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Convocation:

## Olander emphasizes cultural diversity and an opposition to guns

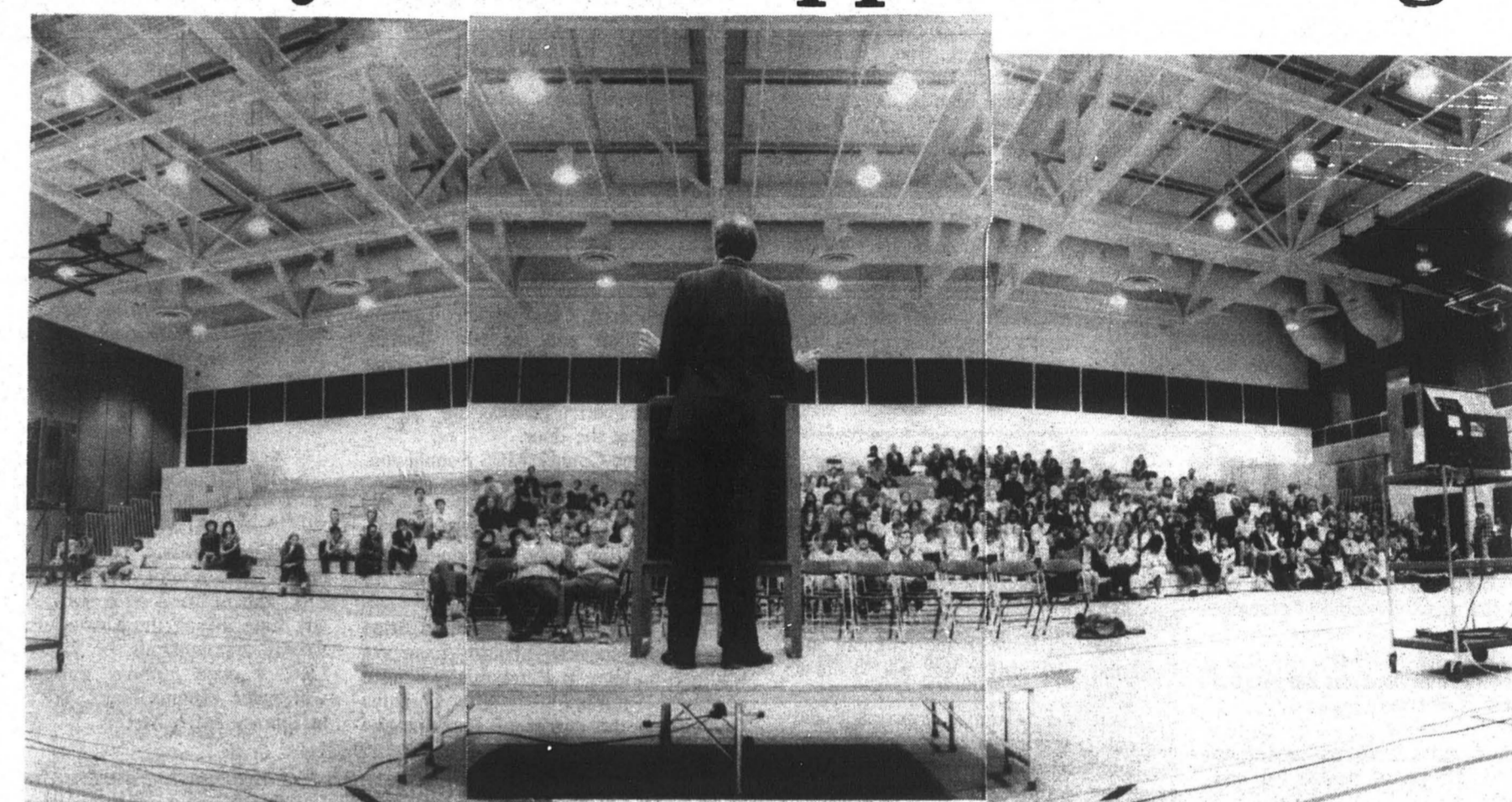


Photo by Peter Burch

Approximately 100 people showed up to hear Evergreen President Joe Olander speak at the Convocation address in the new gym last Monday. This is the first time the event was held at a time that both students and staff members were able to attend.

by Suzette Williams

Evergreen President Joe Olander drew scattered applause during Monday's convocation speech by stating his opposition to arming the campus security force.

He also emphasized cultural diversity, development of the College's financial resources and building a community at Evergreen.

Olander, the vice presidents and a representative of the Student Union spoke at the event, billed as a "state-of-the-union" type address.

Convocation is held yearly, but is generally only attended by staff and faculty. Because of the completion of the new gymnasium, students were invited to attend this year's convocation.

About 100 people attended the event, most of whom were staff members.

In his speech, Olander said security will be a prominent issue in Evergreen's future. In addition to opposing guns for security guards, Olander emphasized the need for "basic, raw, personal security."

He spoke of the newly-formed safety disappearing task force (DTF), which he said will explore how to make the campus more secure.

The President also said the college's commitment to public service, including serving the state legislature, will determine its success in the future. Public service is included in Evergreen's mission statement, adopted last Spring.

Olander also drew cheers when talking about the Higher Education Coordinating (HEC) Board's abandonment of standardized testing as a way of

assessing state colleges.

He said Evergreen is ahead of other colleges in the state in finding creative ways of assessing student progress. "It will determine the character of the college over time," he said of assessment.

Student Union representative Mary Lou O'Neil emphasized similar themes in her address.

O'Neil spoke of a need for a unified student voice and said the Student Union, despite its flaws could serve as this voice.

She urged students to attend the weekly governance meetings.

O'Neil also addressed the issue of security, urging that administrative policy not be dictated by outside forces.

"Reconciliation rather than reaction must prevail" in security issues, she said.

Also in the two-hour-long convocation the vice presidents and department heads introducing new faculty and staff members. Vice President and Provost Patrick Hill said 47 new people had been hired since September 1988.

Vice President for Student Affairs Gail Martin could not attend convocation because of a conference in Spokane, but prepared a videotape before leaving Olympia.

In the tape, which her staff members pretended was a live satellite broadcast, Martin said the Student Affairs division should speed up all of its processes.

Her tongue-in-cheek suggestions included handing the financial aid office's responsibilities to the Services and Activities Board, installing conveyor belts for the registration process, and building

skywalks between the College Activities Building (CAB) and the Library building.

Martin's staff ended their presentation by performing a "wave."

President Olander concluded the convocation by urging the community to strive for the unprecedented step of

founding a truly multicultural and diverse campus.

"For me diversity is not only simply diversity of skin, language and culture, but diversity of speech, politics and aesthetics," Olander said.

## Education hotline rings off the hook

by Information Services staff

Two Evergreen State College officials manned a national education hotline in Washington, D.C. for eight hours, answering parents' questions about higher education.

Money and college preparation were the bottom line of most questions raised during the USA Today Educational Hotline, based in Washington D.C., sponsored by the Gannett Foundation as part of National Higher Education Week.

"Most of my questions were about college preparation and what parents could do to be sure children got a proper education," says Diane Kahaumia, Admissions counselor for The Evergreen State College.

"It was non-stop. I would put the phone down and it would ring again," said Financial Aid Counselor John Mclain. "Most people were concerned about whether they'd be eligible for financial aid."

More than 100 college financial aid and admissions staff members from

colleges across the country answered calls from October 9 - 12. Colleges represented included George Washington University, Johns Hopkins University, Purdue and Wake Forest Parks.

Kahaumia and Mclain were flown to Washington D.C. by Gannett to spend a eight hour shift on the phones.

"It's real apparent that people perceive the quality of education is based on how much you spend on it, and if you spend more you'll get a better education," Kahaumia said. "I'm not sure that's a good measure of what an education is."

Kahaumia came away from the experience a little surprised. During last year's hotline, she detected a lack of preparedness for college on the part of callers. This year, it was quite different.

"It's frightening that they're beginning to be so competitive," she said. "Parents of 8th and 9th graders were already trying to choose their children's colleges."

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### Momentary Freedom

Wuthering breeze  
Tip toeing softly in my soul  
Dancing trepidly on my insecurities  
Forcing itself to be a part of me

Realities swirling in my space  
My fears become calculated vacuums  
Sucking themselves away  
Swept into momentary oblivion

Guilt, hiding in every crease  
Fighting obstintaciously; defending territory  
Cool reason infects its steely chamber  
Pleading gently for its' impeachment

Slowly, cautiously, guilt recedes  
Descending into internal stealth  
giving up an instant of existence  
Remembering, tediously, this well worn encounter

Imperative denial divides for protection  
It smells the wisps of self acceptance  
Pounding furiously within its cavern  
Eluding, expertly, its vile adversary

Intently seeping, denial is surrounded  
Tender cotton hands stroke its ego  
Lulling it, passionately, into hazy sleep  
Dreaming, fervently, of its awakening

Emptiness, at last, engulfs every available corridor  
Riding the crescent of warm, soothing water  
Leaving emotion behind  
Drowning all intruding inquiries

Nothingness scampers with childlike fervor  
Revelling in its bliss filled freedom  
Touching, feeling, the kindness of its kindred  
Breathing easy, thankful for the opportunity

There is no capturing here  
Only essence, pure, exquisite  
Dangling fairytales disappear, never appear  
To seek here is to be blind

Poof! The moment is gone

Fear sweeps into being  
Guilt groggily remembers  
Self denial now surrounds  
Nothingness has become something

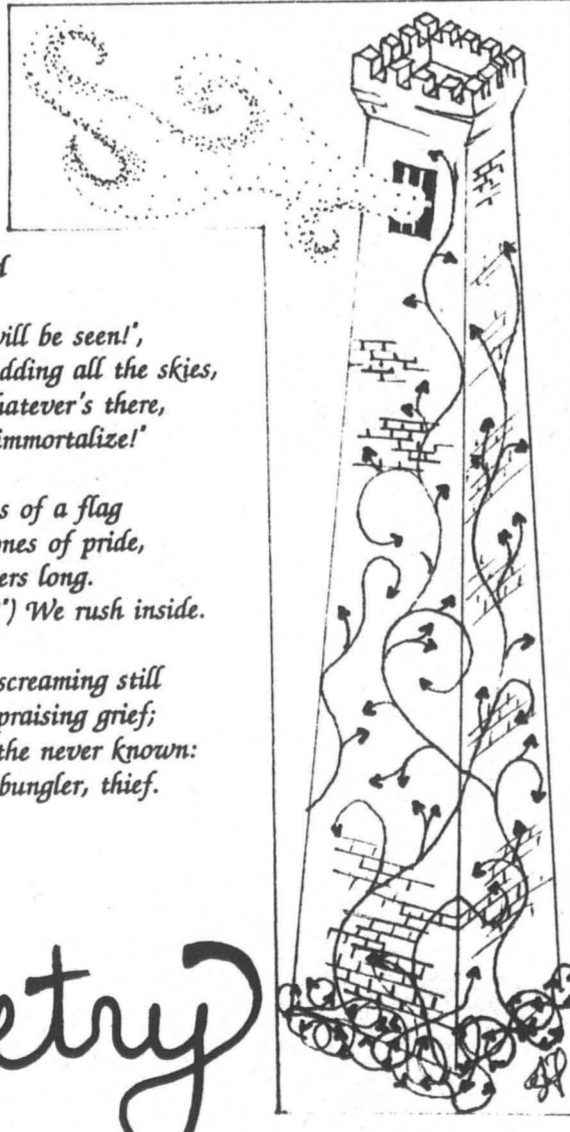
Emotions expertly bind me  
I stagger, fall, curl  
Waiting, hoping, groping  
For another Wuthering breeze

Michael Sell

### Feeling pretty lucky, punk?

by Edward Martin III

Another Friday the 13th is here. How lucky do you feel? Take a few seconds as you barrel down this Hell-bound expressway called Life and ask yourself that question a few times.



When it's three in the morning and you are surrounded by 2,000 pounds of Ford steel coasting out of gear at 104 miles per hour down the Evergreen Parkway with Sammy Hagar screaming "Takin' a Ride" from the tape deck and three other human beings in the back, suddenly - remarkably - aware of their own mortality, wishing they were anywhere else, do you feel particularly lucky?

When you and a few of your friends are wasted on rotten tequila smuggled up from Tijuana and you dial numbers at random until you find a woman and spend all night calling the number repeatedly, saying whatever your alcohol-drowned brains tell you to say, until you wake up in the morning on the living room floor, reeking of bad juice, with sunlight slicing you open and the receiver beeping in your hands, do you feel pretty lucky?

When you read or know about someone who was hurt; by a touch, by a word, by something they have seen; is it luck that kept you woven out of that same pain and confusion? How lucky does it make you feel to not be struck; to not be slandered; to not be offended or hurt; to not, for once, be a target? It can make you feel pretty lucky.

Friday the 13th isn't always an unlucky day for everyone. Sometimes, Wednesday the 18th is. Sometimes, Sunday the 24th is. For many people, today will be their unlucky day. For a few, today will be the unluckiest day of their lives.

Always you will know people who are having an unlucky day. Always, you will feel lucky when you have a good day. Maybe you can share this luck with someone you know who needs it. Luck is not arbitrary, it is relative. You can make it. ...If you're lucky.

## Poetry



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# Governance

## Student Union rejects proposal

by Scott A. Richardson

Student Union members debated, then rejected Wednesday a proposal to change the present student governance structure to a representative system.

Student Darrel Riley had brought the proposal to the first Student Union meeting of the school year. It would have instituted a system comprised of representatives from program seminars and student groups.

The proposal had been discussed, then tabled, for three out of the past four governance meetings.

After voting to extend debate three times Wednesday, Student Union members voted down the proposal.

Students expressed opposition to a representative system, fearing it would exclude the "minority voice" on campus.

The Student Union will remain the functioning student governance structure.

There were no objections to accepting the proposed goals and objectives for next week's Camp:

Gun (Safety) Week (see NewsBriefs.)

Student James Dannen will chair a committee which will create a proposal addressing the building lock-up to occur next Monday.

The proposal will be up for a vote at the next SU meeting, two days after the buildings lock-up will have begun.

There is some indication the lock-up is taking place to reduce the college's liability risks.

The SU passed a motion to select, at its next meeting, a student liaison to the Board of Trustees, who would attend open and work sessions of the Board.

The responsibilities of the liaison have not yet been discussed, but the student would have no voting capacity due to restrictions within Washington state law.

Tim Russell has been appointed to set up a volunteer schedule for the Student Communications Center (SCC, CAB 205) until SCC staff have been hired.

The SCC should be open for

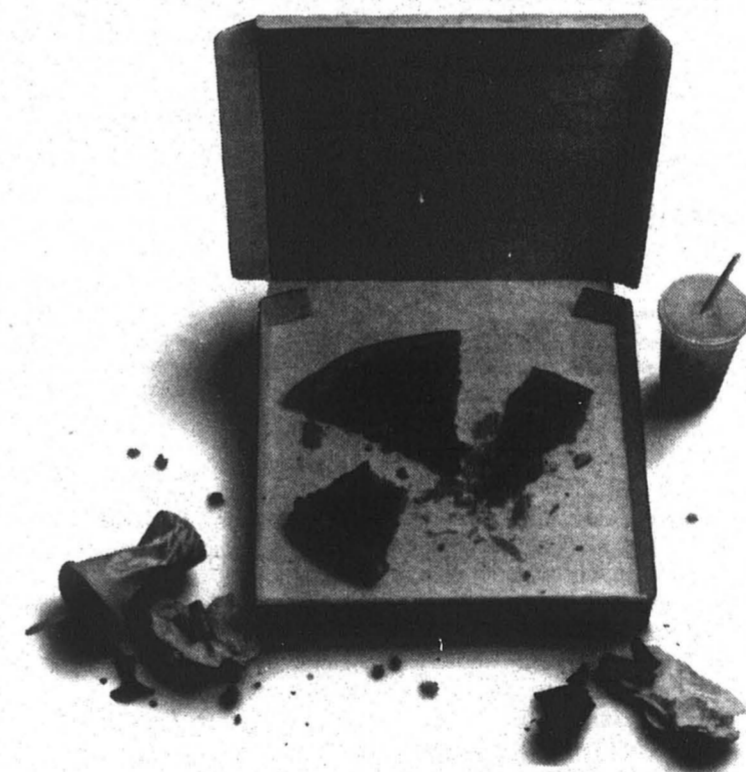
several hours per day in the near future.

Other items discussed included the CPJ advisor position (the newspaper has had only interim advisors for the last year), some minor changes to the

SU document, and an announcement that the SU Board interview process is to begin on November 1.

As in previous meetings, attendance peaked at about 25 students.

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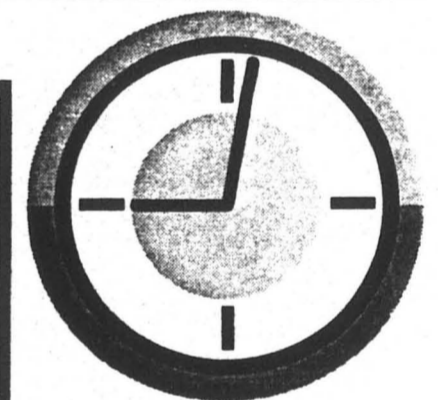
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