GREENERS IN THE NEWS

Fantastic Awards Department—Graduate students usually win the kind of awards that two Greeners undergrads just garnered. Third-year student Charmane Ashbrook won a $653 Sigma Xi grant, a science honorarium to study vestibular systems (the inner ear that controls equilibrium) in goldfish. Second-year student Kate Ormberg won a fellowship at the University of Florida Whitney Marine Lab to study oogenesis, or fish egg development. The fellowship includes transportation, a room for the summer and a weekly stipend of $160.

Susan Breary, who's graduating this quarter, is one of 100 students nation-wide to win a Liquitex Art Materials Award. She'll receive $500 worth of art supplies for "a body of work indicative of outstanding quality and originality in aesthetic direction," according to Blinney and Smith, sponsors of the contest. She submitted slides of four oil paintings, including two from a series of paintings of cows that she exhibited at Evergreen as part of her senior thesis. "The award came at a great time," Breary says. "(Faculty Member) Russ Fox saw my cow paintings and then commissioned me to paint his llamas." NEH Awards Grant To Lancaster—Faculty Member Roger Lancaster is among 220 scholars across the nation to receive a $3,500 fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for 1988 summer study. Lancaster's project, entitled "Family, Gender and Personal Life in a Nicaraguan Barrio," is one of five won by Faculty in Washington state. Congratulations, Roger!

Gem Becomes Trustee—Julie Grant ’79 has been appointed by Governor Gardner to the First Board of Trustees for South Puget Sound Community College. Previously, South Puget Sound and Centralia College were under one Board in Community College District 12. The legislature split that district during the last session, and South Puget Sound now serves the newly defined District 24. Former Evergreen trustee Thelma Jackson, vice president for management and operations for Jackson and Associates, Inc., has been named to the Pacific Mountain Private Industry Council by the Thurston County Board of Commissioners.

Moser Leaves—For five years Susan Moser has taught and worked to develop Evergreen's Organic Farm. Now she's taking a year's leave to try her hand at commercial agriculture. "I like the idea of being a custom grower for some restaurants," she says, adding that there are lots of options for organic growers. Moser thanks everyone who helped make the farm a success today, buying the farm's produce. "It makes a whole lot of difference to the students that someone loves it, and staff have been a big support. We market mainly to them," she says. Remember, it's spring and the invitation to visit the farm is always open. Good luck, Sue!

GREENERS LEND THEIR SOLES TO WORLD PEACE

When the phone rang at 6 a.m. a few weeks ago, the last person Faculty Member Larry Eickstaedt expected to talk to was the editor of the Storm Lake Register and Pilot Tribune, his hometown newspaper in Iowa. Larry is big news in the farm community where he grew up because he and his wife, Joan Lynch, are among more than 450 Soviet and American citizens that will pass through Storm Lake this summer during the Midwest portion of the International Peace Walk. It's a grassroots effort for world peace that brings people together from the two super-powers.

"It's kind of like going home in a new way," says Eickstaedt. "One of the reasons I got interested in this was to get acquainted with Soviet citizens. Another was to see the responses of Iowans to the Soviet and American Walkers." Eickstaedt and Lynch's interest was inspired by Larry Stenberg, director of Community and Alumni Relations, who was among 450 Americans and Soviets who walked from Leningrad to Moscow last summer. "To have that many Americans in the Soviet Union able to walk and talk freely was among several firsts made during our history. It significantly advanced citizen exchange between the two countries," says Stenberg, who will be on the staff for a portion of this year's U.S. walk.

"There will be 220 or more Soviets coming here, which will far outdistance any contingency of Soviet citizens that have previously visited the U.S. We've normally allowed a handful in at a time, unless they had some diplomatic reason to be here," he says. Janis Kipurs, the Latvian who won gold and bronze medals in the bobsled races at the Calgary Olympic Games will participate in the walk, along with a doctor of cardiology from Byelorussia, a mechanic from the Lithuanian Republic, a member of the Supreme Soviet (parliament), a textile worker from Moscow, a judge from Baku and the secretary of the Russian Orthodox Church of the Kalinin Diocese. Walkers can sing with a solo vocalist from the Leningrad Choir, dance with a folk ensemble and bo
to a Soviet rock band. For each of the 200 spots open on the walk, 10 Soviets applied. Response was so overwhelming they expanded the number of Soviet walkers to 220. The same number of Americans will make the entire walk, with 50 additional folks joining for each of the walk’s three regions. Each day Americans and Soviets will be walking from different communities they pass through will be welcome to join the procession.

"The main reason I’m doing this is to make, in a small way, a contribution to world peace," says Eickstaedt.

The walk begins June 17 from Washington D.C. to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Then they travel to the Mississippi River and walk across Iowa to Des Moines, stopping for a big Fourth of July celebration in Iowa City. The West Coast portion, hosted by Stenberg and other folks from last year’s walk in California, will travel mostly by bus from Los Angeles to San Francisco, with Disneyland and a Santa Barbara beach party in between. It ends July 18.

"This action doesn’t affect bank machine service or any efforts to bring full-service banking onto campus. WashPIRG will still receive funds from students, unless they check a box saying they don’t want to contribute. However, the funds are automatically taken out of financial aid given to students. The agreed-upon modification to WashPIRG’s contract will include a form in financial aid packets that requests this fee not be drawn, so the choice is clear to students when they apply.

In other business, the President’s Advisory Board granted the Grievance and Appeals DTF a three-week extension, which President Olander supported. The Board endorsed the extension, with the understanding they would take action on a policy during their June meeting. There were reports from both the pet policy revision DTF and on efforts to create a student governance structure. Both are scheduled as action items during the June meeting.

WashPIRG’s contract will include a form in financial aid packets that requests the walkers and the people we meet on the way," he says.

TENTH ANNUAL SUPER SATURDAY: The Year of the Rainbow.

Faculty Member Richard Cellarius, who has taught biology and environmental studies at Evergreen since 1972, was elected the Sierra Club’s 40th president on May 7. Cellarius has served on the club’s board of directors since 1974, and has been active in the 440,000 member organization since 1950.

"Right now, my strongest personal concern is seeing that Third World development is conducted in an environmentally sound manner," Cellarius says. "The Sierra Club has two efforts that are our highest priorities. We’re working for protection of Alaska’s Arctic Wildlife Refuge, one of the world’s most important caribou calving grounds. Our goal is to have it set aside as wilderness, but the oil companies want to use it for oil drilling.

"We’re also pushing for a new Clean Air Act, with strong automobile emission guidelines and acid rain controls.

A Sierra Club spokesman said Cellarius was elected because “he’s been a very effective local activist in the Midwest and Pacific Northwest, and because he’s a very bright and committed environmentalist.”
EXPANDED ROLE AND VISIBILITY FOR THE S&A BOARD

Though the Student and Activities Board has encountered controversy over disappearing memos, resignations and allegations of racism and sexism, the board is regrouping with staff and administrators for a last dash effort to meet its goals for this year.

There's a lot of work to be done. In addition to the board's usual role of allocating student funds, this year the board took on a project to create something Evergreen has never had—a student government. They are also examining an S&A administrative reorganization that would result in having staff members who are paid from student coffers be managed by a student board.

"It'll be good to have an identifiable student voice—one that students created, one that students support," says Kathy Ybarra, administrative coordinator for the S&A Board.

The S&A Board consists of six students and one staff member. No faculty member volunteered for the faculty spot on the committee this year. The board allocates student money and creates the budget each year to fund things like the Evergreen Bookstore, the Washington Center and other outlets. Call 753-8586.

To research, document data, and help develop ideas for a student government and for reorganizing the S&A administration.

Public controversy began with CPJ reports that a memo from Ybarra to the S&A Board members, dated March 17, disappeared from the mailboxes located in the S&A offices. The memo said the S&A budget was past due, and that the budget was the responsibility of the board's coordinator. When Ybarra mentioned the memo in a board meeting on April 15, board members realized they never received the memo, and it was supposed to be delivered to them for operation.

"The board exercised a lot of flexibility, and there was support from students and the administration all the way up the line," says Ybarra.

Beginning April 23, the board took a weekend retreat to discuss the budget and other items. During discussions, many S&A board members realized they, along with the two female members of the R&D team, and the entire Evergreen student body, knew very little about the plan for the future student government and for reorganizing the S&A administration.

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The plan didn't seem as fully formed as the board had planned. But it wasn't anything that they couldn't remedy in a week or so," says Vice President Gail Martin.

Two days after the retreat, Tuesday, April 26, Henderson-Peters found that a photograph of her that hangs with other staff photos in the S&A offices had been replaced with a photo that was extremely offensive, due to its strong sexist and racist content. The same day a flyer was distributed with an offensive cartoon of Henderson-Peters, Dean of Student Development Stone Thomas and Ybarra. A public meeting was announced for Friday, April 29. In the interim, James Martin, his assistant, and two R&D team members resigned, citing growing tensions and an S&A administration "impossible to work with."

"They note they left because of rising tensions in the S&A office. I feel they left because their activities were under public scrutiny," says Henderson-Peters. "Partly, the resignations came because they would face allegations of racism and sexism. That raised the level of tension." After the four submitted letters of resignation Thursday, April 28, the files containing documentation and work developed by the R&D team disappeared. They were returned Monday, May 2.

"The resignation of the coordinator means having an experienced person gone and a new person coming in at the most crucial time," says Gall Martin. Allocations need to be completed and the budget submitted for the Board of Trustees meeting in June. The board filled two vacant positions and selected student board member Michael Perez as the new coordinator. Gall Martin, Henderson-Peters and Ybarra have high hopes for the continuing development of a student government plan and S&A reorganization.

"The S&A board has noted their continued interest in fleshing out what the governing structure will look like, who will participate, how they'll get involved, all the important details," says Henderson-Peters. "It's about time we had a student government because students want it and need it. Part of the tension on campus is present because there isn't one."

"The future of the S&A administrative structure is especially up in the air, considering the resignation of Henderson-Peters, who is leaving in June to accept a fellowship with the National Urban Fellows, which promotes women and people of color in public service. She'll earn a master's degree in public administration while working with a "mentor" in a public agency for 15 months.

Meanwhile, there's a lot of work to be done to create a budget, a student governance structure and an S&A reorganization. For more information about the process, call the S&A offices at ext. 6620.

GRAFFITI ATTACK DISMAY CAMPUS

"DON'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY." That's the message that was left in three-foot high black letters spray-painted on the wall outside the president's office. But it was hard for the Evergreen community not to respond personally to the vandalism that greeted them on Wednesday morning. Eleven locations including Library rooms and hallways, the Communications Building and exterior walls by the Library Loop were defaced with messages such as, "Remember Kent State" and "Stop Killing Us."

Preliminary estimates, putting replacement costs at $200 for every 10 linear feet for interior walls, and more for exterior surfaces, result in a bill of several thousand dollars.

"I've always valued and encouraged the open quality of Evergreen," said President Joe Glander, "but an open institution is also a vulnerable place. We all must be determined to find ways to keep that openness while making this a safer, healthier place to work and learn."

"It's important to talk," says Shary Smith, director of Counseling Services. "It's not something you can do anything about, at least not right away. But it's important to vent, to take the time to call a meeting of fellow Evergreeners and say 'This really hurts.'" Smith adds that after the venting is over, groups can brainstorm on ways to prevent future defacements. Smith encourages people who wish assistance in dealing with these issues to call her at ext. 6800.

THE TEAM AT THE GATE: 8 a.m., preparing for another onslaught of students are Registration and Records staffers Rita Westling, Glenda Pagram, Director Judy Huntley, John Dion and Charlee Holt. Not pictured is Sally Jennings.

By the time you read this Newsletter, the Registration and Records folks will have answered approximately 20 phone calls from across the country. Most of the calls won't be of the simple "yes-or-no" variety, but will involve complex questions, often from anxious applicants, parents and former students.

"Yes, the phones are ringing off the hook but don't forget the walk-in traffic—about 100 students a day. "Many of them just come in to pick up a form," says Registrar Judy Huntley, "but an average of 20 a day come here with problems." Those problems range from meeting residency requirements to changing credit hours or charging programs after deadline. The office also sends out about 200 transcripts a week. Each transcript averages 30 pages. That's 6,000 pages, enough paper to produce four sets of The Lord of the Rings weekly, Huntley also relates that, on the average, each student changes his or her registration five times per quarter (yes, per quarter). Add the processing of graduation applications for nearly 700 students and you have a real fast-forward beehive.

The most challenging part of the job, however, isn't the incredible volume. "We're very flexible," says Huntley, "but we're a state agency and we have to follow certain rules. That's tough—saying 'no' when we wish we could say 'yes.'"

While Huntley admits she dreams about Evergreen a lot and "wakes up thinking about things I haven't done yet," she's very proud of her staff. Though enrollment has increased over the past few years, she sees "less stacks of paper waiting on desks to be processed."

The inevitable question arises: "How do you stay sane?"

"We all enjoy a good laugh," says Huntley. "We have potlucks at the drop of a hat—birthdays, anniversaries, and 'just because' potlucks. It helps that we're all crazy here." Whether it's craziness or commitment, the Newsletter salutes the team that keeps the college's gateway running smoothly. Bravo!