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NEWS NOTES

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Yes, Virginia, there still is an Evergreen Calendar-Newsletter. The editor has been soaking up the sun, resulting in the late publication of this issue which is the last you'll see in the present format and under the same publication schedule. Some changes are being made, all with an eye toward increasing the flow of information at Evergreen. Here's what we plan to do, effective with the September 1 issue:

The newsletter will be published twice a month--on the first and 15th. The Calendar of Events--which has been published monthly with the Newsletter--will be issued every Friday, beginning September 10. We've printed some new forms--one for reporting items for the Newsletter, the other for the weekly Calendar. Forms for the Newsletter will be sent out twice monthly by the Office of College Relations and are due back one week prior to publication. Calendar forms will be issued early each week and are due back the day before publication. All of this--along with a plea for your cooperation in faithfully sending information to the Office of College Relations--is covered in more detail in a campus-wide memorandum being distributed this week. If you have any questions, call Dick Nichols (3125). And please keep this in mind: <u>Material for the September 1 News-</u> letter is due August 23.

At any rate, we think you'll like the smaller but more frequently-issued Newsletters and Calendar of Events. If you'll do your part by supplying the needed information we should be able to improve the level of communication around here.

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NEW FACES

Two new appointments to Evergreen's first faculty were announced late in July by Vice President and Provost <u>David Barry</u>. The new appointees--both assigned to the Contemporary American Minorities Coordinated Studies Program--are <u>Darrell Phare</u> and <u>Medard Delgado</u>. Their appointments bring to 55 the number of persons who will form Evergreen's initial instructional team. All faculty will be aboard September 15. Phare is currently an industrial development intern with the State Department of Commerce and Economic Development in Olympia. Delgado, from Yakima, is a recent graduate of Central Washington State College.

Meanwhile, with the starting of a new biennium and with opening day drawing near, numerous other staff positions are being filled by departments in all corners of the campus. <u>Peter Steilberg, Jr.</u>, formerly Assistant Director of Intramural Athletics at the University of Washington, has assumed his duties as Evergreen's Director of Recreation. <u>Gerald Burke</u>, who has been Manager of Leasing Programs for the Tacoma Housing Authority is the college's new Director of Housing. <u>Ralf Sampson</u>, who was Assistant Manager of Central Stores at the University of Washington, has become Materiel and Transportation Manager. <u>William Kenworthy</u> has been named Evergreen Food Services Manager by the contracting firm ARA Slater. Kenworthy previously was Dining Service Manager at Hartnell College in Salinas, California.



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Other new personnel include <u>Allan Hanson</u>, Accountant II, Business Services; <u>Percy Berry</u>, Storekeeper, Business Services; <u>Leanne Steere</u>, Accountant I, Controller's office; <u>Robert Costello</u>, Media Technician II, Library; <u>Lois Knutson</u>, Secretary, Director of Financial Aid; <u>Mary Simila</u>; Secretary, Interim Coordinator of Cooperative Education; <u>Stephen</u> <u>Ormiston</u>, Maintenance Technician, Plant Operations; <u>Barbara Maurer</u>, Secretary, Director of Plant Operations; <u>Ronald Walter</u>, Maintenance Man, Plant Operations; <u>Vern Dotson</u>, Maintenance Man, Plant Operations; <u>Darrell Six</u>, Construction Inspector, Facilities Planning; <u>Manuel Rodriguez</u>, Maintenance Technician, Plant Operations; <u>Alan Aguilar</u>, Night Custodian, Plant Operations; and <u>Gerald Montgomery</u>, Property Inventory Clerk, Controller's office.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Ken Donohue</u>, who has been administrative assistant to the vice president and provost since May, 1970, has been reassigned as Interim Coordinator of Cooperative Education. Donohue will be responsible for coordinating the planning and development of Evergreen's credit program of internships and work-and-study experiences for students, working with representatives of business, industry and state and local government in the development of off-campus sponsorships.

Some other changes in personnel status also have been made in recent weeks. <u>Woody Hirzel</u>, who has been a half-time photographer in the Media Section of the library, now has joined the staff on a full-time basis as a Photo-Media Specialist. <u>Michelle McBride</u>, who has been a clerk-typist in the Stenographic Services Bureau, has become secretary to the Director of Admissions, replacing <u>Sally Hunter</u>, now an Admissions Counselor, In the Controller's office <u>Helen Spears</u> has been promoted to Accountant II; <u>Rose Elway</u> has been named Accountant I; and <u>Dotty O'Neill</u> a cashier. <u>Pam Fox, Kathy Tullis</u>, and <u>Chris Cody</u> have been promoted to Program Secretaries in the academic office, effective September 1. And, <u>Claire Hess</u> has been appointed by the academic deans as their assistant in academic personnel matters. She will supervise and coordinate faculty recruitment procedures, maintain and process faculty personnel documents and records, coordinate the flow of public information material to the Office of College Relations, and assist the deans in orientation programs for incoming faculty and students. College personnel who have recommendations for faculty appointments should direct them to Claire, who will set up files and make the necessary contacts for the deans.

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CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Here's a thumbnail look at Evergreen's construction program as of the end of July:

Library---90 per cent complete with 163 workmen on the job. Exterior and roofing work will be completed during August and interior finishing work will continue.

Lecture Halls---70 per cent complete with 32 workmen on the job. August work includes the hanging of sheet rock for auditorium ceilings, installation of ceramic tile, testing of mechanical equipment and electrical installation. Central Utilities Plant--88 per cent complete, with 24 workmen on the job. Mechanical

equipment will be activated and electrical equipment connected during August. Window installation, exterior concrete finishing work and interior painting also are on tap.

<u>College Activities Building</u>---50 per cent complete, with 67 workmen on the job. August work includes completion of walls and columns to the third floor, formation of the third floor slab and the pouring of walls and columns to the roof.

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Student Residential Center---75 per cent complete with 96 workmen on the job. One of three low-rise buildings is expected to be completed and ready for furnishings during August, while roofing, window, sheating and drywall work continues on the others.

Recreation Building---10 per cent complete with 31 workmen on the job. August work includes forming and pouring of walls and columns, plus pouring of some sections of slab.

Science Building---Excavation for building footings began in early August.

Site Improvements---One portion of the project is 84 per cent complete with 90 men on the job. The other portion--started recently under a new contract-- is two per cent complete. August work on the first project will include the start of utilities for the modular housing units, paving of additional roads and one parking lot and placement of topsoil in all areas except the playfields. Paving of the academic plaza will begin during August as part of the newer contract. Both site improvements programs remain on schedule.

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NEW CONTRACT

John H. Sellen Company of Seattle has been awarded a contract for construction of the first phase of Evergreen's Laboratory Building. Sellen, which submitted a base bid of \$2,710,000 for construction of the 75,000-square-foot building, received the contract after the low bidder, Jones and Roberts of Tacoma, withdrew its estimate because of an error. The Tacoma firm had bid \$2,550,000 when estimates were opened in July. Sellen Company's bid was below both the architect's estimate and the project budget, according to Director of Facilities Planning Jerry Schillinger, Work on the building-last of the construction projects authorized by the 1969 legislature--is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 1972.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION

Evergreen's board of trustees has given its stamp of approval to the design submitted by the Bumgardner Partnership of Seattle for the proposed college Seminar Building. The \$4.8 million building will provide permanent quarters for such college operations as admissions, registration and computing, but most of the space will be devoted to officeseminar rooms, arranged in suites of ten; small lecture rooms; multi-purpose rooms; work areas; and lounges. Evergreen will ask the 1972 special legislative session for funds to construct the building. The 1971 session appropriated planning money to get the project through the design stage.

Trustees meanwhile decided to delay an award of a contract for placement of an air structure--or bubble--to provide indoor recreation space at Evergreen. The delay was caused by a report that the State Fire Marshall would not approve the structure as a place for spectator sports, only for active participants--about 26 at a time. Lincoln Construction Company of Spanaway, Washington had submitted the apparent low bid for the project-about \$200,000 including alternates. The oval-shaped bubble--40 feet high and 268 feet long--was to have covered a concrete area large enough for three tennis courts and a regulation-sized basketball court, providing interim space for such activities as tennis, basketball, volleyball and badminton.

And, trustees have approved a contract between Evergreen and the State Department of Game, under which the college has leased the Luhr House in Nisqually Valley as an informal science laboratory workshop. The upper floor of the house will be subrented to someone who will agree to serve as caretaker of the property.

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ADMISSIONS CLOSED: LEGISLATOR COMMENTS

Evergreen's enrollments were closed July 14 with an announcement from Director of Admissions <u>David Brown</u> that 1,189 students had been accepted and that another 150 students had been placed on a waiting list. Those on the waiting list--all of whom have paid advance deposits--may enroll if openings develop through a sufficient number of withdrawals in the first group. Completed applications received by the college numbered 2,421 when admissions were closed.

Announcement of the closure brought an immediate response from State Representative Hal Wolf of Yelm, who said the admissions data indicates that Evergreen's new educational program is winning overwhelming support from students. "With enrollment declining in most of Washington's other public institutions because of state and national economic difficulties, Evergreen's admissions data are most unusual," he said. "The figures indicate to me that Evergreen's learning concept is successful. Young people have recognized its value and have oversubscribed the programs. There are few facts that could more strongly indicate the need in this state not only for a new college but for this specific college. Clearly, Evergreen is meeting a special demand for a new educational option in Washington. The mix of students --- including those from minority groups and those disadvantaged persons on waivers -- proves to me, particularly with enrollments lagging elsewhere, that this new educational idea, spawned six years ago, has paid off for our state already. During the last legislative session, we argued that Evergreen's budget as finally approved was deficient. The student demand shows the budget should have been passed intact, as recommended by the governor. Further, this demand indicates that in the next session we should be able to show that Evergreen should be considered a number one priority in future state budgeting."

Admissions data released by Brown indicated that of the 1,189 accepted students, 55 had been granted waivers of the advance deposit. Forty-six of these economically disadvantaged students come from minority backgrounds. Some 91 minority students are expected to enroll for the fall term. Evergreen's first enrollment will comprise students from 20 counties in Washington and 203 students from other states.

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CONTRACTED STUDIES

Faculty member Jack Webb has compiled some preliminary data on Evergreen's first group of students who have indicated preferences for Contracted Studies work. The average age of the 52 students is 25 and they have had an average of three years of college experience. Thirty per cent are married. Sixty-five per cent have had extensive, skilled job experience and 20 per cent are veterans. Their career interests include business, law, education, social services, humanities, social sciences and science.

Webb and <u>Peter Robinson</u> are the faculty members assigned to Contracted Studies for the 1971-72 year. Staff members who will participate on the team--insofar as time allows-are Vice President For Business <u>Dean Clabaugh</u>, Dean of Developmental Services <u>John Finley</u>, Interim Coordinator of Cooperative Education <u>Ken Donohue</u>, Chief of Library User Services <u>Malcolm Stilson</u>, and Director of Information Services and Publications <u>Dick Nichols</u>.

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MORNINGSIDE DRIVE SUCCEEDS

The capital fund drive for Morningside, Inc., the activity center and sheltered workshop for handicapped and retarded persons in Thurston and Mason Counties, was a roaring success, with \$94,000 collected in cash and pledges and money still dribbling in from



various quarters. The drive's goal was \$75,000. The extra funds made Morningside eligible for an additional \$40,000 in federal support and a hoped-for additional \$24,035 in state money which will be requested from the 1972 legislature. The additional funds will make it possible to expand the size of the new building west of Olympia from 10,000 to 12,000 square feet of space, making it possible to place support services--offices, kitchen, dining and recreation space--in the new facility rather than in a portable unit. In turn, this will allow use of the portable for a pre-school developmental center tied directly to Morningside's total operation.

Evergreen employees contributed more than \$800 to the successful fund drive.

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PROJECT TO IMPROVE COLLEGE TEACHING

The accepted definitions of who goes to college and what they do there were the focus of extended discussion at the concluding conference of the Project to Improve College Teaching, held earlier this summer at St. John College, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Conference participants agreed that in a society marked by diversity, alienation, and rapid change, alternatives to conventional college programs and teaching practices were an urgent need.

The present academic structure was criticized by both <u>E. J. Shoben, Jr.</u>, Evergreen's Executive Vice President, and by Benjamin DeMott, Amherst College, for being too preoccupied with passing on tradition and with preparing students to fill "slots" in an established job structure. They said that traditional colleges and college faculties are resistant to needed changes in teaching methods, curricula, and ways of meeting the needs of students who didn't fit the traditional "collegiate" pattern.

Some participants questioned whether the "renewing of undergraduate teaching", the theme of the conference, was a real possibility for the seventies. They argued that the conference participants' commitment to teaching was not necessarily shared by the professoriate at large. Nevertheless, by the time the conference ended, the consensus seemed to be that teaching was beginning to get a greater share of attention both within the academy and from outside.

The conference group supported student demands for a real say in such matters as curricula, teaching methods, degree requirements, and in evaluating teaching performance. Faculty members, it was generally agreed, must accept the fact that they can learn from students, and must establish such a relationship if teaching is to go well.

Flexibility, diversity, and person-to-person relationships were emphasized in combatting the size, bureaucracy and formalism of present campus environment. Colleges within colleges, and a wide variety of alternate ways of engaging in post high school education were strongly advocated. Both of the terms "undergraduate" and "four-year college" were challenged as failing to define the variety of educational experiences beyond the high school.

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EVERGREEN AUTHORS

Dean of Library Services Jim Holly and Associate Dean <u>Dave Carnahan</u> are co-authors of an article printed earlier this year by Library Trends, a publication of the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science. The article, "Creating A Multi-Media Library: A Case Study", provides an interesting look at both Evergreen and its unique library organization. The article is now available in booklet form.

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Faculty member <u>Al Wiedemann</u> has had an article entitled "Vegetation Studies In the Simpson Desert, N.T." published in the Australian Journal of Botany (Vol. 19, pp-99-124).

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PEOPLE POTPOURRI

Director of Admissions David Brown has been appointed as the first chairman of the Pacific Northwest Association of College Admission Counselors' Human Relations Committee. The PNACAC is a regional association of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors... Executive Vice President E. J. Shoben, Jr. will journey to Washington, D.C., August 30 and 31 to serve on a panel to select senior fellows for the National Endowment on the Humanities and to present Evergreen's concepts to the new National Foundation of Education at the U. S. Office of Education ... Governor Daniel J. Evans will tour the Evergreen campus the morning of August 25 as a guest of President Charles J. McCann... Next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., August 26 in Building 215...Faculty member Al Wiedemann is having a busy summer. He spent the first two weeks of August on annual active duty with the U. S. Army Reserve at Fort Lewis. He is a Battalion Operations Sergeant with the 104th Division. And, in late July, Wiedemann and a team from Oregon State University spent three days shooting motion pictures of the sand dunes along the Oregon Coast. Initially, the team will produce film loops on sand dune habitats and plant succession. Eventually they will produce a longer film on the overall dune landscape...Registrar Perrin Smith and Director of Admissions David Brown will attend a meeting of Registrars and Admissions Officers August 17 in Ellensburg ... Dean of Library Services Jim Holly will attend the Pacific Northwest Library Assoc. meeting at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma August 18-20...And computer programmer Jim Long is continuing his valuable campus ministry efforts for Evergreen. He's arranging an August 23 youth gathering to discuss the ministry program and will meet with the Thurston County Cooperative Campus Ministry organization August 26.

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THE EVERGREEN ENVIRONMENT

Although some of it may be wilting in the hot summer sun we've experienced in recent weeks, Evergreen's natural environment is still a thing of beauty, as indicated in the following article, one in a series being authored by faculty member <u>Al Wiedemann</u>:

The wild berry season is upon us and presumably all fanciers of these delicious little morsels have been out in the woods tripping over logs, being torn by thorns and attached by mosquitos. The orange-yellow salmon berries are pretty much gone now, but they are not too tasty anyway. The most abundant berries now are the deep red thimbleberry and the wild blackberry (also called western dewberry). This latter is found on vines growing close to the ground or on old stumps and is most abundant in fairly open cut-over woods. Both are excellent for jam, wine or just cramming them down by the handful while standing in the woods. Later in the season there will be himalaya berry, evergreen blackberry, red and blue huckleberry, salal and elderberry. Of this latter, there are both red and blue species. The blue are best and ripen in fall. Quite a few of the red can be seen now along campus roads.

Most of the flower activity is along the roadsides by plants commonly called "weeds". Most attractive (now that foxglove is gone) are the patches of fireweed, with long spikes of magenta flowers. Other roadside plants include goldenrod (tall, with long, slender spikes of yellow flowers); sweet pea ("escaped" from cultivation); yarrow (flat-topped heads made up of masses of tiny white flower heads); pearly everlasting (round, white

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flower clusters); oxeye daisy (a chrysanthemum, white with a yellow center); false dandelion (yellow, and similar to the early spring dandelion); and canadian thistle (nc description necessary). Neglected fields and gardens **ar**e full of senecio, which has masses of yellow heads on the top of the plant. Two shrubs are in flower; ocean spray has large drooping masses of tiny white flowers; and spirea, usually found in marshy places, has dense spikes of purplish flowers. There are many other plants, of course, in various stages of flowering and fruit development, but those listed above are the main ones likely to be seen along campus roads and in the woods.

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