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Mother's Day is arriving late at The Evergreen State College. What's more it was planned that way as part of an academic study program.

More than 60 students enrolled in the Western Civilization Coordinated Studies program will use the belated celebration Friday to conclude a quarter-long project on the lives of their mothers.

"We've each had to prepare an in-depth biography on our mothers and have had to present them to the group," Evergreen Faculty Member Karin Syverson said. "What better way to conclude our research than to present our mothers in person?"

The presentation, which will begin at noon Friday, will include a student-cooked luncheon in the Evergreen library, a seminar session on what it's like to grow up in America, a two-hour program of original student entertainment, and a 4 o'clock tea.

The day's activities are a natural conclusion to the year-long academic study program which has focused on the moral problems of Classical Greece and American civilizations.

"Mothers transmit culture to their young," Ms. Syverson said. They also offer a women's point of view on what life in twentieth century America has been like --- a viewpoint not readily available from books or other sources."

Students have been interviewing their mothers for the past quarter and have been compiling information for written reports, video tapes, portraits, dance, and art presentations.

"The mothers have really been sharing their lives with their children," she said. "Now, their children want to share part of their lives --- that part spent at Evergreen --- with their mothers."

Ms. Syverson said she and the other two faculty members involved in the academic program --- Mark Levensky and Thad Curtz --- have also completed biographies on their mothers.

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"We, like the students, found that our perspectives have changed a bit," she said.

"Most of us have grown in our appreciation for our mothers. And, we've gained some objectivity about them and their lives that we didn't have before."