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The Evergreen State College
Olympia, Washington 98505

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Public ceremonies officially dedicating The Evergreen State College and inaugurating its first president, Charles J. McCann, will be held April 21 on the campus of the new Olympia institution of higher learning. Activities will begin at eleven o'clock in the morning.

Washington Governor Daniel J. Evans will be the featured speaker during the brief formal segment of the event, which is scheduled to be produced as a Renaissance Fair, with special costumes for performers, presenters, hosts and hostesses.

Contingency plans have been drafted by a special task force spearheading the dedication-inauguration so that the approximately three-hour affair may be held either indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather. The basic plan calls for an outdoor gathering in the mall area in front of the Daniel J. Evans Library Building, but if it rains the program will be moved inside.

The day's activities will begin with a general gathering on the mall and performances by student dramatic and musical groups. The dramatic presentation, directed by faculty member Ainara Wilder, will be entitled "Shakespeare's Search For An Ideal Leader". The program will feature six vignettes from Sheakspeare's history plays Richard II, Henry IV (part one), Henry IV (part two), and Henry V. Fifteen students will perform in narrating and dramatic capacities, assisted by a large group of student support personnel.

Musical performances during the opening hour of the dedication/inauguration event will feature the 40-member Evergreen Chamber Singers and the 20-member Evergreen Jazz Ensemble,, both directed by faculty member Don Chan. The Chamber Singers--a student and faculty organization--will present musical selections appropriate to the Renaissance motif. The Jazz Ensemble--which includes Evergreen students and faculty, townspeople, and students from

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Olympia High School and Grays Harbor College--will play a number of selections ranging from contemporary jazz to rock.

Dedication of the college and inauguration of Charles McCann, who was Dean of Faculty at Central Washington State College before becoming Evergreen's president in 1968, will begin at 12:00 noon. The brief formal ceremony will feature remarks by Mrs. Neal Tourtellotte of Seattle, chairman of the Evergreen Board of Trustees; Governor Evans; and President McCann. Mrs. Tourtellotte will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

Following the taking of a group portrait, a complimentary luncheon prepared by the college food services contractor and Evergreen students will be served from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m. either in the mall area or indoors, depending on the weather. Strolling players, singers, and dancers will perform during the luncheon.

Official festivities will be closed at 2:00 p.m., followed by visits to academic program areas for viewing of student project displays; art exhibits; campus tours; the showing of student-made films in the Lecture Halls Building; and informal conversation.

Students, staff, faculty, and townspeople will serve as hosts and hostesses for the dedication/inauguration program. Campus parking will be free of charge that day.

Academic Dean Charles B. Teske serves as chairman of the Dedication/Inauguration Task Force, which also includes a large number of students, faculty, staff, and members of the Board of Trustees.

"This event is planned as an occasion for the gathering of the entire Evergreen community and guests from around the state to celebrate the opening of the college," Teske said. "We hope the turnout is large and that everyone who attends has a thoroughly enjoyable time while learning more about Evergreen and getting acquainted with its people and processes."