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NEWS RELEASE---Evergreen State College's First Catalog Presented To Evans

OLYMPIA: The first copy of the initial catalog published by the Evergreen State College at Olympia was presented to Governor Dan Evans today by Evergreen President Charles J. McCann and members of the Board of Trustees.

Evergreen, the first public four-year college authorized in Washington during the 20th Century, open September 27 to 1,000 students--including freshmen, transfers and adults. The college was created by action of the 1967 State Legislature and Governor Evans.

Evergreen's first catalog is a 168-page book describing the college's goals, objectives, programs, policies and services. The book is described in an opening letter from President McCann to students, staff and the public as a "catalog with a difference...because it is a prospectus; proposals of activities yet to happen."

"Future Evergreen catalogs will continue to be prospectuses and they will be year books, containing accounts of what will have happened here the previous year," the letter states. "But in this first Evergreen catalog you have no history to go by; you can judge whether you are likely to find a match for your interests only by what is said here."

Most of the catalog is devoted to detailed explanations of the college's two credit-generating options--Coordinated Studies and Contracted Studies.

Coordinated Studies are cooperative learning enterprises usually involving 100 students and five faculty from different fields, studying a common topic or problem from a multiple perspective.

Contracted Studies are arranged so that students--either as individuals or in small groups--may sign up with a faculty or other college sponsor to earn credit by doing a specific project, carrying out an investigation, mastering a skill or dealing with a body of subject matter to pursue a specialty.

Evergreen's catalog also includes descriptions of credit, academic standing, the distribution of academic work, methods of student evaluation, counseling services, housing accommodations, food services, admissions policies, registration procedures, student costs and physical and academic support facilities.

Copies of the catalog may be obtained by writing to:

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