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Dear Graduate:

Evergreen's second graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the main lobby of the library building. Weather and facilities permitting, we will try to hold the ceremony in the plaza in front of the building.

The program will include the introduction of those graduating students present by the Dean of their program. The featured speakers will be Vice-presidents E. J. Shoben, Jr. and David G. Barry. It was the feeling of our DTF, and those students we polled, that recognition of these men and the fine job they have done was in keeping with the tone of the graduation exercise. We view this as a chance for the graduating class and others to say thanks for the input they have given everyone at Evergreen. Also, we anticipate recorder, choral, and bluegrass music to round out the program. There will be a few words by Charles McCann and Trueman Schmidt, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. We expect the program to take about two hours.

The diplomas will be handed out during an informal reception that will take place in the lobby immediately following the formal ceremony.

All buildings will be open for those of you who want to show your family and friends around the campus. There are no restrictions or requirements of dress for the ceremony. The DTF decided against requiring caps and gowns. It will be a serious and, hopefully, festive affair. I am mentioning this primarily because some graduating students asked about appropriate attire. I guess my feelings would center around what you personally feel is in good taste.

At one point we had rather ambitious plans for personal interviews between deans and students before the ceremony took place. I do not think this will be possible. Thus, I am asking those of you planning to attend graduation to write two or three sentences that the Dean can paraphrase in his introduction of you. This can give our graduation the personal touch we would all like it to have. Return these by mail to Oscar H. Soule, Room 1415, Library, The Evergreen State College (or drop them off with Claire Hess, or me at Room 1415).

Those students with 36 or more units not coming to graduation will be mailed their diplomas sometime after June 9. Those students who will not earn 36 units until the end of summer will get their diplomas at that time; but are encouraged to attend the graduation on June 9.

Graduation announcements are being prepared for those students who want them. They should be available by May 30 in my office, Room 1415. We have had an average of seven printed for each student. There should be enough to take a few extra if needed.

Also, any students who indicated that they would not be attending graduation and now wish to change their mind should leave word with Laura Thomas in the Registrar's office, Room 1102, Ext. 3-3160.

I would also like to bring the address of Senator William Proxmire to the attention of all of you. The Wisconsin Senator will speak Saturday evening, June 2, at 7:30, in Lecture Hall One (1); a week before graduation. This talk has been arranged through the Graduation DTF. We hope by scheduling the talk a week earlier than the graduation ceremony, we can interest more people on campus and in the Olympia area to attend. This allows us to maintain our formal graduation as a more personal affair centered around people at Evergreen.

