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"WE'RE AHEAD," SAID EVERGREEN'S PRESIDENT DAN EVANS, SETTING AN OPTIMISTIC TONE REGARDING ENROLLMENT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES meeting last Thursday, April 14.

"We're not only doing better than last year, but we're doing significantly better than other institutions," commented Evans on Evergreen's number of overall applicants for admission next fall. Evergreen's current enrollment for spring quarter tops 2359 with an annual average of 2270. The increase comes from a higher percentage of new students, returning and part-time students, plus a higher number of Third World students.

Much of the discussion during the Trustees meeting evolved around current issues in legislation. Evans explained a proposal under consideration to abandon existing budget formulas used to distribute financing between Washington State educational institutions. The formulas would be replaced with financing based on an annual average of students and faculty at each institution, which would create a problem for all educational facilities. For example, if enrollment was 50 students above annual average at an institution during a given quarter, that institution would be obligated to find additional financing of \$5000 per student.

Currently, The House of Representatives has allocated an annual enrollment average of 2209 students for Evergreen. "We'll be caught in a terrible Catch-22 situation if this passes," said Evans.

The Trustees also discussed funding for Evergreen's new gymnasium, which is pending legislative approval on the college's capital budget and the outcome of the Aquatic Lands Bill and the State Debt Ceiling Bill.

Also pending legislative action is funding of Evergreen's summer school. The House of Representatives opted for a self-sustaining tuition fee instead of a state-supported summer session, while the Senate's position remains unclear. The Trustees approved both proposals and will act according to legislative outcome. If the summer session becomes self-sustaining, full-time tuition for resident undergraduates will be \$339 and \$1070 for non-resident undergraduates.

Evergreen's housing conditions will improve soon as the Trustees passed a 7 percent increase for rental rates, which will allow necessary carpeting, painting, replacement of hot water heaters in the Mods, and coverage of inflationary costs. In the past two years, fuel rates increased 38 percent, electricity increased 54 percent, and water and sewage increased 60 percent. In spite of these increases, rental rates did not rise during the 1982-83 fiscal year. The increase also will allow Housing to hire two more full-time staff members. Due to lack of funding, three of six full-time employees were laid off last year. The 7 percent increase at Evergreen compares to an 8 percent increase at Central, 10 percent at

Eastern and 8.4 percent at W.S.U. -- which all raised their rental rates last year.

The Trustees welcomed new Vice President and Provost Dr. Patrick Hill, who will leave his position at the State University of New York at Stony Brook to assume his duties at Evergreen on June 1. The Board also heard a presentation by the Alumni Association's President Patrick Seaton and first Vice President Julie Grant. Seaton outlined three long-range goals of the association: to promote the value of an Evergreen degree, to become influential in Evergreen's decision-making process and to identify and meet the needs of alumni. "We're a unique group," said Seaton. "We don't have pensions or even tickets on the 50-yard line. We join through a commitment to the college."

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12.

IT WAS A TROUBLED OPTIMIST WHO VISITED THE EVERGREEN CAMPUS RECENTLY, telling several audiences that the need to challenge old assumptions is the key to the future. Former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, at Evergreen as the guest speaker for the third annual President's Symposium, hammered hard at the theme of questioning old views, learning from mistakes, and making conservation the answer for tomorrow.

In a free public address entitled "Requiem for the Atomic Age" on Wednesday, April 13, Udall cited Washington's current problems with the Washington Public Power Supply System's construction of new nuclear plants as evidence for the need to challenge assumptions. "We can't point our finger at anyone and say they're to blame," Udall said. He posed the question, "How did the Northwest, with the best, cheapest, and most abundant power in the United States, stumble into an economic and environmental disaster?"

"What happened here is just a microcosm of what has happened in the United States," he said. Udall pointed out that when the Atomic Age burst on the scene, public leaders were in awe, ignorant and unwilling to assume responsibility. A number of predictions were made for the future, touting nuclear power as the hope and salvation of mankind.

"We believed it, because it was the gospel," he recalled. "Atomic power would make life better for everyone. What a cruel hoax that has turned out to be." Udall remembered that at one time America was going to use atomic power to desalinate sea water, build a new Panama Canal and create cheap, abundant electricity.

"Our space program reinforced that belief--that through technology, we could do anything."

In a talk before local and state college and community leaders, Udall reinforced his theme of challenging old ideas. "We need to question past concepts," he said. "If we do that, we'll find that

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conservation is the key to the future."

Udall ended his talks on an optimistic note. "Our country performs best when it's in trouble," he said. "We'll find a way out if we learn from the past. If we learn from our mistakes, we'll cope."

While on campus, Udall also met with high school students and teachers, Evergreen environmental seminar groups, and took a walking tour of the Nisqually Delta Wildlife Refuge, which was created while he was Secretary of the Interior. Udall was the third speaker sponsored by the President's Symposium. Previous guests have been Washington columnist David Broder and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker.

ADMISSION FOR SPRING QUARTER IS ALMOST RIGHT ON TARGET ACCORDING to Evergreen's Director of Institutional Research Steve Hunter. A headcount shows 2,359 students at Evergreen for Spring Quarter with an FTE of 2,112. Actual enrollment is down 6 percent, but funding has also declined by 6.5 percent. The annual average FTE for the year is 2,270. "We finished almost right on target," Hunter said. "Our enrollment is down, but our funding is down as well." Evergreen was funded for 2,460 students in 1982 and 2,300 in 1983.

Hunter said the yield from the applicant pool is up 2 percent and the yield from admissions is up 9 percent.

Retention of degree-seeking students from Winter Quarter to Spring Quarter is also up, 1.5 percent.

"Fall quarter applications are up over last year," Hunter said. "We're one of the few public institutions whose applications are better this year than last year."

BUOYED BY BOUNCY FOLK MUSIC AND A BOUNTIFUL SUPPLY OF GREEN BALLOONS STENCILED "GRADUATE," an estimated 1200 enthusiastic Evergreen supporters gathered in a light drizzle at noon last Friday, April 22, in downtown Olympia's Sylvester Park to applaud a parade of speakers as they sang the praises of a well-known but sometimes criticized local resource--The Evergreen State College.

Dubbed the Evergreen Unity Rally, the demonstration marked the first time local officials had made their approval of Evergreen so vocal and visible. The Rally was the climax of a groundswell of pro-Evergreen sentiment that began the previous Monday when word got out of yet another legislative move to close the college. Although the abortive proposal, which would have budgeted Evergreen for only one more year, was alive just two days--having been born in a budget meeting of the Senate Democratic Caucus in the waning hours of the previous Sunday and killed by a Caucus vote late Tuesday afternoon--the outcry raised by city, county and state officials and other friends of the college continued, prompting the Rally as a forum for Evergreen and the community to voice their mutual appreciation.

President Dan Evans introduced the speakers one-by-one starting off with Thurston County Commissioner George Barner, Evergreen Class of '73, and Olympia Mayor Dave Skramstad who pulled out a deodorizer shaped like an evergreen tree and suggested everyone send one to State Senator Brad Owen, sponsor of the short-lived budget proposal to close Evergreen, to freshen his attitude towards Evergreen.

Lacey Council member Kay Boyd, also a graduate of Evergreen, voiced the support of Lacey Mayor Mark Brown and the entire Lacey City Council. Olympia-area businessmen and members of The Evergreen State College

Foundation Board Bob Olson said, "The resources we have out there (at Evergreen) are to be cherished. Without them the county would die." Olson also commented that, "We owe Senator Owen thanks for bringing us all together."

House Majority Leader Dennis Heck, a 1973 Evergreen graduate, told the Rally that the move against Evergreen was born out of the ignorance and misinformation of a small group of exhausted, frustrated legislators. "This may be the last gasp by those who want to close Evergreen," he said.

Olympia-Thurston County Chamber of Commerce President Russ Meixner re-emphasized the support of his chamber and the Lacey Area Chamber of Commerce for Evergreen; and former Evergreen staff member, and now Thurston County Commissioner, Les Eldridge read one of his infamous limericks, penned especially for the occasion.

Then three members of the Thomas and Barbara Gullfoil family took the stage on the Bicentennial Gazebo at Sylvester Park to explain why they had all chosen Evergreen.

Jim Gullfoil, Campus Activities Coordinator and a student who graduates this year; and his sisters Martina and Elena, both 1979 Evergreen graduates, explained the family's philosophy.

"We're an entire family who chose Evergreen because we didn't want to think one way and get locked into it," Martina said. "We wanted to learn to think creatively to address and solve the critical problems that face us in society."

Five Evergreen alums followed the Gullfoils: Dale Favler '80, Judy Guykema '80, Ann Avery '72, Chris Meserve '75, and Joe Deare '76.

Deare, currently Director of research for the Washington State Labor Council, claimed that "Geoducks are second to none;" while Meserve, formerly a clerk for the Washington State Supreme Court and now a member of the Olympia law firm of Cullen, Holm and Foster, said, "Even if Evergreen does cost a little more, I'm worth it."

Guykema, who works with refugees, said "Living up the street (on Capitol Hill) are some people who could use an Evergreen education, and I'll volunteer to lobby for that. I'm going to frame my evaluation this weekend and put it on my wall. The legislature pushed me to do it."

Among the first to receive both an undergraduate degree and an MPA, Ann Avery, who teaches in the Olympia School District and will soon head to Washington D.C. to work for the U.S. Department of Commerce, told of her experiences with local youngsters. "Many of them turn up their noses at "Greeners" until I tell them that I graduated from Evergreen," she said. "Different is not bad, but success is an MPA from Evergreen."

State Senator Dick Hemstead, a professor of law at the University of Puget Sound who represents most of Thurston County, expressed his surprise that the subject of closing Evergreen came up again. "I think it was the result of misinformation and disinformation," Hemstead said. "This should be a political call to arms. Salvation will not be achieved by good works alone."

State Representative Jennifer Belcher, also from the 22nd District, said a small minority was responsible. "There is a growing majority in the legislature who say this is the time for naysayers to stop--there are more of us than them."

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State Senator Bill Fuller, who after redistricting now represents a portion of Thurston County admitted that ten years ago, he would have been on the side of those who wanted to close Evergreen. "But, since my son went there and received a good education," he said, "I'm now a firm supporter of Evergreen."

Representative Max Vekich, Jr. from the 35th District, the same district represented by Senator Owen, expressed his surprise that Owen would head a move to close Evergreen. As Vekich stepped down from the platform, someone yelled out, "Run for the Senate."

The Evergreen faculty was represented by Rita Pougiales and Dr. Tom Rainey. Pougiales told about her Evergreen education and how it prepared her to be a member of the faculty at Evergreen. Rainey issued a rallying cry for Evergreen faculty members: "It's been a frustrating week for the faculty," he said. "Over the years we've been under attack, but we've met every fair and reasonable criticism. This has got to stop. The only way it will is for the Evergreen faculty to become more politically involved."

Evergreen Trustee Jane Sylvester and Washington Secretary of State Ralph Munro added their voices in support. "We tried to make the college a leader in higher education and I think we've succeeded," Sylvester said.

"I don't know this Rainey fellow, but I agree with him," Munro said. "We have to be more politically involved."

President Evans closed the meeting by saying, "At the beginning of this session I said if we ever get to the point where the Legislature didn't talk about closing Evergreen, then maybe we weren't doing our job of being innovative. This may be the last gasp of those who don't understand, or don't care."

"This has brought Evergreen and the community closer together. I think we're on a roll."

HOT TIPS FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS WILL RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME at College Relations, Library 3114, ext. 6128. Let us know of any news you think might be appropriate to print about Evergreen students, staff, faculty or happenings. The next Newsletter--and last until next fall--comes out Friday, May 27, and has a May 20 deadline.

THE ANNUAL FACULTY RETREAT, SET THIS YEAR FROM MAY 4-6, WILL DEVELOP A DETAILED CURRICULUM for the 1984-85 academic year, according to Academic Dean Barbara Smith.

Smith says the new curriculum represents a continuation of the commitment to interdisciplinary specialty areas, but strives to provide a more coherent curriculum for part-time students and more obvious pathways for career-minded students.

"Although the final decisions have not been made, it's apparent that new areas are emerging in the health and human development areas and in the area of political economy and management," Smith said.

"Computer studies will find a more permanent home and demonstration program in Science and Human Values has been proposed."

Smith said a new feature of the curriculum may include the establishment of two academic centers. A center for Language and Culture studies would coordinate language program offerings, study abroad and academic advising for students interested in language studies.

"We hope to develop cooperative arrangements with St. Martin's College and Olympia Tech to offer shared programs in language as well as transfer arrangements for students interested in spending a year at the University of Washington studying in areas not offered at Evergreen," Smith said.

The second area would be a Center for Community Studies which would serve as a focus for service to communities throughout Southwest Washington.

"The Center would support short- and long-term projects such as the North Bonneville Project, the Raymond jobs program and the Environmental Design program in Yelm," she said.

Students are invited to respond to the proposed curriculum for the 1984-85 academic year, which will be posted in prominent locations in Lab I, the Communications Building, the Library and the CAB from May 12 through May 18.

A RAINBOW IN THE SKY WILL GREET VISITORS WHEN THE FIFTH ANNUAL SUPER SATURDAY CELEBRATION gets underway at 11 a.m. on June 4. Under the direction of Evergreen faculty member Earle McNeil and Evergreen student Richard Johnson, the colorful rainbow of helium-filled balloons will rise over the campus to welcome the 20,000 or more participants expected for this annual event. Under the leadership of Super Saturday Coordinator Larry Stenberg, the best of previous Super Saturdays was retained and many new events added. Back this year is entertainment on four stages, the popular beer garden, food booths, shrinks and wizards, arts and crafts, children's events and all the other activities which make Super Saturday such a popular college and community event.

"The Super Saturday Committee is meeting weekly to ensure that we have the best celebration ever," says Stenberg. The Committee meets on Friday from 3-5 p.m., usually in the Board Room. All interested people are invited to attend.

Back this year are such popular performers as the "Evergreen Jazz Ensemble," the "Don Chan/Red Kelly All-Stars," the "Johnny Lewis Revue," the "Olympia Kitchen Band," "Musikids," and "George Barner and the Trendsetters."

Children's events will feature games and art, face painting, unbirthday parties, animals, and a special children's entertainment stage.

Special events on tap - so far - include wooden boats, vintage autos and a computer display.

Sports and Recreation haven't been neglected. An Evergreen Fun Run will kick off the day-long celebration. The Daily Olympian/KGY Radio Softball game returns, and a sports/recreational auction has been brought back.

Food booths, featuring the largest variety of foods ever, will be feeding the hungry multitudes while artists of all types will display and sell their wares. Shrinks and Wizards will dispense wisdom and knowledge; and program displays, demonstrations and informational exhibits will top off the day's activities.

"You just never know what the Super Saturday Committee will come up with," says Stenberg. "We may have a few special surprises in store."

"OUR CONSTITUTION WAS MADE SOLELY FOR A MORAL AND RELIGIOUS PEOPLE AND WON'T WORK WITH ANY OTHER," stressed Dr. Robert N. Bellah who, in early April began Evergreen's S&H Lectureship Series which addresses the relationship of religion and public policy in America.

The series reached mid-point this week, but at

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7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, in the Recital Hall, Dr. Helen Redbird will discuss the past and present struggles of Native Americans. Her topic covers the Paleo-American Indian's walk through the ice corridors from Siberia to North America and relates that difficult journey to the hardships of modern American Indians.

Redbird, a Cherokee, teaches for the Department of Social Sciences at Western Oregon State College in Monmouth, Oregon. She authored the television program "Man and the Land--Indian Perspectives" and co-authored the book "As Long as the River Shall Run." Redbird also serves as Chair for the National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

A \$2500 grant from the S&H Foundation of the Sperry and Hutchinson Company helps bring these scholars to Evergreen for the lectureship series. Last Tuesday, April 26, Dr. Alfonso Ortiz from the University of New Mexico explored the wide range of religious traditions in America's indigenous cultures during his lecture entitled "To Carry Forth the Vine."

On Tuesday, May 17, Dr. Ronald L. Numbers from the University of Wisconsin will discuss "Creationism in America" as the last guest speaker in the S&H Lectureship Series.

All lectures are free and open to the public. Refreshments follow each discussion.

EVERGREEN FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS HAD A HAND IN HELPING THE CITY OF SEATTLE celebrate the 2000th anniversary of the founding of Tashkent, Seattle's sister-city in Uzbekistan in Southern Russia. Termed "Tashkent Days," the celebration was held Sunday, April 24, at the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle. Michele Boucree, a student in the "Production, Promotion and Performance" program is a member of the Binaat Shahrazad Folkloric Ensemble which participated in the day-long celebration. Evergreeners singled out for "thanks" were staff member Char Davies, faculty member Dr. Tom Foote and students Gary Vaughn, Ian Jameson, Ralph (Harpo) Sharp, Pauline Denial, Blaine Lawrence and Joe Justad. Those "greeners," along with the college itself, was recognized for helping make the celebration successful.

THE NORTHWEST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA'S APPEARANCE IN THE OLYMPIA AREA WAS A SUCCESS, according to Evergreen Grants Coordinator Fran Barken who also coordinated the orchestra's appearance. "Without the help of a number of people, we wouldn't have been able to pull off this successful performance," Barken said. She singled out a number of individuals for special mention, including Evergreen staff members David Malcolm, as production supervisor; Dee Van Brunt for coordinating ticket sales; and Brad Clemons for his graphic help. Others receiving thanks were Evergreen students Keenan Kelly, lighting; Richard Johnson, staging; Ian Walter, house manager; and Geoff Bate, box office. Members of the Capital High School Orchestra sold refreshments at the concert, which was attended by 156 paying members of the public. Sponsored by the Seattle Trust Guest Artist Program as a benefit concert for the Evergreen Expressions performing arts series, all money raised at the concert will go toward the series.

IT SEEMS TO TAKE NEW TEAMS A LITTLE LONGER TO MOVE AHEAD, BUT AFTER ONLY TWO YEARS, THE GEODUCK TENNIS TEAM is building a respectable record.

Evergreen's men's tennis team holds a 4-3 record

against some tough competition. "I've been extremely pleased with the men's team," says Assistant Director of Athletics Sandy Butler. "St. Martin's College has never been easy and a 9-0 victory is respectable."

Ben Chotzen ranks as Evergreen's number one singles player with a 4-3 record, followed by the number two singles player Pete Moser who carries an outstanding match win of 6-1. "The key to the men's team success is not only their strong singles," says Butler, "but their really nice combinations in doubles, which they didn't have last year." On May 6, 7, and 8, the men's team will participate in district playoffs at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho.

Evergreen's women's tennis team is stroking through a brief season with five match cancellations due to rain and no-show players from the opposition. They currently hold a 1-4 record highlighted by a 7-2 triumph over Centralia College.

The women's number one singles player, Kim Burt, has won 4 out of 5 matches so far this season. "Kim has a great deal of poise and confidence," says Butler. "If we had two more players with Kim's background, it would be a whole different story."

The women's team will play two more home games against St. Martins and Skagit Valley before going to district playoffs at Tacoma Community College May 13-14.

A SMALL BUT DETERMINED GROUP OF 14 SWIMMERS AND JOGGERS RAISED \$3,100 IN PLEDGES for athletic teams' travel expenses during this year's Swim and Run on Saturday, April 9.

Last year's event drew nearly \$3000 from 50 athletes. "We sure didn't have as many participants as expected," says coordinator Sandy Butler, "but we raised just as much money."

Assistant Director of Recreation Mike Beug triumphed over his companions by pulling in \$1220 in pledges and winning a \$100 gift from Athletic Director Jan Lambertz, who bet participants they could not exceed her \$1000 pledge amount. Lambertz lost the gamble, but the Athletic Department gained since Beug donated that \$100 to the fund.

"It will take another three to four weeks before we start receiving the money," says Butler. "Last year we had money drifting in up to six months after the event." Butler estimates the Athletic Department will probably net \$2500 from the \$3100 pledged.

EVERGREEN'S ATHLETIC DIRECTOR JAN LAMBERTZ PROMISES THIS YEAR'S "RUN FOR YOUR MOM," scheduled for Saturday, May 7, will be the best yet. "We've always tried to put on a good race," she says, "but this year we will have all the kinks ironed out and put on a great race."

"Run for Your Mom" features two courses for runners. The 10k race encircles Evergreen's campus on a flat paved road with only one short, but steep, hill. The 2.4 mile race loops around a portion of campus on flat terrain. "Many Olympia Rainrunners have suggested improvements to the course which we will make for this year's race," says Lambertz.

Prizes abound this year. Runners will receive awards, ribbons, colorful t-shirts, and a bouquet of flowers for mom. Participants may also enjoy a post-run swim and sauna at the pool while watching a video playback of the race.

"Run for Your Mom" serves as a fund raising event for the Athletic Department. Lambertz speculates

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between 400-500 runners will draw nearly \$1000 for athletic coffers.

To register, bring \$5 to the Recreation Center by Friday, May 6, or pay \$6 between 8-9:30 a.m. at the Pavilion on race day. Family and friends are welcome.

ARNO ZOSKE, FORMER MEN'S SOCCER COACH AT PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY, HAS BEEN HIRED to run the soccer program at Evergreen.

Zoske, who'll work part-time at Evergreen until assuming full-time duties on June 1, will oversee the college's soccer program, coach men's soccer, oversee recruitment efforts for both men's and women's teams, and run soccer camps during the summer. His appointment is for one year.

Born in Germany, Zoske played amateur soccer in Chicago where one of the teams he played for won the national amateur championship. He attended Northern Illinois University where he was soccer team captain and most valuable player. He received his graduate degree from the University of Oregon and then went to Notre Dame to work in the school's physical education department where he was soccer coach and assistant athletic trainer for the college's basketball team.

Zoske only intended to stay at Notre Dame for two years, but it turned into eight. "I really enjoyed my stay at Notre Dame, but I remembered my time at Oregon and I wanted to return to this area," he said. "I had to make a career decision and I opted for the Northwest."

He went to PLU in 1980 as Men's soccer coach and, for one year, as soccer coach for Tacoma Community College. In 1981 he concentrated solely on PLU's sports program where he worked as soccer coach and trainer, teaching a few physical education programs. "It was a good part-time situation, but it wasn't fulltime, so the job wasn't that secure," he said.

Last year he took the PLU men's team to a 12-3-1 record, losing only to the University of Portland and Seattle University, before dropping a 1-0 game to Simon-Fraser in the district playoffs. "We beat the University of Puget Sound twice, something PLU had never done before," he recalled. "That is quite a rivalry."

As long as three years ago, Zoske took a look at the Evergreen athletic program and liked what he saw. He kept in touch and, when the opportunity presented itself, he applied and was hired.

He feels his athletic philosophy fits in very well with the Evergreen concept. "Athletics is only of value when it's part of the school's offering and represents another option for the gifted individual," he said. "Soccer is a mental as well as a physical challenge." "I look at athletics, sports and movement as an art form and a way of expressing yourself."

TWO EVERGREEN STAFF MEMBERS BECAME CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES RECENTLY. Lily Young in Student Accounts acquired citizenship in November of 1982. Originally from Formosa in the Republic of China, Lily is an accounting assistant who handles student inquiries and prepares student emergency loan checks and transactions for student accounts. She is also a student, involving herself in folk dancing, piano and study skills. She lives in Olympia with her husband and two young sons. A new citizen since March, Eletta Tiam works as an accountant in General Accounting where she does all the college investments, college and state annual financial reports and other paperwork. Eletta spends part of her spare time teaching several individual contracts in intermediate accounting. She com-

mutes from Tacoma where she lives with her sister. Our congratulations to both Lily and Eletta, and thanks to staffer Karen Wynkoop for bringing this information to our attention.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN EVERGREENER

The first thing Kris Liburdy does in the morning is get her cats Bert and Ernie, out of bed and outside. Since Kris lives in Puyallup and needs an hour to get to her job as a Program Assistant I in the Academic Advising Office, this takes place at 5:30 in the morning. Her children Kevin, who will be eleven in June, and Katy, age 8, are still asleep when she leaves at 7 p.m. Her husband Frank, an assistant manager at Penney's takes care of making them breakfast and sending them off to school.

"I am really blessed with a loving family that supports me and puts up with the extra hours that it takes me to get to work," Kris says.

On the road, she looks for the Olympics to emerge out of the clouds and fog and listens to tapes of Willie Nelson and Dan Fogelberg. Kris explains her long commute as a compromise between the latest of her husband's many transfers by Penney's and her desire to remain at Evergreen. The Liburdy's were living in Olympia when Kris left her job at Olympia Tech to work here a year ago. Then, when Frank was transferred to a Seattle position, they decided to relocate in Puyallup, approximately halfway between both workplaces.

"The job is worth it," she says. "I've worked at three different colleges and this is the best yet."

What is especially rewarding to Kris about her work is interaction with people. "On the average, during crunch time (the first and last two weeks of each quarter)," Kris reports, "we see 40 to 50 students each day. Of course, some of those visits are real brief and simple, but many of the people we see are dealing with the complex issue of making their academic pursuits fit the goals of career- and self-actualization," she says.

"The most important work Kris does here," says Oscar Soule, who shares duties as academic advisor with Earle McNeil, "is to inform students and make them feel at ease." While the advisors provide in-depth counseling and direction, Kris is very often students' first contact with the system and she can handle many of their problems from her desk.

In addition to her direct work with students, Kris is also responsible for updating the Academic Advisors, for supervising work study help and for general secretarial upkeep of the office. "Her work," says Oscar, "is excellent. Kris is as good as they come."

Five p.m. finds Kris back on the road "fighting to stay awake." Arriving home around 6 p.m. is the beginning of, she says, "the best part of the day" - being with her kids for the first time in that day.

In addition to her busy home life Kris is also a member of the Puyallup Orthopedic Guild, runs about 10 miles a week, enjoys entertaining company, is an avid fan of the Seahawks, "Hill Street Blues" and "Cheers."

When asked her future plans and fantasies, she dreamily replies, "I'd love to have another baby." As for her future at Evergreen, Kris says, "I love Evergreen and the energy and spirit of the folks who work here. However, I wish the staff could be recognized and remunerated more appropriately for the amazingly hard work they do. I hope I will be around here long enough to see that happen."

All who know and work with Kris hope she will be too.