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...SENIORS SLATE JUNE 2 GRADUATION CELEBRATION...Plans have been finalized for the June 2 commencement scheduled to be held on Evergreen's central campus plaza all afternoon. Headed by three graduating seniors, the Graduation Committee has organized a program of senior performances and exhibits to begin at noon, with a "formal" ceremony scheduled from 2 to approximately 3:30 p.m., followed by a huge potluck.

Featured speakers at the afternoon event, to which seniors, their friends, relatives and the general public are invited will be Evergreen Faculty Members Andrew Hanfman and Maxine Mimms. Students will not be individually introduced during the "formal" ceremony, which seniors hope will be brief and enjoyable for everyone. Instead, seniors have been invited to present performances or displays of their work and to contribute to a senior magazine which will be distributed during the ceremony.

...THIRTY-ONE THURSTON COUNTY SENIORS HOPE TO GRADUATE JUNE 2...Thirty-one seniors from the Thurston County area are among more than 360 students who are expected to participate in the June 2 graduation celebration. Among those who plan to complete degree requirements by the end of Spring Quarter are 20 Olympians: Robert Albee, Ursula Austin, Louise Batson, Julie Blanchard, David Boggs, Karen Davis, Mary Anne Lewis, Teresa Moore, Thomas Moran, Sharon Morelan, Jane Normoyle, Brent Normoyle, Joseph Ochoa, Richard Oehlerich, Ralph Provident, Darlene Sayan, William Slaymaker, George Smith, Richard Trosper, and Preston Wheaton. Five Lacey seniors also plan to participate: Sheila Dinwiddie, Mary Hoffman, Russell Millar, Julia Smith and Robert Thomsen; as do Josie McCloud of Yelm and Margaret Wharton of Rochester. Four other Olympians also plan to participate in the ceremonies, but will not complete their academic work until the end of Summer Quarter. They are: Richard Matchette, Jan Rensel, Steven Diddy and Mary Zamora.

...EVERGREENERS PREPARING DATA FOR OLYMPIA PORT STUDY...Wading through the mud of the Port of Olympia, gathering specimens and censusing shore life has all been part of the job for six Evergreen students and Faculty Member Pete Taylor Spring Quarter. Working on a \$400 contract from the Port of Olympia, the students and Taylor --- all members of the Seacoast Management Program --- have been gathering data which the Port will use to develop a comprehensive plan for improvement and expansion of its facilities and eventual construction of a pleasure boat marina.

Taylor reports his students have been collecting specimens from the Port bottom and from along the shore, identifying organisms and pinpointing their distribution and population size. They've walked the entire port shoreline from East Bay to West Bay gathering samples, taking a census of shore life, and making general notes on the species they've observed. They've toured the port area in a chartered vessel, carefully collecting still more samples and have spent long hours sifting, sieving, and classifying their specimens. Jars of worms, clams and innumerable other sea creatures --- all labeled and neatly cataloged --- fill their work room in the college Laboratory Building.

All this activity followed two quarters of academic preparation led by Taylor, an oceanographer and marine biologist. "We spent a great deal of time reviewing literature on marine science and regional planning," he says, "but this port survey was our first opportunity to do an actual field project in the same way an environmental assessment study is made.

"Students have had a chance to not only provide an invaluable but inexpensive service to the community," he adds," but to gain field and laboratory experience and a practical, first hand review of inter-tidal life and of environmental regulations." He and his students hope to present their report to the Port by the end of Spring Quarter.

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...ALUMS APPROVE ASSOCIATION...Two temporary chairmen have been appointed to head development of an Evergreen alumni association as a result of an alumni meeting May 25. Heading the new organization temporarily are recent graduates Tom Sampson and Bob Crocker, who will carry out the alums decision to organize an association within the institution.

Purpose of the association will be to "provide input and service toward the development of Evergreen and to provide a vehicle for interaction and information among the members of the Evergreen community," according to Development Officer Marianne Nelson, who is charged with helping form the association. Crocker and Sampson will work with Ms. Nelson to put together proposals for ratification of an association and to begin developing the structure and identifying alums by their interests.

...PIANO CONCERT SET MAY 29...Ardis Ostrom, a faculty member of the Cornish School of Allied Arts, will present a piano recital at Evergreen May 29 at 8 p.m. in the main lobby of the library. Ms. Ostrom, who has performed extensively in the mid-West, will present the works of Pierre Boulex, composer and director of the New York Philharmonic, and the late Danish composer Carl Nielsen, whose music has seldom been performed in the Pacific Northwest. Her evening performance is free and open to the public.

... MUSICAL EVENING PLANNED...An evening of dance, song and drama will be presented by members of the America's Music academic program at Evergreen May 28 beginning at 8 p.m. in the main lobby of the library. The 90-minute presentation, which is free and open to the public, will include songs and excerpts from West Side Story, Annie Get Your Gun, The Princess and the Pea, The Old Maid and the Thief, Trouble in Tahiti, the Ballad of Baby Doe, and Kiss Me, Kate.

The presentation will be directed by Faculty Member <u>William Winden</u> and will be performed entirely by students, including <u>Mary Zamora</u>, an Olympian who plans to graduate the end of Summer Quarter.