McMASTER NAMED EVERGREENER OF THE MONTH

"This is going to be one of your most boring interviews ever," Program Secretary Donna McMaster told the Newsletter with a laugh that was anything but boring, "I'm just a plain old workhorse."

"Au contraire," say her colleagues and appreciative members of the Secret Quackers Society who nominated her to be May's Greener of the Month 'for her assistant vice president for Academics. Tom Rainey, who directs the Master of Environmental Studies Program, says that he "empathizes with (Faculty Member) Kirk Thompson who once said, 'If Donna moved, I would just about be willing to change programs just to stay with her.'"

In addition to "taking care" of a dozen faculty members this quarter, McMaster is also working with Evergreen's two graduate programs. "Faculty just rave about Donna's work," says her supervisor Karen Wynkoop, assistant vice president for Academics. Tom Rainey, who directs the Master of Environmental Studies Program, says that he "empathizes with (Faculty Member) Kirk Thompson who once said, 'If Donna moved, I would just about be willing to change programs just to stay with her.'"

"She has a quiet, firm efficiency that is uncanny," Rainey adds. "Donna is a most splendid assistant vice president for Academics."

Away from Evergreen, McMaster's life is busy with sports, ("Two of our sons were star high school pitchers"), three grandchildren and travel. Her office walls represent one of the world's great museums of world-class postcards. She and her husband, Glenn, just returned from a trip to Nashville, where they reveled in the sounds of the Grand Olde Opry. Past trips have taken the McMasters to Europe, England and the East Coast. She also reports that she "golfs but doesn't tell scores." Her dreams include having a place on the water and "enough time to do all the things that interest us."

What she likes best about Evergreen is the diversity of people and the camaradie between Greener lovers. Congratulations, Donna, on a well-deserved award!
College officials were elated earlier this week to learn that the Legislature had approved Evergreen's budget for the 1987-89 biennium with an operating budget of $402,289,000 and capital budget of $13,103,000.

The operating budget figure represents a sizable 13% overall increase from the current biennium, compared with increases at other state universities ranging from 9.5% at Eastern Washington to 12% for the University of Washington. Plump of the capital budget was nearly $6.8 million to begin the long-awaited phase II of the Recreation Center: the Multi-purpose Facility/Gym. Olander says, "and a message that we are to perfect it even further."

"The Legislature was very kind to Evergreen," says President Joseph Olander, who lobbied exhaustively along with Special Assistant to the President Stan Marshburn, Trustees and college administrators to achieve the additional Evergreen funding. "This is ample recognition from the state for the quality of education we provide," Olander says, "and a message that we are to perfect it even further."

The operating budget includes increased funding for enrollment growth; pay raises for faculty, classified and exempt staff; and enhancements such as the Washington Center, Labor Center and National Faculty for Humanities, Arts and Sciences. Watch for a college-wide memo about the biennial budgets in your campus mail. Additional copies are available at the President's Office, ext. 6100.

EVERGREENERS INVOLVED IN EFFORT TO BRING OLYMPIC ACADEMY TO OLYMPIA

President Joseph Olander and Director of Recreation and Athletics Jan Lambertz are members of a regional task force to establish a home for the U.S. Olympic Academy in Olympia. Part training facility for amateur athletes, part educational resource and part public exhibition hall, the concept of a permanent Olympic Academy is being explored by the U.S. Olympic Committee. Olander and Lambertz are members of the Olympic Academy Committee, which he chairs. Among the Committee's other members are William Gerberding, president of the University of Washington, and area residents Joan Cullen, Don Gregory and Gene Liddell. The Committee will host the USOC's Education Council as it assesses the Olympia area's suitability as a site. In the offing is the possibility Evergreen could host the Academy's summer program in 1989.

KUDOS AND THANKS: President Olander and Marshburn, Evergreen's liaisons on Capitol Hill, celebrate the fruits of the long 1987 Legislative Session.

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was the first Black woman to seek the Democratic presidential nomination in 1972. She began her political career in 1969 as a U.S. representative from New York. She has written Unbought and Unbossed, an autobiography, and The Good Fight, an account of her 1972 bid for the presidency. She is a leading advocate for Black colleges, compensatory education, minimum wages for domestics, American Indians, Haitian refugees, migrant farmworkers and the poor. By writing, teaching and lecturing around the nation, Chisholm continues building "on a new national state of mind that demands peace, prosperity and equality for all Americans."

The campus community is welcome to attend Evergreen's graduation ceremonies, which will witness the largest number of graduates in the college's history--856. Last year's class was previously Evergreen's largest. Since graduating 568 students last June, the Class of '86 has grown to 720 with late applications for degrees.
EVERGREENERS IN THE NEWS, PART II

After 15 years of dedicated service Maintenance Mechanic Tex Mitchell retired with a bang-up send-off (see photo). Also gone but not forgotten are Cheryl Hadley, custodian, and Denise Livingston, chief accountant. Livingston, a ’73 alumna, begins work with the State Conservation Commission. New on the scene are Lee Lambert, office assistant in Employee Relations; Roy Lilly and George McWilliams, both maintenance mechanics, and Ken Stanton, systems analyst programmer.

As Tex may soon discover, life sometimes speeds up in retirement, rather than the opposite. Such is the case with former Vice President for Academic Affairs David Barry, as he reported in a recent letter to President Joe Olander: "I have just returned from seven months in South Asia and the Far East. I reached my 65th birthday in Sri Lanka working as the official photographer for Rotary International Foundation making records of their field projects in South India and Sri Lanka." Barry wrote after Olander sent him a copy of the commemorative booklet for Evergreen's 20th anniversary in March. "I read the publication with pleasure and interest," Barry said. "History is after all what we say it is...human perceptions make it so. This was, of course, also the central problem in the founding of TESC: differences in perception of the 'oughts and shoulds.'...Thanks to all for the 20-year publication. TESC has done well and deserves the recognition."

Faculty Member David Hitchens and his wife, Joan, became the proud parents of a daughter on April 15. She is Leah Susan and weighed 8 1bs., 10 oz. at birth. No word on whether the Hitchens's made the mail on time with their tax return.

TONS OF THANKS TO TESC! Maintenance Mechanic Tex Mitchell (center) concludes 15 years of exemplary service to Evergreen on Friday, May 1.

UNSOELD SPEAKER DISCUSSES EMPOWERMENT, MAY 11

Dr. Joanna Macy, an internationally-respected scholar and activist, will speak on "Rediscovering Our Authority and Power In a Threatened World" at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 11, in the Library Lobby. Her speech, which is free and open to the public, will be part of a three-day campus visit as Evergreen's second Unseld Fellow.

Macy's efforts to stop nuclear weapons exposed her to the psychological obstacles preventing people from acting on their concern for world safety. Drawing on general systems theory, humanistic psychology and her spiritual experiences, she developed a new form of group work, detailed in her 1983 book, "Despair and Empowerment in the Nuclear Age."

Macy received a bachelor of arts degree in Biblical history from Wellesley, studied communist movements as a Fulbright Scholar at the Institut de Sciences Politique in Bordeaux, France, and served in the Peace Corps in Asia and Africa. She earned a Ph.D. for her dissertation on Buddhist philosophy and general systems theory at Syracuse University.

UNBEAT FACULTY RETREAT DISCUSSES SPECIALTY AREAS, "4-1-4," AND NAS REPORT

"Constructive," "very positive," "energetic and productive" are terms being used to describe the annual faculty retreat that took place April 29-May 1 at Camp Don Bosco near Carnation, Wa. "It was a time," says Academic Dean Jeanne Hahn, "when there was a lot of energy to generate and receive new ideas."

Perhaps the most far-reaching of these ideas was presented in a proposal by Faculty Chair Matt Smith. Informally labeled "Four-One-Four," the proposal recommends that Evergreen's academic year shift from a tri-quarter configuration to "two 14-week semesters and a five-week period in mid-year for reflection, writing, presentation and planning..."

"Our current planning structures," writes Smith, "tend to enforce a rushed and often narrow view of program planning...By giving us all a large piece of collective time to work and share we might well revitalize...our planning and curriculum." The evaluation, planning and strengthening of such major commitments as cultural literacy, writing and math across the curriculum and interdisciplinary learning at the advanced level could also occur during such a session.

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The mid-year period could also be used to "make public the accomplishments and intellectual issues our collective experience has revealed," Smith says that while Evergreen has been an innovator in higher education, the faculty has not had adequate opportunities to share their ground-breaking experiences with colleagues on- and off-campus and the public.

While the proposal was unanimously supported by Evergreen's deans and faculty, Smith points out that there's much work to be done before the proposal can become reality. Questions of length, structure, credit and student involvement will have to be answered. The first step will be taken this summer when a committee of deans and faculty members will meet to create parameters and a charge for a DTF which will be formed in the fall. Pending approval by such bodies as the Board of Trustees and the Higher Education Coordinating Board, the reconfiguration could be in effect for the 1989-90 academic year.

In other retreat developments, Hahn reports that the session on CORE planning produced a crop of very exciting proposals for programs, most of which have never been offered at Evergreen before.

Faculty also responded favorably to "Re-Thinking Specialty Areas," a statement by the Institutional Curriculum Review Team (ICRT) composed of Faculty Members Charles Teske, Virginia Ingersoll, Willie Parson, Charles Teske, Bill Warner, Bob Kraegel (chair) and Academic Dean David Harr (ex-officio). The paper listed several negative tendencies of Specialty Areas such as not only ordering territorial urges and generating administrative pressure upon Specialty Area conveners. Faculty agreed to seriously discuss reconfiguration in the near future.

Faculty Member Russ Fox, who chairs the NAS (Native American Studies) DTF, gave a preliminary report on the DTF's findings. The report included profiles of NAS faculty, graduate and work placement data on former NAS students, and an articulation of the structure, philosophy and founding principles of NAS. Fox reports that the discussion that followed his presentation was open, honest and productive. The NAS DTF is considering an on-campus presentation, open to students, staff and faculty.

Hahn summed up this year's retreat by saying, "All of us at Evergreen spend a lot of time analyzing and then complaining about what's wrong, but this time I felt we met the problems with a lot of creative energy and really did something constructive." Copies of the ICRT statement and Smith's proposal are available by calling the deans' office at ext. 6870.

READY TO ROCK? READY TO ROLL? SUPER SATURDAY IS READY FOR YOU!

"Number Nine, the sun will shine!" That's Super Saturday Chairman Larry Stenberg's motto for this year's annual bash extraordinary. Slated for June 6, the 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. community-wide celebration will not only feature dazzling sunshine, but old favorites and new attractions galore.

A "Teen Scene Disco" stage, miniature golf course, parachutists and other surprises will be featured as well as the return of such popular items as the Beer Garden, Shrinks and Wizards and knock 'em out performers George Barner, Larry and the Diptones, Jan Stents and many more.

Want to be a part of this remarkable Mayhem and Merriment? Check your mailbox for a volunteer sign-up sheet. Volunteers are needed in 2-hour shifts as greeters, Kids Country aides, stage hands, Beer Gardeners and more. If you don't have a campus mailbox or just can't wait to sign up, call Volunteer Coordinator Keith Eisner at ext. 6128. Today!