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Presentation of the first Poets' Day sponsored by the Governor's Festival of the Arts, and dedication of the Janet Tourtellotte Political Science Collection at The Evergreen State College will take place in double ceremonies Sunday May 7 in the college library. The public is invited to attend.

Dedication of the political science collection will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the third floor section of the library. Poets' Day activities, featuring readings of their own works by three prominent Washington poets, will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the library's second floor reference area and continue until 4:00 p.m.

Poets' Day, initiated this year through cooperation of the State Arts Commission and State Library, is designed to recognize the work of state poets by inviting a small number of them to present public readings as part of the Governor's Festival of the Arts.

Selected this year were Duane Niatum, a Clallam Indian who currently is a graduate student at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland; Dale Nelson, Chief Correspondent for the Olympia bureau of Associated Press; and Nelson Bentley, an Associate Professor of English at the University of Washington.

Niatum, a graduate of the University of Washington, is the author of "After the Death of an Elder Klallam and Other Poems". The book, which includes 32 poems, most of them free verse, is the first published collection of Niatum's works.

Nelson, who holds degrees from the University of Puget Sound and the University of Washington, has received the Poetry Northwest Award; First Award, Reporting, Washington State; and several Sigma Delta Chi Journalism Awards. Poems and articles of his have appeared in the New Yorker, New York Times, Poetry Northwest, Northwest Review, Massachusetts Review, Choice, Canadian Forum, Kentucky Review, Literary Review, Prospero's Cell,

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Jeopardy, and other magazines. He received the Governor's Writers' Day Award in 1967. His book, A Poet's Dozen, was published in 1966.

Professor Bentley was educated at the University of Michigan. He received the Hopwood Award in Essay Writing at the University of Michigan in both 1940 and 1942 and the Governor's Writers' Day Award in 1967. He is co-founder and co-director of Pacific Northwest Poets since 1958 and was president of the Pacific Northwest Writers' Conference in 1968-69. His poems have appeared in numerous poetry and literary magazines. His book, Sea Lion Caves and Other Poems, was published in 1966.

James Emde, Assistant Director of the State Arts Commission, will introduce the poets.

The Janet Tourtellotte Political Science Collection, named for the chairman of The Evergreen State College Board of Trustees, was made possible through an endowment from friends of Mrs. Tourtellotte in recognition of her long service in the fields of government and education. Income from the endowment will be used to buy additional library materials in the general field of political science.

Mrs. Tourtellotte, a resident of Seattle and a former Republican National Committee-woman, was appointed to the Evergreen Board of Trustees in 1967 by Governor Daniel J. Evans. She has been chairman of the board for nearly a year.

Contributors to the endowment, Mrs. Tourtellotte, and Evergreen President Charles J. McCann will be in attendance when the political science collection is dedicated. James F. Holly, Dean of Library Services at the college and host for the event, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The endowment now totals \$7,156, including both principal and interest. Members of the committee which established the endowment include Mrs. Ernest N. Patty of Seattle (chairman), Dr. Hugh Bone of the University of Washington, William G. Reed of Seattle, Mrs. J. P. Weyerhauser, Jr. of Tacoma, and Mrs. Andrew M. Williams of Burton, Washington.

A plaque commemorating the Janet Tourtellotte Political Science Collection was presented during Evergreen's April 21 dedication and inauguration ceremonies.

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