CORONER'S JURY RULES SCHNEIDER'S DEATH SUICIDE

A six-man Thurston County Coroner's inquest jury Wednesday unanimously declared the October 3 death of 18-year-old Evergreen student Vicki Faye Schneider a suicide and recommended that no further action be taken in the case. County Prosecutor Pat Sutherland said that, as far as his office is concerned, "the case is closed." He added that typed transcripts of the inquest proceedings, as well as evidence and exhibits, will be filed as public records with the County Clerk within two weeks.

The verdict was issued after about 90 minutes of deliberating Wednesday morning following a nine-hour proceeding on Tuesday, during which 24 witnesses appeared before Coroner Hollis Fultz and the jurors. Sutherland directed the examination of witnesses, including investigating sheriff's officers, a psychiatrist, a medical examiner, members of the McLane Fire District, and several Evergreen students, staff, and faculty members.

Dr. Richard Price of Olympia, who performed the autopsy of the Evergreen student, said her death was caused by massive injuries suffered in "a fall from a significant height." He said an abdominal knife wound suffered by the student "was not the cause of death."

WENT OFF THE ROOF

Sheriff's Deputy Dwight Caron testified that tests conducted by dropping a weighted dummy from various elevations on Evergreen's 10-story Residence Hall "A" indicated to his complete satisfaction that "she went off the roof, not out of a window." He added that further investigations showed "no indication of foul play or other activity involving this girl in any way."

Deputy Paul Barclift, who coordinated the investigation, told the jury that the knife wound "was consistent with that which would have been self-inflicted by a right-handed person...entering the abdomen on a 45 degree slant downward." He and other witnesses theorized that the student either stabbed herself and jumped off the roof or that the knife--from the kitchen in her apartment complex in nearby five-story Building "B"--was carried with her when she jumped and entered her body upon impact, snapping off below the handle as she hit the ground.

Evergreen Security Director Rod Marrom said he feels Schneider "jumped of her own volition, carried the knife with her and that it entered her body on impact." "There is no evidence anyone was with her," he added.

Schneider's roommates and other students who had met her during the approximately ten days she was on campus prior to her death characterized her as "quiet...unhappy...depressed...a person who conversed little with others...despondent." Writings found in her room indicated "a pre-occupation with death," witnesses said.

Olympia psychiatrist James Bremner said Schneider's writings, particularly the latest ones, indicated that "this person clearly intended suicide." Dr. Harlan McNutt, Tacoma psychiatrist who also read the student's papers, said in a letter to the inquest jury that "the tone" of the materials indicated the writer "was actively contemplating suicide." He said the papers were "equivalent of a suicide note, supporting a conclusion that she died by her own hand."

Sheriff's Detective Hank Baessen, a handwriting expert, testified that he examined the papers and compared them with documents containing Schneider's writing. "There is no question all of the writings found in the room were done by Vicki," he said. Toward the end of the inquest, Evergreen Faculty Member Carol Olea testified that late the afternoon of...
Oct. 2 — the day before Schneider's death — she (Olexa) encountered a young male campus visitor, who asked for campus directions and said, 'I have to find Vicki May Schneider.' Pressed by Prosecutor Sutherland, Olexa said, to her best recollection, that was the name the man — described as 5-10, blonde, weighing 160-165 pounds — mentioned. Olexa said the man's demeanor alarmed her.

No other evidence was introduced concerning the visitor, his whereabouts, or whom he might have seen while on campus.

EVERGREEN-MCLANE MEDIC I UNIT READY FOR DUTY

The fourth and final Medic I emergency unit stands ready and waiting to answer emergency calls thanks to the combined efforts of the McLane Fire Department, County Officials, and staff members of Evergreen's Office of Facilities.

The new unit, which was completed the end of this week, is based at Evergreen. But, according to McLane Fire Chief Charles Allison, the vehicle will service all of McLane Fire District Nine and will be available for use throughout Thurston County.

The vehicle—a Ford parcel delivery van—was purchased by Evergreen, which also paid for converting the van into an ambulance. Conversion specifications were drafted by Evergreen Architect Bill Knauss and have served as the prototype for all four of the Thurston County Medic I vehicles.

Knauss estimates that the completed emergency vehicle cost the college about $13,000, which, he says, "is about $6,000 less than it would have cost to purchase a fully equipped ambulance."

Cost of operating the new vehicle will be borne by the county. And Chief Allison estimates the van will get heavy use.

"We've already answered 45 calls for our aid car during the month of October," he said, "and I'd guess we'll have at least as many calls now that the McLane-Evergreen Medic I unit is available."

Total cost for operating the Medic I program is approximately $300,000 for all four units, Allison said. Continued operation of the system will depend on passage of the $250,000 Medic I bond issue before Thurston County voters Tuesday (Nov. 5). Allison explained that the total cost includes a $50,000 grant supplied by the federal government to help cover radio equipment expenses. Thus, he said, Thurston County voters are not asked to fund the entire amount.

The new Evergreen-McLane Medic I unit will be staffed 24 hours a day by McLane personnel who are trained fire fighters with Emergency Medical Technician training. The two men on duty are backed up by a dozen volunteers with EMT training, including four Evergreen students who are assigned to the McLane stations—one of which is on Evergreen's campus, the other on the Mud Bay Road.

The four student EMTs are Olaf Erickson, Todd Boorkman, Bill Freeburg and Brian Woods. Two other Evergreen students, Burnell Hill and Miles Schneider, are currently taking EMT training.

Allison said a number of other Evergreen students are working for the two McLane stations, and "three of our original Evergreen student fire fighters are now working, full-time firemen for us." The three are Mike Harris, Joe Bushnell and Jon Larsen.

Art Carter, an Evergreen graduate who was also one of McLane's first student fire fighters, is now a full-time paramedic with the Lacey Fire Department.

BUSINESS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO BE EXPLAINED

Business Manager Ken Winkley has organized a two-hour workshop to explain business policies and procedures at Evergreen to interested staff persons. The program, he says "is primarily designed for secretaries but is open to anyone who is concerned with financial administration at the budgetary unit level."

The two-hour program will be held Nov. 5 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall Three. Those persons who are interested but cannot attend will have another opportunity to do so in "about a month," Winkley said.

MCCANN TO KEYNOTE RECREATION CONFERENCE

Evergreen President Charles J. McCann will be the keynote speaker at the 27th annual Washington Recreation and Parks Society Conference Nov. 7 at the Greenwood Inn in Olympia.
McCann, who will address the group at 8 p.m., will discuss the conference theme, "Resources Produce Services."

APPLICATIONS FOR CPJ EDITOR SOUGHT

Applications for editor of the Cooper Point Journal have been called for by the Publications Board. Deadline for submission of applications to Library room 1602 is 9 a.m., Nov. 22. CPJ Faculty Advisor Margaret Gribskov said the Publications Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 22 to begin reviewing applications so an editor can be selected before the end of Fall Quarter.

Former CPJ Managing Editor Bill Hirshman is currently serving as acting editor. He assumed the title following the recent resignation of Skip Berger, who served as editor for the past seven months.

In other Pub Board news, Andy Ryan has resigned as the CPJ staff representative to the board, and as advertising manager of the paper. Other members of the CPJ governing board include Faculty Member Tom Foote, Staff Member Don Von Volkenburg, students Mark Hatch and Linda Simpson, and professional newsman Ken Balsley of the Lacey Leader.

CO-OP OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE THAN 2,000 INTERNSHIPS

Opportunities for more than 2,000 internships in 20 states and two foreign countries abound in the latest issue of the Co-Op Catalog, published by the Evergreen Office of Cooperative Education. The 95-page document offers a wide variety of job descriptions in each of 12 professional areas, whose locations vary from Washougal, Washington to Kaneo, Hawaii, Australia to Canada, Washington, D.C. to Idaho Falls, Idaho. Each internship allows Evergreen students to earn full academic credit --- and often a salary --- while gaining on-the-job training which complements their undergraduate study programs.

Included among the more than 800 individual job descriptions are opportunities to: work in the City of Richland developing a comprehensive plan, organize a recreation program in Florence, Oregon; monitor the Seattle Municipal Court; work as a consumer advocate in New York City; work with juvenile paroles in Colorado Springs, Colorado, or learn first hand the art of lithography in Los Angeles, California.

Other internship possibilities include developing an environmental education program in Juneau, Alaska, working as a therapy technician in Idaho Falls, Idaho, helping geriatrics patients in Fife, assisting the professional staff of the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History, or studying acting, directing and management at an Oklahoma City theater. Students can also work as veterinary assistants in Wilsonville, Oregon, as health aides in Mt. Vernon, as avalanche research assistants in Aspen, Colorado, or as environmental research assistants in Honolulu, Hawaii. They can also study farm work, fire fighting, horse training or yoga.

The variety of internship descriptions includes 90 individual internship possibilities in the field of education, 84 in social work, 79 in administration, management and finance. Other areas and the number of job descriptions offered include counseling, 69; graphics, media and public relations, 61; science and research, 48; law and political science, 46; arts and humanities, 38; law enforcement and corrections, 33; medical sciences, 30; environmental and urban planning, 26; and others 11.

Persons interested in obtaining more information about Evergreen's internship program are invited to stop by the Co-Op Office, Laboratory Building 1020, or call 866-6391.

BLOOD DRIVE SET FOR NOV. 5

More than a 100 volunteers are needed to donate blood Nov. 5 when the King County Central Blood Bank team arrives on campus. The quarterly blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the main lobby of the library.

Last year the Community Blood Resource Center provided more than 75,000 pints of blood to local patients at no charge except for material and laboratory expenses. The Center estimates that a minimum of 250 volunteer donors are needed EACH DAY to meet the urgent demand for blood. The Blood Bank team from Seattle can continue visiting Evergreen once a quarter ONLY if a minimum 100 pints of blood is donated each visit.

If you're healthy and able, your help --- and your blood --- are needed Nov. 5.
ESSENTIA FILM TAKES THREE AWARDS

"A Thousand Suns," a film made by Gilbert Film Associates in cooperation with Essentia, Evergreen and the Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has won three awards: "Creative Excellence in Audio/Visual Communications" from the U.S. Industrial Film Festival; Gold Medal (first place) from the Atlanta International Film Festival, and Jury Award from the San Francisco International Film Festival.

AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHERS DISPLAY WORKS AT EVERGREEN

An exhibit of the works of Paul Strand and Edward S. Curtis, a pair of internationally known American photographers, went on display Oct. 29 in the Evergreen Art Gallery. The exhibit, to be shown in gallery space in the second floor reference section of the Library through Nov. 8, is open to the public without charge during regular library operating hours.

Sponsored by Evergreen's Visual Environment Group, the exhibit includes Strand's "Mexican Portfolio," a collection of photogravure prints of work done in Mexico in 1932 and 1933, and selected Curtis prints of Northwest Indians and their culture.

NEW CATALOG OFFERS GUIDE TO SELF-PACED LEARNING

If you've ever wanted to learn the basics of genetics, refresh your mind on infrared spectroscopy, learn how to work a camera or even how to operate a slide rule, there's a new catalog available on campus that just might be your answer.

Organized by the Self-Paced Learning Laboratory, the catalog offers a complete inventory of those self-paced learning units which are readily available to all Evergreeners at the touch of a finger. The SPLUs, many of them developed by Evergreeners, offer individual instruction in everything from basic music reading to ceramics glaze chemistry, radiocarbon dating, calculus, emission spectroscopy, laboratory techniques for chemistry, and dark room techniques for beginning photographers.

Idea behind both the catalog and the SPLUs themselves is to "provide flexible learning situations suitable to individual needs as necessary," according to the catalog introduction. The self-paced instructional sequences are designed for use in the SPL lab, first floor of the Laboratory Building (rooms 1037-1047). Hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Equipment is available in the SPL center to conduct most of the experiments outlined in the learning sequences. Student tutors are also on hand to help those who may not be familiar with the organization of materials or operation of machinery.

If you're interested in expanding your understanding of any particular academic area or even just curious about SPLUs and the now fully operational center, stop by the Laboratory Building. Copies of the new catalog are available on request and helpful persons stand ready to assist you.

PAPWORTH TO SPEAK AT ECCO LUNCHEON

Faculty Member Mark Papworth will be the featured speaker at a Fall luncheon of the Evergreen College Community Organization Nov. 6 at noon at the Jacaranda Restaurant in downtown Olympia. Papworth, a widely-traveled professor of anthropology, will discuss: "Population Explosion --- Yesterday and Today."

Persons interested in attending the $3 per plate luncheon are asked to make reservations by calling Carole Layton, 866-4068.

CANADIAN POET TO READ OWN WORKS NOV. 7

Canadian poet Robert Sward will present a reading of his own poems Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. in the orange lounge near the periodicals section in the third floor of the Library proper. Sward, who has published numerous volumes of poetry, operates a small press in Victoria, British Columbia. His appearance, sponsored by Eye-5, is free and open to the public.