FORTIN SELECTED GREENER OF THE MONTH

The Secret Quacker Committee has done it again, this time selecting Everett Fortin, Evergreen's spirited master of shipping and receiving, as November's Evergreener of the Month.

That's partly because Fortin delivers--literally. He knows just about everybody on campus, either because he visits them regularly to deliver packages, or because he's helped them move their furniture. But he does much, much more.

The note slid under the door says Everett is a kind person and a hard worker who always goes out of his way to help others. His cheery disposition and friendly face are a shot in the arm on any day, and he often leaves nice things in your office. For 15 years he's proved his dependability.

"When people think of me, they think of moving furniture," says Fortin. "But I do about a hundred other things." Each day, in addition to pushing a handcart laden with packages across campus, he visits the post office with campus mail, the state mail service, the state data processing center, and picks up vendor checks at the state treasurer's office. If a truckload with 14-tons of fertilizer arrives, he makes sure it's stored properly. He also ships items by freight lines, UPS and American Express, and maintains stocks of paper and chemicals for the duplicating machines. He'll also drive a truck to pick up a load in Seattle or Shelton. "We get everything that comes into this college in Central Receiving, from vehicles to thumbtacks," he says.

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But the best part of the job is delivering packages. "I like to get out among the people and talk with them," he says. Following Fortin around campus is like a trip with Santa Claus. "He's a super guy and very conscientious," says Donna Whittaker, administrative assistant for academics. "He's thoughtful and easy to get along with," adds Donna Carpenter, program manager for Central Services.

She also mentions the Christmas party one year when she didn't recognize him because he wasn't wearing his ever-present hat. Fortin adds a personal touch to his job, and is even known to slip a special German chocolate candy to a regular customer with a sweet tooth. "Evergreen is one of the finest places I've ever worked," he says. "I like to be friendly to everyone. It's always easier to smile than to frown," he says. Congratulations, Everett. We at the Newsletter are always glad to see you, with or without packages.

LEGAL CONCERNS ADDRESSED BY PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SOCIAL CONTRACT

Shawn Newman, Evergreen's legal counsel, points to a stack of publications he receives weekly detailing lawsuits against colleges. One biweekly, in particular, has up to 20 cases per issue. It's one illustration of the explosion of litigation against colleges across the country. Legal responsibilities and duties of colleges have dramatically increased over the last decade. According to Gail Martin, vice president for Student Affairs, the law as it relates to higher education has changed so much since the Social Contract was written that Evergreen, like other colleges, needs to update its rules and regulations in recognition of judicial and legislative actions.

"The legal problem with the existing Social Contract is that it's vague, ambiguous and some parts can be interpreted as leading to arbitrary and capricious enforcement," says Newman. He and Martin agree that the proposed version of the Social Contract makes rights more clear, and better protects students.

"The complexity of the issue was demonstrated by the intensity of the President's Community Forum on November 30, when nearly 200 students, staff and faculty heard comments from President Joe Olander, Martin and many students. Several students commented that the administration was insensitive, and excluded students from decision making. Another felt the list of rules would violate Evergreen's spirit and tradition of individual freedom. Others asked what was wrong with the old system."

Martin says that she wishes the policy could still consist of only the Social Contract and the appeal and grievance procedures. However, a list of "prohibited conduct" and "disciplinary sanctions" are included in the revised document. "In light of my legal obligation to the institution, I see we have no choice but to include such lists. It's not a change in philosophy at all. It makes what has been historic practice tangible," she says. Martin was a member of the President's Community Forum, November 30, where the revised student appeals and grievance policy was discussed. Nearly 200 community members turned out. Another forum on the policy is scheduled at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 7, in CAB 110.
of the Evergreen community when the first Governance and Decision Making policy was adopted. The current document actually contains two Social Contracts, one adopted in 1973, the other designed to supersede it in 1983. The revised proposal includes a list of prohibitions and disciplinary sanctions to meet requirements of due process, which means giving notice of what's prohibited and on how hearing procedures work.

Martin has consulted with educational law experts across the country including the state Attorney General's office; Gary Farel, a lawyer with a Ph.D. in education who works for the University of Maryland; and Mary Lou Fenili, who has similar degrees and works for the University of Colorado.

The first draft of the new code was written by Martin in 1986 and circulated around campus in June of that year. Two open meetings were held, attracting a total of nearly 100 students. This draft included prohibitions and sanctions. A DTF was charged in February of 1987 to revise the grievance and appeals policy, and issued its report in April. Martin reviewed the report, made some revisions, and submitted the draft to the president in August. The draft was reviewed by Newman in November, redrafted by Martin, then presented to the President's Community Forum November 30.

Questions raised during the President's Forum will be answered Monday, December 7, from 3 to 5 p.m. in CAB 110. Martin is looking for input. "If we can make it better and still keep it legal, I'm all for it," she says. Copies of the proposed documents are available in her office, LIB 3236.

FUTURE IS BRIGHT FOR GEODUCK SWIMMERS

After four years as coach of Evergreen's swimming team, Bruce Fletcher is finding his Geoducks are doing better than ever. After three meets, the women's team has gone undefeated and the men's team lost only once, swimming against Portland Community College, Highline Community College and Pacific University of Oregon. Competition begins again Winter Quarter. Winning is great news for Fletcher, but he says winning is a side benefit. "There's no pressure from above I would have to change my coaching philosophy," he says. "The athletes here are generally more interested in improving their health and becoming better swimmers, rather than trying to become superstars."

The program has grown from three swimmers to a squad of 35 men and women under Fletcher's leadership. "Every year we get a little bigger, a little bit better," he says. But in my four years here, only one person has become ineligible because of academic problems," he says. "I'm proud of that record.

Drummond has been working hard and has a chance to place in the relays, says Fletcher. If he keeps up the same pace, Fletcher says he may qualify for the national championships, making him an NAIA All-American. This year, Pieter Gelman played the part of Phil Cook, a New York producer. Critics said that Gelman's Eastern accent was realistic and he was appropriately pugnacious in the part. President Joseph Olander reports that enthusiasm can lead to unexpected situations. When he suggested that the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) take a good look at The Closing of The American Mind by Allan Bloom, the organization drafted him to lead a seminar on the book with college and university presidents from across the country. The seminar, which took place over Thanksgiving break in St. Petersburg, Florida, following AASCU's annual meeting, was so successful that he's been asked to lead another seminar during next year's national meeting.

"More food to more people," is how Denis Snyder, director of Bookstore and Food Services, sums up his excitement about the Deli expansion on the main floor of the CAB. The expansion, expected to be completed by the beginning of Winter Quarter, will double the size of the existing Delli. Snyder reports that the new facility will permit a more diverse menu, including pizza, two salad bars and varied "hot line" delicacies. The expansion, a joint Evergreen-Mariott Corporation effort, will be coordinated with a grand opening. We're excited about it, we're operating with a great enthusiasm," he says. Irisha Turner '87, commissioner of Washington's Employment Security Department, has been selected president of the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies (ICESA). It's the first time a Washingtonian has held this prestigious post. ICESA members, representing all 50 states and U.S. territories, facilitate communication between state and federal employment agencies.

HELLO, HELLO! We extend a warm Greener welcome to: Helen Lee Fox, Labor Center field organizer; Cindy Fry, Academic secretory; Wes Hailey, custodian; John Holst, maintenance technician; Betty Loomer, lead counselor for Cooperative Education; Mary McCullough, cashier; Peter Ramsey, curator; Susan Robbins, Library office assistant; Denise Robertson, Student Activities secretary; Peggy Roper, Public Policy secretary; Lisa Shard, Facilities secretary; Janet Thompson, account manager, and Masaharu "Mas" Jones, Evergreen's chief programmer.

CORRECTION. The November 23 Newsletter erroneously reported that smoking was allowed in the northeast lounge of the Library 2110 area. Smoking in the Library Building is only permitted in the northeast corner of the first floor lobby and on the north side of the third floor mezzanine.

FISKE SELECTS. "Ideologically, this is still one of the best schools for students who think they were born 20 years too late; academically, it's way ahead of its time." That's how New York Times Education Editor Edward Fiske concludes a report on Evergreen in his 1988 edition of Selective Guide To Colleges. Evergreen is one of 295 private and public colleges nationwide and one of four Evergreen colleges selected by Fiske, who many consider the media authority on higher education. (Whitman College and the Universities of Washington and Puget Sound were also chosen.) Evergreen has been selected in all four editions of Fiske's guide. Evergreen also cites Fiske for the absence of a "publish or perish" criteria for faculty, its individualism, its physical campus, and noncompetitive atmosphere. He also points out a few blemishes, quoting one Geoduck who says, "There's constant gray drizzle--Chinese water torture." But the drizzles are far outnumbered by plaudits such as this one: "Many colleges...are picking up on bits and pieces of Evergreen; the most alternative methods of education that Evergreen...was born to provide." Copies of Fiske's essay are available by calling Information Services at ext. 6128.