freshmen disorientation

a publication of the global justice project
The Global Justice Project was born in 1999 at the “Battle of Seattle”—an enormous anti-corporate globalization protest of the people that brought the World Trade Organization (WTO) to its knees. A group of Boston College students and faculty who took part in the demonstrations returned to BC and formed the Global Justice Project to educate and advocate for justice and democracy on campus and off.

Five years later, the Global Justice Project is Boston College’s largest education and action organization of the progressive left. We work to create a community of educational, political, and social thought—one that brings together liberals and radicals, activists and scholars, students, faculty, and workers. We have a vision of a just and democratic society, where the people have control of the decisions that affect them and the resources to which they are dependent. And of course our vision is both global and local—we work to make BC a model for society, in which the people—the students, faculty, and workers—make the important decisions instead of a few detached and unrepresentative administrators. Through education and direct action we seek to effect just and democratic change at every level of economic, political, and social organization. In putting forth a progressive agenda whose methods embody a vision of justice and democracy, we hope to promote the active participation of students in the creation of a movement to build a society free from war, poverty, racism, and economic exploitation.

We are a consensus-based and non-hierarchal organization committed to participatory democracy, meaning that all members have an equal say in forming agendas, plans, and tactics. Being a member of GJP does not entail a political obligation or ideological adherence. There are no cards to carry, registers to sign, or dues to pay. If you consider yourself a member of the Global Justice Project, then you are a member. We ask only that you participate in our struggle for democracy and justice on campus and off. Join us.

The Global Justice Project meets every-other Monday at 7 PM in McGuinn, 3rd Floor Lounge
(check website for exact dates)

all welcome all the time

power to the students

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Boston College freshmen, your disorientation begins here. This is a free resource provided to you by the Global Justice Project with the purpose of offering and nurturing an alternative perspective of your experience at Boston College. In these pages you will find three important areas of information that you did not receive during your official, administration-designed summer orientation.

The first section is “a student's history of BC” that deals with recent student struggle and protest on campus. As you will quickly discover, every part of your life in school—from the price of your books to your personal dorm life, from the availability of classes to the diversity of the professors that will teach them—it’s all tightly controlled by a small number of mostly-white and mostly-male administrators. As students we have virtually no say in our own lives. The administration would prefer that we accept this grossly undemocratic system and forget times of student rebellion. We can’t let that happen, so read this first section to learn what has really gone down on campus over the past couple years.

We also provide you with alternative, progressive, and radical resources to use in developing a critical understanding of society. Over the past few years, BC students have compiled extensive lists of recommended classes to take, professors to chat with, books to read, movies to see, student organizations to join, and places to visit in boston.

And lastly, you’ll find a calendar of events taking place during your first semester. Some are officially sanctioned by the student government and the administration, some are not. All will foster social and political debate and action.

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For over four decades, students of color have been fighting to get decent Ethnic Studies programs and more faculty of color at BC. For over four decades the administration has done next to nothing. It doesn’t take a weatherman to know which way the wind blows...

Dressed uniformly in black and standing in formation, Obeying No Establishment (ONE) first appeared in the Quad at noon, waiting for President Leahy to make a statement affirming the University’s commitment to affirmative action and the AHANA acronym—as called for in a recently publicized list of demands. When the President failed to show up, and sent an administrative lackey in his place, the large group of students formed into two columns and marched to the President’s office to post a statement on his locked door.

ONE appeared seemingly out of nowhere in the spring of ’04 to issue a set of demands to the administration surrounding issues of racial justice, women’s rights, and democracy on campus. In fact, the movement and the demands did not come out of nowhere—they were the continuation of a decades-long effort by similar student groups to bring about racial justice at BC. Comprised of students of color and a smaller number of white students, ONE was organized, numerous, and confrontational. They were a constant presence throughout the spring, holding teach-ins, distributing literature, and staging sit-ins to bring attention to the need for justice at BC.

Faced with a confrontational group of students, the Boston College administration did what it is best at—nothing. They quickly acted to funnel direct action and political unrest into long committee meetings that inevitably go nowhere. Over the summer, students of ONE agreed to meet with the BC administration in a series of meetings to resolve the demands. The outcome of these meetings was predictably unsatisfactory and most likely a placating delay tactic by the administration. In fact, things got worse after a string of racial profiling by the BC Police and the Secret Service. No doubt remains that the students of ONE will once again work to make sure the need for justice and an end to racial profiling is heard and met.

The Global Justice Project completely supports ONE in its movement for justice at Boston College. We support the use of direct action against an administration intent on perpetually stalling matters of racism and injustice without resolution. We believe that the struggle against institutional racism is an urgent one which we trust the student body will unite behind. We acknowledge ONE for including our SRI campaign (see page 5) in their list of demands and we are confident that together our fight will help bring justice and democracy to Boston College.
July 24th, 2004, Boston College—two Boston College students, Sundeep and Sidharth, were touring around campus on a Saturday evening with their old friend Ali, who came to BC as an exchange student three years ago and wanted to take some pictures of BC for old-times sake.

The BCPD allegedly received a call from a concerned employee and went to check out the “scene.” Upon finding Sundeep, Sidharth, and Ali the BCPD stopped them and asked for ID. Sidharth gave them his passport and, despite being the most accepted form of identification worldwide, the BCPD was not satisfied and kept the three friends standing there for 10 minutes while they “checked out” Sidharth.

Enter the Secret Service: Boston College made bank this summer by housing the Secret Service in Vandy during the Democratic National Convention. And once the Secret Service heard all this chatter over the radio, they rushed down, took over, and that’s when the shit hit the fan.

With the Secret Service involved, Sundeep, Sidharth, and Ali were detained for 7 hours without legal counsel or constitutional rights. After padding him down for weapons, the Secret Service (with the help of BCPD) searched Sundeep’s car for weapons and bombs. They then questioned the three friends for hours, inside the BC Police Department on lower campus, until both agencies finally agreed to release them at 1:30 AM.

**Question:** WHAT THE FUCK? Why did this happen? How could two BC students and one former student be stopped for walking around campus and taking pictures? How could they lose their constitutional rights on our very own campus?

**Answer:** Well, Sundeep wears a full beard and turban in adherence to his Sikh religion and all three men are brown...in other words, racial profiling.

What happened to Sundeep, Sidharth, and Ali is called RACIAL PROFILING and it's nothing new to students of color at Boston College. Its racism when three men are singled out because of their facial hair, the way the dress, or the color of their skin. Its racism when a Secret Service agent treats Sundeep like a criminal, actually telling him not to “pull on Uzi out of that turban.” Imagine if three white students wearing J Crew and Abercrombie had been walking around campus? Would they have been stopped for 7 hours by the BCPD and the Secret Service?

The Boston College community is rightly pissed off about what happened that night in July. The Secret Service is certainly to blame—they clearly have no regard for the Bill of Rights and refuse to apologize for their crime. The BC Police Department is also to blame—after all, they have an ugly history of racial profiling, they initially held the three students for 10 minutes before the Secret Service arrived, then assisted the Secret Service in searching Sundeep’s car, and most importantly, did **nothing** to stop this flagrant violation of civil rights from happening right in front of them.

But that’s not it—we can’t let the Administration off the hook. It was the BC administration who allowed the Secret Service to stay on campus without telling anyone on campus. It was the BC administration who sold away the rights of Sundeep, Sidarth, and Ali for some Secret Service money, and now refuse to apologize for it. And it is the BC administration that continues to deny that racial profiling even exists on campus.

The Global Justice Project expresses the most sincere sympathy for Sundeep, Sidarth, Ali and the thousands of other South Asian and Arab men and women that have been detained in the US without constitutional rights by the “Justice” Department. We see this as much more than just one night in July, we see this as a continuation of racial profiling that has gone on far too long at Boston College. The Global Justice Project supports efforts already undertaken by ONE to combat racial profiling on campus. Furthermore, we seriously question the need for an armed police force to begin with. We expect the following action to be taken in regard to the events of July 24th and to prevent further racial profiling:

- Anti-racism training for the entire BCPD
- Disciplinary action be taken against those officers who assisted in the events of July 24th
- Statistics of race and gender to be reported in all future BCPD reports, as demanded by ONE
- Money paid to BC from the Federal Government for housing the Secret Service be paid to an organization combating racial profiling.
- An official apology and acknowledgment of wrongdoing on behalf of the BC administration for the events of July 24th.

join the BC community this fall in demanding an end to racial profiling

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Boston College has an endowment of over $1 billion. Where is that money invested? Is our tuition money invested in the manufacturing of tobacco, nuclear weapons, and land mines? Or maybe it's buying shares of companies that pollute the environment or do business in Burma? Then again, perhaps our money is ending up in real estate, buying up land in Allston-Brighton and making it harder for working families to find affordable housing in Boston. The point is, we have no idea where our money is and we never have. When members of GJP decided to find out last August, we were told that information is not available to anyone, not the public, not the BC community, not anyone.

In September '03 we began a Socially Responsible Investing (SRI) campaign that had three goals:

1) provide a list of all BC investments to the entire BC community
2) create a committee of students, faculty, and Jesuits to research any questionable issues in the BC endowment and offer suggestions to the Treasurer's Office on how to invest in a way that wouldn't, for instance, aid in polluting the environment, building WMDs, or exploiting workers in developing countries
3) vote on all of BC's proxy resolutions (proxies are like referendums that shareholders can vote on during a company's annual meeting. Many proxy resolutions have to do with social and environmental concerns, like asking companies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions)

We conducted over two months of research—talking with students, faculty, and administrators in a dozen other schools that are “socially responsible investors,” or fully disclose what their money is invested, or both. With this research we met with the administration numerous times while pushing an educational campaign to inform the BC community. Despite a campaign endorsed in writing by hundreds of undergrads, grad students, faculty, Jesuits, and student organizations, the BC administration continued to stall, needlessly requesting more and more information. And then there was ONE.

The ONE protests (see page 3) included the SRI campaign as a demand and soon afterwards the administration agreed to continue talks on SRI over the summer. Finally, we were told directly that our plan was to be rejected. The administration acknowledged that all of our three goals could be met, but at “a cost”—and to them, the cost of democracy and responsible investing are clearly not worth it. The way we see it, the BC administration lays on the Jesuit rhetoric think, but when it comes down to it, only worships the bottom line.

Of course we’re not planning to give up the fight to democratize the investment practices of our University and ensure that our investments cause no social harm. Hit up our website for our SRI reports and research and check periodically for updates and calls to action around this issue.
History proves that solidarity between students and workers can be an incredibly powerful force for social change. The Global Justice Project is committed to joining workers at Boston College, in Boston, and elsewhere in the struggle for workers' rights and social justice. We have a close relationship with Boston SLAP, the Student Labor Action Project, which came out of the worker-student movements in the 60s and 70s and is made up of students from every campus in the Boston area.

France May 1968-- as students nation-wide went on strike to demand more decision-making power in the University, 10 million workers followed suit (1/3 of the labor force), shutting down and occupying the nation's factories. For over one month this worker-student alliance shut down the country and nearly led a people's revolution.

Columbia University, Spring 1970--protesting Columbia's involvement in the Vietnam war and the lack of student power on campus, students declare a massive strike. Workers immediately walked off their jobs and joined student picket lines. The university was shut down for weeks.

Harvard University, Spring 2001—
When Harvard University refused to pay its workers a living wage of $11.11 per hour, students, workers, and union representatives mobilized to form the Living Wage Campaign. Facing years of stalling and inaction by the administration, over 50 students occupied Massachusetts Hall for over three weeks while hundreds of students and workers picketed outside. The administration finally caved in by raising most—but not all—workers' salaries to a living-wage.

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During the fall of 2002 BC students marched in the streets with Boston janitors during their strike against the Unicco corporation. More recently, members of GJP traveled to Yale University with other students and Boston workers to rally for better treatment of Yale employees. We also participated in actions at the Ritz Carlton Apartment Complex on behalf of janitors working there for the low-paying Commercial Cleaning corporation. Both actions were successful—the Yale workers got their pensions back and the Ritz Carlton stopped using Commercial Cleaning, opting instead to hire the same janitors back with higher wages under a new company.

GJP also focuses on education and non-protest advocacy for workers' rights. In 2003-4 we hosted Charles Kernaghen from the National Labor Committee with workers from Honduran sweatshops of P Diddy's Sean John factories. The attendance for these speakers was said to be the most on the nation-wide tour of the workers and the NLC is coming back again on October 19th with workers from Wal-Mart sweatshops in Bangledesh (see calendar for more info). In the winter, BC students collected thousands of signatures to petition for MA Sweatshop Bill No. 2055, a proposed bill that would disclose the horrifying conditions of factories worldwide that manufacture products consumed in Massachusetts.

!La lucha sigue!

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The Palestinian people have lived under direct Israeli military occupation for over 35 years. Life in Occupied Palestine is incredibly harsh—unemployment is nearly 70%, homes and stores are bulldozed daily by the Israeli military, every police station has been bombed and destroyed by Israeli fighter planes, and civilians are killed by the Israeli military, both purposely and accidentally, on a daily basis. Under these conditions and a prolonged military occupation, one cannot be surprised that the Palestinians are fighting back.

The Global Justice Project views the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as a struggle between the colonizers (Israel) and the colonized (Palestine). All forms of colonialism and imperialism are racist and inhumane, and as such, we have long advocated for the liberation of the Palestinian people. We demand an end to the Israeli occupation, the return of refugees from the 1948 and 1967 wars, an evacuation of all Israeli settlers from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and the Israeli wall destroyed so the border between Israel and Palestine can be reestablished at the 1967 Green Line. We also realize the role of the US government as a primary instigator of the conflict. Israel receives over $3 billion per year in military aid from the US—more than we provide to any other country. If our government were to stop funding the Israeli military and economy, the occupation of Palestine would be unaffordable.

Over the past few years, GJP has worked to educate the BC community by showing films such as Gaza Strip and The Killing Zone. We have also hosted speakers including international peace activists from Palestine, Palestinian and Israeli professors, and the parents of Rachel Corrie—a 23-year-old American peace activist run over and killed by an Israeli Caterpillar Bulldozer. In the Spring of 2004 we raised a 15-foot tall replica of the Israeli Wall in the Dust Bowl as an educational monument explaining its illegality and human rights abuses. One GJP member even traveled to Palestine in 2003 to work non-violently against the occupation with the International Solidarity Movement. While protesting the Israeli Wall he was shot in the neck with a rubber bullet by the Israeli Military before being arrested. He was prevented from returning to Palestine three months later by the Israeli Military.

In continuing to advocate for the liberation of Palestine, we plan to keep educating the BC community, pressuring our own government to stop giving money and weapons to Israel, demanding BC stop implicitly backing the occupation, and supporting our brothers and sisters who travel to Palestine and work against occupation.
the school of assassins
fighting to shut down the US Army’s School of the Americas

What is the School of the Americas?
Since its beginning in 1946, the US Army School of the Americas (SOA) has trained over 60,000 Latin American soldiers in counterinsurgency tactics, crowd control, intelligence gathering, commando operations, and, until very recently, torture methods for interrogation. All of this training takes place in Fort Benning, Georgia and is paid for by our tax dollars.

Why should we close the SOA?
Numerous SOA graduates have gone on to commit some of the most notorious human rights abuses in all of Latin America. Dictators that ruled Panama, Argentina, Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia were all SOA graduates. So were the soldiers that assassinated Archbishop Oscar Romero, slaughtered the five Jesuit Priests, raped and murdered four US churchwomen, and committed the massacre of over 800 men, women, and children in the village of El Mozote, El Salvador. Before the Sandanista Revolution, the Somoza family ruled Nicaragua with the help of a National Guard trained at the SOA. After the Revolution, the guard became the “Contra” fighters, notorious for killing “soft targets”—civilians.

Since there are no wars between Latin American countries it would seem that there is no need for a military. In most Latin American countries however, dire poverty exists alongside incredibly concentrated wealth—a situation that brews social unrest and revolution. In order for entrenched political parties and wealthy families to stay on top, they need strong military forces to keep the people down and crush popular movements. The SOA trains those soldiers that suppress popular revolution and democratic reform and often commit horrendous human rights abuses while doing so—that is why so many are demanding the SOA be closed.

What is Boston College doing about the SOA?
In the Boston College community, there is a strong faith-based opposition to the SOA. Many Latin American members of the Catholic Church were murdered for supporting popular uprisings by SOA graduates throughout the past 50 years. When five Jesuit Priests were murdered in El Salvador, members of the Boston College community were on the Truth Commission that established SOA graduates as the murderers. BC Campus Ministry plays a strong part in leading the annual trip to SOA and conducts several vigils and prayer services in November for the victims of the SOA.

What can I do?
Every year thousands of people gather outside the gates of Fort Benning to demand an end to the SOA. The weekend coincides with the anniversary of the murder of the five Jesuits. During this weekend there are speeches, music, dancing, parades, and on Sunday, a powerful demonstration and service where thousands of SOA victims’ names are read out. Some people choose to “cross the line” into the Fort and risk arrest in a show of civil disobedience. The weekend is powerful and you’ll learn a lot about the SOA and US foreign policy in the weeks leading up to it. Traditionally between 50-100 BC students fly down and stay in hotels together. Its an educational, spiritual, and enjoyable trip.

If you’re interested in traveling to protest the SOA during November of this year or want to learn more, visit our website or contact Father Don MacMillan or Mike Nuttall for more information.

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what the fuck happened in Miami?
BC students in the streets of Miami opposing the FTAA

On November 20th, 2003 members of the Global Justice Project joined the thousands gathered in Miami to oppose free trade and demand economic justice at the summit of the Free Trade of the Americas (FTAA). As the march and rally cleared out, downtown Miami looked like a war zone. Helicopters that had been hovering all day swooped down spreading tear-gas that police released onto crowds of protesters. The sound of firing rubber bullets and the echoing slam of riot gear boots punctuated an otherwise ghostly silent mood.

Ten years ago, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) unleashed environmental and economic turmoil for the poor of the US, Canada, and Mexico. Over 800,000 jobs were lost in the US and it was the working class that felt the blow, mostly farmers and factory workers. Despite the "economic prosperity" that NAFTA was supposed to bring to Mexico, over 1.5 million campasinos, or peasant farmers, were forced to abandon their farms—unable to compete with heavily-subsidized crops from the US. The only options for millions of Mexicans are to work on a plantation for starvation wages, toil in a factory under sweatshop conditions, or risk a perilous journey across the border.

You see, NAFTA and the FTAA exclude any reference to labor rights or environmental standards—very convenient for large corporations. What this means is that Mexican workers who try to form unions are commonly fired, arrested, beaten, or worse. Women working in the maquilas sweatshops are paid wages that are hardly enough to live on and are subject to serious abuse. And while countries may have great environmental standards in the books, enforcing them can actually get them sued by corporations under NAFTA and the FTAA.

The FTAA is simply an extension of NAFTA that will impose the same misery, unemployment, and dire poverty across the entire Western Hemisphere, sparing only Cuba. Like NAFTA, the FTAA permits a grossly imbalanced appropriation of rights, empowering investors and large corporations instead of sovereign nations and the people. Environmental standards may as well be nonexistent, and the same goes for human rights and labor rights.

Back to Miami, where thousands of people marched and protested against the FTAA. Naturally, our numbers and our power are threatening to wealthy investors and large corporations who have a large stake ($) in the FTAA. The city of Miami (with $8.7 million allocated by Bush for “terrorism prevention”) spared no cost in “peacekeeping”—over 2,500 police in storm trooper outfits were deployed with teargas, rubber bullets, pepper spray, cattle prodders, and wooden clubs—all of which were used quite liberally. Thousands of protesters were detained without reason, hundreds more arrested, and countless demonstrators were shot, clubbed, gassed, or shocked. Over 700 cases of police brutality were filed in the ensuing days. The police state that swallowed downtown Miami and in the process swallowed the very freedoms our country was borne of, is a mirror image of the repression our Latin American brothers and sisters face daily as they fight against the FTAA, against corporate globalization, and against free trade.

It’s about 6PM and we’ve been on the road for over nine hours. The day before I watched a cop, without instigation, beat some guy with a wooden baton until fresh red blood poured down the side of his face. I can’t help but feel an urgent need for resistance. We must resist corporate power. We must resist the legalization of trade agreements that poison our earth and expand the oppression and poverty of the working class while the pockets of the rich become deeper and deeper.
Here we are today, well over one year into the occupation of Iraq and what do we have to show for it? Nearly 1,000 dead US troops, over 11,000 dead Iraqi civilians, and of course, no WMD. The war in Iraq was and is a war of conquest, a war to gain control over valuable markets and resources, fought under the auspices of an ambiguous “war on terrorism.” We view the war in Iraq as simply the most recent incident in a long history of US imperialism.

What are we doing to oppose the war? Well, we opposed this war months before it ever began. Like billions of people across the world, we never saw Iraq as a threat—hell, the Arab world and even Israel never consider Iraq a serious threat. So during the build up to this latest American bombing, invasion, and occupation of Iraq, the Global Justice Project was a constant anti-war presence on campus, in Boston, and across the country. We organized for a one-day student strike and day of action in October of 2002—hundreds of students stopped by the Dust Bowl to listen to speakers, hear music, and check out some anti-war art. After the Pope and the US Catholic Bishops made statements against war in Iraq, we collected over 1,100 student signatures in an effort to coax an anti-war message out of President Leahy on behalf of Boston College (to no avail).

As the war drew nearer some GJP members participated in acts of civil disobedience against the war and served jail time for them. Most of GJP traveled to anti-war demonstrations in the Boston Common, Washington DC, and the streets of New York City with hundreds of thousands of our sisters and brothers. And on February 15th, over 100 BC students went to Manhattan and participated in an international day of protest against the war. On that date over 500,000 people protested in NY and over 15 million people across the world took to the streets in opposition to the Bush administration’s agenda—it was the largest protest in world history.

The day after bombs began falling on Iraq and the death toll started climbing, hundreds of BC students marched into Boston for a spontaneous anti-war protest. Our group grew as we merged with hundreds of BU students, then swelled to enormity as we poured into the streets and met up with students from all over Boston. Together, we filled Government Center and then continued marching against the war throughout the night. Back on campus, the Global Justice Project sponsored a second day of action against the war and joined the Faculty & Staff for Peace and Justice in a weekly march and rally around the Heights.

We continue to vehemently oppose the war in Iraq and the imperialism that is US foreign policy. US troops are stationed on over 100 nations across the globe and continue to occupy the People of Puerto Rico, Samoa, and Guam, among others. We will continue working for an end to the war in Iraq, but always in the context of working for an end to US imperialism.

**February 15th, 2003: over 500,000 in the streets of NYC saying “no” to war in Iraq**
What is the purpose of the University? Is it to produce creative, critical, intelligent, and moral people or to produce an annual batch of corporate drones and managers for Microsoft, JPMorgan, and General Electric? Sadly, the University today—Boston College included—is more like a corporate bootcamp than a place of higher learning.

We believe the purpose of the University and a college education should be for personal development and for the benefit of society—not for the development and benefit of a few corporations and their wealthy shareholders. To avoid being molded into an extension of corporate America, for your own good and the good of society, check out some of these classes and professors listed below. We realize freshmen have already registered for classes, but take advantage of the drop/add period during the first week of school to get out of life-draining classes and into one or two of these. Also, some of these classes are offered every other semester or every other year, so hang on to this Disorientation or go to our website for an electronic version.

We can’t promise you the following classes and professors will teach you how to layoff workers or exploit the environment (that’s what we have the Carroll School of Management for), but we can promise they will be interesting, fun, useful, and very worth it:

**Peace or War**
Professor Charlie Derber
The role of the US as a hegemonic power in the world, focusing on post-WWII US foreign policy and imperialism. The class fills up very quickly, but try to take it during your first or second year at BC. Taught by GJP’s very own Prof. Derber, a veteran of the movement for radical social change and a great teacher.

**Blacks in the Electronic Media**
Professor Lawrence Watson

**CCR/Naturalmente**
Professor Kathy Lee
Intensive Spanish course with lots of current event info from Latin America.

**Challenge of Justice**
Professor Matthew Mullane
Principle understandings of justice that have developed in the Western philosophical and theological traditions, relating theories to concrete, practical and political problems.

**Culture, Identity, and the Asian American Experience**
Professor Ramsay Liem
Explore the “contemporary and historical experience of Asian Americans” and examines current and relevant events in nearby Asian American communities.

**Coastal Field Ecology**
Professor Peter Auger
Study of barrier beach systems in New England. Covers “tides and climate, floral and faunal biodiversity and ecology, as well as the conservation of rare ecosystems.”

**Deviance and Social Control**
Professor Stephen Pfohl
An interesting class by an incredible professor—he uses unique readings and lots of
courses & professors

multi-media at once—very entertaining and it should blow your mind on a daily basis.

**Eyes on the Prize**
Professor Derrick Evans
The most comprehensive look at the Civil Rights Movement that BC has to offer. Lots of video footage and discussion.

**Family, School, and Society**
Professor John Cawthorne

**Global Fiction**
Professor Andrew Von Hendy

**Globalization**
Professor Paul Christensen
Corporate globalization, its institutions (the World Bank, WTO, IMF, etc.), and its social consequences (where to begin?). Christensen is a great, impartial professor.

**Globalization and the Media**
Professor Elfriede Fursich

**Go’in to Chicago: The Great Migration and Black Urban Culture**
Professor Davarian Baldwin

**History and Development of Racism**
Professor Horace Seldon

**History of Racial Violence in America**
Professor Crystal Feimster
How violence helped shape history among Native Americans, European immigrants, African Americans, Chicanos, and Asian Americans.

**History of US Foreign Policy**
Professor Seth Jacobs
First semester covers 1776-1918 and the second semester from 1918-present. You’ll laugh a ton in this class, Jacobs does great impersonations of historical figures. Oh, and you’ll learn lots too, really.

**Inequality in America**
Professor Eve Spangler
1% of Americans own 40% of the country’s wealth and 50% of all stocks and bonds. Learn what this concentration of money means for our society. Special emphasis on the racial wealth gap.

**Intro to Feminisms**
Numerous Professors

The basics of feminism and the relationship between gender, class, and race in society. Great texts.

**Intro to Political Economy**
Professor Juliet Schor

**Irish Political Film**
Professor John Michalczyk

**Law, Medicine, and Ethics**
Professor Fr. John Paris

**Modern History I and II**
Professor Stephan Schloesser, SJ,
Although BC’s “modern history” generally ignores the non-Europe world, you have to take it and you might as well enjoy it with one of BC’s best professors, Stephan Schloesser.

**Narrative Interpretation**
Professor Carlo Rotella

**Personal and Social Responsibility (PULSE)**
Numerous Faculty
The PULSE program combines the philosophy and theology core requirements into one course that requires 10 hours of community service and three classes per week. Highly recommended for learning more about social and economic justice from personal experience and reflection.

**Philosophy of World Religions**
Professor Peter Kreeft

**Political Economy and Sustainable Development of Costa Rica**
Professor Mark Landy
Part of a summer trip to Costa Rica which can get you BC credit. The trip is incredible, you will learn a crapload, and be inspired by the people working towards a better community in Monteverde.

**Political Sociology**
Matthew Gregory

**Professor Debra Levenson-Estrada**
All Courses Recommended
Focus on Latin American history in relation to US foreign policy

**Professor Easter**
All Courses Recommended
Professor John Mahoney
All Courses Recommended

Religious Quest
Professor Harry McDargh or Prof. Makransky
A two-term commitment. Also available
with many other professors but McDargh and
Makransky are supposed to be the best

Rise and Rule of Islamic States
Professor Kathleen Bailey
Explores the nature of Islamic political
systems from the Arab caliphates, Mongol
Khanates and Turkic conquests to the problems
and prospects faced by Muslim states today.

Shop Til You Drop
Professor Juliet Schor
Don’t be fooled, no shopping involved...
Relating consumerism to history, politics,
psychology, and the environment. Readings
include No Logo, Nickled and Dimed, the
Overworked American, and others.

Social Movements
Professor Jeffrey Langstraat
He took his last class to a protest at the
capitol while amendments to the gay marriage law
in mass. were being discussed and got the
opportunity to observe what the class had been
studying

Social and Political Economy
Professor Charles Derber

Sociology of Mass Media
Professor Schmalzbauer

Survey of Biology
Professor Eric Strauss
A good intro class for those not planning to
study bio afterwards. Strauss is entertaining and
links biology to current events to make for an
interesting class.

Understanding Urban Ecosystems
Professor Aaron Toffler,
Cassie O’Connor, or Eric Strauss
The city as an ecosystem, not an intrusion
on one. Environmental justice, politics, economics,
legal history, and ecological theory, and tied in to
real-world case studies.

Angela Davis-
former political prisoner and member of the Black
Panther Party. Currently a professor at UC Santa
Cruz.
Power to the People
This is the civil society of Boston College, the organizations, groups, and clubs that make undergraduate student life what it is. This is by no means a full list of all student organizations, but we feel those on this list share our commitment to social justice. Get in touch with the contact person, look up the organization on the web, or wait until student activities day to get involved.

4Boston
From homeless shelters to soup kitchens, health clinics, and prisons, you can choose from dozens of placements throughout Boston to volunteer for 4 hours per week. You’ll also meet weekly with other 4Boston students that work in the same placement to discuss and reflect on your experiences. Apply for the program early first semester—you can’t miss the hundreds of flyers and banners around campus.

AIDS Awareness Committee
Brings speakers and conducts educational campaigns to raise awareness about the global HIV/AIDS crises and what you can do to help.

Amnesty International
The Boston College chapter of the global human rights organization. They campaign tirelessly to report on violations of international human-rights law and specialize in securing the release of political prisoners around the world.

Appalachia Volunteers
Spend spring break like over 400 other BC students do every year—working with and learning from the people of the impoverished Appalachia region. Although the actual service trip is only one week long, it takes an entire first semester preparing for it through weekly educational meetings and fundraising. You’ll have a good time no matter what, but to really get anything out of it, make sure you talk as much as possible with the people you meet in Appalachia—the experience is much more worthwhile as an immersion trip than a volunteer, service trip. Look for flyers and banners around campus in September and October.

ALC
The AHANA Leadership Council is an autonomous wing of the Undergraduate Government. It puts on events like the ALC Ball and the ALC Boat Cruise. More importantly, ALC advocates on the behalf of AHANA students at BC, working to promote racial justice and extinguish institutional racism.
Contact: Charles Granson, President

Allies of Boston College
After years of struggle for official university recognition, BC finally allowed the formation of Allies, an organization of students that support gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. Allies works to combat homophobia, and sponsors educational programs that promote a fuller understanding and appreciation of sexuality and sexual orientation in the context of BC’s Jesuit tradition.
Contact: Gil Forbes

Asian Caucus
The Asian Caucus is an umbrella organization for eight students groups: the Chinese Students Association, Japan Club of Boston College, Korean Student Association, Philippines Society of Boston College, Southeast Asian Student Association, South Asian Students Association, Thai Student Association, and Vietnamese Students Association—each of which sponsors educational lectures, social, and cultural events. Apart from the 8 societies, the Caucus also has its own agenda regarding political and social issues of concern to Asian-Americans.
Contact: Scott Agulo, President

Black Student Forum
The BSF represents black undergrads and puts on concerts, films, and lectures. Organizes many events to raise social and political awareness of race-related issues in America and at BC.

College Democrats of Boston College
Doing what they can to get Bush out of office...
Contact person: Justin Galacki, President

College Republicans
Are you a filthy rich white male with a fear of foreigners, independent women, and populist, grassroots movements? If you also enjoy
exploiting the environment, workers, women, and people of color, the College Republicans and the Republican party is probably a good fit.

**Ecopledge**
The strongest group working on improving BC's environmental policies, BC Ecopledge is a chapter of a national grassroots organization. And it works. Besides, if you haven't protested in a vegi costume, impressed that cutie from history class with your dedication to save the world, or harassed a corporate comment line on a national call-in day, you haven't lived.

Contact: Dave Thayer

**Faces**
Faces is an organization of trained student leaders working to promote awareness about race-related issues through small-group meetings and personal relationships.

**JustArt**
An end-of-the-year, social justice art display organized by UNICEF and CJP. Includes paintings, publications, murals, 3-D art, sculptures, interactive exhibits, spoken word, music, poetry, film, and more submitted by the students, put together by the students, and made for the students. Absolutely amazing.

Contact Person: Fran Grabowski

**Learning to Serve**
Volunteering and reflection with a group of other first years during second semester. A good introduction to volunteering if you missed the boat on 4Boston or Pulse in the fall.

Contact: Brian Kaufman

**Martin Luther King Jr. Student Activism Coalition**
An education and action organization committed to fighting for racial, economic, and global justice in the legacy of MLK.

**NAACP**
BC's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People working for racial justice within the context of the national organization.

**Naked Singularity**
An independent and grassroots publication by and for the students, open to anyone for contributions, encourages radical and non-mainstream submissions. You’ll see flyers asking for your work.

Contact: Maggie Reid, Editor

**National Lawyers Guild**
The BC Law School chapter of the progressive Law organization.
Visit them in the Law School, 300H (East Wing).
Phone: 617-552-4625.

**OLAA**
The Organization of Latin American Affairs works to support the Latino population of Boston College. Besides putting on cultural events, you can count on OLAA to organize great speakers and lectures dealing with social justice in Latin American and the Caribbean.

Contact: Arivee Vargas, President

**Peer Education Network**
PEN is a group of students trained specially to educate the BC community on issues including HIV/AIDS, sexual assault, and eating disorders. Educational methods are varying, from guest speakers and forums to drama and small group discussions.

Contact: PEN Office: 617-552-0218

**SASA**
The South Asian Students Association represents students from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. SASA offers members of the BC community who are of South Asian descent, or those interested in South Asia, with an environment where they can meet, learn and participate in cultural events with others of the same interest. Have done political work in the past, including teach-ins on India, Pakistan, and Kashmir.

**Sexual Assault Network**: 617-552-BC11
A group of trained students and staff are available 24 hours per day at the sexual assault network helpline: 617-552-BC11. They assist victims of sexual assault in getting immediate medical treatment, receiving long-term therapy, and pursing judicial options. Check out http://www.bc.edu/offices/odsd/services/sanet/ for more info and resources provided.

**SNAP**
The Society of Native American Peoples serves to educate the BC community about Native American culture, with a focus on service-oriented actions around and outside of campus.
SOA Watch
An annual trip of over 100 BC students to Fort Benning, GA, to protest the School of the Americas—a US military facility that trains Latin American soldiers whom have historically gone on to commit numerous human-rights abuses. An EXTREMELY powerful protest.
Contact People: Fr. Don Macmillan and Mike Nuttal

UNICEF
The BC chapter of the United Nations Children’s Fund collects tons of money around Halloween for UNICEF International, plays a huge part in the annual JustArt exhibit.
Contact: Gabriela Suau

Urban Immersion
A number of times throughout the year a group of 25 students will spend one week living together in Boston. Each day represents a new area of the city and society you’ll visit with and learn in—from homeless shelters to soup kitchens, and from battered women’s shelters to food banks. Students get a lot out of this trip, from glimpsing what life is like for the poor and marginalized, to asking people on the “frontlines” questions, to figuring out why these conditions exist in the first place, and what we can do to end them.

The Urban Project
New organization that will educate the BC community on political and social questions about Boston’s urban life, posing the particular question, “why are disadvantaged people in the situations they’re in?” Members will also participate in academic service and immersion trips in the city.
Contact Person: Tina Corea

Women’s Resource Center
The WRC aims to celebrate the gifts and contributions women offer to the Boston College community. It also strives to serve the needs of women on campus and in the community through service and social justice activities. The WRC supports women and men through a wide variety of services to the student body and to the university community. All undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff at Boston College are welcome to utilize the resources of the WRC and to participate in its events and programs.
www.bc.edu/wrc

WZBC, 90.3 FM
Non-commercial radio and broadcaster of progressive news and unique programming. You too can be a DJ or work behind the scenes or both.
Contact Person: Ryan Aurori, Manager

Sisters in the struggle-
Boston College students and GJP members at the March for Women’s Lives this past spring. Over 1,000,000 people strong.
documentaries & films

Amelie
French Film with English subtitles. Fiction.

And the Band Played On

Bamboozled
An incredible Spike Lee film.

The Battle of Algiers

Birth of a Nation

The Big One, Bowling for Columbine, Fahrenheit 9/11, Roger and Me
Four well-known films by Michael Moore; all excellent and worth the time.

Bread and Roses
A documentary of the successful Los Angeles janitors strike.

Can’t Buy My Love

City of God
The life of gang warfare and the drug trade in one of the most violent and poor slums of Rio. In Portuguese, subtitles in English, fiction.

Control room
A look at CNN and Al-Jazeera—two types of corporate-owned propaganda machines.

The Corporation
A critical look at corporations throughout history. Featuring Michael Moore, Noam Chomsky, Howard Zinn, Naomi Klein, and others. In the words of a west-coast activist, “a damn-the-man type movie.”

Ethnic Notions

Fidel
In any country besides the US, Castro is seen as a revolutionary hero. This film shows the Fidel Castro that we never see or hear of.

Ford Transit
Documentary of a Palestinian taxi driver as he attempts to navigate around the numerous checkpoints and barriers set up by the Israeli Military in the West Bank.

The Forth World War
Documentary of the anti-corporate globalization movement. From the People in the streets of Quebec to middle-aged Argentine women breaking down doors and trashing banks, see incredible footage from the front-lines of the People’s movement to oppose neo-liberalism, free trade, and the WTO.

Gaza Strip
The film crew follows around a young Palestinian boy in Gaza City. Incredibly powerful and stirring footage of the daily humiliations, hardships, injuries, and deaths that the Palestinians suffer under Israeli military occupation.

Hearts and Minds

Jenin Jenin
A documentary of the deadly Israeli siege upon the Palestinian city of Jenin during the beginning of the 2nd Intifada. Graphic.

The Killing Zone
British Channel 4 News goes into the Gaza Strip to retrace the deaths of 2 international peace activists at the hands of the Israeli Military. Powerful scene where the Israeli Military violently breaks up a funeral for Rachel Corrie with tear gas and rubber bullets.

Life and Debt
The devastating and heart-breaking effects of the International Monetary Fund and neo-liberal free trade on the People and economy of Jamaica. Sadly, the same story could be applied to dozens of countries around the world.

The Lord of the Ring of Free Trade
The ring is free trade, Mordor is capitalism, elves and men are the People, Orcs are riot police, and Gandolf is Chomsky—a short and entertaining 5-minute film combining actual footage with subtitles. (www.passionbomb.com)

Monsoon Wedding
An Indian Indy film. Fiction.

The Motorcycle Diaries
The legendary revolutionary, Che Guevara, takes his first trip across Latin America
documentaries & films

on an old motorcycle with a close friend. During this adventure he begins to form his thoughts on Guerrilla warfare and Revolution. Historical Fiction.

The Murder of Fred Hampton
Awesome primary footage of the Black Panther Party, focusing in on Fred Hampton—visionary leader of the Illinois Chapter, murdered in his bed by the pigs at age 21. Great, inspiring footage of Hampton and the BPP. (Available for free in O’Neil Library)

Occupation
Documenting Harvard students during the 1999 occupation and sit-in of administrative buildings for the campaign to win a living-wage for workers at the University. (page 7)

Outfoxed
Clips, interviews, and internal memos exposing the conservative-agenda of Fox News

A Place Called Chiapas
THE movie about the ongoing Zapatista revolution in Southern Mexico. Among tons of great footage and clips, includes interviews with Sub-Comandante Marcos, Noam Chomsky, and Zack de la Rocha. (Available for free in O’Neil)

Rabbit Proof Fence
As recently as the 70s, the Australian Government forced Aborigine children to be re-educated and introduced into “white” Australia in an effort to phase out the Aboriginal race. The true-story of three sisters escaping their captors to travel across the Australian Outback by foot in an effort to return home. Historical Fiction.

Romero
The life and death of Oscar Romero—archbishop of El Salvador during the civil war. The US-backed El Salvador junta was killing his people... when he spoke up against the government and against US military aid he paid for it with his life. Historical Fiction.

Run Lola Run
German Film. Fiction.

Sankofa

Steal this Movie
The Life of Abbie Hoffman, 60s-era activist, founder of the Yippie Party, and revolutionary. Historical Fiction.

Supersize Me
What happens when you eat McDonalds for 30 days straight? A strong rebuke of the fast food industry in a humorous, Michael-Moore type style.

Things Fall Apart

This is What Democracy Looks Like
Another inspiring project from “Big Noise Films” that will make you want to get out in the streets and raise your fist.

Waking Life
A movie of philosophy, dreaming, and what we perceive to be reality. It’s animated over original film and could quite possibly blow your mind. Watch it 7 times before you try to put it together. Be careful.

The Weather Underground
A documentary following the creation and actions of the Weathermen—a guerrilla organization of young middle-class, white Americans that went underground to oppose US imperialism, capitalism, and racism through violent means. Very interesting history that we are never taught in school.

We Interrupt this Empire
Footage from the anti-war movement in the streets of San Francisco the day after the US military invaded Iraq. Thousands of people in small affinity groups shutting down the city to ensure “No Business as Usual.” Very Inspiring.

West Beirut
Tarek and Omar are two teenage friends enjoying life in Lebanon when a civil war breaks out—a coming of age tale set in their home of Beirut, now partitioned along religious lines. Historical Fic.

You Can’t Stay Neutral on a Moving Train
The life of Howard Zinn, radical professor and historian, and author of “A People’s History of the United States.” Includes footage from his involvement in the civil rights era, S.N.C.C., and the anti-war movement.

Yuri Kochiyama: Passion for Justice

www.bc.edu/gjp
The following is a long, long list of recommended books and magazines that tell the truth about this world, its politics and its true heroes—a “people’s reading list.” In NO way is this list complete, it is simply a list that has been compiled over the past several years by BC students. Some books are written by well known progressive authors, others by no-name critics, but all nonetheless remain informative. Some of these books are controversial but who are we to censor? Although we could only provide descriptions for some of the books, there is no preference here, some we had descriptions for others we didn’t.

If you know, teach. If you don’t, learn.

Books, magazines, & essays

In the Absence of the Sacred (Mander)
Ain’t No Makin’ It (Mac Leod)
   Two groups of poor American youth, one black and one white. What American Dream?
All Souls (Michael Patrick MacDonald)
   Growing up in the projects of South Boston.
Amazing Grace (Jonathan Kozol)
   What can we say? One of the greatest leaders the People have ever had—read this book.
Asian American Dreams (Helen Zia)
Billions and Billions (Carl Sagan)
Black Elk Speaks (John G Neihardt)
   An indigenous account of Custer’s Last Stand, the massacre at Wounded Knee, and more.
Black Feminist Thought (Hill-Collins)
Black Looks (Hooks)
Bomb the Suburbs (William Upski Wimsatt)
Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee (Dee Brown)
The Case Against the Global Economy (Mander)
Catch-22
   WWII fiction on the hypocrisy and absurdity of patriotism and war.
Che (John Lee Anderson)
   Che Guevara—one of the world’s greatest revolutionaries, killed in the fight for justice.
Chronicles of Dissent (Barsamain/Chomsky)
Clash of Civilizations (Huntington)
Clash of Fundamentalisms (Tariq Ali)
Class Matters (bell hooks)
The Communist Manifesto (Marx)
Contested Knowledge (Steven Seidmen)
Culture Jam (Kalle Lasn)
   “How to reverse America’s suicidal consumer binge—and why we must”
The Debt (Randall Robinson)
   What America owes Black America—the case for reparations.
Declarations of Independence (Howard Zinn)
   Short essays on the realities of American “freedoms” like speech, voting, and more.
Defending the Bill of Rights (Kenedy)
Democratizing the Global Economy (Danaher)
Dharma Burns (Jack Kerouac)
   The life of a young Buddhist living in America.
Dispatches (Michael Herr)
Dude, Where is my Country? (Michael Moore)
   Research and criticism of Bush, his “war on terror,” and his corporate interests. Funny.
The Eagle’s Shadow (Mark Hertsgaard)
   Aptly subtitled “why America fascinates and infuriates the world”
Earth Odyssey (Mark Hertsgaard)

Che would want you to read—he always carried dozens of books with him during the Cuban Revolution

The environmental situation around the world and the US’s place in it all.
The Earth Shall Weep (Wilson)
Economic Justice for All (US Catholic Bishops)
   A faith-based call for economic justice and end to US-style capitalism
The Essential Wallerstein (Wallerstein)
Fast Food Nation (Eric Schlosser)
   The fast food business and the US dependence on this unhealthy-unsustainable lifestyle.
Fidel (Tad Szulc)
An informative, interesting biography of Castro and history of the Cuban Revolution.

**Four Arguments for the Elimination of T.V.** (Mander)

**Fugitive Days** (Bill Ayers)

First-hand history of SDS and the Weathermen—two radical student groups of the ‘60s

**The Future in the Balance** (Bello)

**Globalization and its Discontents** (Stiglitz)

The former president of the World Bank slams neo-liberalism and free trade.

**Globalization of Nothing** (Ritzer)

**God of small things** (Arundhati Roy)

**Guns, Germs and Steel** (Jared Dimond)

**The Heat is On** (Gelbspan)

**A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius** (Dave Eggers)

**High Tide** (Mark Lynas)

The truth about the global warming climate crises and what we can do to stop it.

**Holy Wars: Afghanistan, US, & International Terrorism** (Cooley)

**How Europe Underdeveloped Africa** (Rodney)

**Howard Zinn on War**

I, **Rigoberta Menchu** (Menchu)

I Am Because We Are: **Readings in Black Philosophy**

**Idian Killer** (Alexie)

In the **Absence of the Sacred** (Mander)

**Iraq Under Siege** (Anthony Arnow)

Economic sanctions during the 1990s left over 500,000 Iraqi children dead.

**Ishmael** (Daniel Quinn)

Fictional novel discussing population growth, evolution, and environmental disruption.

**Jihad vs McWorld** (Benjamin Barber)

Discusses the relationship between terrorism, capitalism, and democracy

**Killing Hope** (Blum)

**King Leopold’s Ghost** (Adam Hochschild)

Colonialism, Africa, the Congo, post-slavery, and the early human rights movement.

**A Language Older Than Words and The Culture of Make Belief** (Derrick Jensen)

**Lies My Teacher Told Me** (James Loewen)

Explains how and why US history is usually just the history of rich white men.

**The Little Prince** (Exupery)

**Living at the Edge of the World** (Pastor Bolnick)

**Long Walk to Freedom** (Nelson Mandela)

The autobiography of Mendela—guerrilla fighter, long-time political prisoner, president and hero.

**The Massacre at El Mozote**


**The Motorcycle Diaries** (Che Guevara)

**The New Intifada** (Carey)

A description of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the 2nd popular Palestinian uprising.

**Nicaragua** (Thomas W Walker)

The Sandanista Revolution and the subsequent war with the US-backed Contras.

**Nickel and Dimed** (Barbara Ehrenreich)

A columnist goes undercover to become a waitress, a maid, and a Walmart employee to learn first hand about that sham called the “American Dream.”

**NO LOGO** (Naomi Klein)

Examining the omnipotent presence of corporations and advertising in our daily lives.

**No More Prisons** (William Upski Wimsatt)

The prison-industrial complex and the culture of fear.

**On a Move** (Tory Bisson)

**One Hundred Years of Solitude** (Gabriel García Marquez)

**The Open Veins of Latin America** (Eduardo Galeano)

**The Overworked American** (Juliet Schor)

Americans work longer hours and take less vacation than other industrial societies, why?

**A People’s History of the United States** (Zinn)

US History from the point of view of the People (Native Americans, slaves, women, people of color, the working class, etc) instead of our usual history of the Man (white upper-class males)

**Pedagogy of the Oppressed** (Paulo Freire)

Poetry by Pablo Neruda—any and all of it

**Pornography and Silence** (Griffin)

**A Problem from Hell** (Samantha Power)

American and the Age of Genocide, case studies of Rwanda, Cambodia, and others.

**The Prophet** (Kahlil Gibran)

**Quitting America** (Randall Robinson)

**Race Matters** (Cornell West)

**Rachel and her Children** (Jonathan Kozol)

**Red Emma Speaks** (Emma Goldman)

**Reefer Madness** (Eric Schlosser)

The American black market of marijuana, migrant workers, and porn.

**Reviving Ophelia** (Mary Pipher)

**Revolution of the Heart** (Bill Shore)

**Rouge State** (Blum)

**Rules for Radicals** (Saul Alinsky)

Legendary activist and organizer lays down his guidelines for community organizing.

**Satanic Verses** (Salman Rushdie)
books, magazines, and essays

Savages (Joe Kane)
Savage Inequalities (Jonathon Kozol)
Exposing the vast inequalities between urban and suburban public schools.
SDS-A Profile
A concise and anecdotal history of Students for a Democratic Society
Steal this Book! (Abbie Hoffman)
A guide for revolution—everything from starting your own newspaper to battling the cops.
Stupid White Men (Michael Moore)
Moore at his best—funny, informative, and ripping on corporate, conservative America.
Social Theory (Lemert)
Soledad Brother (George Jackson)
The prison letters of Black Panther and political prisoner George Jackson.
Soul on Ice (Eldridge Cleaver)
One of the most influential leaders of the Black Panther Party, an autobiography.
The Souls of Black Folk (W.E.B. Du Bois)
The Stranger (Camus)
Strangers from a Different Shore (Ronald Takaki)
There Are No Children Here (Kotlowitz)
Toms, Coons, Mulattoes, Mammies & Bucks (Donald Bogle)
The War Against Oblivion (John Ross)
A well-researched book detailing the 1994 Zapatista revolution and the years since.
War Talk (Arundhati Roy)
Walden (Henry David Thoreau)
We Want Freedom (Mumia Abu-Jamal)
History of the Black Panther Party from a former member and current political prisoner.
What Uncle Sam Really Wants (Noam Chomsky)
A very short book on US foreign policy (imperialism) in recent history and in the present.
Whose Trade Organization? (Wallach)
The Wilding of America (Charlie Derber)
Sociological examination of American society.
Woman and Nature (Griffin)
The Wretched of the Earth (Frantz Fanon)
Psyche of the colonized and revolutionaries.
Required reading for new Black Panthers back in the day.
Yellow (Frank Wu)
Yurugu (Marimba Ani)

Magazines:

Mother Jones: A well respected progressive magazine working to expose the truth of American politics and policies. Essays and articles. (www.motherjone.org)
UTNE: A domestic magazine filled with progressive minded articles and essays from thousands of other international periodicals (www.utne.org)
ZNET
The American Prospect
Harpers Magazine: Harpers is best known for is monthly Harpers Index, a list of numbers relevant to politics, American policies, and social issues. In depth articles and criticism are permeate this periodical.
Bust: new girl order/neo-feminism/cool culture
Bitch: similar to Bust
Venus: also similar to Bust
Wire: interesting music coverage
America: Jesuit issues from a liberal perspective
Commonweal: similar to America
What’s Up?: progressive news, culture, opinion produced by Haley House and the communities they serve
an INDIE guide to boston culture

Forget going to the major dance club, bar, or movie theater. You want something new, fun, different, and noncommercial. Here is a quick list of places to hangout in Boston (coffee shops, indie theaters, record stores, book stores) There is a much longer list, but this should be enough to get you started.

{Taken from "An Impendent Guide to Boston Culture" to be published in Fall 2005}

1369 Coffee House
Quaint Central Square Coffee House
757 Mass Ave
Cambridge, Central Square

Hours of operation: 7 AM-11 PM weekdays, 8 AM-11 PM Sat, 8 AM-10 PM Sun.

Other location: 1369 Cambridge St., Inman Square, Cambridge, 617-576-1369

Public transportation: Take the T to the Central stop (red line)

Price Range: Very Reasonable ($2-$4)

Lowdown:
1369 Coffee House is a standard coffee house with a wide variety of drinks and teas all reasonably priced. Perfect for a cup of java and book, or a snack (soups, salads, pastries, and a pizza bagels) while your write that history paper. The coffee is good, the atmosphere is good, and the staff is friendly, and hey, you’re not exploiting Latin American coffee growers (1369 only has fair trade coffee) and you’re not supporting $tarbucks either.

Vibe:
1369 has a good, alternative, and eccentric vibe. The crowd spans several decades, has green or gray hair, some have piercing others have PhD’s, most have a book or lab-top at this java joint. The walls are decorated with local artists' work and are for sale. On afternoons or weekends this small café can feel crowded as patrons pack in and settle down to type, read, or talk with their friends over a coffee. Tables are small and it can be hard to get more than two people at a table if 1369 is crowded.

Why We Like It:
Good variety of Fair Trade coffee and loose teas (feel good about your coffee). Outside seating right on Mass Ave, good for people watching. Friendly and efficient staff.

Our Tips:

Buy your fair trade coffee here by the pound. If you are lucky enough to get a table when it’s crowded, you might want to consider auctioning it off when you are ready to leave—you might make a buck or two.

The Coolidge Corner Theatre
Independent, non-profit movie theater, great for midnight movies

290 Harvard Street in Brookline
Phone: 617-734-2500 (recorded information) or 617-734-2501 (box office)
www.coolidge.org
Cash only, $9.00 regular adult admission or $6.00 admission for theatre members $7.00 for some matinees,

Public Transportation:
By train: take the Green Line (C branch to Cleveland Circle) trolley from downtown to Coolidge Corner via Beacon Street. The Coolidge Corner stop is at Harvard Street, 5-10 minutes from Kenmore Square. By bus: take bus #66, Dudley/Harvard Square. (exit in College Corner at Harvard Steet)

The Lowdown:
The Coolidge Corner Theatre, located in Brookline on Harvard Street in certainly a treasure for anyone interested in indie films or midnight movies. The Coolidge always offers independent films and documentaries (including international films), and shows contemporary classics on Friday and Saturday at midnight (highly recommended). The main theatre seats 600 in old style movie house seats (that can get uncomfortable towards the end of long film). The Coolidge also has an upstairs theater for 250 viewers and a small 45 person screening room. The main theater and upstairs both have stages for speakers or live performances. If you are sick of large, corporate movie theaters, then The Coolidge's non-profit status becomes especially attractive.

Vibe:
Hip and young crowds flock to this “fully-restored Art Deco movie palace” for midnight movies on the weekend and other features seven days a week.

www.bc.edu/gjp
Be sure to check out:
The midnight movies (every Friday and Saturday). Go to the website for listings.
The Independent Film Festival of Boston (Spring)
The Human Rights Watch Film Festival (Winter)
The Boston International Festival of Women's Cinema

Why we like about The Coolidge:

Our Tips:
If you are into films screened at The Coolidge, consider buying a membership—though it can be expensive—you get some good deals and will get $3.00 off each regular admission you buy. If you are a student the membership is only $30.00 and you get discounts at all movies and two for one at midnight screenings—well worth it!

The Middle East
Food, concerts, concerts, and did we mention concerts

Corner of Mass Ave and Brookline St. in Cambridge

Middle East box office at (617) 864-EAST ext 221. www.mideastclub.com

food prices: from $5.00 a person and up
concert prices: $6.00 to $20.00
check website for times of doors and shows

Public Transportation:
Central Square stop on Red Line
Bus #'s: 1,47,70,64,83,91 walk two blocks towards Boston
The Middle East is on right at corner of Mass Ave and Brookline St.

Lowdown:
First, you have to understand that the Middle East (venue/restaurant) is really an indie multiplex. There are three different venues, three different restaurants, and at least one bar (who knows there might be more)

Upstairs: A small venue, that seems to attract many indie artist. Can get tight inside if the show is crowded, but you will always a great view. The Upstairs holds about 200 people.

Downstairs: The largest of the three venues, brings the more well known indie bands ( if that makes sense). Shows often sell out. When full, this basement venue gets hot, really hot. There is a bar, but like most places in Boston, they are strict about ID’s and wristbands. This venue holds just under 600 people.

Corner and Zu Zu: A classic restaurant venue. Check the website for local acts.

Why we like The Middle East:
Small venues for up-close viewing of your favorite indie and local bands. Reasonable ticket prices. Restaurant is vegan/veggie friendly.

Our tips:
Buy tickets at box office and save on nasty service charges and the people in the office are nice. Also consider buying tickets in advance, these shows sell out. Bring driver’s license as form of ID for 18+ shows because school ID’s don’t work (seriously, you will be turned away without proper ID, even if you are not drinking). In the event that you forget an ID or the show is sold out, it is not unheard of for fans to get in with the assistance of the band. Finally, it can be lots of fun (and reasonable) to eat dinner at one of the three Middle East restaurants and then go to the show after a meal.

Cheapo Records
645 Mass Ave.
Cambridge, Central Square

Phone: 617-354-4455
www.cheaporecords.com

Public transportation: Take the T to the Central stop (red line)

Price Range: Moderately expensive for new CDs, but check it out anyway

Lowdown:
Cheapo, like many of the record stores in Cambridge is located downstairs, right by the bus stop and T (central stop on the red line). Cheapo has been around for decades, and you know that the minute to walk down into this (organized) chaos. New and used CDs, LPs, 45s, VHS, DVDs, and tapes. Our feeling is that if you are looking for vinyl and its not at Cheapo or the guys working there can’t get it for you, it doesn’t exist. Cheapo has thousands, I mean tens-of-thousands of records on shelves, boxes on the floor, and scattered crates. Its easy enough to find what you’re looking for, but be prepared to dig if you want a good deal or rarity in vinyl (and the VHS tapes are just scattered so bring your working gloves to thumb through them) CD section includes Oldies, 60s, Rock, Gospel and Soul, Reggae, Ska, Jazz, Folk, and lots of Blues
This feels like a used record store. It's a little chaotic with so many records and often on weekends it gets crowded, but it’s a great way to spend an hour, or six. You probably won’t find what you came to look for, but you’ll find 10 things that you weren’t looking for, but want to add to your collection.

Why We Like It:
Knowledgeable staff, but watch out they are bag Nazis and if you bring in a bag, expect to leave it at the counter.

Our Tips:
Don’t be afraid to get dirty, you might have to dig. Ask the guys working if you’re lost, they seem to know a lot. Consider trading in your VHS (or anything else for that matter) at Cheapo.

Rodney's Bookstore
Classic used bookstore in Cambridge, a great way to spend a rainy afternoon

698 Mass Ave
Cambridge, Central Square
617-876-6467
Open 10am-10pm 7 days
http://www.abebooks.com/home/rodney/

Public transportation: Take the T to the Central stop (red line)

Price Range: Over 50% off cover price for most used books

Lowdown:

This is what you expect a used bookstore to look like. Extensive shelves, piles of books on the floor from inventory overflow, soft music playing in the background, and the sparse chair to sit on while exploring your new (I mean used) find. Beyond the basics in fiction and nonfiction, there is an array of subjects including: animals, sports, politics (but not many contemporary political books), lots and lots of military history, a small kids section, film, economics, most regions of the world are well represented, art, and finally books on the environment.

Vibe:
Expansive interior, well organized and orderly (relatively as far as used bookstores go, anyways). More of an adult crowd, but young people are certainly welcomed. Smells more of wood working (from their bookshelves) than of used books. Feel free to sit in the store and read for a while too (if you find a chair that is).

Why We Like It:
Cheap books and they usually have what you’re looking for. Friendly staff. Well lit and it is not unreasonable to find a chair and read in the store for an afternoon.

Our Tips:
As is true with many used record or books stores, you get more money (credit) if you opt to take store credit for your trade-ins as opposed to cash, and this is certainly true at Rodney’s. Also, if you are into paperback fiction, check out the hidden nook in the back of the store with hundreds of paperbacks on shelves that reach up to the high ceilings.

A Crash Course on International Trips

You should know that during your time at BC you’ll have the chance to travel internationally through dozens of different service or immersion trips. Trips are generally one to two weeks, made up of around 15 BC students, and go anywhere from Latin America to the Caribbean to Africa. An international trip can be a great opportunity for you to further your education and critical understanding of society, economics, and foreign policy...and have some fun while doing it. The key word is “cart”—we highly recommend that you go on an immersion trip during your freshmen or sophomore year, so you’ll still have a couple years to digest what you’ve experienced and apply it to what you study and pursue. Far too many students go on trips during their senior year and upon return are too concerned about graduation, a thesis, or finding a job to really process what they’ve seen. Secondly, we recommend you go on an immersion trip and stay away from service trips. Service trips have minimal contact with the community and do work for free, often in areas of high unemployment—sometimes causing more trouble than good. Take advantage of immersion trips soon! You’ll see flyers for them all over campus throughout the year.
websites and links

**Anti-racism**
The Boston Banner: www.baystatebanner.com
Color and Cash: www.thegully.com
The American-Arab Anti-discrimination Committee: www.adc.org

**Anti-War**
Voices in the Wilderness: www.vitw.org
Code Pink: www.codepink4peace.org
Occupation Watch: www.occupationwatch.org
The Costs of War: www.costofwar.com
American Friends Service Committee: www.afsc.org

**Economic Justice**
United for a Fair Economy: www.faireconomy.org
CorpWatch: www.corpwatch.org
Dollars and Sense: www.dollarsandsense.org
Too Much: www.cipa-apex.org/toomuch/
Billionaires for Bush: www.billionairesforbush.org
The Multinational Monitor: www.multinationalmonitor.org

**Environmentalism**
Earth First!: www.earthfirst.org
Rainforest Action Network: www.ran.org
Greenpeace: www.greenpeace.org
Ecoplex: www.ecoplex.org
Changing Climate: www.changingtheclimate.com

**Global Justice & Human Rights**
Amnesty International: www.amnesty.org
Human Rights Watch: www.hrww.org
School of the Americas Watch: www.soaw.org
Doctors Without Borders: www.doctorswithoutborder.org
The Alliance for Democracy: www.thealliancefordemocracy.org
The Institute for Policy Studies: www.ips-dc.org
The Hunger Site: www.hungersite.org
Oxfam: www.oxfam.org
Global Issues: www.globalissues.com
Latin American News: www.americas.org

**HIV/AIDS Awareness and Activism**
Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov
The AIDS Memorial Quilt: www.aidsquilt.org
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation: www.pegadids.org
Camp Amerikids: www.campamerikids.org
UN Program on HIV/AIDS: www.unaids.org
The Global AIDS Fund: www.theglobalfund.org
Until There’s A Cure: www.until.org

**The Labor Movement and Workers’ Rights**
Jobs with Justice: www.jwj.org

**Palestine**
Middle East Facts: www.mideastfacts.com
Israeli Human Rights Group: www.btselem.org
Middle East Research Project: www.merip.org
Israel & the UN: www.amenusa.org/iraq15.htm
The International Solidarity Movement: www.palsolidarity.org

**Non-Corporate Media (real news)**
Indy Media: www.indymedia.org
Boston Indy Media: www.boston.indymedia.org
The BBC: www.bbc.com
Alternet: www.alternet.org
Commoodreams: www.commoodreams.org
Foreign Policy in Focus: www.fpif.org
Boston Banner: www.baystatebanner.com
The Onion: www.theonion.com
The Village Voice: www.villagevoice.com
Democracy Now: www.democracynow.org
Zmag: www.zmag.org
On-the-ground news from Iraq: www.electroniciraq.net
Guerrilla News: www.guerrillanews.com
Pacifica Radio: www.pacifica.org

**Queer Rights**
The Human Rights Campaign: www.hrc.org
Fusion Magazine: www.fusion.kent.edu
National Gay & Lesbian Task Force: www.thetaskforce.org

**Women’s Liberation and Women’s Rights**
The National Organization of Women (NOW): www.now.org
Planned Parenthood: www.plannedparenthood.org
Save Roe: www.saveroe.org
Feminism and the University: feministcampus.org
Code Pink!: www.codepink4peace.org
Ms. Magazine: www.msmagazine.com

**Other**
Civilians Killed in Iraq: www.iraqbodycount.net
Ruckus Society: www.ruckus.org
American Civil Liberties Union: www.aclu.org
www.Urban75.com
www.RiseUp.net
www.Idealist.com
www.jibjab.com
www.couterpunch.org
September

14th: Paul Farmer
A doctor with a free clinic in Haiti, he works on the front lines in the battle for global justice. An expert on Haiti, US foreign policy, and economic imperialism—great speaker. 7PM in Conte Forum

15th: Boston-wide Anti-War Vigil
Across Boston on this day, universities will be holding anti-war vigils and demonstrations. Come to the BC vigil to hear from other BC students and faculty and learn about the anti-war movement. O’Neil Plaza at noon.

19th: Platanos and Collard Greens
This play, sponsored by OLAA, fuses the poetry of Hip-Hop with the intellect of W.E.B. DuBois to drop science about history and race. 7-9PM in the Robsham Theater. Free

20th: The Fourth World War
A fucking awesome movie. See back cover.

21st: Genocide in Sudan
Professor Eric Reeves from Smith University speaks on the human rights crises in Sudan. 7PM, Devlin 008.

21st: ALC rally
The AHANA Leadership Council leads a rally on the dustbowl to commemorate their 10th anniversary and reaffirm the struggle for justice on campus. During the day.

24th: Critical Mass Bike Ride
The last Friday of every month, bikers across the world take over the streets in an anti-SUV pro-renewable energy demonstration. Fun! If you have a bike, join the Boston Critical Mass and head down to Copley Square at 5:30 PM.

24th: Student Activities Day
Head down to the Dust Bowl and sign up for some of the organizations we listed.

29th: Howard Zinn
Renowned historian, professor, author, and political activist, Howard Zinn will speak about current events—the “war on terror,” the PATRIOT act, etc. Gasson 100, Time TBA.

October

2nd: City-wide SLAP Convergence
Meet student activists from around the city and get involved in the labor movement. See page 7 for more about SLAP.

6th: Medea Benjamin
Founder of the feminist anti-war organization Code Pink and co-founder of Global Exchange, Benjamin has traveled to Iraq numerous times in the past few years and remains one of the strongest critics of the war in Iraq and US foreign policy in general. She will explain why US imperialism under Bush or Kerry is still US imperialism and what we must do to construct a movement for a better world. 7 PM in Devlin 008.

8th: Death of Che Guevara

11th: Columbus Indigenous Day Weekend

19th: Bangladeshi Workers Tour
The National Labor Committee will visit Boston College with workers from a sweatshop in Bangladesh. Hear what life in the sweatshop is like and learn about the movement to organize against sweatshop labor and for workers’ rights.

20th: Jonathan Kozol:
Author of Savage Inequalities and an expert on the disparity between urban and suburban public education. 7PM, Location TBA.

30th: Cornell West Speaks at BC

November

19th-21st: School of the Americas Protest
Coinciding with the murder of the five Jesuit Priests, an annual trip of over 100 BC students to Fort Benning, GA, to protest the School of the Americas—a US military facility that trains Latin American soldiers whom have historically gone on to commit numerous human-rights abuses. Tens of thousand of people from around the Western Hemisphere participate in this weekend of protest, music, and remembrance.
“power concedes nothing without a demand. it never has and it never will.”
-frederick douglas

Join the Global Justice Project for a showing of The Fourth World War, a documentary chronicaling the anti-corporate globalization struggles and battles around the world, from the streets of Buenos Aires to the fields of Chiapas, Mexico.

Monday September 20th
7PM McGuinn 121

eat free food, drink free drinks, watch the resistance and learn about campus activism