

# Save a Slarmonster!

Give it some slars to eat.



## More Useful Information: The Spork

Wikipedia Definition (10/28/09)

A **spork** or a **foon** is a hybrid form of cutlery taking the form of a spoon-like shallow scoop with three or four fork tines.<sup>[1]</sup> Spork-like utensils, such as the terrapin fork or ice cream fork,<sup>[2]</sup> have been manufactured since the late 1800s;<sup>[3]</sup> patents for spork-like designs date back to at least 1874, and the word "spork" was registered as a trademark in the US and the UK decades later. They are used by fast food restaurants, schools, prisons, the military and backpackers.

The *spork* is a portmanteau word combining *spoon* and *fork*. Similarly, the word *foon* is a blend of *fork* and *spoon*. The word "spork" appeared in the 1909 supplement to the *Century Dictionary*, where it was described as a trade name and "a 'portmanteau-word' applied to a long, slender spoon having, at the end of the bowl, projections resembling the tines of a fork".



# The Buzz

What everyone's talking about at Student Activities

**November 2009**



## Mark Your Calendars: SI Forms Available Now!

Northwest Student Leadership Conference  
Applications Available Nov. 16th

All Coordinators Meeting:  
Wednesday, November 11th

SLARS are due:  
Monday, December 1st

Student Activities Winter Brunch:  
Thursday, December 10th

Room Reservation Forms:  
Due Week 10

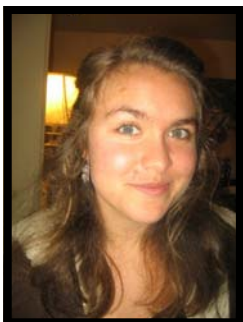
## New Faces Around S&A



**Kandi Bauman**

Job: **S&A Advisor**

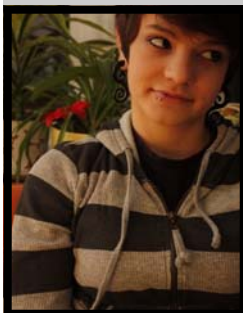
Duties: Provide coordinating support to new and existing student groups, assist student groups with budget requests and event planning, and help brainstorm really good ideas.



**Hana Lewis**

Job: **Outreach Coordinator**

Duties: Host the quarterly coordinators brunch, organize workshops and training opportunities to help coordinators skill build, publish S&A newsletters, and get the word out.



**Allie Van Nostran**

Job: **S&A Board Coordinator**

Duties: Facilitate meetings and decision making process for the S&A Board, disseminate information about Board decisions and activities, and provide comedic relief when needed.



**Taryn Farley**

Job: **Office Assistant**

Duties: Assist student groups with a variety of services including: key check out, copy codes, equipment check out, and S&A paperwork submissions.

## Get Ready for Special Initiatives

The Special Initiative (SI) Fund this year contains over \$116,000. That's a whole lot of money! If your group is thinking about requesting or increasing a budget, here are some ways to develop an attractive proposal.

### 1. Talk to your members.

The goals and activities of your group should come from your member base. At your next meeting, discuss what sorts of activities the group would like to participate in this year. Use these suggestions to build your proposal. Keep records of this meeting.

### 2. Talk to your advisor.

Once you know what kind of activities you'd like to request funds for, your advisor will be able to guide you through building a sound proposal. Some activities might need special permissions, others might need insurance, and some may even require more money than you think. Your advisor can help you figure it out.

### 3. Make the case.

Although the Board receives plenty of training on allocations procedures and rules, it is your job to provide them with all of the information they need to make an informed decision. Your proposal should include information about who your group is, past accomplishments, and what you are proposing to do. The proposal should provide a clear picture of the costs associated with your activities. This is research you can start even before the SI forms are available.

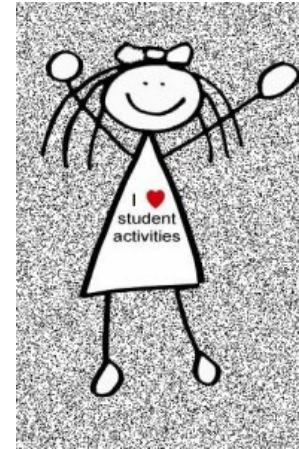
# Document It!

What's better than a successful event? A successful event that is well documented! Whether your group is holding a concert or hosting a volunteer day, documenting your event beyond just keeping a flyer can help you keep track of you success and learn from your "less-than" successes. When planning an event, consider delegating a few of the following tasks.



- ☑ Provide a sign-in sheet at the entrance. Folks can provide their contact info for future outreach while at the same time accounting for attendance.
- ☑ Assign an event photographer. Event photos are not only great to keep on file, but can also be added to your event evaluation, speaker thank you cards, and your group's blog or website. *The S&A front desk even has digital cameras for check out.*
- ☑ Provide an event evaluation for attendees. Feedback after an event is invaluable. Even a half page evaluation can give you insight to what went well, and maybe even suggestions for future events.
- ☑ Don't forget to turn in your S&A Event Evaluation Form. The sooner you complete it, the easier and more accurate it will be.
- ☑ Write about it. For events that go well, don't be afraid to brag. Consider writing up a short article about the event and submitting a few pictures to the online CPJ at [www.cooperpointjournal.com](http://www.cooperpointjournal.com)

## Greeners Rock (Olympia, WA)



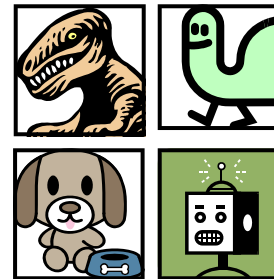
Did you know that you can now find Student Activities on Facebook and Twitter. Thanks to advisor Andy Corn, you can stay up-to-date with S&A events via tweets and posts.

If you are already on Facebook, consider "friending" S&A. Better yet, you could make a facebook account for your student group, and friend your members as well. Facebook and Twitter make it easy to keep folks up to date on events and meetings, and provide a great forum to quickly share information and photos.

Facebook is not your only option when it comes to online outreach. Google Sites, Blogger, Wordpress, MySpace and even a simple listserv can be a great way to get the word out about your group.

If you're not sure how to get started with online outreach, talk with your advisor. Be sure to keep an eye out for future workshops on online outreach.

## Friends



### Take it to the web:

Facebook  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Twitter  
[www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)

Blogger  
[www.blogger.com](http://www.blogger.com)

MySpace  
[www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com)

Free Google Websites  
[sites.google.com](http://sites.google.com)

## Getting the Word Out

Advertising for your meeting or event? Here are some suggestions to get the word out:

- ☑ Give the secretary two copies of your event flyer to post in the S&A glass display cases.
- ☑ Cookies and fliers go well together. Advertise your event with a themed bake sale.
- ☑ Give a classroom announcement to programs related to your event or group.
- ☑ Send an event announcement to the CPJ.
- ☑ Send a PSA announcement to KAOS.
- ☑ Post your meeting or event on TESC Crier
- ☑ Ask interested RAs to talk to their residents.
- ☑ Ask your advisor to post your event to the S&A Facebook or Twitter page.
- ☑ Create a Facebook advertisement.
- ☑ Ask your advisor about putting event handbills in student mailboxes in the dorms.
- ☑ Make a colorful banner to hang in the library.
- ☑ Use a S&A "green board" in Red Square



## Odds and Ends



### Decorate Your Space!

Even though we don't plan on inhabiting Seminar I forever, office spaces could still use some pizzazz. If your office is still full of boxes, consider having an office warming party with your members or challenging other groups in your office to a wall decorating competition.

### Check out the Paint Room

Ready to paint that poster for the library lobby? We now have a paint room equipped with a sink and paint supplies. Please do not use the paints in other rooms or spaces and remember to *clean* your brushes.



## 20th Annual NW Student Leadership Conference

This year NWSLC will be held Jan. 29 -31, 2010 in Portland OR. Student Activities Administration is looking for students who are interested in attending this leadership conference featuring over 100 peer led workshops and forums focus on student activism, diversity, and organizing. More info about the conference at: [www.orstudents.org/nwslc/](http://www.orstudents.org/nwslc/)

To receive a sign up form or learn more about the conference, please contact advisors Mary or Kandi.