EVERGREENERS IN THE NEWS: Power Fails But Geoducks Glow

An underground break in the water lines that service the Lecture Halls led to a powerless—but not idle or unimaginative—campus this Tuesday from about 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Director of Facilities Ken Winkley reports that leaking water found its way into the electrical conduit that feeds into the Lecture Halls' primary transformer, causing it to blow its fuses. "Luckily," says Winkley, "cool heads kept the situation from getting hotter." In order to correct the problem, the entire campus power grid had to be shut down to permit Facilities staff to disconnect the Lecture Hall transformer. Winkley credits Facilities Engineer Darrell Six, Maintenance Lead Keith Oker, and Chief Steam Plant Engineer Ron Walters for their timely and thorough clean-up work.

Meanwhile, Geoduck ingenuity was chilled but not undaunted by the dark. SAGA employees made peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches; campus mail was delivered on time; South Sound Bank tellers bundled up to handle the college's cold cash requests; seminars met by window; administrators caught up on unanswered phone calls; the Third World Coalition staff met under the emergency hallway lights and much of the layout for this Newsletter was done by candlelight.

Although the rest of the campus is back to normal, Lecture Hall classes had to be rescheduled for the rest of the week until the 4,000 pound transformer could be replaced.

Administrative Assistant Paula Butchko makes her dramatic debut in the Olympia Little Theatre's production of "The Torch Bearers," playing tonight, Dec. 1, 6-8, and 13-15. Program Assistant Maureen Ferguson directs the comedy and will be happy to provide further details at ext. 6312.
What was your first impression of Evergreen? Was it something you read in the paper or saw in the catalog, something you heard on the radio or heard from a friend who had been here? Perhaps, like me, the first time you saw the college was when you walked in from the parking lot and Red Square—the library, the clocktower, the trees, grass and flowers—suddenly unfolded before your eyes.

That important first impression is not made by accident; it’s the result of hard work. “This place is remarkably well-kept, considering it’s done by such a small staff,” says George Leago, who supervises the college’s dedicated Grounds Crew. “Other places of a similar size are staffed double compared to us.”

Delving into a handy maintenance journal, Leago backs up his claim with some examples: a golf course of 157 acres is maintained by a crew of 11 people, a 90-acre cemetery is maintained by a crew of eight, the 237-acre grounds of a state agency are groomed by no less than nine full-time employees. Evergreen intensively maintains around 400 of its 1000 acres with a Grounds Crew of only seven.

Kurt Pohl, a 13-year TESC employee who serves as lead for the Crew, takes obvious pride in the accomplishments of himself and his men. “Visitors don’t know who we are when they come to the college, but when they step out of their car and look around, that’s what their first impression is. Number one, if the grounds look good, and number two, if the buildings are clean and neat inside, then people are impressed.”

Grounds work grows straight out of the seasons: grass to mow in a summer that lasts from March to October; trees and shrubs to prune and leaves to remove and compost in the fall; occasional snow and ice removal and drains to clear in the winter; seed beds to fertilize and plants to set out in the spring; garbage to haul, roads to clean and major and minor repairs to be made year-round. But even though their work is usually unobtrusive, the Grounds Crew is sometimes criticized for “manicuring” the campus and for using noisy machinery.

“There are limitations and we have to be able to schedule around campus activities,” Leago says. “That’s one reason we went to ten-hour days: by starting at 6 a.m., we can use our leaf blowers, for instance, and do areas that are busy during the day, like the square and the parking lots.” The Crew has been working four-day weeks since May and claims to like it to a man. What they profess to like even more is the changing element in which they work—the weather.

"I like being able to work outside," says Pohl. "It's doing what I like to do," agrees Cliff Hepburn. "I like the weather—" echoes Jim Wussler. "If you prepare for it and don't get bummed out." Wussler smiles: "If you get depressed by a few weeks of rain like this fall, then God help you come February." Classic garb to weather a Northwest winter includes a basic green Grounds uniform over thermal underwear, two or three pairs of wool socks, mukluks, steel-toed rubber boots, a hat, gloves, a raincoat, rain pants and—for the really wet days—goggles. "These guys," says Leago, "are crazy enough to enjoy working in the rain."

The thing Grounds enjoys least is litter: it's a slap against the campus they slave to perfect. "There's more all the time," says 12-year veteran Bill Mobbs. "I'd say there's three or four times more litter than five years ago."

"I like to brag about these guys," Leago says, harking back to his favorite subject. "I was impressed with this place even before I came here and now that I've been here for a while, I'm even more amazed how the Grounds Crew bends over backwards to get the job done."

And they still have time to be friendly. "I'll be glad to fill people in anytime," says Ira Mahlum, inviting any who are curious about what he's working on to stop and ask. That's anytime between 6 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., rain or shine, the whole year round.
EVERGREENERS IN THE NEWS

We're happy to report that Library Staffer Jacqueline Trimble, who suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on October 11, is recovering at a remarkable pace. She is talking and walking, and Library Group Secretary Cheryl Thurston says the doctors are amazed and pleased at her rapid progress. Visitors are more important than ever now and Thurston informs Evergreeners that cards can be sent to her office, L2300, and she'll deliver them to Jacolie.

"You are all invited!" says Program Secretary and jazz singer Jan Stentz, speaking of her album release party slated for Sunday, December 2, at 2 p.m. at Jazz Alley in Seattle. Her first album, "Profile," features prominent Northwest musicians including Herb Ellis and Barney McClure. Jazz buffs can hear a live broadcast of Stentz and McClure this Sunday, Nov. 18, from 8 p.m. to midnight on KPLU-FM. Call ext. 5703 for details.

STAFF HIRES, TRANSFERS AND DEPARTURES: Maureen Ferguson has transferred from the Registrar's Office to Academic Advising as a program assistant II-curriculum advisor. Anna Alley has been hired as a program assistant II in the Registrar's Office. Other new hires are Jean Eickholt, office assistant II in Media Services and Susan Savard, Program Assistant I in the Registrar's Office. Best wishes to Grants Coordinator Fran Barkan who leaves the college today to work for the Joint Commission on Science and Technology at the State Legislature.

"WHAT THE HELL IS PICKLEBALL?" is a question often asked by campus newcomers. According to Recreation Coordinator Corey Meador, "Pickleball is a cross between ping-pong and badminton. It's simple enough that anyone can learn very quickly, but subtle enough that you can keep improving for years." The game is a Northwest specialty, claiming Senator Dan Evans as a devotee. Legend has it that when Evans was president here, he had hopes of turning one of the third floor balconies into a pickleball court. At left is student Steve Schaefer. Student Connie O'Neill (above) smashes a return while Eric Wall looks on. All Evergreeners are welcome to pursue the pleasures of pickleball every Tuesday and Thursday at noon in the first floor of the Evans Library.
Acquisitions Specialist Jacqueline Trimble, who suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on Oct. 11, has been moved from St. Peter Hospital to Group Health Hospital in Seattle, 201 16th E., room D513. Her move to Seattle facilitates restorative therapy. Evergreeners are encouraged to continue visiting Trimble. Call Librarian staffer Cheryl Thurston at ext. 6262 for details on visiting and coordinating transportation.

According to Security staffer Cheryl West, a stroll through the campus parking lots will reveal a lot of automotive characters. She reports that a preponderance of the 1200 cars that park here daily are older (ten years or more), smaller, foreign cars, including every year and model of Volkswagen ever made. There's also a silver ghost of a 1976 Cadillac, a classic red Nash with a sky-blue hood, a monstrous-finned 1960 Chevy Bel-Air, and a white Datsun with a home-made, mud and brick body job. Other Greener classics include:

"Graywing," Student Activities Director Mike Hall's favorite steed—a '65 Ford station wagon that is not gray, but does have a gray fender; "Jake," Auxiliary Services Director Ken Jacob's '66 pickup that "sounds like a diesel," and, he admits, collects campus citations for parking in the wrong places at the wrong times; "Irving" Program Assistant Michelle Bird's '65 VW "that's a little bit of every color and supposed to be yellow;" Faculty Member Tom Poole's fleet of "four or maybe five Saabs" (his Saab stable, which he has maintained since 1968, has had as many as 20 of the beauties, but he doesn't believe in naming them); Non-print Librarian Raul Huerta's red '70 VW van named "Mortie" as in "rigor-mortis;" Housing staffer Richard Johnson's purple delivery van that has a complete collection of all TESC parking permits ever issued on it's rear window; and West's own beloved bomb "Bill," pictured below, center.

Meanwhile Faculty Member Carolyn Dobbs stays on her feet, using the oldest but most reliable transportation around as she walks the two miles from home to campus. "I walk because I enjoy it, so please don't honk.!!

CAROL GUARDO is provost and professor of psychology at the University of Hartford. She has also served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Drake University in Iowa. Guardo has published many works on developmental psychology, and is on the board of directors for the Association of American Colleges. She has a Ph.D. from Denver University.

JOSEPH D. OLANDER teaches English at the University of Texas at El Paso, where he served for five years as vice president for academic affairs. Previously, he was special assistant to the Commissioner of Education in Florida. He has a Ph.D. from Indiana University in the comparative politics of Pacific Rim countries, and writes science fiction.

WILLIAM R. STOTT is vice president and dean of student affairs at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. He has 20 years of educational experience and is an avid scholar of ornithology and Shakespeare. He's managed a $20 million complex of programs at Georgetown, including athletics, and is also a frequently-published poet.
The above headline, translated from Hawaiian, means "The life of this land is perpetuated by righteousness." The full import of this creed will be examined and honored on Monday, November 12 when the college observes Indigenous People's Day.

April West-Baker, coordinator of Evergreen's Third World Coalition and co-organizer of the event, reports that the college's fifth Indigenous People's Day began as an alternative to Thanksgiving Day, "which to many in this country symbolizes years of economic avarice and broken treaties." Monday's activities will not only explore the hardships, but also celebrate the strength, perseverance and contributions of indigenous peoples around the world.

The day begins at 9 a.m. in Library 4300 with a traditional Native American opening and a blessing in Hawaiian. Provost Patrick Hill will then discuss the goal of self-reliance in a lecture titled "The Ethics of Helping." In a previously published paper on this topic, Hill focuses on the helping relationship of "higher education and its teachers to students in the light of the distinctions and values which have emerged in the Third World-First World dialogue." Hill will also offer his ideas for re-structuring higher education to allow students "to take part in a dialogue from which wisdom for our times might emerge."

A panel discussion on "History of Colonization, The Effect of Hospitality" follows Hill's lecture. "Colonization began with the hospitality of indigenous people, who quickly became exploited," says West-Baker. "The panel will address the question of how to remain open and hospitable as a people without being ripped off?"

Panel members include native Hawaiian Puni Hokea, University of Washington Professor Peter Bacho, who is teaching at Evergreen this quarter; Onum Esonu, Nigeria; Bob Torres, a native Alaskan; and Adeline Garcia, a Haida Indian.

"Strategic Trust," a film about natives' struggles to stop nuclear testing in the South Pacific Islands of Palau, will be shown at 1 p.m. A tour of the "Indian Artists of The Pacific Northwest" exhibit in Gallery Four takes place at 2 p.m. Several of the artists featured in the photodocumentary will be present to discuss their works.

Indigenous People's Day, sponsored by the Native American Studies program, will provide free childcare. The day concludes with performances by Kaanohi's Polynesian Dancers and Twana Dancers, a Native American dance troupe.

Acting President Richard Schwartz encourages supervisors to allow release time for staff who wish to participate. West-Baker adds that people of all ethnic backgrounds are welcome to attend with an "open mind and an open heart."
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MALCOLM STILSON—EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

"Student: Why is the Geoduck the Evergreen Mascot? Reference: Well, it's this way...it has sta-bil-i-ty...flex-i-bil-i-ty...there's ver-sa-til-i-ty in their change-a-bil-i-ty...the geoduck does not dig the dogma of not being dug." (from the introduction to The Geoduck Flight Song!)

"When things start to look hopeless around here," says Head of Reference Librarian Malcolm Stilson, "I write a musical." Hence, "The Founding of Jolly College," "The Last Yippie," "Achilles the Heel," "Cloud Ockoo U.," and eight other stirring, hilarious and often touching musicals created in the face of budget cuts, legislative sniping, burnout and just plain unending, rainy winters. Stilson has not only provided Evergreen with music and laughter over the last 15 years, but with answers. His first office at the new college was the north warehouse of the Olympia Brewery, where he screened several tons of material donated to Evergreen by The Washington State Library. "What a mess," he recalls, but Stilson straightened it out and was hired permanently on January 1, 1970.

"I really didn't know what was going to happen here," says Stilson, who previously worked in libraries at the University of Washington and Indiana University at Pennsylvania. "I just knew that I didn't like the narrow focus offered in my own education and the vision of a multi-disciplinary mode of study appealed to me." Not only did Evergreen's vision appeal to him, but it inspired Stilson, in the words of Library Dean Susan Perry "to be a terrific asset to the school from the day he walked in the door. To many people, Malcolm is the library. He built the Archives section, the Rare Books and Documents area, Periodicals and Reference. He's also been a great builder of community/college relations."

"Malcolm's been here forever," is a frequently-heard comment on campus with the addition that "I hope he never leaves." Well, sadly, nothing's forever. The popular Greener says he'll retire on December 31, 1994, "making it 25 years to the date!" He adds that his work will really begin then. He plans to edit his father's writings and photographs, "create more musicals for the college, and do volunteer work for the Evergreen Library. "I come from a very lived family—my mother is 95—so I plan to be around for a long while." We sincerely hope that it's forever. Congratulations, Malcolm, and thank you!

DISAPPEARING TASK FORCES NEW AND OLD

Just think, a little more than a year ago Evergreen's then-President Daniel J. Evans was appointed U.S. Senator and whisked away to the nation's capital and a maddening two-month whirlwind campaign for election. Although he had been a state legislator and three-term governor, Evans also learned a great deal during his six-year tenure at Evergreen. Moreover, one of the few things he has specifically mentioned using in Washington D.C. that he learned from all his years in Olympia was from Evergreen.

"One tool from Evergreen that I've managed to make use of in the Senate," he said during his recent trip to the Evergreen State, "is the Disappearing Task Force. Federal bureaucrats could profit a lot from this and some of the other consensus-building and teamworking tools that Evergreen has developed."

Disappearing Task Forces still thrive on campus. The Professional Leaves DTF has begun its annual task of reviewing faculty applications for leave and requests for leave without pay but with benefits for the 1985-86 academic year. As the search to replace Dan Evans nears its conclusion, another important search has just begun with the formation of the Academic Dean Search DTF to find a replacement for Dean John Perkins, who returns to the faculty in 1985-86. The Sexual Harrassment DTF has been formed to study reasons for a number of complaints in the last year about sexual harassment of students, faculty and staff. The Intercultural Literacy Awards DTF is charged to consider faculty and staff proposals to incorporate intercultural themes and values into academic programs as well as across the curricula of all Core Programs, for instance, or the programs of other Specialty Areas. The 17-member Faculty Hiring DTF has been gearing up to consider applications for no less than 20 faculty openings, interviews for which are scheduled from November through April.

Other Disappearing Task Forces which will be formed in the near future are a Recognition DTF, which will examine ways to recognize and honor faculty and staff who make significant contributions to the college; an Acculturation DTF, which will determine the best ways to help a new college president, a new academic dean, and 20 new faculty members acclimatize themselves to Evergreen; and a Long Range Professional Development DTF, which will investigate how to improve opportunities for faculty members to keep abreast of developments in their field and therefore maintain the high level of teaching in coordinated studies.

Where did the idea for Disappearing Task Forces come from? "Right up here," says Faculty Member Charles McCann, pointing to his head. "I had a notion that Evergreen didn't need any standing committees, but temporary committees that would dissolve when their jobs were complete."

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As Evergreen's first president, McCann was able to see his idea put into practice. In a letter dated December 3, 1970, McCann put forth the idea that issues of concern to the campus community could be studied by "selecting a disappearing task force (ad hoc committee) for the purpose of gathering information, preparing position papers, proposing policy or offering advice."

One problem that resulted because of the rapidity of development during Evergreen's early days is that much of the history of Disappearing Task Forces is lost. Forty-seven DTFs were active in 1971-72 and 1972-73, but nine left no record or recommendations. The first DTF was the "Committee on Governance and Decision-Making at Evergreen," otherwise known as the Committee on Governance, or COG I. Since that time, more than 200 DTFs (including routine job screening and administrative task forces) have studied different problems at Evergreen. Much of the fabric of life at the college has evolved through DTFs, such as the Committees on Governance and the Social Contract, which is a living result of the 1972 Code of Conduct DTF.

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CURRENT DISAPPEARING TASK FORCES AT THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

Academic Dean Search

Charge: To select a dean to replace John Perkins.
Chair: Charles McCann
Roster: Susan Aurand Mike Beug Stephanie Coontz Jerry Lassen Kathleen Garcia Kris Liburdy Mary Nelson Willie Parson Jonie Reed Pete Sinclair Barbara Smith Sue Van Burnt Ron Wilkinson Ken Winkleyn Ron Woodbury Hisam Yoshide Jean Mandleberg

Academic Dean Faculty Hiring Charge: To fill 20 faculty positions.
Chair: Barbara Smith Roster: Jovanna Brown Rob Cole Susan Plesadal Susan Harrison Andrew Hanfman Art Mulka Halis Skoy Oscar Soule Fred Tabbutt Charles Tensek Gail Tremblay Bill Winden Tomis Yalla Harry Fiehman Nairu Bueta Walter Niemiec Laurice Miller Randy Oakes

Intercultural Literacy

Charge: To advance intercultural and curricular improvements.
Chair: Tom Bailey Roster: Tom Bailey Bob Garver Betsy Diffendal Rita Pousgles Jeff Kelly Gary Salcedo Stone Thomas

Professional Leave

Charge: To review the applications for 1985-86 leaves.
Chair: Pris Bowerman Roster: Steve Hunter Bill Kutter Lynn Patterson Sarah Pedroson Sandra Simon Bill Arney Sherry Hickerson Hugh Watson

Sexual Harassment

Charge: To study the nature and extent of sexual harassment at TESC.
Chair: Art Mulka Roster: Jeannie Chandler Jennie Cogvation Thad Curtis John Callagher Peta Henderson Virginia Ingersoll Ken Jacob Caludia Stein Koenig Jan Lambertz Roberta Morello David Paulsen Pat Spears

KAOS FUNDRAISERS RAISING FUNDS (at right): "Eppo" Epstein and Station Master Michael Huntsberger hear more funds pledged to the station by donors during the radio station's fall membership drive. Over $5140 was pledged to the station by 306 listeners, eclipsing the previous ten-day record by $1800. "This is really a vote of confidence for our 140 volunteers," Huntsberger says, "and they deserve all the credit. We didn't do much differently in this membership drive—what was different was the sense of confidence and enthusiasm we were able to convey on the air. Our listeners responded to the diversity and quality of our 64 programs. Every spot in our format, from jazz to rock to ethnic music, was supported by listener donations. The response was really fantastic."

Huntsberger and the rest of the KAOS crew thank all supporters who contributed during the Oct. 12-21 drive.

COMPUTER SERVICES ENTERTAINS SICHUAN VISITORS (below): six members of a delegation of Chinese educators from Sichuan province focus their attention on a computer terminal during a presentation by John Alkin, faculty member in computer studies (far right). After a welcoming tea ceremony and introduction to Evergreen hosted by Academic Dean David Marr, the delegation toured facilities in Lab I and Computer Services, then ate lunch with representatives from the campus community headed by Acting President Richard Schwartz. Seated from left to right are Baoru Yu (far right). After a welcoming tea ceremony and introduction to Evergreen hosted by Academic Dean David Marr, the delegation toured facilities in Lab I and Computer Services, then ate lunch with representatives from the campus community headed by Acting President Richard Schwartz. Seated from left to right are Baoru Yu; Zongling Zhou; Sulin Ren, delegation leader and director of Sichuan Provincial Education Department; Victoria Cheng, interpreter from the University of Washington; Li Yang; Jiayi Zhao; and Wendi Jiang. Standing at left are staff members of the Superintendent of Public Schools Office (who coordinated the visit with the Governor's Office) Gary Bloomfield and Jean Wiesen.