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U.S. NEWS SURVEY PROMPTS EDITORIAL SUPPORT

By Judy McNickle, Director of Information Services

Three editorials in support of Evergreen, at least one television interview, and a blaze of smiles throughout the campus followed the announcement Monday in the November 28 issue of U.S. News and World Report that the college has been selected as the top regional liberal arts college in the west and midwest. The announcement is part of a survey of more than 1300 college and university presidents who were asked to name the country's highest quality undergraduate schools.

In reporting its findings, the magazine listed Evergreen as one of the top three regional liberal arts colleges in the nation, and quoted Mildred Henry, president of New College of California in San Francisco. She cited Evergreen as a college that "had turned away from stuffing its students with knowledge and from sharpening their memories in order to move toward facilitating the growth and power of their minds."

Evergreen was by far the youngest institution cited in the national survey and one of only seven colleges and universities mentioned from throughout the Pacific Northwest. Evergreen was also the only public college to head one of the nine categories determined by U.S. News and World Report.

THE OLYMPIAN APPLAUDS

The magazine article prompted quick and positive response from three of the state's leading daily newspapers. First with its congratulations was The Olympian, which on Friday urged Washington legislators to "take note" of the survey results.

"While the uniqueness and quality of Evergreen were recognized by the presidents," wrote Managing Editor Fred Olson, "those important attributes so far have gone unnoticed by some of the state's legislators." Olson pointed out that, "Enrollment lags and constant sniping at Evergreen by a few

legislators have made it difficult for the college to increase enrollment. Almost since the day the college opened its doors in 1971," he wrote, "Evergreen officials have had to fight attempts to close the school.

The latest poll once

The Olympian, Friday, November 25, 1983

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Opinion

New national poll supports TESC

The Washington Legislature should take note of a new poll of high college presidents from around the nation that ranked Evergreen as the top small liberal arts college in the west and midwest.

again indicates The Evergreen State College is an important part of the state's higher education system," Olson concluded. "It is time all legislators recognize that the administration and student body at TESC are fulfilling their responsibilities to the state and give them the uninterrupted opportunities and resources to continue to do so."

The Olympian followed that editorial on Saturday with an open letter offering congratulations for "finally getting your due --- national recognition...What folks in the groves of Academe have long known is finally making its way into the popular press." But, warned editorial writers, "don't let the laurels go to your head."

SEATTLE DAILIES CONGRATULATE

On Sunday both Seattle dailies offered similarly positive responses to the magazine article. The Post-Intelligencer reported that Evergreen "has received some impressive new armament to help ward off the slings and arrows, and wisecracks, that continue to be directed at the four-year university."

While the P.I. pointed out that Evergreen's innovations have been the sources of much of the criticism it has received, editorial writers opined, "It is precisely these innovations which are responsible for Evergreen's consistently high standing with the academic community, as the new poll indicates."

The editorial also noted that Evergreen's fall enrollment had exceeded legislative forecasts. "This suggests growing public support for the institution and its programs. That fact, coupled with new poll findings," the P.I. concluded, "ought to convince Evergreen's detractors that the school is an important element of the state's higher education system."

The Times was equally supportive in its comments, also reported on Sunday. With a subhead that urged, "Legislators, Take Note," the editorial said, "Unorthodox or not, however, the college has compiled an impressive record in which large numbers of Evergreen graduates have scored achievements in a variety of careers. Now, some of those accomplishments have caught even wider attention." Times writers concluded, "Congratulations to Evergreen, its students and faculty and, of course, to its just-resigned president, Sen. Dan Evans." As a parting shot, the editorial urged that "copies of the poll results (be sent) to Evergreen's political critics."

KIRO Television also reacted to the news by sending reporter Ed Evans to campus Tuesday for an interview on the magazine story with Acting President Richard Schwartz.

In addition, stories reporting the magazine's findings are appearing in dailies and weeklies throughout the state at a time when legislators are preparing to return for a January session and high school and college transfer students are considering where to attend classes next fall.

It's enough to make even the most beleaguered news director smile.

ACADEMIC FAIRS WEDNESDAY

Registration for 78 Winter Quarter part-time programs and courses begins Monday, December 5 at Evergreen and continues weekdays through December 16, and again from Wednesday, January 4, through Friday, January 13, by appointment only in the Registrar's Office.

Highlights of the four-week registration period will be two academic fairs set for Wednesday, December 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for evening and weekend students, and from 1 to 3 p.m. for full and part-time day students on the second floor of the Library. Faculty members and academic advisors will be on hand at both Wednesday fairs to answer questions and provide details on the array of winter study programs that includes a dozen half-time programs and 66 part-time courses. The evening fair will be complemented by a reception/orientation for part-time students from 5 to 5:30 p.m. December 7 in Lib. 2206.

Evening and weekend students will have a chance to complete registration during the December 7 academic fair or during a special registration night offered January 9 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the first floor of the library.

EVERGREEN COUNCIL RECONVENES DEC. 7

The first meeting of the Evergreen Council will be held Wednesday, December 7, beginning at 3 p.m. in Library 3402. The Council, described by the Evergreen Administration Code (EAC) as "a central forum where students, faculty, administrators and staff may meet for action, discussion and advice on issues affecting the college and its members," is empowered to "act as advocate for the Governance and Decision-making document." It is also assigned "an active function of investigating, reporting and recommending on issues brought by members of the community," and the responsibility for serving as a "watchdog" and offering "a place where the college's principles are reiterated and actions are weighed for compliance with those principles."

Comprised of 17 members, the Council next week will immediately tackle one of its major tasks: "the responsibility for reviewing and acting upon requests for establishment of consultative constituency groups." That means Council members will be asked to examine requests for continuing all standing committees and approving creation of any new committees, which, according to the EAC, have a life limited to one year. All campus offices, organizations, and individuals are urged to request consideration of their committees at Wednesday's meeting. Questions about the agenda or the Council itself may be directed to Stan Marshburn, assistant to the president, Lib. 3114, ext. 6116.

Members of the Council this year include: students Jonathan Bartron, Michael Cenci, Shelley Ferer and Cynthia Frost; classified staff Alonzo Cordova, Ron Walter, Eietta Tiam and Allen Whitehead; exempt staff John Gallagher, Donnagene Ward, John Alkin and Thomas Ybarra; faculty Al Leisenring, Lovern King, Maxine Mimms and Michael Beug, and Acting President Richard Schwartz.

SKI SCHOOL ORIENTATION TUESDAY

The Evergreen Ski School begins its 12th year of operations this winter with an orientation meeting for all area slope sliders Tuesday, December 6, beginning at 7 p.m. in CAB room 110.

Directed by Dee Lindberg, the fully accredited ski school offers two programs, each providing seven two-hour lessons and eight charter bus trips to the Crystal Mountain Ski area. The Wednesday ski program begins January 4 and the Sunday sessions start January 8. Total cost of the two-month program, including transportation from Evergreen, South Sound Center or Parkland, is \$145. Those seeking to take advantage of just the lessons pay \$50; those seeking only transportation pay \$125. A similar package is available to Grays Harbor area residents and includes transportation from the Aberdeen YMCA for a total cost of \$160.

Call ext. 6530 for details.

HILL LEADS EVERGREEN DELEGATION TO ROLLINS

Provost Patrick Hill is on the road again, this time to Orlando, Florida as part of a four-member Evergreen faculty team invited to participate in a national conference on the "relevance of the progressive tradition to contemporary education needs."

The conference, hosted by Rollins College and cosponsored by the Lilly Foundation and the Association of American Colleges and Universities, was "Inspired," said Hill, by the 1981 Conference on Alternative Education coordinated by Academic Dean Barbara Smith and Faculty Member Richard Jones at Evergreen.

Both Smith and Jones are joining Hill for the Orlando visit, as is Faculty Member Maxine Mimms, who has been asked to discuss the "relevance of progressive tradition to new educational clientele," like those she is serving through the Tacoma program.

Hill's task at the confab will be to offer a commentary on the keynote address. "I'm supposed to react as the late John Dewey might have to the topics raised during the opening session," he said, adding that Dewey's views hold special importance to the session "since it was at Rollins in 1931 that Dewey chaired a national gathering of presidents from the nation's progressive institutions." Rollins' archival staff recently re-discovered the complete transcript of that conference and will make it available at the December 6-8 session.

For Hill the conference tops off a heavy travel schedule this fall that has carried him to the Conference of the Association of General and Liberal Studies in Lexington, Kentucky last month and to the Midwestern Meeting of the Society for Values in Higher Education in Indiana during October. The trips are part of a \$20,000 grant Hill received for his work in innovative education. His receipt of the Mina Shaughnessy Award for distinguished educational practice requires that he write and lecture about current experiments in liberal arts education. To that end, he's been comparing innovations at three institutions: St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana; Federated Learning Communities, which Hill founded and chaired at the State University of New York at Stony Brook; and Evergreen, including its Tacoma and Vancouver programs.

He and the Evergreen team will be joining a select list of invitees at the Rollins conference, including educational leaders from; Bennington, Sarah Lawrence, Antioch, Hampshire, Alverno, University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, and SUNY-Stony Brook.

ALUMNI MENTORS PREPARE TO OFFER EVALUATION WORKSHOPS

A team of "Alumni Mentors" began work this week on a new program, conceived by Provost Patrick Hill and designed to help students new to Evergreen adjust to the campus. The program was launched Monday night when a panel of five graduates led a discussion with 23 new students on "studies suggesting reforms of public education."

"The topic really sparked lively responses from both our alums and the students," reported Alumni Coordinator Ellie Dornan. "They shared their criticisms of public education and the problems education faces as a result of recent traumatic changes in society. This talk really opened the doors to an expanded dialogue between our graduates and new students."

Dornan said the program was created at the suggestion of Hill, who

believes that new students, especially those who come to Evergreen directly from high school, face their most difficult challenges during their first year here. "Patrick suggested our alums would be ideal role models for these students --- models who could offer one-on-one suggestions on how best to cope with and thrive at Evergreen," Dornan said. "By the response we got Monday, he's certainly right."

Participating graduates --- including Stan Marshburn, Karen Gose, Nam Chu Pearl, David Brumsickle and Steve Charak joined the new Evergreeners after the panel discussion for two small group sessions hosted by students Joey Silver and Greg Logan. From these talks arose the suggestion that alums offer to conduct an informal workshop to help students prepare for their first Evergreen evaluations, due in just two weeks.

"The alums were delighted with student interest --- and the students seemed equally pleased with the offer of personal assistance," Dornan noted. "We're going to continue working on this project --- not just on the evaluation sessions, but on more activities for new students during the next two quarters."

Dornan invites interested students or alums who'd like to get involved in the Alumni Mentors Program to contact her in Library 3103, ext. 6565.

600 HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS HERE NEXT WEEK

More than 600 high school students from throughout the Pacific Northwest will gather in Olympia --- and at Evergreen --- next Friday and Saturday for one of the largest tournaments of its kind in Washington state history. Cosponsored by the State Legislature, Evergreen, and Washington debate coaches, the second annual Evergreen State Invitational Speech Tournament will sponsor a variety of events beginning December 9 and continuing through December 10.

Activities will take place simultaneously in the State Capitol, where the House and Senate have turned over their chambers to student representatives, and at Evergreen, where virtually the entire campus will be filled with high school debaters and public speakers. High school administrators are also expected to be on hand along with state government officials who will judge some of the competition.

CAMPUS TO BE CLOSED DEC. 24 - JAN. 2

Because of both the unusually long string of all-campus holidays in December and the length of the break between quarters, the President's Cabinet has decided that the college will be "closed to the public" from Saturday, December 24 through Monday, January 2.

"We rearranged campus holidays this year to provide employees with four paid holidays the last week of December and a paid holiday on Monday, January 2," explained Acting Vice President for Business Karen Wynkoop. "That left us with only one regular work day during that period, Friday, December 30. In order to save costs --- and avoid public confusion about when we were open --- we decided that Evergreen will also be closed on December 30."

Employees will be encouraged to take annual leave on December 30, Wynkoop noted, "but we hope staff members won't feel like they have to do that. If they'd rather work than take annual leave, they need to discuss working arrangements with their immediate supervisor."

Wynkoop said the ten-day closure will save the college approximately \$30,000 in energy costs alone, and "shouldn't interfere too much with our normal preparations for next quarter because employees will still be back on the job four working days before students and faculty return on January 9."

A complete schedule of campus hours from December 17 through January 8 will be published in next week's Happenings.

Upcoming Events

PERKINS DISCUSSES PEST CONTROL SUNDAY

Pest control, the controversy over use of insecticides, and the need to develop new, environmentally safe strategies for pest management will be analyzed by Dr. John Perkins in a free public program Sunday, December 4, at Evergreen. Perkins, an academic dean and faculty member in biology and the history of technology, will share the research and conclusions of his 1982 book in the Sunday afternoon program from 4 to 6 o'clock in room 2300 of the Evans Library.

Sponsored by Friends of the Library, Perkins' presentation focuses on Insects, Experts, and the Insecticide Crisis: The Quest for new Pest Management Strategies, a book Perkins said was sparked by the national debate in the 1970s over Rachel Carson's Silent Spring. Then employed at the National Academy of Scientists, Perkins said the controversy became even more baffling for him as professionals in the field of entomology split into two factions over which alternatives to chemical control of agricultural pests should be used.

"I couldn't figure out for the life of me," Perkins recalled, "why the two parties were arguing." As he analyzed the situation, he said it became clear that scientists were divided not by fundamental differences in strategy, but by outside factors, particularly economic, beyond their control. The book that has resulted from that analysis, Perkins explained, "shows how social, political, intellectual and economic forces in this country shaped the expert knowledge of entomologists and farmers."

Friends of the Evergreen Library, as well as other interested community members, will have a chance to delve into that effort with the author beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday.

MUSIC RECITAL OFFERS RENAISSANCE AND BAROQUE

A free music recital featuring performances on piano and recorder will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, in the Recital Hall of the Communications Building.

Sharon Boyer and Dahti Blanchard, Evergreen music students will perform individually, providing their interpretations of Renaissance and Baroque pieces, as well as some popular music. Boyer will play on piano and harpsichord for the first half of the performance, followed by Blanchard on recorder. Blanchard will be accompanied by a harpsichordist and by a small chamber group composed of players on violin, harpsichord and piano.

JAZZ CONCERT TUESDAY

The Evergreen Jazz Ensemble will stage its first concert of the year Tuesday, December 6, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall. Directed by adjunct faculty member and well known local jazz musician Dave McCrary, the Ensemble is comprised of Evergreen and local high school student performers, faculty and community musicians. They will perform works by Bill Halmon, Thad Jones, Sammy Nestuce, and other prominent composers in the jazz/rock idiom.

The Tuesday night concert, which is free and open to the public, will also feature a performance by the Jazz Combo, a newly formed group dedicated to exploring group composition and developing improvisational skills.

TASHKENT PANEL AND MULTI-MEDIA SHOW OFFERED

Soviet Impressions of the United States and an examination of the foreign policies of the two super powers will be the focus of a multi-media presentation and panel discussion December 7 by two members of the Seattle delegation who visited Tashkent in the U.S.S.R. last spring.

Dr. Aldon Bell, an associate professor of history at the University of Washington, and Katharine Bullitt, a 1983 Jefferson Award winner for community service, will discuss the experiences of their delegation's three-week visit to Seattle's sister city in a program set to begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Lecture Hall One.

The two speakers, who are both members of The Evergreen Foundation Board of Governors and of the Target Seattle Committee, will also discuss their impressions of views on America held by Soviet citizens and the implications these impressions may have on Soviet foreign policy.

Their talk will be complemented by a 30-minute multi-media show developed for the recent series of presentations that comprised the 1984 Target Seattle, staged to increase awareness among Northwest residents about the Soviet Union, nuclear war and global issues.

The Wednesday evening presentation carries an admission price of \$2 for students and senior citizens and \$3 for others. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to The Evergreen Foundation, which is presenting the program.

CELLIST RECITAL BOOKED WEDNESDAY

Kristi Bjarnason, a concert cellist whose performances have earned high critical acclaim from London to her home town of Seattle, will perform Wednesday, December 7, at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

The 28-year-old cellist, who first came to public attention as a soloist 14 years ago with the Seattle Symphony, has been described by reviewers as "a remarkable cellist" with "a gift for direct and compelling communication" ..and what the London Daily Telegraph called "youthful strength, a sense of control, and a beautiful, unforced tone."

Tickets, at \$5 each, go on sale at 7 p.m. December 7 at the door of the Communications Building.

WINDEN DIRECTS MUSICAL THEATER SELECTIONS FRIDAY

A free evening concert featuring scenes from musical theater productions will be staged Friday, December 9, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

Entitled "Mozart, Monteverdi, Mass and Mom," the concert will be performed by students in two Evergreen academic programs: Opera Workshop and Musical Performance: Recorded and Live.

Directed by faculty musician Dr. William Winden, students will perform three compositions by W. A. Mozart: "The Magic Flute," "The Marriage of Figaro," and "Così fan tutte," along with "The Coronation of Poppea" by Claudio Monteverdi, "Mass" by Leonard Bernstein, and the "The Mother of Us All" by Virgil Thomson.

ARTS BAZAAR DEC. 9, 10

Festive seasonal activities will surround a two-day arts and crafts Evergreen Community Holiday Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10 in the main mall of the College Activities Building.

Sponsored by Evergreen's Recreation Arts Center, the bazaar will offer sales of jewelry, woodworking, pottery, calligraphy, batik, photography, weaving and more --- all presented amidst 16 hours of free musical entertainment. Local musicians, children's choirs, and jugglers will provide entertainment and share the spotlight with face painters and creators of baked goods, ethnic foods, and other holiday taste-tempters.

The first of its kind ever sponsored at Evergreen, the bazaar will present creations by Evergreen student artists as well as local professional crafts men and women.

CHAMBER SINGERS TO STAGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

French and German Christmas carols from the 13th Century will be featured in a free evening concert by the Evergreen Chamber Singers on Wednesday, December 14 in the Recital Hall.

Directed by adjunct faculty member Ron Jones, the 25-member choir will also perform Mozart's "Jubilate Deo" in the 8 p.m. concert, which will conclude with an audience sing-along of traditional American holiday favorites.

SECOND ANNUAL "TRIBUTE TO JAPAN" SET JAN. 15

Plans for the college's second annual "Tribute to Japan" are expected to be "almost finalized" by the end of this week, according to committee member Judy McNickle. Set for Sunday, January 15, from noon to 5 p.m. throughout the library, the event will again be cosponsored by the Office of the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle, the Olympia-Yashiro Sister City Committee, and the Japanese American Citizens League.

"Representatives from these groups have already been working with us for weeks, contacting performers and artists, organizing displays and demonstrations, and preparing an exotic menu of traditional Japanese foods," said McNickle. "Last year," she added, "we welcomed more than 1,000 guests to our first tribute. That response, which was far more than we expected, has prompted us to plan an expanded tribute this year."

Included on this year's program will be performances by at least two Japanese dance teams and by a group of musicians from Seattle, martial arts demonstrations, and slide-talks by members of the Sister City Committee, many of whom have recently traveled to Japan. Also tentatively scheduled is a style show featuring an array of ceremonial kimonos modeled by members of the sponsoring organizations.

In addition, three Tacoma artists will stage a one-day exhibit of paintings in Gallery Two, and other local artists will present a display of Japanese flower arrangements and offer instruction in calligraphy, Japanese poetry, origami and the arts of creating silk flowers and tiny Japanese parasols.

Tea ceremonies will be hosted throughout the afternoon and a host of foods will be prepared and sold. Evergreen faculty members are also preparing an afternoon lecture on Japan and cosponsors are arranging to show a video collage from Japanese television programs.

Anyone wishing to become involved in the Tribute --- as a host, a tour guide, or a participant --- is invited to contact McNickle at ext. 6128.

EVANS' FAREWELL "ROAST" SLATED JAN. 16

U.S. Senator Dan Evans will be welcomed back to campus for a two-part "congratulations and farewell" party Monday, January 16. Director of College Relations Sue Washburn said the celebration will feature an afternoon reception for faculty and staff on campus from 3:30 to 5 Monday on the fourth floor of the library, followed by an evening social hour and banquet set to begin at 6:30 at the Westwater Inn.

Sponsored by The Evergreen Foundation, the evening program is being planned as a roast of the college's second president who left campus September 8 to begin his fourth career (engineer, governor, college president, senator) in "the other Washington."

Proceeds from the banquet, for which tickets will cost \$25 per person, will go toward the Foundation's scholarship fund. Reservations will be required by January 9 in the Development Office, Library 3103, ext. 6565. Invitations and further details will be available by mid-December.

Evergreeners in the News

Two Greeners are currently basking in the footlights in an Olympia Little Theatre production, "See How They Run." Directed by Maureen Ferguson of the Registrar's Office and featuring Faculty Member Alan Nasser as an escaped convict disguised as a clergyman, the fast-paced comedy features a crazed cast galloping in and out of an English vicarage. Curtain time for "See How They Run" is 8:15 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, December 2-3 and 9-10, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 15, 16 and 17. Tickets may be purchased at Pat's Bookery in Olympia and The Bookmark at South Sound Center for \$4.50 adults and \$3 for students under 18.

Student Accounts Supervisor David Judd has announced his resignation effective today. Three newcomers have joined the staff: Rita Westling and Nancy Gallagher, both half-time office assistants in the Registrar's Office, and Janine Walker, an office assistant in Central Repair. Mike Hester and Rick Edwards have been promoted to library technicians III, and Lorri Trimble has been promoted to a library specialist II.

NEXT NEWSLETTER JAN. 13

This is the final edition of the Newsletter for 1983. The next issue will be published on Friday, January 13, with a copy deadline of noon Tuesday, January 10. The Happenings will continue to be published for one more week, with the final issue of the year to be published next Friday. Copy deadline for that publication is Tuesday, December 6, at noon, at the Information Center. Please call ext. 6128 if you have any questions about either publication or about how best to publicize any news or activities between now and January 13.