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REFLECTIONS ON THE EVE OF SUPER SATURDAY X

It was the night before Evergreen's first Super Saturday, ten years ago, and the 15th vendor had just signed up to sell hand-made goods during the fair. That was reason to celebrate. Super Saturday organizers Larry Stenberg, director of Community and Alumni Relations, and Judy McNickle, then director of Information Services and Publications, toasted their success. Times have changed.

Ten years later, Super Saturday is almost here and phones are still ringing off the hook, though all vendor spaces were taken long ago. More than 180 booths will sell food or arts and crafts, 25 "shrinks & wizards" will do their thing, five stages are booked with more than 70 entertainers, and 25,000 to 30,000 people are expected to attend the free event from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 4.

"About March of this year, I realized it was ten years since we approached President Dan Evans with the idea of a Super Saturday-type of festival," says Stenberg. "This year in March, we already had 100

arts and crafts vendors signed up."

Though the event has grown into the biggest one-day festival-bash in Washington, one thing hasn't changed--the sun has always shone for Super Saturday. "There always seems to be a crack of blue sky for us for Super Saturday and Graduation Weekend, and for number 10, people can wear short sleeve shirts," says Stenberg, who used all his clout this year. "Prayer helps," he says.

At 8 p.m. on June 3, the night before Super Saturday, instead of the toast of ten years ago, committee members who aren't building stages on Red Square will join the community to watch country swing revivalists "Asleep at the Wheel" and western comedy guitar trio "Riders in the Sky" light up the Washington Center.

Saturday, pick up a kazoo and join the world's biggest-ever kazoo band at 2:30 p.m. on Red Square. Also, you can bid on a beautiful brand-new 10-speed bicycle and lots of valuable old stuff on the Auction Stage, and treat your taste-buds to anything from Greek to Japanese food, not to mention chilled fresh fruit and the old standby "WeBeWeenies" (hot dogs). Browsing will be in style with all kinds of Arts and Crafts, and you can root for The Olympian or KQ92 on the softball field, digest your food watching Proud Body Aerobics, greet the wolves from Wolf Haven, ride ponies and do lots, lots more. And of course, Darrell & the Diptones and the Trendsetters will crank out oldies rock, New Menu plays jazz funk, Anzanga supplies African Marimba music and dance, the Black Hills Shufflers do their popular stomp, and Ronald McDonald entertains the little ones. Don't miss a minute of this year's bash!

GRADUATION DAY CELEBRATION FOR MORE THAN 850 STUDENTS

Graduation is here, and Evergreen again celebrates it with the most unique graduation weekend of any small college in the country! This year more than 850 students will receive diplomas on Sunday, June 5, in a ceremony highlighted by a commencement address from Jennifer James, a cultural anthropologist and popular media commentator. Sunday's festivities begin at 1 p.m.

Evergreen will award 730 Bachelor of Arts degrees, 94 Bachelor of Science degrees, 14 Bachelor of Arts/Sciences degrees, 29 Master of Public Administration degrees and three Master of Environmental Studies degrees.

Other highlights of the ceremony include addresses by Faculty Member Richard Jones; Stone Thomas, Dean of Student Development; Val Thorson, an Evergreen alum and management consultant with Don Worth, Talor & Company in Seattle, and Roger Dovel, a student speaker representing the graduate programs.

A special duo of students will discuss their experience at Evergreen, where they discovered overwhelming similarities between themselves despite completely different backgrounds. Nani Jackins, a 24-year-old Centralia High School graduate who was born in Korea, will share the microphone with her friend Mary Craven, a 46-year old woman enrolled at Evergreen after several years away from education.

James will speak about "Education: A Lifetime Pursuit," which is the commencement theme chosen by Evergreen's graduates.

Another highlight of the ceremony is a Distinguished Service Award, presented to Jess and Hanna Spielholz, long-time Evergreen volunteers and college supporters.

EVERGREEN'S CITIZENS OF THE YEAR: YEARS AND YEARS OF DEDICATION ARE HONORED

The envelope, please. It's time to recognize Evergreen's Citizens of the Year for 1988. These folks will be honored at 2 p.m. on the Main Stage at Super Saturday, so come on out to give them a well-deserved cheer!



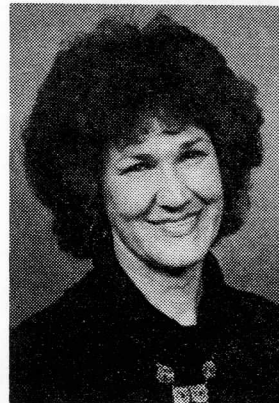
Jo and Julian Jenner--While Jo and Julian Jenner spent four years in Hong Kong, Evergreen was being born in the town they call home. Friends kept them abreast of the college's progress. "We were terribly excited about the development of the college," says Jo. Her husband Julian agrees. "If anyone would have allowed it not to happen, we would have been outraged." Instead they were overjoyed, and upon returning to the area, they began volunteering their

time to college projects, especially through the Evergreen College Community Organization, known as ECCO.

"Jo and Julian have made a significant contribution to the health and vitality of the college and have been loyal supporters from the inception of Evergreen," says Larry Stenberg, co-chair of ECCO. "They've also been stalwarts in ECCO. I think they exemplify how important citizens can be in establishing positive, mutually beneficial relationships between the college and its community. They're absolutely terrific human beings," says Stenberg.

Bill Wake (Voice only, no photo.)--In 1973 Evergreen's public community radio station, KAOS, was just getting started. Bill Wake saw an advertisement for DJ's in the Cooper Point Journal--especially for those interested in classical music. "That was me," says Wake. "I didn't have a stereo, but I did have a lot of

classical records. I joined because I thought they'd have a good stereo." They did. And today, even though he's owned a home stereo for 10 years, he's the longest running D.J. KAOS has ever had. "Part of what makes Bill so valuable is that he works an air shift that would otherwise be hard to fill. We never have to worry about him being there, or doing a good show--ever," says Station Manager Michael Huntsberger. Wake enjoys his Sunday morning show called "The Classic Hick." "Our May listenership survey identified his show as one of the most popular programs on KAOS--and it has been for years." Wake is also known for attending all meetings, helping on volunteer projects and acting as station historian. "I'll do my radio show 'till I die," he says. "I enjoy offering nice music every Sunday morning. People really do appreciate having classical music to wake up to."



Rita Grace--March 1 is a landmark day in the history of Evergreen. On that day in 1967, the college was signed into law. Two years later, same day, Rita Grace was hired as administrative assistant to the president. "When I arrived, my desk was covered with all the paperwork people hadn't been able to get to," she recalls. Job one was making a filing system. At the time, about a dozen people were putting the college together under the leadership of Faculty Member Charles McCann, then president. Ken Winkley, associate vice president, along with Grace and McCann, are the only folks still on campus from those early days. Founding faculty members were hired six months later.

Today, the original filing system is still in use, Grace has been right-hand person to four presidents and 19 board members, and has grown along with the college. "It's really amazing to see the reality of dreams, and I think one of the most interesting things is that each president served at a time when their particular skills were needed," she says.

"Rita is a real gem," says Winkley. "She has been a key person in the life of this college and she does her part very, very well. Her nineteen years of dedicated, efficient and caring service is a plus that all Evergreeners benefit from every day."

"Evergreen has given me a lot of confidence and I've experienced a lot of growth here," she says. And don't forget, in her spare time, Rita is one heck of a dirt bike rider!

Evergreeners in the News

Greeners on the Air--Faculty Member Russ Lidman can be heard on KPLU FM (88.5) every other Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. Lidman, who directs the Washington State Institute for Public Policy, is a guest commentator on the popular "Fresh Air" news show. His next talk, concerning trade with Japan, will be featured on the June 14 show. Geoduck trivia quiz: name the KPLU afternoon news director. Yep, Guy Nelson '86.

Greener Staffers Graduate--Hours of work each week have been topped with hours of studying and class time for several Greener staffers--some for several years. This weekend, it all pays off. Congratulations to Evergreen staffers: Helen Gilmore of Facilities earns a B.S.; Glenda Pegram, Registration and Records, B.A.; Colleen Wine, Hillaire Advising Center (KEY Special Services), M.P.A., and Robert Rensel, Electronic Maintenance and Engineering, who earns a B.A.

EVERGREENERS IN THE NEWS, Cont.

Change Begins in Tacoma--Since 1982 she's been at the helm of Evergreen's Tacoma Program. Now Maxine Mimms is involved in an "image change." "I'm phasing out, while other faculty are phasing in. I think it's a model that's needed in higher education," says Mimms. Joye Hardiman will take on the role of acting director while Mimms takes on more of a teaching role. After a year, Mimms will take a year's sabbatical, then teach another quarter or two before deciding on a retirement date. "I'm there to lend Joye total back up. Joye has been my back-up all these years, now I'll help her."

Mimms has seen 500 students begin studies in Tacoma, with nearly 400 earning bachelor's degrees. Of those, 21 have earned master's degrees, two are M.D.s and one has a Ph.D. Half of the program's students are black, the average age is 42 and classes are held at night. Doors close at 10:30 p.m.

"I'm preparing mentally for physically retiring," says Mimms. "I'm not passing on a job, I'm passing on an institution, and Joye will pass it on to others, and eventually to my grandchildren."

Mimms's idea of retirement involves working in Africa or the Carribean to start an institution similar to Evergreen. "I think Evergreen is wonderful, and want to see to it that Evergreens are placed around the world."

Fellowships and Honors--Faculty Member Virginia Darney will spend the summer at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, at the Center for 20th Century Studies, thanks to a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship. The summer seminar is called "Literary Criticism and Feminist Theory," and Darney will apply her studies to a paper about South African author Mariam Tlali.

Evergreen Trustee Kay Boyd was honored by Safeplace as one of three individuals and three organizations who have done exceptional work in the community, especially in the area of combating domestic violence and sexual assault. She was awarded a plaque at the Safeplace Community Recognition and Benefit Auction in May. "Politically and personally, Kay is dedicated to ending violence against women and children. She's been a supporter of Safeplace for a number of years," says Marianne Garza, development coordinator for Safeplace.

Nancy Koppelman, who earned her bachelor's degree this year, and Barbara Smith, academic dean, co-presented a paper at the National Conference on Student Centered Learning at Western Washington University. The paper was entitled "Student Centered Learning: The View from Evergreen."

Photo Show--The best work of 15 Evergreen student photographers will show in Gallery II through the summer. The opening is at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 8.

Cash For Your Thoughts--Congratulations to Kurt Pohl of Facilities who was awarded \$1,200 by the Governor's Productivity Board for his suggestion that saved the state \$12,000 annually. Pohl learned that it's cheaper to take the college's garbage to a different landfill. If you have a good, money-saving idea for Evergreen, or for any state agency, get your "Brainstorm" suggestion form from the Personnel Office. If the idea flies, you'll receive cash for your idea!