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National Day of Action in Seattle

More than 25,000 people marching for immigrants' rights.

Photographed by Mia Ibarra

Student Government is here

By Stephen Engel

If you haven't heard, if nobody told you, if you're fresh off the plane from Thailand after four months, or if you've just forgotten: listen up. It's organic and simple and easy to digest. Evergreen now has a student government. How did it happen? Magic? Nope. Miracle? Not exactly. Mirage? Not this time. A group of students, Greeners for Student Government, proposed a constitution to the student body for ratification at the end of Winter Quarter. The voting began March 13, 2006, and the proposal passed.

Here are the details. Ratification required 25 percent voting participation from the student body. The majority of students voting had to vote "yes" in order to ratify the constitution. The eligible voting population at The Evergreen State College was 4,253 students. One thousand, three hundred and ninety-one students, approximately 33 percent of the eligible body, participated in the vote and 1,279 students, approximately 30 percent of the student body, voted "yes" in favor of the proposed constitution. One hundred and twelve students, 3 percent of the student body, voted "no" opposing the proposed constitution. Of those who voted, 92 percent voted "yes." The constitution was ratified, the government approved. Those are the statistics.

The new student government, The Geoduck Union, will consist of twenty-one elected representatives from the student

body. The Union will be non-hierarchical, which means that the elected representatives are on equal footing with one another, and will use consensus-based decision making. The Geoduck Union will hold its first meeting in Fall '06.

But in order for the Geoduck Union to meet, it needs representatives. Elections are currently being planned, and candidates are needed. All Evergreen students are eligible for candidacy, and all Evergreen students are encouraged to run. You can pick up an application in CAB 320, on the top floor of the CAB building, Monday of Week Five, May 1, is the tentative due date for applications, and they should be returned to CAB 320. Candidate application statements will be published in a Voter's Guide, available Week Seven, for students to find out more about the candidates before the election. A candidate fair on Red Square is planned for Week Six, where students can meet and speak with the candidates in person. A forum on the Tacoma campus, as well as a night forum on the Olympia campus, will take place during Week Seven. Voting begins May 22 (Week Eight), at the beginning of registration for Summer Quarter, and will continue through Week Nine. More election information will be provided in the weeks to come. Questions? E-mail greenergov@evergreen.edu.

Stephen Engel is a junior studying philosophy and Classics.

Silence is Louder than Words

By Joy Life

Get ready for campus to get a little bit quieter. On April 26, participants at Evergreen will join students across the nation in a Day of Silence to protest the discrimination, harassment and abuse—in effect silencing—faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students and their allies in schools.

The Day of Silence, a project led by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) is a nationwide event during which students at hundreds of high schools and colleges protest oppression and intolerance. The protest will be held during school hours at Evergreen on Wednesday, April 26. Participants will be silent throughout the school day, wearing buttons and passing out "speaking cards" that read:

"Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am participating in the Day of Silence, a national youth movement protesting the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies in schools. My deliberate silence echoes that silence, which is caused by harassment, prejudice, and discrimination. I believe that ending the silence is the first step toward fighting these injustices. Think about the voices you are not hearing today.

What are you going to do to end the silence?"

"The Day of Silence," according to an Evergreen Queer Alliance coordinator, "is especially relevant to Evergreen because of the school's mission to create a safe and friendly learning environment, where students of any background can feel free to share ideas and experiences." The EQA hopes that the event will encourage the end of the hatred and oppression that some students face.

GLSEN's 2003 National School Climate Survey found that more than 4 out of 5 LGBTQ students report verbal, sexual or physical harassment at school and 29 percent report missing at least a day of school in the past month out of fear for their personal safety. The Day of

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Corrections from the April 13 issue
The photos appearing on page 2 and 4 with the organic farm article were taken by Heidi Wallen.

Keeping it growing Beyond organic



Sping salad greens are now available at the farm stand on red square Tuesdays and Thursdays.

photo by Jesse Miller

By Jesse Dutton Miller

Everyone knows that if a piece of food says "Organic" on it then it's the best piece of food that you can buy. You don't need to think any further about where it came from, just toss it in the shopping cart and head on over to the cheese cooler ...

Ha ha ha, just kidding, folks. While organic certification lets you know that your food was grown without certain chemicals, it doesn't mean that your food is necessarily grown in an ecological or sustainable manner. Food labeled Organic is often grown on corporate monoculture farms with very little love for the land or for the employees. Treating workers well is part of sustainability, just like taking good care of the land.

It's also important to consider that there are some small farmers who use rather sustainable practices but can't afford to get certified as Organic, or don't want to adhere to some of the strict rules. (For example, egg-cartons can't be re-used to sell certified organic eggs.) It's not a good idea to write off local farmers who aren't organic automatically—if you're concerned about their practices you can talk to them. To me, it's sometimes worth eating local food that has had selected chemicals used in on it (some pesticides biodegrade in as little as twelve hours), rather than getting an organic item trucked in from a monoculture farm a thousand miles away.

Organic standards, laws describing specific practices that must be followed or avoided for a farm to be allowed to call itself Organic, were developed when NAFTA was ratified so that there would be standards for the increasing international organic trade. Organic standards are a good idea, but in practice they're not perfect, especially for small operations. Here's an example: this winter I worked at a permaculture date farm in southern California that used no chemicals anywhere on the property. (Did you know that dates grow on palm trees?) The owner Robert Lower considers himself the "most

organic" farmer in California, and possibly the West coast, and offers \$1000 to anyone who can prove to be running a "more organic" farm. (If you'd like to challenge him, I can hook you up with him.) Robert chose to give up certified Organic status in 1990 because of his disagreements with new organic standards.

According to Robert, the California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF), the oldest third-party organic certifying agency in the state, influenced the development of both state and federal organic standards. CCOF raised issues, which Robert calls "smoke screens," such as the use of raw sewage as fertilizer, genetically-modified seeds, and irradiated food to distract from some of the chemical uses that were included in their proposed standards. Robert objects to the allowance of sulfur storage, which means introduction of SO₂ gas into the storage area to help preserve food. He also objects to the use of chemical growth regulators such as gibberic acid. Growth regulators make plants grow faster and hold a longer shelf life but detract from the flavor and overall quality, Robert says.

They're commonly used on grapes, and Robert had trouble competing with other "Organic" farmers who used these chemicals.

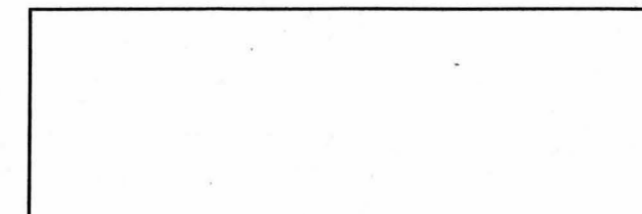
Besides the fact that organic regulations permit some rather dubious chemicals, they also don't address some of the greater issues of sustainable farming. When I say sustainable, I mean it quite literally—growing food in such a way that can continue for a long time.

This means taking care of the land so fields will still be fertile for generations. It's easier to do this when the farm is viewed as a living ecosystem, connected with neighboring landscapes

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The language of Mother Earth written in tracks...

By Justin Honeywell

I awoke to the jarring drone of my alarm clock and felt the deep pull of sleep attempting to claim me for more, but within thirty minutes I was in my car heading north towards Sultan and the Skykomish River. When I reached Sultan the light was starting to reach the eastern horizon. I parked my car near the railroad tracks, and gathered my things. I stepped onto the tracks, among the large rocks, and balanced my way on the tracks. As I left the tracks and headed down into the forest, I heard the first bird awaken, a male robin singing loudly from a distant cedar. I looked his way and felt the song penetrate my very soul. Cherry-up Chernily...

The creek was running swift and waist-deep. The morning air was crisp and cool, though not like winter mornings. Still I didn't wish to get undressed and then wet. So I walked the edge of the creek, going through tangled blackberry and salmonberry. After a few hundred feet or so an old alder had fallen across the creek, providing a perfect bridge. I began to walk across the log, nearly losing my balance twice, but managed to stay upright and landed with a thud on the other bank.

I had taken maybe ten steps on the sandy forested island, when a small flutter caught my eye. I slowly turned and to my astonishment stood two deer! I had just walked right past them and the only thing that had alerted me to their presence was one of their ears had flicked to follow the alarm of a distant Douglas squirrel. I sat down to watch their beauty and grace, and the moment I did the stress and alarm drained out of them completely. They began wandering and feeding here and there. I gazed at them, attempting not to discomfort them with a stare. I listened as far out as I could to the distant yet rising dawn chorus. The singing and presence of the deer produced in me something old, so very old I cannot even begin to explain it. I watched the deer move off and suddenly they were gone. Just like that they vanished!

I jumped up and picked up their trail. Trailing them was easy at first due to the clear sand and now rising sun, but they had gone directly into the forest. After a very short amount of time the tracks were invisible, at least to my untrained eyes. I had only been tracking for a couple, non-constant few years. Nor did I have solid mentors at the time besides the occasional tracking club and my beloved, from Brown Jr books and field guides.

I pushed out my tracking stick and began attempting to use it. My ability to use the technique quickly broke down, and I lost the trail.

I sat back discouraged at my lack of ability and wished for a mentor. As I sat there feeling sorry for myself, a song sparrow burst out of a thicket and began alarming. Its whole body was involved, convulsing and twitching, wings flapping. I was immediately jolted from my head and my awareness shot out into the world again. The dawn chorus was waning and the sun was now visible. The forest smelled exquisite as the steam rose carrying the pine, maple, forest debris scent. I also started to notice small spring shoots coming up all around and to my amazement many were missing leaves! The cut was a nice straight, slightly jagged edge.

"Feeding sign!" I bellowed into the forest. Indeed the feeding sign I heard about and read about was right before me. That was when I noticed some popping up of plants to my right. Tracks! And right near the feeding sign that was still fresh. Then I realized that this was where the deer had disappeared. I followed these little pops of plants and feeding sign, and a few minutes later the deer were in sight, poised and staring through me. Their gaze penetrated my flesh. The popping plants had indeed been the deer tracks, and I just followed without thinking, without expectation.

The world of tracking is not only a pleasurable skill, nor is it just a hunting tool. A single track is like a window into the very soul of the animal or human. The track can reveal thoughts, emotions, blinking of eyes, full or empty stomachs or bladders, injuries, weight, gender, and beyond. With use of a program called Cyber Tracker that blends modern technology with ancient skills, students can collect biological data on the habits and actions of animals. The program links the data to maps through GPS, showing where the animals are and where they aren't. CENSE is in the process of creating the availability of Cyber Tracker on campus to all students.

Upcoming Event:
"Knowing the Wildlife of Your Place through Tracking."

Taught by wildlife tracker, instructor, and Evergreen alum Jason Knight.

This workshop and slideshow will explore and introduce tracking use, practice, techniques, and new technologies.

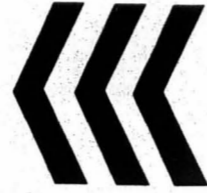
Where: Seminar II E1105
When: Thursday April 20
How much: Free

Justin Honeywell is a senior enrolled in Awareness

VOX POP

by Arland Hurd and Charlie Daugherty

What do you do differently on earth day from any other day?



Lindsay "Mickey" Kelly
What's Love Got To Do With It?
Sophomore

"Make my husband pay attention to recycling."

"Nothing because I do whatever it is I do on Earth day every day."



Devon O'Rourke
Mathematical Systems
Junior

"I like to pause and reflect on nature, so I go out and have a picnic."



Riley Fishburn
Poets Alive
Freshmen



Narcisomoyasga
Reenacting Conflict
Sophomore

"I wake up, listen to the birds, take a deep breath, think about the people say the people out loud then I carry on with my day smiling."



Yokiko Petersen
Asian Culture and Art
Freshman

"I usually car pool every week so I do a little of the same by car pooling."

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Our meetings are open to the Evergreen community.
Paper Critique 4 p.m. Monday
Comment on that week's paper. Air comments, concerns, questions, etc. If something in the CPJ bothers you, this is the meeting for you!

Student Group Meeting 5 p.m. Monday
Find out what it means to be a member of the student group CPJ. Practice consensus-based decision making.

Content Meeting 5:30 p.m. Monday
Help discuss future content, story ideas, Vox Populi questions and possible long term reporting projects.

Thursday Forum 4 p.m. Thursday
Discuss ethics, journalism law and conflict resolution.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Leah Henry-Tanner & Chuck Tanner

Described as speakers on the intersections between anti-sovereignty movements and white supremacist networks, Leah and Chuck co-authored *Living like Neighbors: Supporting the Treaty Rights and Sovereignty of Indigenous Nations*. They have been instrumental in researching and responding to the anti-Indian movement in the Northwest for many years. They have been invited to speak as part of the Evergreen program *Anti-Indian Movements: Origins, Images and Responses*. This will be preceded by an overview of the white supremacist movement's history by faculty member Zoltan Grossman. (SEM II D1105 on Friday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. Grossman will speak beginning at 9 a.m.)

De Facto State of Lawlessness

"An Israeli soldier gives an Orthodox settler his gun. The settler poses for a picture, then pretends to shoot the gun. What kind of place allows this?" asks a flyer for this film. *De Facto State of Lawlessness*, produced by The Tel Rumeida Project, focuses on the Palestinian neighborhood with which this group shares its name—an area described as "housing the most violent and extremist faction of the Israeli settler movement." The "Palestinian families who live directly next to these settlers are often virtual prisoners in their homes, subject to the settlers' violent attacks and destruction of property." Following the showing of the film Chelli Stanley, founder of the Tel Rumeida Project, and project member John Harmer will speak. Sponsored by S.E.S.A.M.E.

(Monday April 24 in SEM II A1105 at 2 p.m. and Wednesday April 26 at 7 p.m. in the Traditions Fair Trade Café 300 5th Ave. SW)

CISPES

Olympian members of the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador traveled to El Salvador to observe recent elections and meet with groups striving for social and economic justice. With the aim of sharing their "experiences and learning with the community" they will be appearing twice in the area. (Wednesday, April 26 at 1:30 p.m. in SEM II E1107 and on Monday, May 15 at the Traditions Fair Trade Café 300 5th Ave. SW at 7:30 p.m.)

Earth Day Celebration

Evergreen's WashPIRG chapter will be hosting a celebration of Earth Day. There will be a concert with five bands, including The Barnacles and Colleen Johnson. There will also be street theater and "opportunities for action around a range of environmental issues." Those attending are advised to "Bring your drums." It is to be held on the lawn adjoining the HCC or in Red Square, depending on the weather. More informed readers may recall that Earth Day is traditionally held on April 22 but don't be confused, this event is scheduled for 2-6 p.m. today.

Let the Rivers Run! A Campaign for the Re-Greening of Nicaragua

Wednesday, May 3 at 6 p.m. in Lecture Hall 3. Elvin Castellon, Nicaraguan activist and director of the Federation for the Integral Development of Peasant Farmers (FEDICAMP) of Nicaragua will be joined by the delegates from Olympia's sister city of Santo Tomas to speak about the water crisis and water privatization in Nicaragua as well as FEDICAMP's plan for reforestation, conservation, and the fight against privatization.

Shirts Wanted

The Clothesline Project is asking looking for shirts of any size or color. Please bring any donations to the Women's Resource Center in CAB 313 (360-867-6162).

David Barsamian Speeches

David Barsamian will be giving a series of talks in Olympia on Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28. He is a radio broadcaster and writer, who has been a major force in shaping alternative media. He offers insightful critiques of mainstream media's treatment of the Iraq War and other U.S. foreign policy. Barsamian is the founder and director of Alternative Radio, the Boulder, Colorado-based syndicated weekly talk program heard on over 125 radio stations here and overseas. His interviews and articles also appear regularly in *The Progressive*, *The Nation*, and *Z Magazine*. Barsamian is best known for his interviews with Noam Chomsky, Edward Said, Howard Zinn, and Arundhati Roy. These interviews have been the source of the many books that David Barsamian has written.

Barsamian will give the following three talks, all of which are free and open to the public.

1. Creating Alternative Media: Another World is Possible
Thursday, April 27, 12-1:30 p.m. Seminar II D1107 at The Evergreen State College.

2. War, Propaganda and the Media: The Case of Iraq and the Middle East
Thursday, April 27, 7-9 p.m. Room A, Olympia Center, 222 N. Columbia (Columbia & State, downtown Olympia).

3. Media Coverage of the Vietnam and Iraq War
Friday, April 28, 10-12:30 p.m. Seminar II A1107 at The Evergreen State College.

For more information, contact Peter Bohmer at (360) 867-6431 or bohmerp@evergreen.edu.

Got a Stafford or Perkins Loan? You may need Exit Loan Counseling

Got a Stafford or Perkins loan? Graduating or leaving school? Have you completed Exit Loan Counseling?

The Stafford Exit Counseling schedule for Spring Quarter is Mondays and Wednesdays at 12 p.m. The last session will be Wednesday, June 7 at 12 p.m.

On Friday, May 5, a presentation on Loan Consolidation will be offered at 12 p.m. The presenter will be from the Northwest Education Loan Association. Sign up for this session by contacting Financial Aid at (360) 867-6205.

The May 5 session on Loan Consolidation should be of high interest to any student with loan indebtedness of at least \$7,500. Interest rates are low and the Loan Consolidation program may offer students the opportunity for considerable savings over the life of their loans. There are changes that go into effect July 1, 2006 and now may be your best opportunity to consolidate your loans. Listen to the experts and get answers to your questions before you make a decision.

One of the requirements of the Stafford and/or Perkins loan(s) you have received is that you participate in the completion of Exit Counseling during your last quarter prior to graduation or leaving school. Sign up for a session by contacting Financial Aid at (360) 867-6205. We ask that you sign up at least one day in advance so that we can have a copy of your loan history available for you at the session. Please bring the names, addresses and phone numbers of two references and one family member to the session.

Perkins loan borrowers must also schedule a separate Exit Counseling session with Student Accounts at (360) 867-6440.

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- Olympia Community Center
- Olympia Art & Frame
- Rainy Day Records
- Santosh
- and more!

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9/11 expert Robert Jay Lifton at Evergreen April 25 *Lifton headlines the 20th anniversary Willi Unsoeld Seminar*

By Anthony Sermonti

The Willi Unsoeld Seminar is bringing noted author and psychiatrist Robert Jay Lifton to The Evergreen State College on Tuesday, April 25 at 8 p.m. The free event takes place in the Communications Building Recital Hall at Evergreen and is open to the public.

The annual lecture series, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, honors Willi Unsoeld, leader of the first American expedition to reach the summit of Mt. Everest on May 22, 1963. A philosopher, theologian and mountaineer, Unsoeld was a founding member of the Evergreen faculty. He died in an avalanche on Mount Rainier in March 1979.

This year's speaker, Dr. Robert Jay Lifton, has spent his life trying to understand the horror and violence that is an undeni-

able part of human experience. Following September 11, 2001, he undertook a study of Islamic apocalyptic violence and American responses to 9/11, culminating in his 2003 book *Superpower Syndrome: America's Apocalyptic Confrontation with the World*.

His writings on Nazi doctors (their killing in the name of healing) and the problem of genocide, nuclear weapons and their impact on death symbolism, Hiroshima survivors, Chinese thought reform and the Chinese Cultural Revolution, psychological trends in contemporary men and women, and the Vietnam War experience and Vietnam veterans have appeared in a variety of professional and popular journals. His newest book, *Crimes of War—Iraq*, co-edited with Richard Falk and Irene Gendzier, was published in February 2006.

Lifton is a lecturer in psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School and the Cambridge

Health Alliance, and distinguished professor emeritus of psychiatry and psychology at The City University of New York. He was formerly director of The Center on Violence and Human Survival at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and had previously held the Foundations' Fund Research Professorship of Psychiatry at Yale University for more than two decades.

Lifton's work fits in well with the philosophy of Willi Unsoeld. "For me, the ultimate goal of all education is to help people treat each other better," said Unsoeld, explaining his educational philosophy about a year before he died. "If I were to rip the heart out of all the educational philosophy which I have absorbed during my eight years at The Evergreen State College, I would crystallize it into a single paradoxical resolution of the old educational conundrum: 'Are you basically a 'content' person or a 'process

person?' The start of my answer would be an unabashed statement: 'I am definitely a process person.' By this I mean that the high value which I attach to the educational enterprise is the encouragement it gives to the development of supportive relationships among people."

As he saw it, the basic assumptions upon which Evergreen curriculum rested were that knowledge is holistic, leading to cross-disciplinary programs instead of traditional courses; that education is a life-long process in which the emphasis should be placed on learning how to learn while enjoying the company of a community of co-learners; and that a major part of the curriculum should be aimed at the transmission of moral values within a social context. Willi Unsoeld's wife, former U.S. Representative Jolene Unsoeld, will introduce Dr. Lifton. He will sign copies of his books, which will be available for sale after the lecture.

For more information, call (360) 867-6402.

On the web: Robert Jay Lifton: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Lifton

More about Willi Unsoeld: <http://www.wilderdom.com/Unsoeld.htm>

Anthony Sermonti is the Communications Manager for The Evergreen State College.

Get to Know the Student Health Center

By Kate Mruz

Have you ever wondered what services the Student Health Center has to offer? Or what the \$41 Health Fee is for? To get the most out of your time at Evergreen, it is a good idea to familiarize yourself with the Health Center on campus and what services are provided to you as a student. The Student Health Center is much like a general medical clinic in the community. The practitioners see patients for a wide variety of concerns, anywhere from signs of a strep throat to prescription refills to symptoms of an STD.

The quarterly \$41 health fee pays for a number of supplies (free condoms, band-aids, self-care supplies) and the salaries for the staff. This fee, which is raised only \$1 a year, covers about half the cost of the Counseling Center. Paying the \$41 Health Fee ensures that you can be seen for a basic office visit at no extra charge to you any time during the academic session. However, you will be charged if the practitioner suggests (and you agree to) doing lab work or a procedure. The \$41 you pay with tuition keeps the Health Center open, provides you with health education and office visits, and works to maintain the health of the entire student body.

The Health Center works in conjunction with the Counseling Center and the Office of Sexual Assault Prevention (OSAP). Like a general medical practice, Health Center practitioners can consult with staff from the Counseling Center or OSAP (with your consent) to give you a more interdisciplinary approach to treatment. This is especially helpful in treating mental health issues, which are prevalent on any college campus.

Health Center practitioners can also refer you to specialty care off campus as needed.

The Student Health Center has many resources geared toward the college population. For example, travel consultations are

available to any student who plans travel internationally. Scheduling a travel consultation will ensure you have all the proper vaccinations to stay healthy in the country you are headed to, as well as provide you with information on how to avoid common illnesses in that region. Also, student employees who are required to get a tuberculosis test or a Hepatitis B vaccine for their work may do so at the Health Center, with no appointment necessary.

Reproductive and sexual health issues are other common areas that the Student Health Center focuses on. If you would like to discuss birth control options, get a female annual exam, be tested for STIs or just ask general questions about sexual health or reproductive health, the Health Center practitioners are more than happy to help.

Also, the Health Center values holistic medicine and dedicates a large portion of the pharmacy to herbal remedies. Herbal elixirs, balms, lotions and other herbal substances are popular alternatives for students who do not wish to take a standard medicine. Healing Touch, a non-invasive therapy that utilizes the hands to clear, energize and balance human and environmental energy, is another popular alternative service offered at the Health Center. You can schedule an hour-long appointment with a Healing Touch provider for only \$20. Plant Spirit Medicine is also available by appointment.

To meet the diverse interests of the college population, the Student Health Center provides a broad range of services, from acute care to alternative care. To find out more about Evergreen's Student Health Center, you can call 867-6200, or stop in Seminar 12110.

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Organic farm article continued from cover...

and their wildlife, rather than as a food factory.

People who do sustainable agriculture consider their system inputs and outputs; where do materials and seeds come into the farm from and where do products and wastes go? Generally it's good to keep as many resources on-site as possible; when waste vegetation is composted on-site and not removed, the nutrients will return to the local soil. Keeping resources local also reduces petroleum use. Seed saving is another important topic in sustainability, which I'll discuss more in the future.

If you'd like to support sustainable agriculture on the Evergreen campus, watch for the farm stand on Red Square Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our food is local and certified organic, and our sustainable farming practices go beyond the basic organic standards. Contrary to popular belief, the Evergreen farm does not receive funding from the college for basic operations, except for the manager's salary—we keep things growing by selling our food, flowers and veggie starts.

Until next time, happy gardening, friends. If you haven't planted yet, go get dirty. It's not too late to get your garden growing.

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[Editor's note: the word organic is capitalized to specify the status of products that have been certified organic through the legal process.]

Day of Silence

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Silence is one way students and their allies are protesting the anti-LGBTQ harassment that is unacceptable in America's schools.

Anyone is free to participate in the Day of Silence. The EQA will host an informational table with buttons and speaking cards in the CAB on Monday, April 24, and you can email the EQA coordinators at evergreenqueeralliance@yahoo.com or drop by the group's office in CAB 314. The EQA will also host a "Night of Noise" event in the HCC at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening. Come a little early to participate in a countdown to breaking the silence, and bring a dish to share for a potluck. We will discuss personal experiences with oppression and how taking part in the protest has affected participants.

Help us break the silence. If you are not participating, please respect the rights of those who are and consider the seriousness of their message. Evergreen prides itself for being an open-minded learning environment, but the threat of discrimination based on sexual orientation is an important issue around the nation. By participating, LGBTQ students and their allies at Evergreen will help to create a national support system for those who are afraid to speak out for themselves.

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Reindeer and Russians

Evergreen summer studies in Russia's remote far north

By Robert Smurr

Having spent the greater part of their lives studying the vast array of peoples and cultures that comprised the former Soviet Union, Evergreen's two self-confessed Russophiles, Drs. Patricia Krafcik and Robert Smurr, discovered a wonderful means to share their passion with a wider community. "Why not take students to some place 'really out there,'" they thought, "Some place practically off the map. We have brought Russia to Evergreen via the program Russia and Eurasia: Empires and Enduring Legacies three times in the previous six years," they mused. "Now seems like an ideal time to move beyond the walls of academia and head to the wide-open northern tundra."

Enter into the picture Dr. Michel Bouchard from the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC). Pat and Rob had a number of stimulating conversations with Michel after learning of his five previous anthropological field school research programs in Russia's remote and ethnically diverse Komi Republic. One idea led to another, and soon the three culture-vultures conceived of a program that would draw upon Michel's previous experience in the region while simultaneously allowing for an itinerary more suited to Evergreen students' schedules and academic needs. It has amounted to something that all three expect will morph into a wonderful and lasting relationship between their distinctive liberal arts institutions.

One of the most astounding aspects of this program is that all interested students will be eligible to participate, regardless of their academic background. Yet because the program will begin relatively soon (during spring term evaluation week), interested students should take the initiative and contact either Pat, Rob, or Michel at their earliest possible convenience. In the meantime, however, it is fine to dream of what you will experience as a participant in this truly unique program. Imagine,

then, the following: The fog settles over the tundra as the converted Russian all-terrain vehicle—a.k.a. tank) snakes its way around bogs back to the field school camp. Picking up speed to crest the hill, students perched on top of the tank are stunned to see rise before them an encampment of indigenous Nenets, a semi-nomadic reindeer-herding people who live along the shore of the Barents Sea and whose culture combines Orthodox Christianity and shamanistic religious practices. Children and dogs play around the chums, teepee-like structures inhabited year round, as the adults step out to greet the group.

Evergreen students will have the opportunity to witness this and much more, for the 2006 Evergreen summer school will be offering its own program and associated field school—entitled Russian Culture and Anthropology—in the Russian north under Dr. Bouchard's direction. The Evergreen expedition builds upon the successes of UNBC's Circumpolar Ethnographic Field School. Students will study anthropology methods while learning more about the culture and history of Russia and its indigenous peoples.

Bouchard, an experienced organizer of field schools in the Russian north, explains that the scene described above was perhaps one of the most memorable sights that he has ever beheld in the Russian north. "In this one event, students witnessed the rich cultural mosaic of the Russian Federation," recalls Bouchard, "while being able to analyze the complex social structure of post-Soviet life in Russia north of the Arctic Circle. We have the reindeer herders belonging to the Vorkuta cooperative (formerly a collective farm) who have their assigned grazing for their reindeer," notes Bouchard, "while there also exist the 'wild' Nenets who, unconstrained by the state and the collective farm, live on the margins, maintaining their way of life and trying to keep free of state bureaucrats and the managers of the cooperative."

Erin Robinson, who participated in UNBC's field school in 2004, recounts the benefit of attending an overseas field school: "It allowed me to put the methods and theory that I learned in the classroom into practice in a real world situation." With a group of students under the direction of Bouchard, Robinson traveled to Russia for the first time, not knowing a word of Russian. Over the course of the summer, Robinson traveled from Moscow, the Russian capital and metropolis of 9 million people, to the Komi Republic, the small northern Izhma Komi Region, and finally journeyed to the Russian tundra, leaving both trees and her preconceived notions of Russia behind. "Before I went to Russia I simply pictured large cities with old churches and mafia on each street corner," she recalls. "Now I understand that Russia is a mosaic of cultures and peoples. I was stunned by the kindness and generosity of the people that I met on my trip."

Robinson is now pursuing a master's degree. Though she is not conducting her fieldwork in Russia, the experience

she highlights was a boon to her future career plans. "Living and working with a group of students when going through culture shock is a challenge to say the least," notes Robinson. "But when looking back, I see the value in the skills I learned: team-work, research methods, working with translators, building rapport, and simply surviving in another country."

Though Robinson was majoring in anthropology, students from a number of disciplines participated in the field school. "We have accepted students from across the board and this has been extremely beneficial to the field school," states Bouchard. "It is good to have students from political science or environmental studies or Russian studies discussing and debating points of view. Each brings his or her unique perspective and it is this interaction that allows us to break down disciplinary barriers and promote dialogue and learning that is truly Socratic in nature."

Bouchard notes that he is always amazed by the change that he observes in students over the course of the summer. "We often get students who have never traveled out of their home province," he remarks. "Then over the summer they learn the basics of the language and acquire the self-confidence to deal with the challenges of living in another country. I am proud to say that many of my former students have gone off to do graduate work, and I see how the field school helped them achieve their goals."

This summer's field school will begin June 11 when students will fly into Russia and will end August 21 when students will return home. Evergreen students will need to arrange for evaluation conferences with their spring term faculty at the close of Week Ten in order to arrive in Moscow on time for the start of the program. The main highlights of the field school include some sightseeing in Moscow, lectures in Russian history, Russian culture, and anthropological methods in Syktyvkar, the capital of the Komi Republic. Yet perhaps the greatest highlight will be time spent in the field: over a month in both the Izhma Komi region of the Komi Republic, the centuries-old community of Ust-Tsilma on the shores of the Pechora River, living with host families along with some camping, and finally, nearly ten days spent in the tundra visiting the indigenous reindeer herders of the Russian North.

"The Izhma Komi are a fascinating population," notes Bouchard. "Pushing their way North centuries ago, the hunting, fishing, gathering, and agricultural Komi came into contact with the indigenous Nenets. Beset by uncertain farming in this northern climate, they adopted reindeer herding and they adapted this practice, turning it into an intensive business that allowed the Izhma Komi to expand across Russia following their herds. The successful reindeer herders then traveled to the markets of Russia to sell the products of herding and to profit from this trade, and in so doing developed a rich and vibrant culture in northern Russia." The region was of course was changed significantly

by the Revolution, collectivization during the Soviet period, and the economic disarray that followed the collapse of the Soviet Union.

"It is very difficult for Westerners to picture life in the Russian north," says Bouchard. "It is hard to imagine how anybody could survive on less than \$100 per month, or even per year. However, the ingenuity of the Izhma Komi is astounding. Facing economic ruin, households acquired cows and horses and relied upon their own production to survive. With logs from the local forest, families build their houses using age-old technologies. Each summer families go to the forest to collect berries, mushrooms, and other natural products. Using the milk from their cows, they make their own butter and sour cream, and the calves killed in the fall provide meat."

The field school has been working in close partnership with local community members to ensure that the field school conforms to ethical standards and to give something back to the community. According to Alena Khozyanova who works in the Izhma Region's Cultural Department, "We are pleased to see continued cooperation with the organizers of the field school because this project continues to highlight the importance of our culture, and we are always excited to see people who come from across the ocean visit our Izhma region and learn more about our culture and tradition." Khozyanova notes that in the Izhma Region, over 80 percent of the population is indigenous, a fact that has allowed for the preservation of cultural traditions and traditional ways of life. Central to this is the worldview that the local inhabitants have of the environment.

While in the Izhma Region, students will work in groups to develop a project that they will carry out while in the field with the help of local interpreters. Projects are always designed to fit the interests of students. Students have even designed projects that require no prior knowledge of the language. "The project that I have enjoyed the most was our ethnographic cookbook project," remembers Bouchard. "Students learn how to prepare traditional foods and use anthropological methods to record the results. This is participation-observation at its finest: learning while doing in the field."

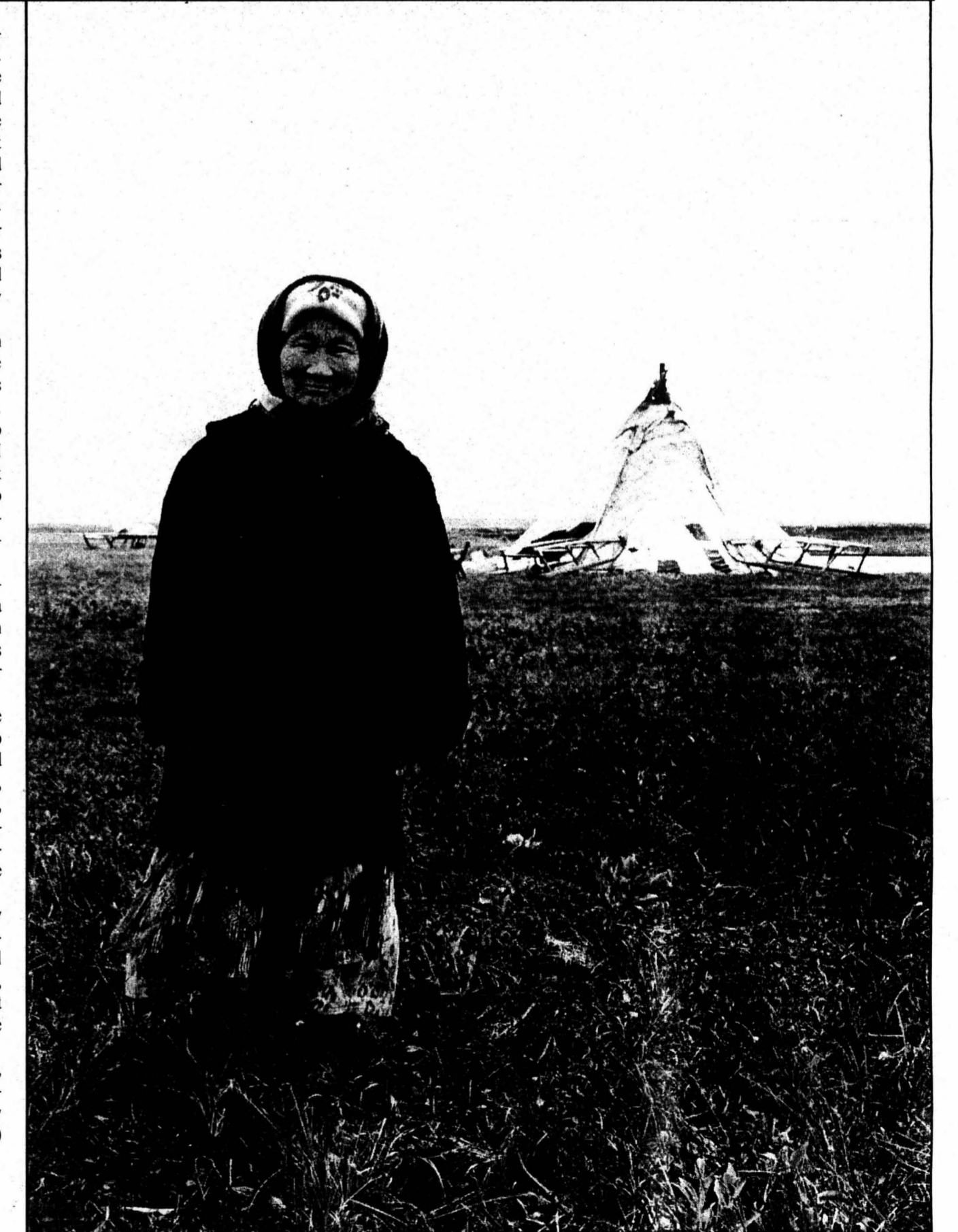
The field school is part of a much longer partnership with the Izhma Komi community. As Khozyanova points out, "The field school has been a positive push to increased cooperation as we seek out new projects that will explore new ideas in what we take to be our old culture."

The field school has had a positive impact on the community and has allowed close friendships to develop between community members and students. "The field school gives us memories," continues Khozyanova, "memories that always remain in the hearts of all, because with such projects are born authentic friendships and authentic interest in the culture, life, and language of indigenous peoples who are trying to preserve their ways of life."

Bouchard notes that both students and community members keep warm memories of the field school experience. Annette Schroeter, one of the first field school participants who traveled to northern Russia in 2001, concurs. "Although there were periods of hardship, it has so far turned out to be the most amazing adventure of my life."

For more information on this summer's field school, students are encouraged to consult the following website: <http://www.webstarstudio.com/cefs/>, or to directly contact Dr. Patricia Krafcik (krafcikp@evergreen.edu) or Dr. Robert Smurr (smurr@evergreen.edu).

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Love and Faith in Santiago

By Margaret Flickinger

Chile is a Catholic country. Upon the arrival of conquistador Pedro de Valdivia in 1540, Chile has been subjected to Catholic rule. Today, the influence of Christianity is overwhelming—children march off to school in uniforms, businesses are shut down for Good Friday, and a forbidding statue of the Virgin Mary looms above the city of Santiago. At least 70 percent of the country lives by the Catholic faith. Chile is also a country for lovers. At every bus stop and park bench, young lovers can be seen locked in an embrace. Of course, such love abounding can be quite problematic. The rate of pregnancy and exposure to STDs is growing among Chilean teens. As Chile enters the twenty-first century, the country must learn how to balance its Catholic roots with the concerns of the new era.

Under the reign of God, Chile's ability to progress has been stifled by Christianity. The laws of Catholicism prohibit premarital sex. With these laws of faith, the Chilean government has been pressured by the Church to keep sex education out of schools. According to their methodology, abstinence is the only form of birth control. STDs are a punishment for premarital sex. Unable to contain their passion, this lack of proper sex education has devastated the youth—unwed, pregnant teenagers are in abundance while the number of those infected with STDs is on the rise. Unfortunately, the youth are not the only individuals who have been influenced by improper sex education. The entire country has suffered from the high birth rate children

overwhelm the schools, exhaust resources, and drain the economy. Unemployment and gross density are future inevitabilities. If Chile continues to be bound by the laws of faith, the country will be in a dire state within a matter of years.

Fortunately, the government is finally taking action against the laws of Catholicism. This year, Chile elected a new president. A woman and an agnostic, Michelle Bachelet has already challenged the Catholic influence in her presidency. Despite opposition from the Church, Michelle Bachelet has initiated a sex education reform. Young people are being taught how to use birth control. They learn how to prevent STDs. Most importantly, youth are allowed to obtain birth control without the consent of their parents. The youth are being taught how to love responsibly. Under the guidance of the new president, Chile is learning how to balance love alongside faith.

Chile is still a Catholic country. Despite rebellion and reform, Chile is still ruled by the hand of God. Fortunately, with the initiatives taken by Michelle Bachelet, Chile is learning how to be balanced. The country has realized that faith cannot stand in the way of progress of what's best for the people. Outside the influence of the Church, young people are now given the knowledge needed to make educated choices. Lovers now have the freedom to love without fear.

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A New Take on an Old Favorite in Brazil

By John G. O'Donnell

So another Easter has come and gone in São Paulo, Brazil. The past holiday weekend was filled with the bounty of sights, sounds and religious symbolism that traditionally help to celebrate the Catholic calendar's most ornate and most important holiday. Good Friday saw parades of believers trudging along the major avenues of São Paulo, dragging statues of saints and life-size crucifixes past the greasy lunch shops and bingo halls that decorate the sidewalks. A small minority of the participants could be viewed in the sometimes disturbing act of self-inflicted mutilation, using cat tails of thorns, leather and metal beads to sculpt deep cuts into their tense backs.

Come Sunday morning the overcrowded cathedrals had forced the latecomers to congregate into the plazas where the hymns and prayers of the mass could only faintly be heard through the old doors of the massive structure. By all apparent signs Easter in Latin America was following its expected, time-honored extravagance. But a little digging into the dirt of reality reveals a much different dynamic that sits opposed to spiritual rigor displayed so openly this past weekend.

The truth is, Catholicism here is in decline. Though 73 percent of the population still proclaims themselves Catholic, very few of these have active, church-going participation. As part of the inevitable over-bearing weight of globalization, the tools of a new secularism have steadily been chiseling away the edifice of traditional Catholicism. Like declines facing the Orthodox churches of Russia or Buddhism in Japan, Latin America is witnessing the worldwide shift away from arcane dogmatism towards more personalized, media-minded, and salable religious worship.

The Catholic Church is not losing members to a naked atheism, but the new breed of savvy Evangelism. The same Bible carrying, savvy and modern Pentecostalism making so much noise in the United States is winning the modern religious turf war in the Southern continent. Twenty-six point two million Brazilians (15.5 percent of the population) are actively involved in the Evangelist movement. It is estimated that five new evangelical churches are founded every week in Rio de Janeiro.

Naturally, these facts do not settle well with the Catholic administration. During the 1960s and 1970s the Catholic Church had a stronghold in Latin American religion. The politically focused Liberation Theology saw priests and bishops espousing social change during those decades of

intense violence, upheaval and despair. Now the church has lost that political clout.

Besides perhaps the agrarian reform group Movimento Sem Terra, most of the organizing structures of that powerful progressive era have either been intentionally destroyed by government forces, or simply, over time, have lost the enemies they needed so badly to add fuel to their fire.

The Church now has to take a new approach. A plethora of web sites, a national television station and younger, hip clergy have recently been developed to help counteract the sophisticated marketability of the Evangelists; archaic organ fugues once played during mass are being replaced by rock and roll music; issues such as abortion, homosexuality and politics are being discussed in on-line clergy-led chat rooms. It is too early yet to see if the new direction wins back followers.

There are, of course, other problems besides the Evangelists. Imported commercialization of religious institutions is happening at a very rapid pace. Once church- and family-focused holidays, including Easter, are taking the sharp turn towards the cartoonization so well developed in the United States. The Easter Bunny and Santa Claus are no longer minor appendages, but the focus of the festivities.

Brazil's many African-based religions are also, surprisingly, garnering more and more support. The most ubiquitous of them, Umbanda, has developed a new respectability and is now practiced by 8 percent of the population. This figure, however, doesn't account for the many participants who mix the symbolism and rituals of the deity-based religion with the iconography of the larger Christian sects. Perhaps these phenomena speak for the longevity and deep-rootedness of these popular religions.

When I was in Chile last year with Jorge Gilbert's field school, I was asking many kids throughout the cities what their take was on the Catholic Church. I wanted to know what kind of role it played in their lives. The answer was overwhelmingly uniform. A pair of twenty-something young women in a Santiago nightclub summarized it succinctly: "To us Catholicism is old-fashioned. It's for our grandparents. It only matters twice a year, Christmas and, of course, Easter."

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TESC Kung Fu takes 17 medals at "Battle At The Rock"

By Devon Waldron and Dan Edleson-Stein

Following the success of the 2006 Tiger Balm Internationals, Evergreen's Bak Shaolin Eagle Claw Kung Fu team headed north once again to compete in the Western Martial Arts Open "Battle at the Rock." The tournament, held right across the border in White Rock, British Columbia, was organized by Joseph Robertson and directed by well-known tournament promoter and two-time world champion Bill Hunter. In their fifth tournament of the season, team captain Devon "Dakota" Waldron, Team Evergreen's Dan "Doj" Edleson-Stein and Aubrey Harding, as well as alumni John Cary, competed in both traditional soft forms and fighting. Team Evergreen was joined by Bak Shaolin Eagle Claw National Team members and Evergreen Alumni Sam Haskin, Jesse Harter and Andrew Bresnik, all former Team Evergreen captains. Also joining Team Evergreen was National Team member Noam Reininger, visiting from Austin, TX.

The day began with an exciting start in the underbelt traditional soft forms division. Doj Edleson, with a personal best, took gold after a powerful display of his form, Eight Connected Steps. Directly following Edleson was Harding in second and Cary in third, for a clean sweep of the division. Edleson went on to the underbelt forms grand-championship where, in the end, he was edged out by an experienced Wushu performer.

In the black belt forms division, Waldron showcased Northern Shaolin Eagle Claw with a solid performance and, after an intense run-off, earned the third place medal. Former Team Evergreen Captain Andrew Bresnik came through with a solid display of clarity and power to take the gold, before moving on

to take the overall black belt grand championship in traditional soft forms.

Immediately following the forms division, the Evergreen fighters were ready to let the fists fly. After working their way through the beginner light weight (under 174 lbs.) division, Harding and Edleson battled for first place in a climatic clash. Harding won the match in an electric overtime thriller in which

weight class division, Noam Reininger took bronze, pounding his opponents with rapid-fire attacks, letting them know they were in for a fight. Next, in the heavy weight division, Harter and Bresnik fought their way through the opposition, culminating in a match up between the two for first and second where Andrew narrowly captured first place from his older Kung Fu brother.



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both competitors demonstrated that their hard work is paying off. Evergreen Alum John Cary took gold in his division continuing his impressive tournament reign—now undefeated in point fighting for the last three competitions.

The Black Belts were up next to fight in the continuous ring. In the lightest

In the super heavyweight division Waldron, who weighed into the division for the first time, was matched up against Haskin for the final bout. In an upset, Waldron took the gold from Haskin in a heated competition that finished out the continuous ring.

In the final event of the day, Black Belt point sparring, all eyes were on Team

Evergreen as they took on a championship-caliber field of competitors, including the two-time world champion Bill Hunter. Andrew Bresnik got his much-desired rematch with Hunter, beginning the match with a backfist and a roundhouse that put him up 3-0. Hunter came back and scored three points to Bresnik's one in the second half of the match, which put the score at 4-3. In a questionable call in the final seconds of the match, the judges awarded Hunter a point for Bresnik moving out-of-bounds. This call caused the match to vault into overtime, in which Hunter scored a final point for the win. In the same division, Jesse Harter, ever the ardent pacifist, knocked out one opponent and sent another caroming into the score table, and ended up taking the bronze medal. In the final division, Waldron once again took gold, with Haskin taking silver. Waldron went on to fight Hunter in the grand-championship match, which finished with a score of 5-4 in Hunter's favor.

Team Evergreen will continue to train and compete with skill and pride throughout the spring quarter and into the summer. Their season will culminate in June during the annual Bak Shaolin Eagle Claw Summer Camp when the team will travel to Portland to compete at the 2006 MAAAD Challenge. Be sure to check them out!

The team would like to thank Grandmaster Leung Fu and Sifu Dana G. Daniels for their tireless efforts in teaching Bak Shaolin Eagle Claw. The Evergreen Bak Shaolin Eagle Claw Kung Fu Club and Competition Team meets Monday through Friday. Contact Team Captain Devon Waldron at (360) 357-9137 or Devon.C.Waldron@gmail.com. Bak Shaolin International website: www.bakshaolininternational.com

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Building for the future

An update on Evergreen's Baseball Team

By Kip Arney

I remember it like it was yesterday. Opening my e-mail one summer morning and seeing baseball coach Sean Presley asking who wanted to coach the club baseball program after he graduated. I entered my name saying I'd do it if no one else wanted to, and lo and behold, I got the gig. I figured with a senior-filled roster, twelve out of seventeen to be exact, and nine returning players, we couldn't be worse than last year. Quick refresh, zero wins, fourteen losses. And yet somehow, we're on the same path this year.

After five games this season, we're still searching for that first win. We've had tough opponents, as both series we've played were against the country's top ten teams in Western Washington who swept a three-game series against us back in March

in Bellingham. And more recently, two weekends ago when we went down to Eugene, Oregon, and dropped two of two to the Ducks. A third game was supposed to be played but was postponed due to rain and will be made up this upcoming weekend when Oregon comes to here to play.

So why are we so bad? Why do we have a team collective batting average of .094? Why can't we find players that can throw a ball for a strike on a consistent basis? It's frustrating but you have to look at the source, and I blame myself. Back during fall quarter you may have seen flyers around campus notifying people of baseball meetings and practices. That was my work and then when we did have our first team meeting, the words came out of my mouth before I could stop them,

"We're going to suck. We're just here to have fun. It's going to be a relaxed season and hopefully we can be competitive in a few games." Just out of the starting blocks I didn't give the guys a chance and it seems to have carried over to the field.

Mike Anchors and Sam Costello have taken over the coaching reins and are trying to put a more disciplined attitude into the team but I still see that lack of desire to play hard in some eyes. But it's not just for this season, this is the first step of a hopeful baseball future for Evergreen. Already I received a request from a local Olympia radio station to put next year's baseball season on the airwaves. Unfortunately, with so few returners, and the obvious lack of interest by the Evergreen community, the possibility of having no season next year is not at all impossible.

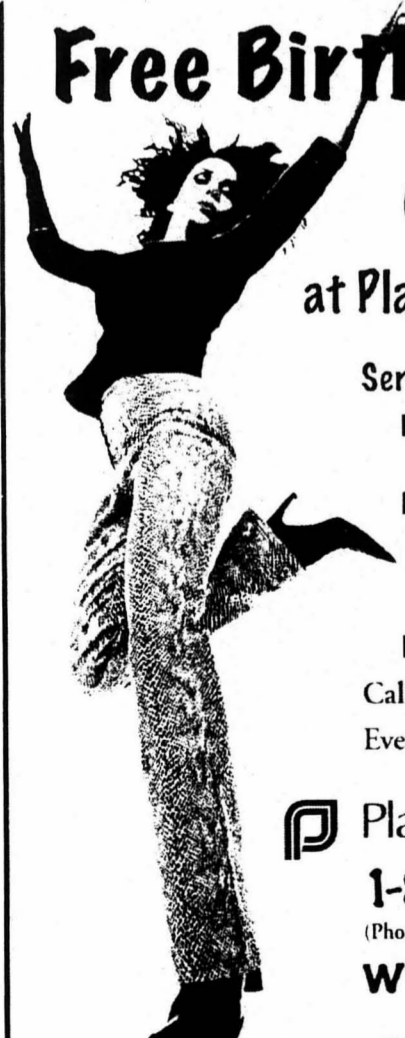
Which is why it's important to make this season count and not let our on-field woes kill our love for the game and destroy the memories that have been created. I won't forget when Doug Dietz slid hard into third base against Western causing

the third baseman to cuss him out, and in result causing both benches to rise to the edge of the dugouts waiting for the first punch to be thrown. Luckily, nothing more than a few verbal shouts were made. I won't forget the monsoon that came out of nowhere in Oregon causing me to look down when I was standing at home plate and seeing it completely submerged in water. And of course watching shortstop Antonio Oglyn treat that pool of water like a slip 'n' slide when coming in to score on a Jeremy Harrison-Smith groundout—that's what makes this game so great.

With the lack of a field to call our own and an unusual Evergreen schedule not allowing players to always make it to practices, we do what we can with what we've got, and what we've got will host University of Oregon this weekend at a location to be determined, assuming it doesn't rain.

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