responsibility to get to know the plants, animals, lichen and fungi, and to learn the violent history of this peaceful-seeming place, in the hope we can keep it from being just another subdivision.

It's important to know what plants around you can be used for food and medicine and now how to harvest them in a sustainable way so they will still be there for generations. Some plants in the Evergreen woods should never be harvested: Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*), Pipsissewa (*Chimaphila umbellata*), and Trillium (*Trillium ovatum*) are not abundant here and can't stand up to random Greens taking what they need. But other plants like Oregon Grape (*Mahonia nervosa*) and Western Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra formosa*) can take some browsing as long as all of us harvesters know how to do it right. Read up first. Michael Moore's *Medicinal Plants of the Pacific West* is a good place to start. Also check out *Savage Dreams: the landscape wars of the American West* by Rebecca Solnit if you liked this article. And you might like the zine *An Oral History of the Evergreen Woods* which is currently out of print but still floats around campus (check the Infoshoppe).

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GLOBALIZATION AND THE NEW IMPERIAL DISORDER

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

Globalization was the buzzword of the 1990s. With the fall of the Soviet Union, the emergence of the US as the world's only super power, and capitalism's supposed victory over socialism, it became common for people to use the word globalization in an attempt to describe a complex system of interrelated political, economic, social, and cultural, trends that were shaping the post-cold war era. The common thread that runs through these many diverse phenomena is the emergence of an increasingly transnational capitalist ruling class eager to integrate all aspects of life and earth into a unified global system. Yet, it is clear that capitalism has always had an inherent tendency towards expansion and the proliferation of international trade. Some of the earliest forms of truly capitalist enterprises, the first limited liability corporations, were formed specifically as a means of funding dangerous, but potentially rewarding expeditions from renaissance Europe to the far reaches of the Earth.¹ So in a way, the project of globalization that became such a prominent feature and topic of discussion in the later years of the twentieth century was nothing new.

However, we can see that there are, definitely some unique features that characterized the late 20th century global capitalist order. As a response to the economic stagnation of the 1970s and the loss of faith among many in welfare state Keynesianism, there arose a new dominant ideology out of the reactionary years of Reagan and Thatcher that came to be called neoliberalism. On one hand, neoliberalism refers to an ideology that claims to be a resurgence of the faith in the 'hidden hand of the market' as well as an emphasis on individualism and maximizing individual liberty. Neoliberalism can also be understood as a specific strategy or set of strategies for restructuring national economies towards deregulation and privatization driven models in which the state is forced to step back and minimize its control over the economy. This is the logic of contemporary globalization that drives institutions such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization as well as the transnational corporations that have been proliferating and benefiting from this system. In 1970 there were roughly 7,000 corporations operating internationally. As of 2002 there were



approximately 60,000 transnational corporations with over half a million foreign affiliates.²

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

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

One of the most interesting aspects of the globalization debate during the bubble of the 1990s is the way in which many corporate pundits and capitalist apologists chose to present globalization and neoliberal s

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

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

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

To top all of this off, there arose the infamous accounting scandals that exposed the lying and corruption that had become common place in some of the largest transnational corporations attempting to hide the reality of devastating declines in corporate profit. When the Enron scandal first broke, Enron was considered a flagship of the global economy and had the eighth highest revenue of any corporation in the world; financially the size of South Africa.⁴

The realization that Enron and a long list of many other transnational corporations such as AOL Time Warner, Xerox, and Worldcom, were not even playing by the rules that were designed to benefit them has further chipped away any remaining confidence in a world order dominated by powerful corporations. In short, transnational corporations and neoliberalism are facing an enormous crisis of legitimacy that combined with a staggering global economy are seriously

threatening the future of the multilateral capitalist globalization project.

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

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

There is no doubt that the US has been the most powerful state in the world since WWII yet during much of this time it has placed emphasis on maintaining a multilateral capitalist system that has incorporated all of the imperialist powers into the dominant power structure. The Bush regime and their neoconservative allies appear to be much less interested in maintaining this multilateral system and in many ways they see the other powerful capitalist countries as threats that stand in their way. As the anti-Iraq war stances of both France's Chirac and Germany's Schroeder demonstrate, the other major capitalist powers outside of the US are growing increasingly worried about the effects of an overtly imperial US and its steps towards abandoning more multilateral forms of capitalist domination and exploitation that benefit a wider range of elites. It has even been argued that the invasion and occupation of Iraq was really an attack on Europe in the sense that it was an attempt at maintaining the Dollar's dominance over the Euro.⁶ It seems that as the global economy continues to decline, wider and deeper fractures are beginning to form within the global ruling class that are further tearing apart the globalization project and causing a steep rise in inter-imperialist rivalries.

In many people's minds, the US's recent steps towards overt empire are merely responses to the 'wake up call' of 9/11 and the need to combat the growing threat of terrorism. Yet this is clearly not so. Influential think tanks such as

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

When we look at these disturbing imperial trends within the context of a failing global capitalist economy, we can see clearly that they are related more to the inherent instability and contradictions within capitalism rather than its strength and permanence as a viable world system. In order to secure specific corporate profits and the dominance of the US elite in a rapidly deteriorating economic climate, the Bush regime has chosen to turn its back on many of the failing devices used to benefit all multinational corporations. Instead they have taken actions, such as invading Iraq, that only benefit a narrow sliver of corporations closely tied with the Bush regime. Halliburton, the 'oil services' corporation Vice President Cheney was once the CEO of, has been awarded contracts involved in the Iraq occupation worth \$1.7 billion dollars.⁸ Much of this money is directly from no-bid contracts.

This is really just another form of state subsidization that is being used to prop up a portion of a vulnerable corporate sector during a period in which capitalism is facing a deep crisis.

Acknowledging the growing obstacles that now stand in the path of the capitalist globalization project does not mean that we should assume that this process is over. While recent events do point to its decline and deterioration, this multilateral and less overt form of capitalist domination



and exploitation is still the primary goal of much of the global ruling class. Trade negotiations revolving around the further development of the WTO as well as the creation of the Free Trade Area of the Americas show that the neoliberal model is still being pushed on much of the world. However, the proliferation of this restructuring could be threatened by the rich states unwillingness to take the very medicine they prescribe to the poor. Afraid of further damaging national industries, many of the rich states have retained their protectionist measures such as tariffs on agricultural imports; or steel as in the case of the Bush regime. It is very possible this point of conflict between the rich and poor nations as well as the US and EU could lead to the collapse of future trade talks.

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

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

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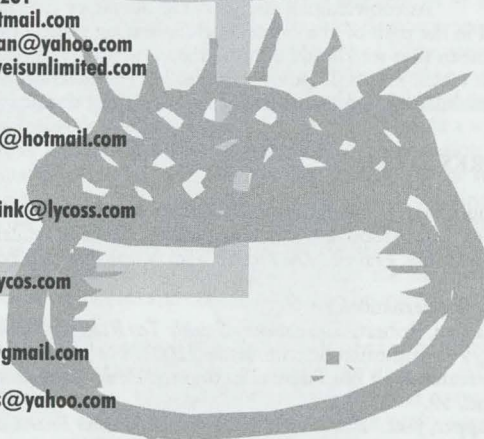
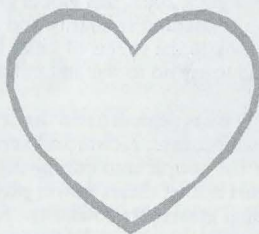
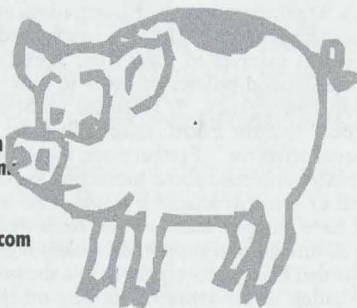
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There is a whole lot happening around Evergreen besides classes. There is a number and variety of campus based activities to take part in: discussion groups, service organizations, activist alliances, minority support and culture groups, art and music collectives, and much, much more.

Evergreen has a large number of "official" campus groups that are budgeted by the college and at least one paid "coordinator" who takes care of paperwork and makes sure the group functions smoothly. These organizations are not closed groups that require secret hand shakes, embarrassing initiations, and membership cards (even though at times it may seem like it): All student groups welcome everyone to their meetings and the vast majority of groups are highly receptive to new ideas and individual initiative.

Working with campus student groups can be a rewarding and meaningful experience; it can be highly empowering to work with others for social justice or creative and personal growth. These groups also provide a good place for meeting like-minded folks and making friends that share your interests and visions.

This section of the Disman will introduce you to how "Student Activities" functions, the groups currently operating on campus, and to how you can locate resources for your own projects.

WHO MAKES DECISIONS FOR STUDENT GROUPS?

Most official student groups have one to three paid coordinator(s). The coordinators job is to do the "official" work (i.e. paper/office work required to keep the group's finances and events in order, coordinate events and projects, help the group remain accessible to the public).

In most cases, the coordinators don't make decisions unilaterally, but are present to help carry out the visions of the club. Each coordinator has specific office hours, and most are eager to answer questions or ramble lovingly about the groups for which they work.

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

Consensus operates off of the basic idea that every

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

How does this work? A proposal might be raised by someone in a group, questions are then asked and answered, and then discussion follows. Concerns raised in the discussion are then addressed by the group as a whole and the proposal is reworked by all participants to fit everyone's comfort. If, in the end, someone does not like the proposal, s/he can "block" (or, veto) any proposal they feel is threatening to the integrity of the group or if it will cause the person to leave the group forever. However, on smaller decisions, most people with disagreements will simply "stand aside," which means that they don't agree with the decision, but they can live with it.

WHO DECIDES HOW MUCH MONEY GROUPS GET?

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

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

This unusual situation means that the S&A board, by its near complete control over dozens of

of organizations' wealth, is the only organization on campus that has institutional power to consistently shape what activities are prominent on campus. As you might imagine money can make or break a campus organization.

This doesn't mean that the S&A Board is made up of power-hungry assholes. The Board generally has reflected a diverse range of interests and has striven to be as "unbiased" as possible. This being said, the S&A Board is potentially vulnerable to orchestrated or accidental domination by highly opinionated factions. If the Board has a large number of politically conservative students on it, it may reduce funding for many progressive political organizations on campus (which means you wouldn't be reading this). Similarly, a Board that thought that art and music was a waste of money could curtail funding to these types of projects. Less severely, the S&A Board can (and does) favor organizations that they perceive as being well-organized and highly visible, impressions that can be easily skewed by chance, circumstances, or personal interests.

The other significant sources of power on the S&A Board lie in Tom Mercado, the S&A Board Director, and the rest of the non-student, paid full-time employees that assist and oversee Student Activities. Although well-intentioned people, they present an "I'm just here to help the students" image that obscures the significant regulatory power that is an unmistakable component of their job positions. They can make unilateral decisions regarding budgetary spending, hiring of student coordinators for groups, and legality issues associated with any student project, and they don't have to consult the S&A Board or anybody else for permission. These types of situations have come up numerous times.

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

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED WITH THE BOARD?

The S&A board is an annually selected group of students who allocate your student fee money. The board is made up of eleven-paid student positions and two Evergreen staff advisors. The board allocates over a million dollars of your fee money. The money is used

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

Being a board member is a prime opportunity to become a part of designated decision-making on the campus. Board members are responsible for continually interacting with student groups and making sure the process of requesting support is understood. The duties of being a board member are at times demanding, but undoubtedly rewarding. If you are interested in the functions of the board or would like to apply to be a member, contact the S&A Office. You must be a full time student and make a commitment for the school year. Time commitment will be compensated with a several hundred dollar stipend.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

One of the better ways to get an introduction to the various on-campus organizations is to visit the 3rd floor of the CAB (College Activities Building; where the Bookstore is) in room 320. The offices for the vast majority of the student groups are located here. The folks at the front desk have a directory of student groups' mission statements, phone numbers, mail boxes, and hopefully their meeting times and office hours.

Once you've checked out some of the options at the front desk, the best way to find out more about a specific group is to leave a message on their voicemail or in their mailbox, visit the coordinator(s) during their office hours, or attend the group's meetings. The initial meetings of each quarter generally find a good mix of new folks and returning members and attending is a good way to get "plugged in."

A word of warning for new students: The student activities "community(s)" can seem very cliquish. People involved in activist and/or creative projects often become fast friends - this can be rewarding for those involved, but highly alienating for newcomers (at least at first). Also frustrating is the fact that people who have been working on projects together for awhile tend to develop lingo and acronyms ("Did

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you see that speaker from the MST the other day?" "What have your experiences with heterosexism been?" etc.).

Fortunately, these experiences are common enough that nearly everyone involved in campus groups has experienced them at one point so many people have an appreciation for how much it totally blows. The folks involved in Student Activities are a diverse lot, are generally kind, and genuinely want to create a friendly environment for everyone at Evergreen. Communicating if you feel disrespected or out of the loop to the group or to the coordinator can make a huge difference in challenging these unfortunate dynamics.

HOW DO I/WE GET MONEY FOR MY/OUR IDEAS?

Let's say none of the student groups suit your fancy or you're working on a project on your own. There are many options on and off campus for raising money for an event, project, or special cause. Here are some ideas:



Existing student groups regularly provide fiscal support for students with no strings attached. The Women's Resource Center and EPIC are known for this kind of support.



Start a Student Group and get mad cash for doing shit you want to do! Get a budget for your sling-shot hobby.



S&A Productions has money to bring musical acts. For information, inquire with Greg Porter (usually orbiting the front desk)



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Housing Social Events Council and RAs have money for funding events. Remember that RAs are given money to spend on students!



Academic programs. And academic deans will match funds is two programs sponsor your idea. Talk to faculty or faculty secretaries.



Access Services for Students with Disabilities has funding for projects for disabled students.



Community organizations often fund projects. Check out the Community Organizations Directory in this manual.



There are a myriad of options: rich students, bake sales, fund raising, secret cafe's, tee-shirt sales, robbery, or just selling stuff on Red Square.



First People's Advising has money for projects.



The Diversity Fund maintained by the Equal Opportunity Office will often fund projects.

GOOD LUCK!
-AND DON'T FORGET TO TRY
AND MAKE THINGS FREE!!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

student activities 867.6220
greg porter 867.6222
womens resource center 867.6162
epic 867.6144
equal opportunity office 867.6368
housing office 867.6132
first peoples advising 867.6467
access services 867.6348

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Asian Solidarity In Action (ASIA) 6033 15

Asian Solidarity In Action works to provide a space where the community can further their understanding and education of Asian culture. They also desire to support an open forum for ideas that might not be otherwise reached.

Bike Shop 6399 11

The Bike Shop keeps a cooperative bike shop open to the Evergreen community for bicycle maintenance. They work to encourage the use of bicycles and other non-motorized vehicles as transportation by operating this space and providing tools and assistance for Evergreen students and staff. The Evergreen Bike Shop is a volunteer run, do-it-yourself bike shop, serving students, staff, and the general public. The shop provides a space, and the tools necessary to keep your ride running. While shop volunteers are not required to have nay mechanics skills in order to work at the shop, most folks around the shop know enough to get you started. In addition, the shop has a small library of bike maintenance books. We often receive donation parts and bikes, and always have a closet full of parts available for free or donation. If you ride a bike, or would like to, please pay us a visit. Knowledge of bicycle maintenance is very empowering, and greatly increases the utility of your little two-wheeled wonder. We strive for diversity at the shop, and all are encouraged to take advantage of this campus resource. A series of bike maintenance classes are held each quarter; keep an eye out for flyers. The shop is kept open solely by volunteer labor. If you're willing to staff a weekly two-hour shift, please give us a call.

The Evergreen Bike Shop is located in the basement of the CAB building. The easiest way to get to the shop is to take the elevator to the basement. When you get out of the elevator, just turn to the right and you'll see us.

Capoeira Angola 6143 16

Express yourself physically, verbally, musically, while at the same time learning about a culture rich with tradition.

Carnival: Political Arts Collective 6144 1

Carnival is Evergreen's political arts collective. The name Carnival stems from a long tradition of public participation celebrations including music, dance, food, nakedness, and general excess. We believe taht fun and art can be effective tools for activism. Our goals are to INCITE ACTION through public participation art, TO EXAMINE societal roles, hierarchies, trends, and current events trough artistic representation, and TO PROMOTE sustainable living, equality, and human rights through the use of art. To accomplish this we host public participation multimedia performances like parades, circuses, pageants, street theatre, etc. and workshops for the public including puppet and stilt making, music and dance, guest artists, etc. We take part in direct action protests and demonstrations and in other Student Activities and community events like Prison Awareness Week and the Procession of the Species. We are a brand new club and need lots of help shaping our infrastructure and acutalizing the before mentioned ideas, so if you're into fun, art, and social change, look for postings about our meeting times.

College Republicans ???? ??



Coalition Against Sexual Violence 6749 17

This group is dedicated to advocating against and providing education and resources about sexual assault for the campus community. Many of our events focus on the prevention of violence of all forms, including domestic violence and hate crimes. We encourage students of all genders and ages to access our recources and participate in our acivities. Violence effects us all. We would like to remind you that violence is everywhere, including within our own community. While Evergreen is known for "peace-loving-hippies" we are still susceptible to all forms of violence, discrimination, and oppression. During the 2000-2001 academic year there were 6 reported sexual assaults on campus. 75%

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of assaults are never reported. Two-thirds of sexual assaults are only discussed with friends/confidantes and NOT with police. Know the facts. Protect yourself and your buddies. For more information on how to do just that call us at 867-6749.

Common Bread

Common Bread was started by a group of students that wanted to create a Christian group that didn't fit the stereotypes of Christianity. We are committed to expressing our faith through service, worship, and action for justice and peace. We don't want to just sit on our hands and talk about faith -- we want to live our faith. As we searched for a name, the image of a "common bread" stuck with us. Bread is a vivid symbol of unity within Christianity. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "We share our bread. Thus we are firmly bound to one another not only in Spirit but in our whole physical being." We created this group to explore that deep connection to each other and the world. We are an ecumenical group, meaning that we are Quakers, Methodists, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Presbyterians, United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, and American Baptists. Last year we worked with Radical Catholics for Peace and Justice (RCPJ) to host a four-day forum on faith and economic justice. We brought people of faith and others together to talk about the dangers of globalization and what our faith has to say about it. The forum included discussions about sweatshops, the Free Trade Area of the Americas agreement, and how we work for change in the world. We hope to hold a similar event this year. This summer we sponsored a weekly worship service, again with the RCPJ. We gathered to engage the hopes, controversies, and joys of the world in which we live and worship. As with all the things we do, everyone was welcome -- regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, age, race, class, or ability.

Community Gardens 6145 Organic Farm
Community Gardens provides garden space for Evergreen students, alumni, and members of the general community. We provide tools, individual garden plots, manure/compost, cover crop seeds, vegetable starts and garden workshops.

DEEP 6493 18

The creation of a library of resources to develop ecological projects at the Evergreen Organic Farm is the focus of this group. DEEP's library provides resources to encourage sustainable ecological projects to sprout and develop at the farm. DEAP can be reached at 867.6493.

Environmental Resource Center (ERC) 6784 3

The Environmental Resource Center works toward conserving, protecting, and restoring native ecosystems through education and active participation. Their goal is not only to provide lectures, films, meeting places, and resources, but to also help facilitate workshops, outreach projects, and networking that directly pertain to the environment.

Evergreen Chemistry Club 6636 7

The Evergreen Chemistry Club's principle functions are to foster opportunities for involvement in community and professional activities by students of science at TESC, as well as to support and promote science education, especially as it relates to green chemistry practices both in the Evergreen and the broader South Sound community.

Evergreen Electronic Music Collective 6636 7

It is the mission of the Evergreen State College Electronic Music Collective to provide an environment that fosters the growth of its members as DJs, producers, performers, and/or members of the electronic music community. It is our primary goal to educate our surrounding community about the potential of electronic music as an artistic medium through discussions, workshops, and live performance.

Evergreen Gaming Guild 6036 5

Our mission is to provide for the TESC and the Olympia area a method of meeting fellow gamers, of the pooling of gaming resources, and to promote gaming and gaming even

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Evergreen Healing Arts Collective 6143 14
It is our intent to represent, educate and assist all pre-professional healers. We are committed to improving health care and health care delivery to all people.

Evergreen Improvisational Theater 6412 9
The goal of EIT is to share the art of improvisational theater through workshops, practice, and performance, with the students of Evergreen as well as the community.

Evergreen Infoshoppe 6636 10
Evergreen's most off the chain production is the Infoshoppe, a DIY (do it yourself), DIT (do it together) zine and literature distro. We help you a) get your shit out there via our help / materials / copy budget and b) get yourself educated. It's as easy as coming up and introducing yourself.

Evergreen Irish Resurgence Experiment 6098 4
EIRE is dedicated to helping all who would like to learn more about their Irish/Gaelic ancestral background and its traditions, including sean-nos singing, Irish set dancing, the peace process in Northern Ireland, etc.

Evergreen Juggling Club 6636 7
Is juggling art, science (physics) or philosophy? Juggling can be exploited in any direction depending on individual style or interest. Juggling offers people a way to communicate and learn from one another. The role of the Juggling Club is to encourage all types of juggling with all types of materials--from clubs to tennis balls! Come out and be part of the fun.

Evergreen Political Information Center 6144 1
The Evergreen Political Information Center's mission is to create a sustained community of both political education and action. EPIC is one of the oldest student groups at Evergreen and during its existence it has organized students and educated the community about a wide variety of issues related to social justice and ecological sustainability. It has also been a venue through which students have been able to challenge

the administration's policies. EPIC has always made its decisions by using the consensus process. EPIC's strategy for building a sustainable student movement on campus utilizes three organizing principles.

EDUCATION:

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

MOBILIZATION:

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

ACTION:

EPIC is dedicated to going beyond the discussions and devotes of global problems. We feel that facilitating a community that is actively confronting power and resisting injustice and oppression is an essential part of all movements. This can take the form of direct action in the streets, volunteering for a community organization, or planting your own guerrilla garden. Email us at epic@evergreen.edu or call 867-6144.

Evergreen Queer Alliance (EQA) 6544 CAB314
The Evergreen Queer Alliance is dedicated to serving the needs of all Queers at the Evergreen State College and the surrounding Olympia and Thurston County communities. The EQA is dedicated to providing for all Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Pansexuals, Intersexuals, Transgendered, Genderqueers, S/M/B/D practitioners, Sex workers, Polyamorists, Fetishists, all sexual and gender minorities, Family, Friends and Allies.

Freaks of Nature 6784 3
Freaks of Nature as an apolitical group dedicated to providing the Evergreen community with education about the natural world through experiential learning. The group pledges to offer interesting, educational, inspirational and fun interactive experiences with the biotic and abiotic forces that define our bioregion.

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Giant Robot Appreciation Society 6036 5

The Giant Robot Appreciation Society is a nonprofit organization devoted to the purpose of promoting cultural understanding via the medium of Japanese animation, Asian cinema, and giant robots, as well as to the goal of promoting said medium in the United States.

Greener Futures 6636 7

Our primary long-term goal will be to establish and maintain an educational center for sustainability on The Evergreen State College campus that will function as a meeting/discussion/activity place and as a general community resource.

Hui O Hawaii 6033 15

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

Jewish Cultural Center 6092 2

The Jewish Cultural Center works to sponsor Jewish cultural events on campus. They also continually attempt to build a supportive community with Jewish students, faculty, staff and community who identify with the Jewish experience.

Latin Union in Solidarity with the Americas 6636 7

The purpose of LUSA is to empower the Latin community at Evergreen, working for self-determination while we support local organizations and act in solidarity with the peoples of the Americas. LUSA provides a safe space for the Latin population on campus, where people can come together to work on issues of identity and community. LUSA will also reach out to strong and conscious Latin allies, who will educate themselves will supporting the cause.

MES Graduate Student Association 6479 Lab 1

The Masters of Environmental Studies Graduate Student Association exists to provide students with professional development services. The MES-GSA attempts to identify graduate student needs that are

not being met by academic programs or other student organizations and provide them with events tailored to graduate students that satisfy those needs.

MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan) 6583 12

The Chicano Student Movement of Aztlan (MEChA) works to develop a strong support base for Chicano/a students' academic, political and social needs. They also strive to oppose discrimination and to create a cohesive community of Chicano/a students. MEChA is a student organization that promotes higher education, cultura, and historia. MEChA was founded on the principles of self-determination for the liberation of our people. We believe that political involvement and avenue for change in our society. MEChA sponsors a number of events in our effort to educate and entertain the campus and surrounding area. Currently we are working with high school students to promote awareness in our culture and opportunities for political empowerment. Contact MEChA at 867-6583.

Medieval Society 6098 4

The Evergreen Medieval Society (formerly: Society for Creative Anachronism) is a group for cultural enrichment through the reenactment of history. They conduct events about archery, fencing and armor fighting, brewing, costuming, candle and soapmaking, armory, fletching and more action. Their fundamental goal is to bring about critical awareness of the economic, political, and social orders which affect our lives and to act to confront and change these orders.

Men's Center 6092 2

The mission of the Men's Center is to bring men together to explore men's roles in society. We hope to create a community for men in a place of safety and acceptance. The Men's Center is focused on educating all people for the sake of liberation and freedom through support groups and educational activities. A place where we as men can challenge the qualities and roles handed down to us from our father figures and/or society at large and form new and liberating definitions of what it means to be a man. This new definition would help us rid ourselves of our socialized tendencies to be dominating, in-control, or competitive and help us become more real and feeling individuals. We are

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a pro-feminist group that exists on the Evergreen campus because we accept that Evergreen and our surrounding communities are not free of racial, homophobic, or sexual violence. Through group meetings and campus events we want to create a more positive and caring environment by examining the personal and political structures of male and female oppression. We also want to promote physical, mental, and spiritual health for men as well as personal growth and political awareness. For info call 867-6092 or email us: tescmcenter@hotmail.com.

Mindscreen Film Group 6143 14

Mindscreen movie group's goal is to be a FREE student operated and student program selected movie theater on The Evergreen State College campus.

Musician's Club 6879 4

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

Native Student Alliance 6105 13

The Native Student Alliance serves the Native students at Evergreen, and larger tribal community, through recruitment, retention, and support for the cultural aspects of each individual according to his/her origin. NSA is also committed to serving nonnative students by building cross-cultural awareness in order for them to stand in solidarity with indigenous nations. For more information, visit the NSA homepage.

Percussion Club 6781 16

The Percussion Club seeks to contribute music to campus activities, make and maintain instruments, promote the playing of percussion instruments on campus, learn traditional music and invite noted percussionists to campus.

Medieval Society 6098 4

The Prison Action Committee is dedicated to seeking fundamental changes in the existing prison system. Its goals include exploding the myths of the prison system by raising awareness on campus through events and workshops about the many issues within prison work, and providing a space for active student participation. PAC is an organization on the TESC campus that deals with the growing prison industrial complex and other related issues. The criminal (in)justice system in the US is one of the most corrupt and inhumane in the world. We have only 5% of the world's population and yet we have 25% of the world's prison population. The rate of incarceration in the United States has risen, while the crime rate has declined. Those who suffer most are people of color, women, and youth as they have the least support from outside. One out of every three black males in the United States is involved in some way with the criminal (in)justice system. Prisons are now taking jobs from workers and giving them to inmates who work for as low as 3 cents an hour in horrible conditions. It should be clear to all who are involved in social change that slavery never ended in the United States. This short description does not even go into the problems with the death penalty, racial profiling, public defenders, mental, physical and sexual abuse by guards, the waste of tax payers money, or the militarization of the police. To battle this horrible beast we need a movement! That movement can begin with the concerned students on the TESC campus and the concerned citizens in the Olympia community. People on the "outside" need to access their resources to help out prisoners. PAC can help. PAC has brought awareness to TESC about prison issues by celebrating Mumia Awareness Week, working with Books to Prisoners, Olympia Cop Watch hosting and sponsoring events on youth incarceration, and with your help we can do much more. Contact PAC at 876-6724 or prisonaction@yahoo.com

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to be military targets for the U.S. SESAME believes that many of the contrivercial policies that connect the U.S. to the Middle East involve issues that student groups at Evergreen are already working to overcome such as economic, social, and environmental concerns that touch us all. We strive to relate the way these issues play out abroad to the domestic issues of racism, xenophobia, classism, and patriarchy. Furthermore, within SESAME we are committed to organizing to be as inclusive as possible, which means actively working against all forms of oppression. Moreover we are committed to working with and learning from the Evergreen community. This means reaching out to other student and community groups for collaboration as well as supporting other groups in the work that they do. We can be reached at 867-6033.

Students at Evergreen for Eco Design 6493 18

Students at Evergreen for Ecological Design works to unite nature, culture and technology to reintegrate the needs of human society within the balance of nature. They encourage learning the environmental impacts of design, and using this information to determine ecologically sound alternatives. The goal is to empower individuals to be conscious creators of their own space. The group has weekly meetings as well as regular workshops, presentations, and field trips, focusing on issues like natural building, ecological design, and appropriate technology. SEED also has a large resource library with many items available for checkout. During the month of February, SEED will be organizing a conference focused on issues of sustainability. All are welcome and encouraged to get involved. Contact SEED at tescseed@yahoo.com or 867-6498.

Student Government Planning Group

Historically, there has never been a recognized undergraduate student government at Evergreen. This working group of students are working on the development of a sustainable governance model that the general student body will be able to endorse through a vote.

TESC Shaolin Cultural Arts Club 6143 14

We are dedicated to the promotion of traditional Shaolin Buddhist teachings and cultural awareness. Members will educate themselves and their peers on the history and modern relevance of Shaolin Buddhist theory.

Umoja 6781 16

Umoja is an organization of students dedicated to promoting diversity and racial understanding as well as fostering an identity among black students at TESC. We provide a structure for organizing positive cultural activities, events, and educational programming about African Americans. We endeavor to recruit more black students to the campus and to help them adjust academically and socially, to become affiliated with black students in the community and to become an active force in the Olympia area.

VOX 6555 11

VOX - Communities for Choice, is a program to educate young pro-choice Americans and mobilize them in support of reproductive health and rights. The Olympia chapter is specifically working to raise awareness of reproductive health issues on campus and provide a forum for relevant discussions and action.

Women of Color Coalition 6006 CAB 206

The Women of Color Coalition student group tries to ensure equality, diversity, justice and freedom for women of color in the Evergreen community, as well as aiding in the attention of these students. They encourage multiethnic, nonsexist perspectives of diversity, beliefs and values at Evergreen.

Women's Resource Center 6162 CAB 313

The Women's Resource Center strives to provide a library of books, periodicals, videos, and referrals to local service agencies. They also attempt to facilitate political action relating to the concerns of women. They attempt to work towards the end goal of a college-funded, professionally staffed women's center to meet all the needs of Evergreen women.

The Olympia Community Groups Directory

Don't be afraid to branch out beyond student groups. You can learn about Olympia and yourself that way. Consider internships; you can do activist work and get credit!

Alliance for Public Transportation

Our mission is to improve the service of public transit in Thurston county and to encourage community use of and leadership support for mass transit. Public transit helps people of all incomes and physical abilities access the goods and services they need. Our organization keeps up with current events that have the potential to impact transit services, and we then disseminate that information to our members. We are working to bring more funding to local transit, since Intercity Transit will be forced to cut service by 17-18 percent at the end of 2002 without a new funding source. Also, with our "Once a Week, Give Your Car a Break" campaign, we are trying to encourage drivers to give transit a try, and hopefully bring more riders into the system. Publictransit@yahoo.com

American Civil Liberties Union of Washington

The ACLU is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership organization devoted to protecting the basic civil liberties of all Americans, and extending them to groups that have traditionally been denied their basic civil rights. Doug Honig American Civil Liberties Union-communications@aclu-wa.org 705 Second Avenue, Suite 300Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 624-2184

Art in the Streets

Making art flex its muscles for community building since 2002. To support creative work that triggers public dialogue, challenges social inequities and/or increases access to arts and culture in our community. www.artinthestreets.org - info@artinthestreets.org PO Box 1022 Olympia, WA 98507 - 360-754-7084

Avanti High School

Avanti is recently opened alternative high school within the Olympia School District with a much smaller student body and faculty. AHS is ripe for input from Evergreen students. Evergreen students have contributed to the Avanti curriculum as student teachers and paraeducators, as well as leaders of mini-units, and hosts of community service projects. With an unfolding program, Avanti is open to community involvement, whatever you have to bring. Call Avanti for more information at (360)596-7900, or, e-mail jwalton@osd.wednet.edu

American Civil Liberties Union of Washington

Our goals are to maintain and protect our ecosystems for future generations, and promote environmental education and recreation. www.blackhillsaudubon.org. BHAS efforts include both education and activism on behalf of wildlife and the ecosystems on which they depend. Education includes monthly programs and several birding and natural history field trips each month both to members and the general public. Activism includes efforts to protect local natural areas and "important bird areas" and to strengthen local environmental protections. bhas@blackhillsaudubon.org (360) 352-7299

Black Hills Audobon Society

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members and the general public. Activism includes efforts to protect local natural areas and "important bird areas" and to strengthen local environmental protections. bhas@blackhillsaudubon.org (360).352-7299

Books to Prisoners

Books to Prisoners-Olympia is an all-volunteer effort to provide reading material free of charge to inmates in prisons and jails across the country. It is a support organization for Left Bank Books in Seattle. We send books to prisoners all over the country. We are always in need of good books, stamps, volunteers, donations and operational funds to keep providing our service. Chris Carson PO Box 7204, Olympia, WA 98507 (360)943-2375

Bread and Roses

established: 1982

In the spirit of the Catholic Worker, our mission is to aid and the homeless in Olympia by providing food, shelter and dignity. www.bandrosly.com We serve two meals a day six days a week Mon-Sat. Lunch is at noon; dinner at six. The drop-in center offers free laundry service, a way for homeless people to get an address, free phones for local calls, showers and bathrooms. The Overflow Shelter can house up to 44 people a night and is available for those who have nowhere to sleep; the group meets at 7pm at drop in center. Bread and Roses also runs a women's shelter that can house up to six single women with children and two families for stays up to three months. community@breadandrosesoly.net 1320 8th Ave. SE Olympia, WA 98502 (360) 754-4085 1320 8th Ave. kitchen: 114 Cherry St.

Building Revolution by Increasing Community Knowledge (SPSCC)

BRICK will utilize creative and diverse educational approaches to promote student awareness and advocate progressive social change. www.spscbrick.org Primarily a group for SPSCC students, BRICK acts to bring speakers, films, and other information to our campus and our community to promote a progressive social agenda. dhyde@spssc.ctc.edu David Hyde, 2011 Mottman Rd. SW Olympia, WA 98512 - 360-596-5284 Tuesdays 2:15pm, Building 34, Room 128, SPSCC.

Community Build-a-bike Project

The Build-a-bike project helps build self-esteem by having adults and kids (between the ages of 8 and 18) work together to rebuild donated bikes for the kids to keep. Build-a-bike also teaches traffic safety, bike maintenance, hand's on repair, and gives away free helmets. You can contact Build-a-Bike at 786-1693 or tezzler1@yahoo.com.

Capitol Land Trust

Our mission is to preserve the natural heritage of South Puget Sound. Capitol Land Trust is dedicated to the conservation, appreciation and stewardship of the diverse open spaces and unique natural habitats of Southern Puget Sound. www.capitolandtrust.org Diane Lloyd email:info@capitolandtrust.org - 209 E.4th Ave. #205 Olympia, WA 98501 (360) 943-3012

Carnegie Group

We believe that people should QUESTION GROWTH and that growth should pay for growth. The Carnegie Group brings together citizens of different backgrounds under one unifying principle: a concern for the abuses of unbridled growth and its effects on our community and our environment. We maintain that population growth is neither inevitable nor beneficial. "Growth at any price", as an article of faith in America, has put our environment at risk and eroded community life. Those who stand to profit from growth should no longer be subsidized by taxpayers: infrastructure expenses should be borne by those who create the need. We are opposed to taxes that provide infrastructure: roads, sewers, fire and schools, to primarily benefit growth. We host a bi-annual Public Forum, usually in the fall, and hold three bi-monthly Town Hall meetings at the beginning of each year. Walter R. Jorgensen waltjorgensen@comcast.com - 209 5th Ave. Olympia, WA 98501 (360) 867-0138

Cascadia Rising

Cascadia Rising is a regional network of environmental organizations in the Pacific Northwest (aka Cascadia). We recognize and value strength in diversity of tactics, and some of our member organizations use the principles of nonviolence, civil disobedience, and direct action to prevent the destruction of our increasingly scarce native forests. We seek to approach the problems of environmental degradation at a bio-centric manner. Action@CascadiaRising.org - (503)493-7495 - <http://www.CascadiaRising.org>

Centro Integral Educativo Latino de Olympia Project at Radio Ranch

The mission of the CIELO Project is to enhance the youth in the community with a focus on the Hispanic population. www.cieloproject.org CIELO provides information and referrals and training to consumers and providers in cross cultural competence on an ongoing basis. Proyecto Familia provides bilingual, bicultural mental health services. We offer free English classes on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30- 8:30. Other activities include PlayBack Theater, performance by Latina women, a horsemanship program for youth, and Litima, a support group for young men, that addresses leadership and identity. We also hold Spanish classes Monday and Wednesday evenings. People can also work off community service hours in a bilingual setting at Radio Ranch. Leticia Fernandez 3102 8th Ave NE Olympia, WA 98506 (360) 709-0931

Climate Solutions

Climate Solutions is a non-profit organization working to help pioneer solutions to global warming. We are demonstrating a model of regional leadership that strengthens communities and provides economic opportunity. Local programs include Smart Moves - an educational program that teaches students about alternative transportation and sustainable development; the annual Bicycle Commuter Contest; and the Energy Outreach Center - a walk-in, hands on exhibit of technology available to make homes more energy efficient. 610 4th Avenue E, Olympia, WA 98501. 360-252-1763.

Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador

CISPES has been working since 1980 in solidarity with the FMLN (Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front) and the Salvadoran social justice movement to promote an alternative to the oppressive US-backed policies of the Salvadoran right. Today, a decade after the signing of the Salvadoran Peace Accords, the struggle for a more just society continues on many socioeconomic fronts. CISPES currently works within the solidarity and anti-corporate globalization movements, to build a cross-border movement that can confront the injustices of the neoliberal economic model that is ravaging El Salvador and much of the globe. In particular, CISPES is now helping to launch a hemisphere-wide campaign against CAFTA, a proposed free trade agreement between the United States and Central America modeled on NAFTA, and which was promoted by George W. Bush in a March 2002 visit to El Salvador. Larry Mosqueda - Lmosqueda@home.com - (212)465-8115 - <http://www.cispes.org>

Community Print

Book binding and letterpress printing. Open studio available for use for a small fee. Access is granted upon completion of a shop proficiency workshop. Some examples of workshops include: Letterpress I, Print and Protest, and Text and Image please communityprint@yahoo.com 508 Legion Way # 1 Olympia, WA 98507 (360)754-5854

Community Sustaining Fund

The Community Sustaining Fund provides grant support for progressive and community-oriented projects in Thurston County. Our funding is aimed at creating a democratic, equitable, nonviolent and ecologically sound society. <http://www.traditionsfairtrade.com/sustFund/sustFundhome.html> - cathyvic@comcast.net - (360) 956-9344

CrimethInc.

In a society which glorifies their power and our passivity, all thought which challenges this passivity is thoughtcrime. CrimethInc. is the black market where we trade in this precious contraband. Here, the secret worlds of shoplifters, rioters, dropouts, deserters, adulterers, vandals, daydreamers- that is to say, of all of us, in those moments when, wanting more, we indulge in little revolts-converge to form gateways to new worlds where theft, cheating, warfare, boredom, and so on are simply obsolete. www.crimethinc.com - CrimethInc.

Crisis Clinic Resource Network

We offer immediate (24/7) response to callers that are in need of emotional support, assistance in solving problems, making decisions or locating resources. Staff and volunteers are well-trained, compassionate and caring people. All calls are confidential and anonymous. beyp@crisis-clinic.org - (360) 586-2888 - <http://www.crisis-clinic.org> - Crisis Line: (360)586-2800

Dispute Resolution Center

We value empowering people to resolve their disputes by providing conflict resolution services and training community members in those skills. It's easy and convenient to access DRC services. Simply call the DRC office at 360-956-1155 in Olympia, between the business hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Visit the web address: www.mediatethurston.org

Earthbound Productions Procession of the Species Celebration

To empower communities to engage in cultural relationships with the natural world as a means of sustaining efforts of environmental protection and restoration. To advance effective environmental action and education through creative cultural programs, civic partnerships and public forums. To remain dedicated to the wisdom that the futures of healthy families and healthy communities are directly tied to a sustainable kinship with the natural world by envisioning, developing, and producing cultural events and program. (360)705-1087 - info@procession.org 209 East 4th Ave. Suite 207 Olympia, WA 98501 - <http://www.procession.org>

Emergency Shelter Network Homeless Resource Advocacy

We provide shelter and resources for families and single women in Thurston County. Information and referrals regarding resources, employment, rental assistance, voice messaging services, homeless child care and more! ESN is a program of the Family Support Center in collaboration with Associated Ministries of Thurston County. esn@familysupportctr.org 360-528-8999 - <http://www.familysupportctr.org>

Emma Goldman Youth and Homeless Outreach

EGYHOP's mission is dedicated to bringing direct service items and resources to the homeless and low-income populations living on the streets or who self-identify as part of the street population. This population is made up of youth-at-risk, homeless, and low-income people living below the poverty line. EGYHOP street outreach workers provide direct service on the streets of Olympia. Street outreach workers are available during hours when the street population cannot access traditional services. The

mission of EGYHOP is to provide emergency intervention, information and referrals to services, a friendly and familiar face to talk with, and needed and requested items for living on the streets, such as socks, blankets and sleeping bags, etc. "LongHair" David - lhd@olywa.net (360) 791-2241

Enterprise for Equality

Enterprise for Equity Offers a Business Start-up Training Program to Help Low Income* People Start their Own Businesses! We want to build an inclusive economy in the South Puget Sound. To qualify, annual income must be: single, under \$16,400; family of 4. Our mission is to ensure that low-income people in the South Sound region have access to training, technical assistance, support and credit for small business development. These services are provided with the belief that people can and do transform their lives as they bring their strengths, initiative and dreams to their entrepreneurial efforts. Lisa Smith - create@igc.org - (360) 704-3375 - <http://www.enterpriseforequity.org>

Feminists in Self-Defence Training

Self defense workshops for women, covering mental preparation, assertiveness, strategy development, and physical defense skills. Women teachers in a self-affirming, non-threatening atmosphere. Sliding scale \$5-\$35. Also publish a quarterly newsletter, Emily French - (360) 438-0288 , or , e-mail: fistselfdefense@riseup.net

Fern Haven Center

We offer public classes, workshops, and counseling services that promote personal growth and community spirit in the areas of: spiritual psychology, communication and relationships, the creative and intuitive arts. A variety of workshops based on Non-violent (Compassionate) Communication (NVC), as taught worldwide by Marshall Rosenberg, Ph.D. rod@fernhavencenter.com

Avanti High School

Food Not Bombs is an all volunteer organization dedicated to nonviolence. Food Not Bombs has no formal leaders and strives to include everyone in its decision making process. We recover food that would otherwise be thrown out and makes fresh hot vegetarian meals. Meals are served in public places to promote awareness and community and are free to anyone without restriction. www.foodnotbombs.net - Jesse - fnboly@cs.com - (360)951-0707

The Freechild Project

The Freechild Project is a group of youth activists and allies who are dedicated to making social change action, education, and resources more accessible for young people around the world, especially those who have been historically denied participation. info@freechild.org - (360)753-2686 - <http://freechild.org>

Friend of Artesians

Our mission is to preserve and protect Olympia's heritage of publicly accessible artesian wells, and to promote good stewardship of these extraordinary gifts of nature. James W. Ingersoll - jwingersoll@atfb.com

The Freechild Project

GRuB is a grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to nourishing community by empowering people to grow good food. We grow inspired, self-confident, and community-minded youth through educational and employment opportunities. We help low-income families to help themselves by building raised-bed gardens at their homes and we improve quality of life and nutrition of low-income seniors through therapeutic garden programs. GRuB resulted from a merger between Sister Holly Community Garden Project (started 1996) and the Kitchen Garden Project (started 1993) the merger was in 2001. www.goodgrub.org, grub@goodgrub.org - (360) 753-5522

Gender Variant Healthcare Project

The South Sound Gender Variant Healthcare Project (GVHP) is dedicated to improving the healthcare of all gender

variant people living in our community. GVHP raises awareness and increases public support for gender variant people both within the medical field and in the general population. We are a diverse group of individuals who seek to provide education, support, advocacy, and resources to the public, to clinics and providers, and to the gender variant people who live in Lewis, Mason, Thurston and other surrounding counties in Washington's South Puget Sound region. The term 'gender variant' is being used as an umbrella term to include anyone whose gender identity or expression does not fit within gender norms. Identities include but are not limited to: Transgender, MtF, Intersex, Crossdresser, Trans, GenderQueer, Transsexual, FtM, Native American Two-Spirit, and all other gender variant people. website: G_V_H_P@yahoo.com

Gifford Pinchot Task Force

The Gifford Pinchot Task Force seeks to preserve and restore the ecosystems and communities of southwestern Washington by promoting conservation of forest ecosystems and sustainable restoration-based employment. The Task Force is the local expert and primary educational resource on the region's forest conservation, policy, and law. We engage interested citizens and policy makers through our canvass, hikes, and field events, presentations and press events, lobbying, and strategic coordination with local, regional, and

Green Party of South Puget Sound

The Greens are a group of concerned people dedicated to promoting values-based grassroots democracy. We are committed to tackling public policy issues affecting our local and global community. We intend to promote this through inclusive civic participation and local action, adhering to and applying the Green's Ten Key Values. <http://www.greenparty-sps.org/> - gposps@yahoo.com

Habitat for Humanity - South Puget Sound Ch.

The mission of SPS Habitat for Humanity is to serve God by engaging the community in empowering people with hope and opportunity that comes from building and owning their own home. Habitat builds houses in partnership with the buyer of the home. Volunteers provide labor and most of the materials are donated. A Family Selection Committee, made up of volunteers and board members chooses recipients. Home owners are required to invest sweat equity (500 hours) into the construction process, working alongside other volunteers. Homes are sold at cost with a 20-25 year non-interest mortgage. Donations of funds and materials are accepted. Habitat also owns and manages the Sound Builders ReSource, a non-profit store dedicated not only to diverting used building materials from our local transfer station, but also providing educational and volunteer opportunities for the community while raising money and collecting materials for Habitat construction projects. Lori Capra - info@sps Habitat.org - (360) 956-3456 - <http://www.sps Habitat.org>

Heartsparkle Players

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

Homeless Resource Advocacy

In conjunction with the Emergency Shelter Network, we give homeless individuals a supportive environment to work on life skills directly related to establishing and maintaining stable, permanent housing. We are a program of the Family Support Center. Our program offers a variety of resources and opportunities based on individual needs. Case management services are provided. Job skills training, nutrition, parenting, problem solving, legal issues, and credit matters are a few of the services

provided through community advocacy. Call or stop in weekdays from noon to 4PM.
esn@familysupportctr.org - 360-528-8999 -
<http://www.familysupportctr.org>

Hypnosis for Pregnancy and Birth

To provide positive directions for pregnancy and birthing through the use of hypnosis. The focus is on positive bonding and relaxation for moms, babies and families before birth.
hypnosisforbirth@comcast.net - 360-943-8933 -
<http://home.comcast.net/~hypnosisforbirth/> and for Hypno fertility resources:

Industrial Workers of the World

The IWW is a militant, non-hierarchical, directly democratic union that organizes workers as a class, regardless of their employment status. The IWW believes that the employing class and working class have nothing in common, and seeks to abolish capitalism, while forming a new, more equitable society based on free-association and production for need instead of profit. The IWW was founded in 1905. For more information call us at 705-0567. - olywobs@riseup.net

KAOS - Community Public Radio - TESC

KAOS Olympia Community Radio...Local Voices, Independent Music, Global News...since 1973! KAOS is a community radio station, operating under the policies and procedures of The Evergreen State College. KAOS serves the interests of Evergreen students and the citizens of Thurston County and the surrounding areas, giving special attention to the interests of people historically ignored by the media. KAOS broadcasts educational, informational, cultural and entertainment programs exploring a wide range of cultural, political and social alternatives, and emphasizing information, news and local relevance. KAOS provides training in radio broadcasting to all members of the community. kaos@evergreen.edu - (360) 867-6895 - <http://www.kaosradio.org>

Labor Education and Resource Center

The Evergreen State College Labor Education & Research Center, a public service initiative of The Evergreen State College, provides a safe forum for workers, community members and Evergreen students to look at their lives and work through the lenses of labor history and political economics. The center provides a place to think about what a movement for positive change in society should or could look like. The educational focus of the center is to develop programs in a collaborative fashion with organized labor and labor support groups to address relevant issues to worker's unions and work lives. lbrctr@evergreen.edu - (360) 867-6525 - www.evergreen.edu/laborcenter

Last Word Books and Rec-the-Place-Records

Last Word Books seeks to provide an outlet to satisfy the local thirst for alternative media and reading material and be a space where ideas are shared and information disseminated. They are dedicated to the idea of a sustainable local economy. We manage the Olympia Zine Library and sell books to the locals. We buy, sell, and trade. We seek to better network the organizations in the area striving towards similar goals. Youth activism, media literacy, radical politics and community organizing are also high on our list of priorities. lastwordbooks@yahoo.com - 360-786-9673 - 211 4th Avenue SE Olympia, WA 98501

League of Women Voters

Non-partisan, non-profit organization promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government, action on selected governmental issues, sponsorship and coordination of voter registrations, meetings with candidates, and publication on specific topics. Sylvian Frankus - lwvctc@pugetsoundwa.net - (360) 352-8220

The Freechild Project

Media Island International's (MII) resource and networking center offers a 24-hour info porch, library, computer center, and a variety of tools for grass-roots organizing. Our center is

often used for meetings and workshops. People are welcome to stop in during office hours to browse, socialize, plan, compute, watch a video or just sit down and enjoy a hot beverage. Our website, www.mediaisland.org* offers an open-submission news site, South Sound community calendar, directory of local organizations, and forums to help facilitate communication and participation within MII. Check it out or stop by to find out how you can get involved! 816 Adams St. SE, downtown Olympia Contact 352-8526 or mii@mediaisland.org <<mailto:mii@mediaisland.org>>

MOMS Club of Olympia

Our mission is to interact with each other in an accepting and supportive environment which provides opportunities to build friendships; offer educational and social activities for mothers and children; and support the local community through volunteering and fund raising. We work to support at home mothers and provide various activities and gatherings throughout the month. We do various service projects in our community and help members get involved. momsclubofolympia@yahoo.com - <http://www.momsclubofolympia.com>

Nisqually Reach Nature Center

NRNC is a private non-profit organization where nature comes to life. Our center has 1000 square feet of space filled with bird specimens, interactive learning opportunities, viewing scopes, lab equipment, and as a highlight, 3 large tide-connected aquariums to view Puget Sounds underwater world. nrnc@nisquallyestuary.org - (360) 459-0387 - <http://www.nisquallyestuary.org>

Nisqually Land Trust

The goal of the Nisqually River Basin Land Trust is to protect the land along the Nisqually River. By doing so, we protect fish and wildlife habitats, particularly the sensitive salmon runs. We provide for the conservation of wetlands, scenic areas, recreational lands, archaeological resources, open spaces, and historic, cultural and archaeological sites. Constance Bond - staff@nisquallylandtrust.org - 360-458-1111 - <http://www.nisquallylandtrust.org>

Nisqually Stream Stewards

The Nisqually Stream Stewards is comprised of people living in the Nisqually watershed and people from outside of the watershed who want to help protect and improve the health of our streams and salmon. NSS monitor the health of streams by taking benthic macro invertebrate ("stream bug") samples and/or by taking other stream and riparian data. NSS help improve stream health by removing invasive plants or planting native plants along stream banks. NSS also help distribute valuable nutrients in salmon-bearing streams through the salmon carcass return program. We are looking for interns who are interested in gaining both office and fieldwork in the field of salmon habitat protection/restoration and volunteer project implementation. We are always looking for interested volunteers in our projects, such as tree plantings, stream health monitoring and salmon carcass flings. Ann Marie Finan - afinan@nwifc.wa.gov

The Northwest Earth Institute

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

Olympia Area Advanced Practice Association

To provide networking and resources for Advance Practice nurses and PAs in the Olympia area. Includes listing medical services utilizing Nurse Practitioners and PAs. olyareaapa@olyareaap.org - 360-943-8933 - <http://www.olyareaap.org/>

Olympia Columbia Committee

Solidarity and Fellowship with the Colombian
People mission: Our goal is to bring about
awareness of the inequalities of the armed struggle
in Colombia through educational events, lobbying
and political involvement to bring about a peaceful
resolution. occ@onebox.com Call Yul (360) 753-
5442 - <http://www.seattlecolombia.org>

Olympia Copwatch

CopWatch seeks to organize to gather stories
and testimonies of police misconduct, to educate the
public on legal safety and policing issues and encourage
police accountability and community control over law
enforcement. olycopwatch@riseup.net Olympia CopWatch
currently hosts a radio show on PRO 98.5 every Tuesday

at 5:00pm.

Olympia Fellowship for Reconciliation

Working locally for peace, social justice and nonviolence since 1976. The Olympia Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation seeks to replace violence, war, racism, intolerance, and economic and social injustice with nonviolence, peace and justice. We are an organization of many faiths committed to active nonviolence as a transformative way of life and as a means of profound social change. We model these principles by personal example. We collaborate and dialogue with the larger community to educate and to engage in nonviolent and compassionate actions. Glen 491-9093 - glen@olywa.net www.olyfor.org - <http://www.olyfor.org>

Olympia Film Society

The OFS attempts to show films that depict the experiences of under represented people in mainstream film industries including People of Color, queers, and religious minorities. We are here to support independent film makers and we also host benefits for local organizations. We are located in the Capital Theatre. The OFS hosts an annual film festival. www.olyfilm.org - (360)754-6670 - 206 E. 5th Ave. Olympia, WA 98501

The Olympia Food Coop

The Olympia Food Co-op aims to increase the health and well-being of the Olympia community by providing wholesome, accessible food and other goods, through a locally-oriented, not-for-profit cooperative organization. We strive to make human effects on the earth and its inhabitants positive and renewing. We seek to: Provide information about food; support efforts to increase democratic processes; support local production; make good food accessible to more people; see to the long-term health of the business; assist in the development of local community resources; provide information about collective process and consensus decision making; support efforts to foster a socially and economically egalitarian society. eastsidecoop@olywa.net, westsidecoop@olywa.net - 3111 Pacific Ave. SE Olympia, WA 98501 - (360) 956-3870 - 921 N. Rogers and 3114 Pacific Ave. S.E. Westside store open 9:00am-8:00pm. Eastside store open 9:00am-9:00pm. - www.olympiafood.coop

Olympia Free School

The Free School is a skill-share network rooted in the pedagogy of popular education. Formed three years ago, the organization is comprised of community members who believe learning occurs throughout lifetimes and that the learning process can become constant source of renewal and growth. FS provides free alternative educational opportunities to people of all ages and backgrounds in an open environment. The organization works for social change by actively building community, empowering people, and by serving as a model for education in the future. / 360-352-4165 / info@olympiafreeschool.org

Olympia Mothering Network

A Grassroots Effort to Create Community Support for New Parents and Children. My wish is that together we can share our strength to empower and inspire each other to be happier, healthier, more skillful parents. Website: Rosabel Harris Harburg - rosabelh@juno.com

Olympia Movement For Peace and Justice

We are committed to building a mass movement to further justice and peace. We believe that the issues of justice and peace cannot be separated, and that by furthering economic and social justice we create the conditions for a peaceful world. Our long term goal is to build a society that meets the needs of all people, not one based on profit and economic values. We actively support movements that challenge corporate-sponsored globalization, and those that further racial, gender and economic equality. Our efforts are focused on working in solidarity and in coalition with individuals and groups on a local, regional, national, and global level. To achieve our goals, our principle tactics will be popular education, active protest, and direct action. We invite all who share our goals to join the Olympia Movement for Justice & Peace. We are committed to building a group that is democratically structured, where each person's voice is valued and heard. We intend to share skills and knowledge among our membership and with the broader community. omjp@omjp.org - (360) 867-6513; (877) 881-1560 - <http://www.omjp.org>

Olympia Rafah-Sister City Project

The sister city project that bonds Olympia, Washington and Rafah, Palestine was envisioned by local peace activist and friend, Rachel Curie (1979-2003). Through her dedication to social justice and acute cognizance of the Israeli military occupation, she believed that cultural exchanges between our two communities could result in significant social change. Following in Rachel's footsteps, we will collaborate with the people of Rafah to create lasting friendships across borders and bridge cultural gaps through popular education, advocacy, communication, and community exchange. These friendships help us to educate ourselves, increase awareness, and demonstrate solidarity in a common struggle for a just and prompt peace in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. info@orscp.org - P.O. Box 6275, Olympia, WA 98507 - <http://www.orscp.org>

Olympia Parents, Families, and Friends

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. info@pflag-olympia.org - HELPLINE: (360) 866-0511 - <http://www.pflag-olympia.org/> 1221 Legion Way NW

People for Puget Sound

Our mission is to preserve and restore Puget Sound's water quality and habitat. Jim Dawson - southsound@pugetsound.org - (360) 754-9177 - www.pugetsound.org

Pre-Birth Health Education

Education for moms, babies and families before birth established. Mission: To provide information and resources for families planning a pregnancy, early pregnant, and during a pregnancy. Prenatal Parenting is our goal. prebirthhealth@comcast.net - 360-943-8933 - <http://home.comcast.net/~prebirthhealth/>

Public Educational Resource Center

PERC International was formed by a diverse group of concerned citizens, with a common goal for the provision of educational opportunities in areas of extreme poverty and high illiteracy rates. PERC recognizes a need for developing an education model, which promotes an efficient, physical and technical environment, one that promotes literacy, development of technical skills; create a sense of pride, accomplishment and a feeling of community. perc2002@hotmail.com - <http://www.percinternational.org>

Puget Sound Network for Compassionate Communication

PSNCC - pronounced 'peace-nik' - is a regional non-profit association of volunteers who envision a world in which all needs are met compassionately. Our mission is to contribute to this vision by living & teaching the process of Nonviolent Communication (NVC), which strengthens the ability of people to connect compassionately with themselves and with one another, to share resources, and to resolve conflicts. For general questions Call or at 206-382-8576 or email us at psncc@psncc.org.

SafePlace

SafePlace provides services for victims of sexual and domestic violence, including a confidential shelter, a 24-hour toll-free crisis line and 24-hour crisis intervention. We also provide in-person advocacy, support groups, and information and referrals for other community resources. We offer legal and medical advocacy. We have in-house Spanish, Cambodian and American Sign Language translation and provide culturally relevant advocacy to underserved populations. We also provide educational seminars and speaking engagements in the community. safeplace@tss.net - (360) 786-8754 - SafePlace Business Office is located at: 314 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA. 98501 It is open: 9am-12pm, Monday through Friday and 1pm-5pm, Monday-Thursday.

Stone Builder's Resource

Mission: To divert material from the landfill, to provide affordable building materials for the community, and to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. qvittum@hotmail.com - (360)239-7280 - <http://sbroy.org>

Sound FoodShed

Sound FoodShed is a coalition of farmers, food processors, retailers, educators, government agencies, local organizations and community members. We act as a networking center for our members and the greater community, and provide an open forum for dialogue about local food issues. Sound FoodShed conducts and compiles research, solicits and distributes information, and educates our community about local food systems. We support and celebrate local food production! Shonie Schlotzhauer - foodshed@yahoo.com - (360)753-6439 - www.soundfoodshed.org

South Puget Environmental Education Clearing House

SPEECH is an environmental education center and information clearinghouse providing support and resources to those who seek to preserve, protect and restore the environment of the Pacific Northwest. Krag Unsoeld - speech@olywa.net - (360)786-6349 - www.olywa.net/speech

South Puget Sound Clean Clothes Campaign

The South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign is a coalition of Olympia, Tumwater, and Lacey students, union members, people of faith, and concerned citizens raising awareness about the sweatshop industry, and challenging individuals as well as public and private institutions to create positive change by altering their purchasing practices. To encourage public entities to pass ethical purchasing agreements. info@southsoundcleanclothes.org - (360)705-2819 - www.southsoundcleanclothes.org

Space Gnome Records

Founded to highlight, record, and promote Pacific Northwest Artists. Space Gnome Records firmly believes in the artist's responsibility to generate performance and non-performance pieces focused on raising awareness and expanding consciousness. Space Gnome Records strives to offer creative experiences that are positive and uplifting. management@spacegnomerecords.com - (360)259-1870 - www.spacegnomerecords.com

St. Martin's Social Action Club

The Social Action Club is an organization made up of students are dedicated to progressive political and social action. We are a group of civic citizens that practice active nonviolence. Our goals are to educate and organize against social injustice. Aaron Bonifield - smsa@stmartin.edu - 360-753-3192 -

Stonewall Youth

Stonewall Youth supports, informs, and advocates for bisexual, lesbian, gay, transgender, and questioning youth age 21 and under. Kristin Funk and Sasha Reid - stonewallyouth@qwest.net - (360)705-2738 - <http://stonewallyouth.org>

Sustainable Community Roundtable

Our mission is to foster sustainability and economy and a way of life in which both people and nature flourish. Linda Smith - roundtable@olywa.net - www.olywa.net/roundtable

Terra Commons

Terra Commons is a non-profit building network. We serve communities by researching, designing and practicing habitat restoration, sustainable agriculture, and natural building. We believe that our patterns of land use and habitation are directly connected with the health of our biosphere and that of generations to come. Through our connections, we share in the responsibility of positively affecting the balance of economic, social and ecological systems. tterracommons@riseup.net - (360)352-8526 - listserv@sustainabletools@vahoogroups.com

Forest Stewards Guild

Foresters are chief players in a drama which may determine the fate of the earth. The mission of the Guild is to promote ecologically responsible resource management that sustains the entire forest across the landscape. The Guild provides a forum and support system for practicing foresters and other resource management professionals working to advance this vision. jeanforest@cco.net - 360-459-0946 - <http://www.foreststewardsguild.org>

The Thurston Santo-Tomas Sister County Association

We organize community and student delegations to spend time volunteering for education and health care projects in Santo Tomas. In turn, we also invite delegations from Santo Tomas to come to Thurston County to volunteer for our community projects. We publish a quarterly newsletter to educate ourselves and our community about US foreign policy relating to Central America, promote the efforts of other local organizations serving the Latino communities, and to publicize our current work. We occasionally sponsor local solidarity events for speakers on national tours. Each fall, we hold an annual event where participants in the most recent spring and summer delegations can share their experiences. There is always

The United Churches of Olympia

TUCO is a federated United Church of Christ and Presbyterian USA Church. We are an open church, welcoming all on a faith journey. info@theunitedchurches.org - 360-943-1210 - <http://www.theunitedchurches.org/>

Thurston County Chapter ACLU

We serve as the "eyes and ears" of our Affiliate Office, ACLU-WA, in Seattle reporting civil liberties abuses; we testify at local and state hearings and perform as activists to defend civil liberties; and we do outreach to educate the public to understand, appreciate and protect their rights. info@aclu-thurston.org - (360)456-7180 -

Thurston County Community Television

Public Access Television offering free classes and easy access to the airwaves. You can contact TCTV at (360)956-3100. <http://www.tctv.net>

Thurston County Draft Counseling Center

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

Thurston County Tenants Union

Affordable, Decent Housing for All. TCTU is a non-profit, membership based organization of tenants. The TCTU provides free informational services and promotes the rights of tenants through active public advocacy and organizing. Pat Tassoni - tctu@tenantsunion.org - (360)943-3036 - www.tenantsunion.org

Thurston Union for Low Income People

Our mission is to equalize economic power and to fight poverty by improving financial literacy and providing access to credit and savings services for our members. We believe that lack of income should not limit ones access to participation. The credit union model of member-oriented participatory decision-making can be a major force for equalizing this access. We want to encourage the low-income community to become involved in making a positive and renewing economic impact in the local society. Our work will be guided by compassion and respect, and we will work to build alternatives to predatory financial systems. Kitty Koppelman - tulipcu@hotmail.com - (360)956-9235 - www.tulipcu.coop

United Communities AIDS Network

HIV/AIDS is a community issue. UCAN - Make a Difference! established: 1985 The mission of the United Communities AIDS Network is to provide the highest quality of life to all those infected by HIV/AIDS, to prevent the spread of HIV, and to increase awareness about the disease. Suzanne Hidde - (360)352-2375 - www.ucan-wa.org

Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs

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

Washington Cooperative Support Center

To provide jobs, training, transportation and advocacy for the homeless, unemployed and disadvantaged people of the Olympia/Thurston County area. We are a not for profit temporary labor company, and has also started a not for profit construction company that is fully licensed, bonded and insured. At the present time we approximately 400 members registered for temp labor. We run a background check on each temp worker. Bruce Yost - byost@washingtncsc.org - (360)459-9765 - <http://www.washingtncsc.org/>

Washington Environmental Council

WEC is a statewide environmental organization and works primarily on the state level to protect our land, air and water. The vast majority of our work currently takes place within our three strategic campaigns: Sustainable State Forests: to improve management of Washington's state forests, creating a model of sustainable forestry that protects the environment and benefits all citizens of the state. Healthy Streams: to restore and protect adequate water in rivers and streams to support healthy and abundant fish and wildlife. Habitat Protection: to protect fish and wildlife habitat across Washington through improved and better enforced shoreline and land use ordinances. Josh Baldi - josh@wecprotects.org - www.wecprotects.org

Washington Environmental Council

WROC's mission is to affect economic and social justice by educating and empowering low income people, especially those who receive public assistance, to affect positive change in their communities and in their lives. Offering unpaid internships for college credits. The First Christian Church is located at 701 Franklin Street, SE Olympia wrocoly@wroc.org - (360)352-9716 - www.wroc.org

Woodland Trail Greenway Association

The Woodland Trail Greenway Association is dedicated to the creation of a linear park and trail along the Olympia Woodland Trail corridor from the Chehalis-Western Trail in Lacey to the shores of Capitol Lake. The WTGA, formerly the East-West Greenway Association, is a non-profit coalition of active, interested citizens and organizations which serve as a public voice to promote the funding and development of the Olympia Woodland Trail corridor for recreation and natural open space preservation. We will accomplish our goals through advocacy, political action, education, and fundraising; by developing partnerships with citizens, neighborhood associations, service groups, and business organizations. jack_horton@hotmail.com (360)956-1743

Workers' Information and Networking Center

The organization is currently staffed with live operators every Monday through Thursday 5pm to 7pm. The operators are trained to give callers update information on labor and employment rights and are working with Vince Brown, a lawyer from Columbia Legal Services. WINC has modeled itself after several other successful organization in and outside Olympia including the Welfare Rights Organizing Center, the Thurston County Tenants Union, and the Vermont Worker's Center. It is also working with several organization in the area including Bread and Roses and has become a member of the Coalition for Low-Income Power.

It supporters believe that a worker's rights telephone line is filling a real gap because, though several organizations deal with low-income issues, few deal directly with the concerns of people in the work place. "That is were we can become a viable resource" Roberts said, "having a worker's resources is a great addition the existing (ones)." To find out more information about WINC or to report trouble in the work place email olywinc@comcast.net or call (360)705-0567

Worker's Association of Olympia

The Olympia Workers Association's mission is to assist working people in the Olympia area who want to improve their working conditions. Workers in all different types of employment deal with the same issues - job insecurity, health, safety, and childcare issues, bad pay, and the general lack of respect for wage workers. The Olympia Workers Association believes all people deserve workplace dignity, a living wage, safe working conditions and workplace democracy.

We are an independent worker-controlled labor alliance. Our goal is to improve working conditions in Olympia by creating a way for all workers in the area to stand together and support each other.

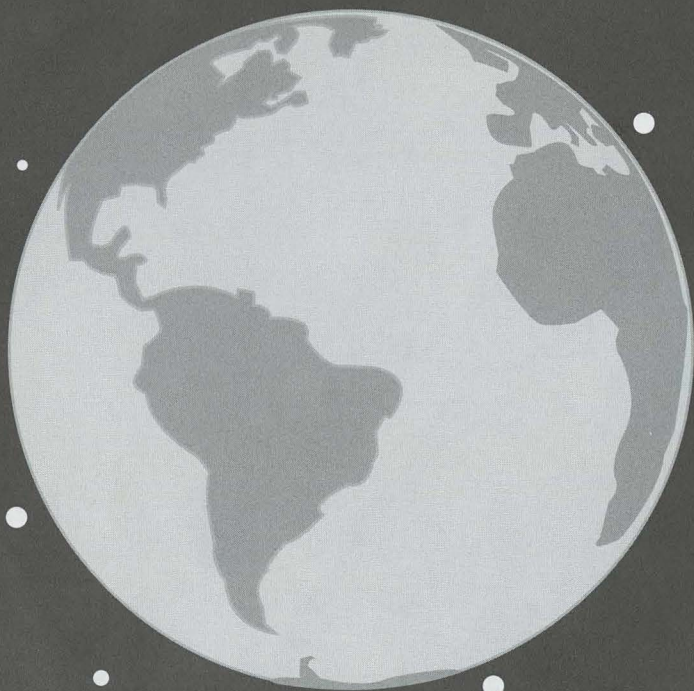
We are part of a grassroots labor movement and are dedicated to helping workers self organize. We operate a hotline and an online forum for workers to share information.

Workers have more power when they stand together. It may not be easy to stand up for better work conditions by yourself, but by working with the OWA you have other workers in Olympia beside you. Join the OWA and we can all help each other. Workers can win respect, job security, and decent working conditions with the support of the community.

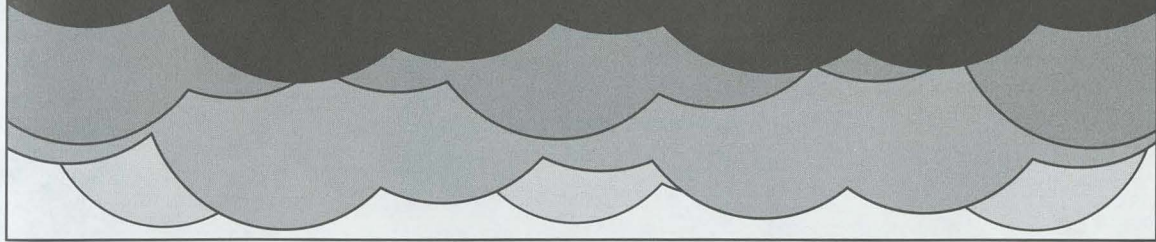
Organizers are available most Monday nights at 6:00 at the OWA office, with a general membership meeting the first Monday of the month. The general membership meetings are intended to be a monthly assembly of the grassroots Olympia labor movement, and all workers in the Olympia area are encouraged to attend. Our Monday meetings are located at 1320 8th Ave SE, behind the Bread & Roses house. You can call the Bread and Roses house and leave a voice message for the OWA at (360) 754-4085. For more information about the OWA including an action calendar, a message forum, and literature can be found online at www.olympiaworkers.org.

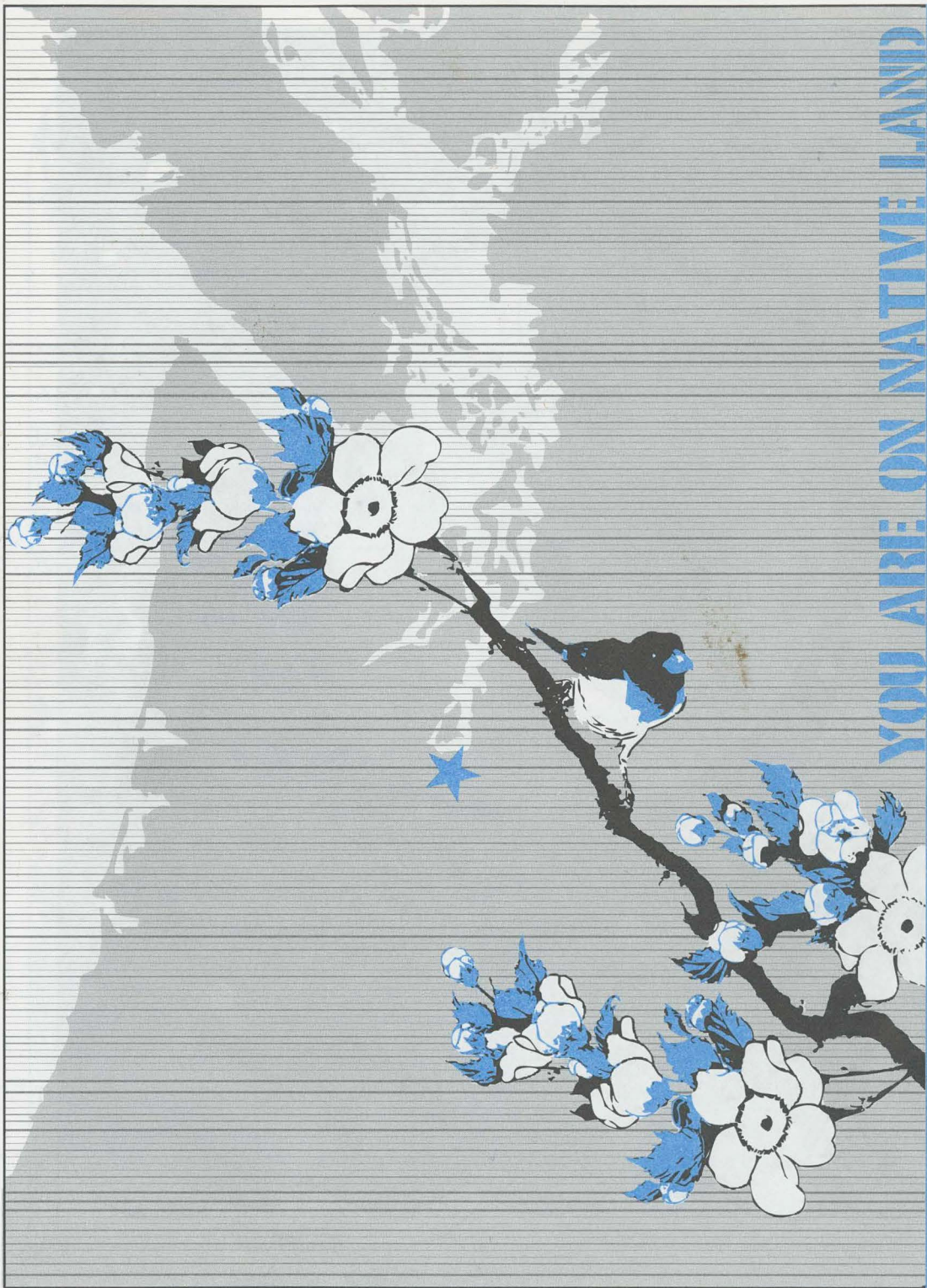
YMCA Earth Service Corps

We Build Strong Kids, Strong Families, Strong Communities established: 1992 Our mission is to empower young people to be effective, responsible global citizens by providing opportunities for environmental education and action, cross cultural awareness and leadership development. ssyesc@juno.com - (360)357-6609 x117 - www.olympiadowntownymca.org/content/home.aspx



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