TIPTON NAMED EVERGREENER OF THE MONTH

Ralph Tipton, our Greener of the Month for December, was first attracted to the Northwest and Evergreen by the greenery and the clean air, but it’s the people and the job which have kept him here for the past 14 years.

Tipton is a facilities operational maintenance specialist and is responsible for the upkeep and repair of the mechanical and electrical systems of the college. This equipment controls the start and stop functions for all fans, room temperatures, steam and water systems and fire and security alarm systems.

The Secret Quacker Committee, in making the nomination, said “Ralph knows the ins and outs of the monitoring system better than anyone. His knowledge and dedication help make the college safe and comfortable.”

“This is one of the best jobs I’ve ever had in my life,” Tipton said. “I like the things that I do because there’s never a dull moment—there’s always something different. This isn’t a routine job.”

Tipton was born in Oklahoma, moved to California and worked in an electronics plant before coming to Olympia. “I remember the date I first came to work for the college,” he said. “It was August 28, 1972. Almost from the first day this job was fascinating and it still is.”

He said the hardest part of the job is dealing with the frustrations caused with not having enough time to get everything done that needs doing. “I guess everyone at the college feels like that on occasions,” he said.

A fisherman and a hunter, Tipton is also an avid reader and devours whatever information he can get his hands on. He is currently reading everything he can on John D. Rockefeller, “mainly because he was one of the main influences on our country and how it is today.”

He is also a football fan but favors the Raiders. “I guess I developed a loyalty to them when I lived in California,” he said. Tipton does like to keep his eye on one Seahawk though—Steve Largent. “He and his family are from Tulsa and I’ll root for anyone as nice as they are.”

Tipton said he feels fortunate to work at Evergreen. “I like the people I work with, I like my job, and I like the feeling of community here. It’s a great place to work.”

So, the next time the air conditioner comes on, the room temperature is just right or there’s hot water available, think of Ralph Tipton. Congratulations, Ralph and thank you.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES DTF BEGINS WORK WITH “WORLD VIEWS...” SEMINAR

An institution’s commitment to minority studies, writes Barre Toelken in “World View, The University Establishment and Cultural Annihilation,” is often measured “in terms of the dollar commitment to special programs...and by the grant dollars an institution attracts from the government...”

The Native American Studies DTF is determined to take a much deeper look at such programs. “Our strategy is not to focus on evaluating the Native American Studies Specialty Area,” says Faculty Member Russ Fox, who chairs the DTF, “but to examine how Evergreen responds to the needs of Native American students and the Indian nations in our community, and to clarify how we structure opportunities for students to pursue individualized learning.” Provost Patrick Hill reports that the charge to the DTF is still in a draft stage, pending further input from the Agenda Committee about faculty concerns with the NAS Program.

The DTF convened with a November 12 seminar on “World View...” with Toelken, a Utah State University professor who was on campus to discuss intercultural relations. DTF members began their exploration by sharing their cultural backgrounds. “There’s a lot of diversity in the group,” says Fox. “Everyone has a sincere desire for collaboration.” The DTF’s next step, he says, “is to look at ourselves as resources and identify what we don’t know and then to acquire that knowledge through interviews, questionnaires and campus-wide discussions.”

DTF members are: staffers Barbara Cooley, Rita Cooper and Mary Huston; students Kimberly Craven, Bob Harris, Nancy Koppelman and Michael Lane; Faculty Members Thad Curtis, Lucia Harrison, Dave Kitchens, Yvonne Peterson, Rita Pougiales, Sandra Simon, Pete Taylor and Gail Tremblay, and alumni Gary Wessels and Jutta Reidiger. The DTF meets Wednesdays, 1:30 to 5 p.m. in Library Lounge 1600. All Evergreeners are welcome to attend.

AVAST—Student Andrew Poultridge and Faculty Member Bob Sluss take the Seawulff up Budd Inlet. Sluss and faculty shipmates Byron Yount and Rudy Martin have made the Seawulff a primary part of the Core Program, “Exploration, Discovery and Empire.” A seven-week voyage is planned for Spring Quarter.
A committee of Evergreeners and community members is hard at work, planning the Fifth Annual Tribute to Japan, slated for Sunday, January 18, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The event promises to enchant participants with old favorites such as the Namukai Taiko Drummers, authentic tea ceremonies, a landscape garden and delicious foods as well as new attractions such as a sake garden, an exquisite display of Japanese kites and panel discussions featuring Evergreen students. The committee is also planning a full slate of children’s activities including aikido workshops, origami and storytelling.

The Tribute is cosponsored by the Consul-General of Japan in Seattle, the Olympia chapter of the Japanese-American Citizen’s League and Evergreen. Participating organizations include the Asian-Pacific Isle Coalition, EF Language College, ECCO and the Olympia/Yashiro Sister City Committee. Co-chairs Donna Gane, Larry Stenberg and Keith Eimer invite all Evergreeners interested in participating to contact them at ext. 6192 or ext. 6128.

EVERGREENERS IN THE NEWS

If you’re in Bellevue, don’t miss the magical, mystical “Celebration: Especially for Children” exhibit at the museum in the Bellevue Square. Among other delights, you’ll find two very fine paintings by Faculty Member Susan Aurand. The show runs through January 4.

If you’re traveling to the Los Angeles area in the next month, you can view the work of another Greener artist—Faculty Member Jean Mandeberg. Described as the “most comprehensive metal art show in the country,” the Contemporary Metals USA II Exhibit runs through January 17 in Downey, California. Mandeberg’s work was one of 156 pieces chosen out of over 500 entries from across the country.

Faculty Member Sally Cloninger is in Bangladesh contributing to a workshop sponsored by the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development. The workshop, entitled “Planning and Production of Television Programs for Women’s Development” includes women broadcasters from India, Iran, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Afghanistan. Cloninger will return to Evergreen on January 5.

We say hello to new Evergreeners Office Assistant Susan Bird and Associate Research Analyst June Hope for the Washington Institute for Public Policy; Custodian Cheryl Hadley; Lab Technician Dan Fritsch; Academic Secretary Barbara Reichmann; Secretary for the Dean of Student Development Michelle D’Allessandro and Assistant Susan Bird and Associate Research Analyst June Hope for the Washington Institute for Public Policy; Custodian Cheryl Hadley; Lab Technician Dan Fritsch; Academic Secretary Barbara Reichmann; Secretary for the Dean of Student Development Michelle D’Allessandro and Coordinator of Student Leadership Programs Cheryl Henderson-Peters (see story, page 3).

We also thank Ken Belaisy, temporary information specialist, for his help with this issue of the Newsletter. We say goodbye and thanks to Custodian Gary Greenwood and Secretary Claire Kuhns.

AN ANSWER TO THE DOGS-ON-CAMPUS PROBLEM? Conan, pictured above, enlivened a quiet Thanksgiving week.

HENDERSON-PETERS READY TO HELP STUDENT LEADERSHIP

A familiar face is in a brand-new position at Evergreen. The college’s first Coordinator of Student Leadership Programs is Alum Cheryl Henderson-Peters ’82.

Panel discussions, student activities team, she’ll provide support, guidance and information to student coordinators. Henderson-Peters uses a key word to describe her goals—"empowerment." The bottom-line motivation for creating this position, she adds is that, "Stone Thomas and Gail Martin want strong student programs."

The Yelm native, who served on the 1982-83 provost searches, says she’ll focus on developing student leadership skills such as how to facilitate meetings, conflict-resolution, mediation, identifying goals and objectives and how to negotiate.

"I see myself as a liaison between students and the administration, as someone who will speak the words of students that may not be listened to. I’ve also been an administrator. I know the ‘ropes,’ I know the constraints and priorities that administrators have to deal with, so I think I can listen to and understand both sides of student-administration disputes."

Since leaving Evergreen, Henderson-Peters was the coordinator of the Sexual Assault Counseling Project for the Skokomish Indian Tribe. She presently sits on the Board of Directors for the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs. She also revisited campus often as a speaker for the Asian-Pacific Island Coalition.

"I am very proud of my Filipino heritage," she says.

Dean of Student Development Ernest "Stone" Thomas agrees with Henderson-Peters on her new position. "Cheryl will work with student coordinators to assist them to be more effective communicators. Our major objective is to be more responsive to students’ request for enhancing leadership. I’m confident that she will be a valuable asset to the Evergreen learning community."

All Evergreeners who’d like to discuss student leadership, can find Henderson-Peters at CAB 305. Welcome back!

JACKSON TO BE HONORED AT DECEMBER 10 TRUSTEES MEETING

Ceremonies to honor outgoing Trustee Thelma Jackson and to welcome her replacement Kay Boyd will be held during the Board of Trustees meeting at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10.

Jackson served five-and-a-half years on the college’s Board of Trustees including a one-year term as chairman. "My years on the board were a time of growing and learning and were very fulfilling," Jackson said. "It was a critical period at Evergreen and I feel good about what I consider to be a positive contribution on my part." Jackson said she will continue to be involved with the school and look forward to great things in the future.

"I’m also pleased that they appointed Kay Boyd to fill my seat," Jackson said.

"She’s from Thurston County, she’s an alumnus and she’ll make a great trustee.

The Board of Trustees meeting begins at 9 a.m. in Library 3112 and is open to the public. All those who wish to thank Jackson for her years of service are encouraged to attend.