

May 3, 1973

## may get our own museum

### EVERGREEN ENVIRONMENT STUDENTS OFF TO ARIZONA

An Evergreen Museum of Natural History may be the end result of a four-week trip to Arizona for 29 students and two faculty members. After spending more than seven months studying the environment of the coniferous forest around campus, the students took to the road Tuesday to study environments sharply different from those of western Washington.

The trip, which will take the young scientists through Oregon, California, Nevada and Arizona, will include two weeks of intensive study at the Southwestern Research Station of the American Museum of Natural History in Portal, Arizona. "We'll be collecting specimens and conducting field research all the way to Arizona," Faculty Member Steve Herman said. "Once there, we'll work with professional researchers, studying the five different life zones and the wide variety of biotypes found in the center's unspoiled environment."

### MUSEUM NOT MAIN PURPOSE OF TRIP

Specimens will be collected at the Arizona station, which is one of five field stations operated by the American Museum of Natural History. Those specimens, along with others gathered during the field trip, will form the beginnings of an Evergreen Museum of Natural History. Prime purpose of the trip is not to establish the museum, Herman said, "but to expose students to different environments and to give them an opportunity to compare the high degree of skills they have developed with those of the professional researchers with whom they'll be working in Arizona."

Enrolled in a group contract called The Evergreen Environment, the students have undergone intensive training in scientific writing, data collection, statistical methods, computer programming, organism identification and ecological sampling techniques. Program activities have included several off-campus field trips in the Pacific Northwest, coupled with nature walks through campus to catalog and observe different types of wildlife. Students have also attended weekly computer workshops and have participated in numerous other activities. Study topics have included instruction on taking field notes, compiling field journals, using the library, identifying birds and plants, writing research proposals and surveying.

### PAPERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN JOURNALS

Not content with compiling reports for their own academic development, students have submitted their research papers for publication in national scientific journals. Research papers include articles on "Activity Patterns of the Mountain Beaver," "Winter Ecology of a Small Estuarine Pond," "Relationships between Sediment Size and Distribution of Four Species of Clams," and a study of campus forest vegetation.

"The work they've completed is highly unusual for undergraduates," Herman said. "That it will be published in professional journals is indicative of the high degree of skills they have developed." Acquiring those skills meant spending 18-hour days in the Laboratory building for long, seven-day weeks, Herman added. "I've often left campus at 2 a.m. with students still doing research in the chemistry labs."

The May field trip will give students a chance to apply their skills in a variety of different ecosystems. They'll stop at a bird refuge near Burns, Oregon, and at the Stillwater Wildlife Management Area near Fallon, Nevada; Deep Springs College in California; Death Valley National Monument; Lake Mead National Recreation Area; and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum near Tucson before they visit the research station in Portal.

The group, which left Olympia in six heavily-loaded cars, plans to camp all along the way, sharing meals of granola for breakfast and peanut butter or cheese sandwiches for lunch. "Dinner will be eaten in one of five food groups," Herman said. "The groups have labels somewhat indicative of the kinds of things we'll eat: the Vegetarians M and M's and Moonshine, Slop Pots, Texas Grubbers, and You Are What You Eat."

The student travelers, accompanied by Herman, an animal ecologist, and Faculty Member Al Wiedemann, a plant ecologist, are expected home by the first of June.

WILLIAMS NAMED HOUSING MANAGER

Kathy Williams, 26, formerly of Eugene, Oregon, has been appointed housing manager. The appointment, which takes effect immediately, was announced May 1 by John Moss, who was recently named Evergreen's Director of Auxiliary Services.

Ms. Williams, who has been housing activities coordinator since December, assumes the post formerly held by Gerald Burke. But, according to Moss, the job is a different one. "Ms. Williams will serve as an operation manager --- in charge of day-to-day activities --- rather than as a policy maker," Moss said.

A graduate of North Eugene, Oregon High School, Ms. Williams studied journalism and public relations at the University of Oregon for three and a half years. She managed a student apartment house near the U. of O. campus for 18 months. She has also worked as a clerk for Thurston County Superior Court Judge Hewitt A. Henry, and has worked with the Human Affairs Council.

An open door policy is the first goal Ms. Williams has as manager of the housing office. "I want students to feel they can come into our office any time, that their problems or complaints will be listened to and acted upon," she said. "Our goal at Evergreen is to create a whole learning environment, which includes the major percentage of students' time spent in their private residences."

She said the one major change in operation of housing will be a switch from month-to-month lease agreements to longer term leases. "Next year students will lease apartments for one, two or three quarters," she said. "It will cut down costs for us and, hopefully, will insure a steadier rate of occupancy in the student apartments and modular housing units."

MOSS SETTING UP AUXILIARY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

John Moss, recently named Director of Auxiliary Services, has called for creation of an advisory council to initially aid him in creation of "an explicit statement of goals and objectives" for operation of Housing, Bookstore, Food Services, conferences and the College Activities Building. Five students and five faculty or staff members will be selected at random by computer for the council, which will be asked to periodically review the goals and objectives it creates. First meeting of the new council will probably be held next week, Moss said.

200 ENTRIES SUBMITTED TO MAY 6 POETRY CONTEST

More than 200 entries have been submitted to the 1973 Carol and Herbert Fuller Poetry Award Contest, sponsored by the two Olympia attorneys and Evergreen as part of the Governor's Festival of the Arts. Winners of the contest will be announced Sunday beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Evergreen Library.

Thirty-six poets submitted 173 poems in the senior division (for those 18 and older) and 26 poets submitted 53 poems in the junior division. All poets are residents of Thurston, Mason or Lewis Counties.

Three recognized poets from the Pacific Northwest --- Dale Nelson of Olympia and Margaret Hodge and Kenneth Osborn, both of Seattle --- are judging the entries.

Entertainment for the evening presentations will be provided by Portland jazz musician Michael Jarrett and Osborn, editor of the Madronna, a Northwest literary magazine.

beyond the budget

LEGISLATIVE BILLS IMPACT HIGHER EDUCATION

Bills creating a Higher Education Assistance Authority to provide financial aid for needy and disadvantaged students and directing a study of reciprocity with other states on relief from payment of non-resident fees were among the many new laws enacted during the 1973 Legislative session. In all, legislators approved 52 measures having a direct or indirect impact on colleges and universities, according to a summary by Robert Carr, Director of the Office of Interinstitutional Business Studies, headquartered at Evergreen.

The financial aid measure (Senate Bill 2407) authorizes a Higher Education Assistance Authority to create a student loan program to be managed by a 12-member board. The program is designed to "render a substantial level of assistance to needy students," according to Carr.

The bill dealing with fees (Senate Concurrent Resolution 108), directs the Legislative Joint Committee on Higher Education, the Council on Higher Education, and the State Board for Community Colleges to continue a study of reciprocity with other states on means to find relief from payment of non-resident fees. Results of the study are to be transmitted to the next regular session of the Legislature.

Highlights of other major higher education bills:

House Bill 235--Broadens tuition exemptions for children of Southeast Asia prisoners of war and military personnel missing in action to include all fees rather than just tuition. It also includes Summer Quarter tuition and fees in the broader exemption.

House Bill 435--Includes several major changes in the Public Employees' Retirement System.

House Bill 442--Authorizes higher education institutions to exempt from payment of tuition and other fees children of law enforcement officers or fire fighters who lost their lives or became totally disabled in line of duty while employed by a public law enforcement agency or full-time or voluntary fire department in Washington.

House Bill 489--Amends the state Civil Service Law and the State Higher Education Personnel Law by allowing employees represented by an exclusive bargaining representative to vote whether to require--as a condition of employment--membership in the bargaining representative's organization after the 30th day of employment. The bill also allows members to pay dues only and not participate in union activities if they object to membership on religious grounds, but they must pay dues in any event. The law specifies that a union shall be created if a majority of employees in a bargaining unit votes in favor. (Another measure--House Bill 1099--requires a majority vote of employees included within a bargaining unit to rescind a union shop voted in under provisions of House Bill 489.)

House Bill 720--Establishes the Washington State Data Processing Authority. Gives the Authority jurisdiction over all data processing in state agencies, including higher education. Eliminates the old Data Processing Advisory Committee and removes all authority of the Office of Program Planning and Fiscal Management in data processing activities.

Senate Bill 2226---Establishes a landlord tenant act. Specifies obligations and rights of both parties. College and university on-campus housing excluded from provisions of the act; however, off-campus apartments owned by an institution are not excluded.

Senate Bill 2739---Language concerning pledging of student services and activities fees for construction bonds was clarified by this bill. No changes in present practice resulted from the measure.

Persons interested in the numbers and general subject matter of other legislative acts affecting higher education (most of them to a lesser degree than above) may get further information by contacting the Office of College Relations (753-3125), Library Office 3114.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE PERSONS SOUGHT

Persons with skills they would like to share are invited to the classrooms of Olympia school children next fall. A search is on for community resource persons "who can share their hobbies, their occupations and/or their skills with children from grades kindergarten through twelve," according to Ms. Coke Funkhouser of the Olympia School District. Interested persons can sign up anytime between now and next fall for the presentations, and they can select the age group of students with whom they'd like to work, Ms. Funkhouser

said. All members of the Evergreen community are invited to contact Ms. Funkhouser at 943-3493 for further information.

#### EVERGREENERS INVITED TO WWSC RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND

Evergreen students have been invited to attend an elaborate two-day Renaissance Festival at Fairhaven College at Western Washington State College in Bellingham this weekend. Drama, music, miming, juggling, folk dancing, games, food, and mead are all on tap for the weekend. Persons in Renaissance costumes are especially welcome and Evergreeners without accommodations can check in at WWSC student union building. Ask for Allen Youngquist, chairman of the event.

#### NEWS BRIEFS

...Amateur photographers from Thurston and Mason Counties are invited to submit film entrees to Evergreen's Bent Reel Film Festival to be held May 19 in the Library beginning at 8 p.m. Organized by students in the Cinema Studies program, the festival competition is open to all interested amateur film makers. Entries, which must be submitted by May 12, may include Super 8, Regular 8 or 16 millimeter films. Both black and white and color movies---with or without sound---will be accepted. Interested persons can contact Faculty Member Gordon Beck, Library 2114, or call 753-3975.

...May 11 is the deadline for submission of art works to the Evergreen Community Art Show to be held May 15-19. Sponsored by the Visual Environment Board, the show will be held in the main foyer of the Library. All varieties of art works will be accepted. Fee of 50 cents per entry will be charged for each item entered. Cash prizes will be awarded. Entries should be submitted to Steve Bolliger, room 305, College Recreation Center (753-3388).

...Batik workshop, conducted by student Liza McDonell, will be held May 3,4, and 5, beginning at 2 p.m. each day in the Laboratory Building. Open to all persons, the workshop costs \$5 to cover materials. Call 753-3388 for more information.

...Ed Deary captured first place in the Spring Quarter bicycle race held April 25 on the campus parkway. With a time of 13.49 minutes, Deary averaged 28 miles per hour in the race which saw Dennis Palmer come in second at 13.53 and Art Whitson, third with a time of 14.05. Rhoda Fleishman finished first in the women's division with a time of 18.05; Phyllis Lee came in second at 18.35.

...Four Evergreen students will attend a three-day conference sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency in Seattle May 2-4. Topic of the conference is "Air Pollution Control." The four students, whose trip was arranged by Associate Dean Oscar Soule, are; Jerry Monosmith, John Ancock, Christine Bell and Kathleen Baker.

...Ventilation, heating, and cooling and lighting systems are being shut down after hours to cut costs, according to Don Parry, Director of Plant Operations. Hours of the shut-downs vary according to use schedules of the numerous campus buildings.

...Evergreen's Mudbay Ruggers won two and lost two games in the Golden Gate Rugby Tournament held in San Francisco last weekend. The 20-member Evergreen squad placed 18 out of 24 teams, defeating The San Fernando Valley Browns 6 to 4, and the Crown City, Pasadena ruggers 14-24. They were defeated by the North Counties Rugby Club of San Francisco and a team called the Ciscos of the United States.

#### EVERGREENERS IN THE NEWS

...Admissions Director Dave Brown served as chairman of the Registration and Information Committee at the Western Regional Conference of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors held in Los Angeles April 12-14. Eighteen states sent representatives to the meeting, at which Brown coordinated a college admissions fair sponsored by the association and attended by more than 1000 students and their parents.

...Faculty Member Don Chan recently served as an adjudicator for the Washington Music Educator's Competition, Southwest Division, held in Chehalis. Chan said his duties included providing constructive criticism of student musical performers.

...Pete Steilberg and Ed King, director and assistant director of recreation and campus activities, have been named to the Tri-City Coordinating Committee, a group being organized by the Olympia Parks and Recreation Department to help plan and coordinate recreation activities in Thurston County.

...Faculty Member Linda Kahan will speak to the University Triads, an Olympia women's group, May 16. Topic of her talk will be the two-week river raft trip through the Grand Canyon, which she and members of the Life on Earth study program undertook early in Spring Quarter.