

We are approaching the tenth anniversary of the opening of The Evergreen State College. The 1980-81 school year is already the tenth anniversary of the Planning Year, during which the initial faculty, deans, Provost, and President struggled to devise a viable innovative curriculum for the new college.

As the decade is upon us, we considered that it might be useful for those of us on the faculty who were "present at the creation" to express their sense of the college--of its history and its prospects. With this in mind, we have solicited the following essays.

We have asked ourselves these elementary questions:

1) During the Planning Year, was there a "shared vision" of the college? What were your ambitions for the school when you came to Evergreen?

2) To what degree and in what way has the college realized that vision, and your ambitions? In what way might your sense of the college, and your ambitions for it changed over the years?

3) What is your sense of the relationship between interdisciplinary and disciplinary studies, as it may have appeared during the planning year, and in the years since?

4) What appear to you to be the college's important successes and failures? In what direction is the college moving, and/or ought to move? What wisdom has hindsight revealed to you?