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...NEW FACULTY MEMBER HIRED IN THEATER ARTS...<u>Andre Tsai</u>, an associate professor at California State University in Sacramento, has signed a three-year contract as an Evergreen faculty member in theater arts. The appointment, effective immediately, was announced by Provost Edward J. Kormondy.

Tsai, a naturalized citizen from Chekiang, China, brings more than 16 years of teaching experience to Evergreen. He has taught at Ohio State University; Monticello College in Godfrey, Illinois; Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas; University of California at Davis, and Southwest Minnesota State College at Marshall, in addition to five years at California State.

Bilingual in English and Chinese, Tsai earned his bachelor of arts degree in English literature at National Taiwan University, and both his master's degree and doctorate in theater arts from Ohio State University. His other areas of academic specialization include Chinese culture and philosophy, Japanese drama and theater, as well as acting and directing.

...TRUSTEES APPROVE REQUEST FOR SALARY HIKE...Evergreen's Board of Trustees Sept. 19 approved a request to the governor and legislature for proposed "catch up and keep up" raises for college faculty and exempt administrative staff. The proposed raises --- which would amount to a 13.18 percent increase for the 1975-76 fiscal year and a seven percent increase for the 1976-77 fiscal year --- reflect what President Charles J. McCann called a "minimum request."

Washington's public colleges and universities are "far behind the national average in salaries for faculty," McCann told the Board. He indicated that all of the state's institutions of higher learning will ask the governor to include faculty and exempt staff increases in his 1975-77 budget request to the legislature. McCann observed that, "Evergreen's percentage request is the smallest of any four-year institution in the state."

...COMMON CAUSE SPOKESWOMAN TO SPEAK AT EVERGREEN OCT. 3...Patricia Keefer, a registered lobbyist for Common Cause, will discuss the goals and objectives of the citizens lobby group and her activities as a member of its legislative staff in a public address at Evergreen Oct. 3 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall One.

Keefer is responsible for planning and implementing lobbying strategy for legislation requiring open meetings, financial disclosure by public officials and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. She joined the Common Cause staff in 1971 to lead the drive for the 18-year-old vote.

...THOMAS APPOINTED TO FINANCIAL AID POST...Laura Thomas, who has served as Office Supervisor in the Registrar's Office for the past four years, has accepted a new position as a Financial Aid Counselor at Evergreen. The appointment, which was effective Sept. 23, was announced by Director of Financial Aid Bill Smith.

Thomas, who also served as interim registrar from August, 1973 to March, 1974, will perform need analyses and assess financial need, package awards and make revisions for all state, federal and institutional financial aid programs in her new position. The four-year Evergreen veteran came to Olympia after one year as a secretary to the Director of Financial Aid and Placement at Highline Community College. She has also worked as a supervising secretary in Okanogan, Washington elementary schools and as a bookkeeper.

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...EYE-5 TO PRESENT ARTIST AT EVERGREEN OCT. 7...Dana Atchley, a versatile artist with a working knowledge of book-making and printing, film, photography and graphics design, will appear at Evergreen Oct 7 at 8 p.m. in the fourth floor Library cafeteria. Sponsored by Eye-5, a community arts organization, Atchley will present his show, "Reflections From the Road." The free public program is a one-hour, twin-screened audio/visual document revealing unusual aspects of the North American artistic landscape.

Atchley will also appear Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Olympia Public Library, presenting his recent film, "The Making of a Renaissance Book."

...ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS GO ON DISPLAY OCT. 1. "Notations," an exhibit of original manuscripts of 30 contemporary composers, will go on display at Evergreen's art gallery Oct. 1. The exhibit, which has never been shown before, is sponsored by the Evergreen Visual Environments Group and is free and open to the public. It is based on the book, Notations, by Alison Knowles and John Cage, and includes works by composers John Cage, Jackson Maclow, Robert Moran, Charles Ives, Pierre Boulez, the Beattles, George Crumb, Steve Reich, Eric Satie and Milton Babbit.

The display will remain on exhibit in the Evergreen gallery, located on the main floor of the Evans Library Building, through Oct. 19. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday; 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

...NSF EXTENDS ESSENTIA GRANT...The National Science Foundation has extended the expiration date of the Evergreen-based Essentia program an additional three months, according to a letter received by President Charles J. McCann. The Essentia program, directed by Faculty Member Robert Sluss and coordinated by Robert Samples, was awarded a \$114,500 grant last Fall for development of self-paced learning materials. Aim of the project, according to Samples, has been to "provide students of all ages with instructional approaches that improve their self esteem and self image as they study content areas."

The program must be completed by December 31, according to the extension letter.