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Monica Schwinberg, as Richland sophomore at The Evergreen State College, has recently been named president of the Washington State Youth Association for Retarded Children.

The 1972 graduate of Columbia High School began working with the retarded more than five years ago when she served as a volunteer at a day care camp for retarded persons in the Tri-Cities. She later served as president of the Richland chapter of YARC and was appointed western vice president of the organization after she began attending Evergreen, located five miles northwest of Olympia.

A former Candy Striper, Miss Schwinberg has been involved with mental health both as a student and a volunteer. She served a two-quarter internship with the Seattle Mental Health Institute and is currently studying psychology and conducting a survey of those agencies in Thurston County which serve the mentally retarded. She plans to become a social worker and to be involved in the establishment of more group homes for the mentally retarded.

For now, the 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Schwinberg of 1735 Davison, is concentrating her off-campus efforts on recruiting new members between the ages of 13 and 25 for YARC.

"The mentally retarded need the help of young persons," she says. "They need their care and concern, and they need their efforts to increase public awareness about them and their problems."

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"What if a big dog answers the door?"

That, and other questions like it, are being faced this week by a group of Evergreen students and members of the Friends of the Olympia Library as they prepare to interview 800 persons in the Olympia area.

The interviews, due to begin February 20 and run through the middle of April, are part of a project entitled "Education: The Public Library and the People's Needs," a community effort aimed at determining how libraries can better serve Olympia residents. Funded in part by the Washington Commission for the Humanities, the project is being carried out by the Friends organization, a group of students at Evergreen, and many other local citizens, according to the project director, E. Jackson Webb.

The persons to be interviewed will be selected at random, then contacted at home and asked to respond to a series of questions about their educational needs. The process will take about twenty minutes, and will be quite painless, promised Kathy Haviland, an Evergreen student who is coordinating the interviewing.

Ms. Haviland stated, "Of the 800 persons interviewed, 32 will be invited to serve as panelists in the eight public forums to be held between February 26 and April 17. The information which we gather during the interviewing

will be an important component of the dialogue we hope to facilitate in the community. We hope to discover exactly what people want in this area."

"In addition to the interviewing, a questionnaire has been mailed to 1600 residents of north Thurston County, along with a pamphlet describing the issues involved in the project and the series of public forums," Ms. Haviland explained. "The response to the questionnaire, along with the results of the interviewing, will give people a voice in defining their own changing educational needs and the role of the library in serving those needs."

"The public forums, the first of which will be held at the Olympia Public Library, February 26 at 8 pm, will attempt to stimulate dialogue about the library and its relationship to the community," Ms. Haviland added.

The first forum, which will be lead by Dr. Giovanni Costigan, Professor of History at the University of Washington, will focus on the topic "Why Libraries?" a look at how libraries came about and how the goals of the library in the past relate to our goals today.